Herma Heart Center is an international leader for medical and surgical treatment of heart disease and congenital heart defects in children and adults. We consistently have high survival rates for all children undergoing heart surgery and among the best survival rates worldwide for treating hypoplastic left heart syndrome. Our patient-centered care focuses on our patients’ overall experience before, during and after surgery. Strict protocols and quality improvement efforts are put into place to ensure we provide the best care throughout each patient’s entire stay with us.

**Program Highlights**

- 28 board-certified pediatric cardiologists
- 3 board-certified pediatric cardiac surgeons
- 6 board-certified pediatric cardiac critical care specialists

allows transplant physicians to risk-stratify patients eligible for heart transplant
- ABO-incompatible heart transplants offered, decreasing patients’ time on the waitlist and waitlist deaths
- One of the largest adult congenital heart disease programs in the United States with physicians specially trained to treat this population
- Provide specialized comprehensive diagnostic and interventional cardiac care before birth, leading to better outcomes for babies
- Provide coordinated care for mothers and babies when congenial heart disease is recognized in the unborn baby, including assessment, delivery and surgical management under one roof
- Is an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education approved congenital heart surgery fellowship

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Clinical outcomes

Children’s Hospital’s commitment to quality, advancements in surgical techniques and improvements in follow-up care allows us to achieve some of the best surgical outcomes in the nation.

Heart Transplant Volume

23 pediatric heart transplants were performed in 2012. Research shows that physicians and hospitals that treat a large number of patients tend to provide better care and have improved outcomes for treatments and procedures. This is especially true of transplants.

Cardiac Transplant/Heart Failure Clinic Volume

Two specialty clinics, Heart Transplant Clinic and Heart Failure Clinic, help us to meet the special needs of children with complex cardiac conditions.

Surgical Survival by RACHS-1 Category for Congenital Heart Surgery Patients from 2008-2012

Surgical Survival-Newborns Undergoing Congenital Heart Surgery 2008-2012

Newborns (0-30 days old) in their delicate condition have a higher risk of complications after heart surgery. Herma Heart Center has a higher survival rate for newborns undergoing heart surgery based on comparison information from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

Herma Heart Center Survival Rates for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Overwhelmingly, survival is the first and most important statistic parents ask about. In general, centers that have high survival rates for the most complex cases, including transplants, generally have high survival rates for all types of heart procedures. Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin has a consistently high early survival rate for all children undergoing heart surgery.