

International CHD Awareness Week: 7 - 14 February

Did you know?

- Congenital heart defects (CHD) are the most common birth defect, occurring in 1% of all births.
- There are around 40 different known types of CHDs, which can occur in many combinations.
- Generally, there is no known cause for most congenital heart defects.
- Some defects can be managed or repaired, however for many others, palliative surgeries or heart transplants are the only options.
- About 25% of children born with CHD need heart surgery or other interventions to survive.
- Congenital heart disease is a lifelong condition requiring specialized care, and often additional surgeries and medications are needed later in life.

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