

UPDATE IN

PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY AND HEART SURGERY



UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh has been recognized as one of the top pediatric hospitals in the country on the 2023-24 *U.S. News & World Report* Honor Roll of Best Children's Hospitals, ranking 8th. Nationally, UPMC Children's is ranked for excellence in all 10 specialty areas, with Pediatric Cardiology and Heart Surgery ranking **#8**.

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Heart Institute Team Publishes Latest Findings on Heart Transplant Rejection Monitoring Using Donor-Derived Cell-Free DNA Surveillance

The Heart Institute team, led by **Brian Feingold, MD, MS, FAHA**, published updated outcomes findings on their minimally invasive donor-derived cell-free DNA approach to monitoring pediatric

heart transplantation patients for organ rejection. Results of the new investigation were published in May 2023 in *Clinical Transplantation*.

[View Study Findings](#)



Victor O. Morell, MD, Appointed Chair of Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Congratulations to **Victor O. Morell, MD**, the Eugene S. Wiener Chair of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery, who has been appointed as the new Chair of the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

[Learn More About Dr. Morell](#)



Pediatric Cardiologist Gaurav Arora Named Fellow of Heart Rhythm Society

The Heart Institute at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh congratulates **Gaurav Arora, MD**, on becoming a fellow of the Heart Rhythm Society. Dr. Arora was recognized for the distinction at the 2023 Heart Rhythm Society annual meeting held in New Orleans, May 19-21, 2023.

[Read More About Dr. Arora](#)



Harmony Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve News at UPMC Children's Heart Institute

In May 2021, the Heart Institute at UPMC Children's became one of the first sites nationwide to implant the Harmony™ transcatheter pulmonary valve, a newly approved device by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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In Case You Missed It

UPMC ACHD Program Earns Accreditation

The UPMC Adult Congenital Heart Disease Program earned **accreditation from the Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA)**, a nationwide organization focused on connecting patients, family members, and healthcare providers to form a community of support and a network of experts with knowledge of CHD.

[ACHD Accreditation News](#)

CME Course: Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve Replacement in Congenital Heart Disease

In this CME presentation, **Bryan H. Goldstein, MD**, director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at UPMC Children's, describes the diagnostic skills needed for identifying adults with congenital heart disease so that mortality and morbidity can be reduced in a vulnerable cardiovascular population.

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