The University of Florida Health Shands Children's Hospital is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as Top in Florida and No. 7 in the nation for pediatric cardiology and heart surgery. UF Health Shands Children's Hospital continues to achieve excellent survival outcomes for congenital heart surgeries among medium-volume centers. One of the largest heart transplant programs in the southeastern United States, the UF Health Congenital Heart Center continues to offer patients outstanding outcomes and survival rates that exceed the national average.

At UF Health, our multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurses and clinical staff believe in family- and patient-centered care. Located within the UF Health Shands Children's Hospital, the team strives to ensure that patients and their families are taken care of throughout the patient’s treatment. From unborn babies to adults, the team provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services for patients with congenital and acquired heart disease at all stages of life.
Our Specialized Team & Services
The UF Health Congenital Heart Center employs a specialized team of four anesthesiologists, three pediatric cardiovascular surgeons, 14 pediatric cardiologists, five pediatric critical care specialists, two adult congenital cardiologists, four pediatric cardiology fellows and a multidisciplinary group of 18 advanced practice providers.

The UF Health Congenital Heart Center specializes in:
- Treatment of congenital and acquired heart disease in neonates, infants, children and adults
- Fetal echocardiography and prenatal diagnosis of congenital heart disease
- Heart failure and cardiomyopathies
- Pediatric heart, lung and heart-lung transplantation
- Ventricular-assist devices, including the Berlin Heart®, HeartWare® and SynCardia Total Artificial Heart®
- Melody transcatheter pulmonary hypertension valve placement
- Treatment of heart defects in patients with connective tissue disease, such as Marfan syndrome.
- Interventional and diagnostic cardiology
- Noninvasive cardiac imaging
- Invasive electrophysiology
- Adult congenital heart disease

UF Health Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit
- In FY21, 315 unique patients were cared for in the PCICU.

The PCICU is equipped with:
- Large, private patient rooms, each with its own private bathroom and shower
- Child-friendly décor and atmosphere
- Ceiling-mounted exam lights and ceiling-mounted patient-lifting systems
- In-unit gym as an option for physical, occupational and speech therapies
- Nurse alcoves in corridors with state-of-the-art monitoring systems for patient observations

Inpatient support services are offered through Child Life, UF Health Shands Arts in Medicine and Streetlight, and features include pet visitation, playrooms and social work services.