

Useful websites and information 2026

What is Congenital Heart Disease?

- What causes congenital heart disease?
- How is congenital heart disease discovered? [Congenital heart disease - BHF](#)

Common Congenital Heart Defects

Look up signs and symptoms, diagnosis and complications of:

- Atrial Septal Defect
- Patent Foramen Ovale
- Ventricular Septal Defect
- Pulmonary Stenosis
- Aortic Stenosis
- Coarctation of the Aorta
- Tetralogy of Fallot
- Transposition of the Great Arteries

There are lots of useful resources on the CHD network website 'ACHD Lesion of the Month' page:

<https://www.swswchd.co.uk/en/page/achd-lesion-of-the-month>

<https://www.swswchd.co.uk/en/page/clinical-information-adults>

National and International Guidelines

European Society of Cardiology Guidelines for the Management of ACHD

<https://www.escardio.org/Guidelines/Clinical-Practice-Guidelines/Grown-Up-Congenital-Heart-Disease-Management-of>

European Society of Cardiology Endocarditis Guidelines (updated August 2023)

<https://www.escardio.org/Guidelines/Clinical-Practice-Guidelines/Endocarditis-Guidelines>

European Society of Cardiology Pregnancy Guidelines (updated 2025)

[2025 ESC Guidelines for the management of cardiovascular disease and pregnancy | European Heart Journal | Oxford Academic](#)

European Society of Cardiology Guidelines

www.escardio.org/guidelines

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

www.nice.org.uk

NHS England Standards

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Congenital-heart-disease-standards-and-specifications.pdf>

Networks

South Wales and South West Congenital Heart Disease Network

<https://www.swswchd.co.uk/>

Cardiology interventions

Closure of Atrial Septal Defect Without Surgery

[document view.pdf \(mystaffapp.org\)](#)

A guide to the adult CHD service at BHI information leaflet

[document view.pdf \(mystaffapp.org\)](#)

Stenting of Coarctation of the Aorta.

[CP Stent™](#) | [BVM Medical](#) Stenting, CP stents.

Percutaneous Valve Implants

www.medtronic.com

Arrhythmia management

- Electrophysiology studies. Pacemakers. I.C.D. www.arrhythmiaalliance.org.uk
- Supporting Families affected by cardiac arrhythmias. www.sadsuk.org

Other useful web sites

[Charities and support groups \(swswchd.co.uk\)](#)

[Home - Somerville Heart Foundation \(sfhearts.org.uk\)](#) – Somerville Heart Foundation, lifestyle, pregnancy, contraception, travel etc

<https://www.lhm.org.uk/svh-adults/> - single ventricular hearts (adult section for Little Hearts Matter)

www.phauk.org The Pulmonary Hypertension Association

<https://www.newachdlearningcenter.org/> - Heart University

<http://www.pted.org/?id=coarctation1> – Cove Point Foundation

<http://www.cachnet.org> – Canadian Adult Congenital Heart Network

[Marfan Trust | Home](#) - Marfan syndrome

www.cardiomyopathy.org – Cardiomyopathy

[Pumping Marvellous | The UK's Heart Failure Charity](#) – heart failure

Useful Books

- Adult Congenital Heart Disease: A Practical Guide
Michael A. Gatzoulis, Lorna Swan, Judith Therrien, George A. Pantely, Eugene Braunwald
(Foreword by)
April 2005, BMJ Books
- Oxford Specialist Handbooks in Cardiology
Sara Thorne, Paul Clift
19 March 2009
- Guide for Advanced Nursing Care of the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease SF
Flocco, H Habibi, F Dellafiore, C Sillman 2022 Springer