

ACHD Clinic Interview Form

The following are some recommended questions to ask when seeking care for complex congenital heart conditions:

- How many full-time staff does the ACHD clinic currently employ?
- How many part-time staff does the ACHD clinic currently employ?
- I have (specific diagnosis here). Approximately how many adult patients does your clinic treat a year with my diagnosis? Approximately how many adults with congenital heart disease does your clinic treat a year? Approximately what percentage of these adults with CHD has a complex congenital heart disease?
- What is the approximate age range of your adult congenital heart patients? What percentage of your patients is in my age range?
- What percentage of your time is spent treating ACHD patients?
- What specific training and experience have you had to prepare you to treat adults with complex congenital heart disease? When? Where? How long have you been treating ACHD patients? In what context(s)?
- Do you have a nurse practitioner/nurse/physician's assistant assigned to the ACHD clinic? What percentage of her/his time is spent treating ACHD patients? What specific training/background does s/he have in adult congenital heart disease?
- Do you have an electrophysiologist assigned to the ACHD clinic? What percentage of her/his time is spent treating ACHD patients? What specific training/background does s/he have in ACHD electrophysiology?
- Do you have echocardiographer(s) assigned to the ACHD clinic? What percentage of her/his/their time is spent treating ACHD patients? What specific training/background does s/he/they have in ACHD echocardiography?
- Who is on-call for ACHD clinic patients? Is there always someone with training in ACHD care available in an emergency?
- Do you have a cardiac surgeon available with experience and competence in complex ACHD surgery?
 - a. (If yes) Who? How many operations on complex adult congenital heart disease patients does s/he perform a year? If I need an emergency ACHD operation, will I have 24-hour access to a congenital heart surgeon?
 - b. (If no) Where do you send your complex adult congenital heart patients in need of surgical intervention?
- Do you have a cardiac catheterization lab and staff available with training and expertise in adult congenital heart disease diagnosis and intervention?
 - a. (If yes) Who? How many catheterizations do s/he/they perform on complex adult congenital heart patients a year? If I need emergency diagnosis/intervention, will I have 24-hour access to catheterization performed by those trained in ACHD care?
 - b. (If no) Where do you send your complex adult congenital heart patients in need of diagnostic catheterization? Interventional catheterization?