



## Facts about Congenital Heart Defects

- ♥ Congenital Heart Defects are #1 birth defect worldwide. Nearly one of every 100 babies is born with a CHD.
- ♥ Congenital Heart Defects are the #1 cause of birth defect-related deaths.
- ♥ Congenital Heart Defects are the leading cause of all infant deaths in the United States.
- ♥ Each year approximately 40,000 babies are born in the United States with a Congenital Heart Defect. Thousands of them will not reach their first birthday and thousands more die before they reach adulthood.
- ♥ Each year over 1,000,000 babies are born worldwide with a Congenital Heart Defect.
- ♥ The cost for inpatient surgery to repair Congenital Heart Defects exceeds \$2.2 billion a year.
- ♥ More than 50% of all children born with Congenital Heart Defect will require at least one invasive surgery in their lifetime.
- ♥ There are more than 40 different types of Congenital Heart Defects. Little is known about the cause of most of them. There is no known prevention or cure for any of them.
- ♥ Congenital Heart Defects is approximately 60 TIMES more prevalent than childhood cancer, however funding for pediatric cancer research is five times higher than funding for CHD research.



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