



Our Mission


To improve and extend the lives of the millions born with heart defects through education, advocacy, and the promotion of research.

We Are a Trusted Partner

The Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA) is the trusted partner of those living in the U.S. with congenital heart disease (CHD) bringing together patients, family members and medical professionals to create a community and support network.

We Advocate Lifelong Care


CHD is a chronic illness that needs to be monitored over the course of a patient's life, and ACHA helps to facilitate and educate this lifelong care continuum from childhood to adulthood.

NEARLY 1
OUT OF
100 
BABIES
ARE BORN WITH
HEART DEFECTS
EACH YEAR

THERE ARE NOW AN ESTIMATED
1.4 MILLION 
ADULTS IN THE U.S.
LIVING WITH CHD
WHICH MEANS THERE ARE
MORE ADULTS THAN CHILDREN
LIVING WITH CHD

We Bring Together the CHD Medical Community

ACHA brings together top physicians and health care providers in the CHD medical community as part of their Medical Advisory Board (MAB) to provide expert input and oversight of all ACHA activities involving medical and scientific content. In collaboration with ACHA, the MAB offers their expert opinions on research, medical developments in CHD and advance the standards of care for CHD patients.

HAVING CHD REQUIRES
LIFELONG SPECIALIZED CARE
AND MANY MAY REQUIRE
SURGICAL INTERVENTION 
IN CHILDHOOD AND ADULTHOOD

We Support the CHD Community Year Round

ACHA implements year round initiatives to support both the patient and professional CHD community

- **Heart to Heart Ambassadors** – ACHA connects CHD patients and family members with trained peers who give critical support, guidance and resources needed
- **ACHA ACHD Accreditation Program** – Together with ACHD providers, ACHA is able to identify critical needs for consistency and standardization of care through the development of accredited ACHA centers nationwide
- **Congenital Heart Walk** – The Congenital Heart Walk is a national event series that happens in 30 cities across the country. It is sponsored by the ACHA and The Children's Heart Foundation to raise critical funds and increase awareness for the CHD community.
- **Regional Education Events** – ACHA organizes four patient education events each year in different markets and participates in various conferences reaching hundreds of people in communities across the country
- **ACHD Fellowship Program** – ACHA's Actelion Fellowship Awards provide two years of training for cardiologists specializing in adults with CHD
- **Advocacy** – In collaboration with other CHD organizations, more than 120 advocates gather annually in Washington, D.C. during Heart Month to talk with their legislators about CHD
- **On-going Patient Education** – Through our website, discussion forums, webinars and social media channels, ACHA provides 24-hour access to relevant, up-to-date information and resources

For more information about the Adult Congenital Heart Association, call 888-921-ACHA or visit www.achaheart.org.