The Division of Pediatric Cardiology at Weill Cornell Medicine (WCM) and the Phyllis and David Komansky Center for Children’s Health is an integral part of the Congenital Heart Center of NewYork-Presbyterian (NYP) Hospital.

Our cardiology team is dedicated to the pre-natal and post-natal diagnosis, management and treatment of a wide range of cardiac conditions, including: congenital heart disease, arrhythmias and conduction anomalies, cardiomyopathy and heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, valvar heart disease, hypertensive heart disease, syncope, chest pain, and any other form of heart disease that affects fetuses, neonates, children and/or young adults.

Additionally, our extended team of pediatric cardiologists at WCM provide care for adult patients...
whose heart disease is either congenital in origin or acquired during childhood (including rheumatic fever, Kawasaki disease and others).

**Services & Programs**
State-of-the-art care and services provided by our team include:

- management of patients undergoing cardiac surgery
- therapeutic and diagnostic cardiac catheterization (including transcatheter valve implantation)
- pediatric electrophysiology
  - arrhythmia and pacemaker services
  - electrocardiogram (EKG), Holter monitoring and event recording
- adult congenital heart disease care
- interventional cardiology
- exercise and stress testing
- echocardiography
- fetal cardiology
- non-invasive cardiac Computed Tomography (CT) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- specialist outpatient services
- education and training

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What Sets Us Apart

- Our pediatric cardiologists are affiliated with the Congenital Heart Center at NYP - the highest-ranked center within the New York metropolitan area providing cardiac services for pediatric and adult patients with congenital heart disease.
- WCM cardiologists specialize in transcatheter interventions and non-invasive imaging, dedicating themselves to continuous quality improvement and transparent outcome reporting.

Videos

(All Surgeries Performed by Dr. Ralf Holzer)

This 6-year-old boy’s large atrial septal defect (hole between the two collecting chambers of the heart) was closed using an AMPLATZER septal occluder.
This 15-year-old boy’s tight coarctation (a narrowing of the aorta he was born with) was relived through implantation of a covered stent.

This 2-day-old infant was born with pulmonary atresia (the valve to the lungs was completely closed, requiring blood to flow through a different route), and was treated with radiofrequency perforation of the valve, followed by balloon valvuloplasty (balloon dilation).
This 6-week-old infant with a large muscular VSD (hole between the two pumping chambers) was treated with a device deployed to close the VSD, using a hybrid approach through a small subxyphoid (below-the-sternum) incision.
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