



The Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation (CCF) manages the **Cardiomyopathy Center of Care Program**. A CCF Center of Care recognizes medical centers with expertise in pediatric cardiomyopathy. A hospital that is a recognized Center of Care provides high-quality cardiac care and specialized disease management to children with cardiomyopathy. A center is required to meet the below criteria before being recognized as a CCF Cardiomyopathy Center of Care.

### **Basic Center Requirements**

Centers must meet all of the below requirements:

- Manages on an annual basis 30 or more cardiomyopathy patients (birth to 18 years) or 60 or more pediatric cardiomyopathy patient visits a year
- At least two pediatric cardiologists who treats patients with dilated, hypertrophic, restrictive, arrhythmogenic right ventricular, and/or left ventricular non-compaction cardiomyopathy
- A teaching hospital affiliated with a medical school
- Offers the following services for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric cardiomyopathy:
  - Prenatal or fetal echocardiography
  - High quality imaging (echocardiogram, cardiac magnetic resonance imaging)
  - Interventional cardiology (catheterization, endomyocardial biopsy)
  - Pediatric cardiac electrophysiology
  - Cardiac surgical services (septal myectomy, cardiac device implantation)
  - Genetic testing and counseling
  - Pediatric neurology
  - Social work
  - Child life
  - Pediatric heart transplant program or has an active collaboration with a pediatric heart transplant program
  - Pediatric mechanical support program, including ability to place a durable assist device, or has an active collaboration with a pediatric mechanical support program

### **Additional Center Requirements**

Centers also must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Offers a specialized clinic or program focused on pediatric cardiomyopathy with a dedicated team of pediatric cardiologists, electrophysiologist, pediatric geneticists, neurologists, cardiac surgeons, pediatric social worker, and child life specialist
- Involved with the North America Pediatric Cardiomyopathy Registry, Pediatric Cardiomyopathy Repository, or Pediatric Heart Transplant Study Group
- Engages in pediatric cardiomyopathy research
- Offers advanced heart failure management and pediatric heart transplantation services

**Disclaimer**

Although recognition as a Cardiomyopathy Center of Care by the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation (CCF) indicates that a center is experienced in medical services specific to cardiomyopathy in children, Centers of Care listings are provided to families for informational purposes only and does not imply that CCF endorses the listed centers. Information for each Cardiomyopathy Center of Care site has been provided by the individual center and has not been verified with a site visit by CCF. Families are encouraged to evaluate each medical center on its own merits and in relation to their child's medical diagnosis and needs, family situation, and insurance coverage.