Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic



The Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic brings together cardiologists and geneticists to provide comprehensive care for children and adults with heart and blood vessel problems that are inherited or are caused by genetic syndromes.

Family Approach

At the Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic, in addition to caring for the patient, we also care for the whole family. We do this by taking the time to gather medical information about the whole family which often assists in making a diagnosis and determining the cause of the heart or vessel problem. When appropriate, medical recommendations for other family members are made so heart problems can be found and treated early.

At the Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic every patient is part of a family and it is our mission to bring the best in cardiac and genetic care to that patient and their family.

Who Goes to the Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic?

- :: Individuals who have a heart problem and think it may be an inherited heart condition
- :: Individuals who have been diagnosed with an inherited heart condition
- :: Individuals without heart problems who are related by blood to an individual who has been diagnosed with an inherited heart condition

Why Go to the Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic?

- :: To find out if a heart problem is inherited
- :: To be seen by a cardiologist and geneticist at one appointment
- :: To learn about the genetics of a condition and find out if genetic testing or genetic research is available for the condition
- :: To find out if you or your child have the same heart problem as a family member or what your chances are of developing it
- :: To have an echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart) or other testing to detect a heart problem early



Appointment

Having multiple appointments is time consuming, therefore at the Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic the following are available:

- :: Cardiologist
- :: Geneticist
- :: Genetic Counselor
- :: Echocardiogram (echo; ultrasound of the heart)
- :: Electrocardiogram (EKG; measurement of electrical activity of the heart)
- :: Chest X-ray

Research

While at the Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic, families may be asked whether they would be interested in participating in a research study. These studies are usually aimed at finding the cause or better treatment for a particular heart problem. Participation is voluntary and the family's decision will not impact on clinical care.

For More Information or to Schedule an Appointment

If you think you and your family would benefit from a visit to the Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic, please have your doctor request an appointment for you at www.NationwideChildrens.org or by faxing a referral to (614) 722-4000.

