

# Pediatric cardiology and adult congenital heart disease consultations available every day

We've reorganized our schedules to provide in-clinic care while protecting healthy patients from COVID-19. This option is only available for patients who aren't experiencing respiratory symptoms.

Ask any patient with symptoms related to the novel coronavirus to call our nurse triage line at **570-284-3657**. Our nurses can answer their questions and determine whether further evaluation or testing is necessary.

Patients who do not need to be seen in person can now be seen through virtual visits. Our service options are listed below.

## Central service area

### Danville

- In-person visits available for:
  - Pediatric heart care, fetal echocardiography and adult congenital heart disease (ACHD)
  - Urgent consultations available every day
  - Urgent catheterization and surgery procedures
- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

### Bloomsburg and Selinsgrove

- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

## North-central service area

### Jersey Shore

- In-person and telehealth visits available for adult congenital heart disease (ACHD)

### South Williamsport

- In-person visits available for pediatric heart care and adult congenital heart disease (ACHD)
- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

### Lock Haven, Jersey Shore, Montoursville, Sayre and Wellsboro

- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

## Northeast service area

### Dunmore

- In-person pediatric visits
- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

### Forty Fort

- In-person fetal echocardiography visits
- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

### Scranton

- In-person fetal echocardiography visits
- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

### Hazleton, Pottsville and Tannersville

- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

## Western service area

### DuBois Regional Medical Center (in partnership with Penn Highlands)

- In-person visits available every Monday for pediatric heart care and fetal echocardiography by Dr. Fareed Ahmad
  - To schedule (at this site only), call CPL: 814-375-3274

### Gray's Woods

- In-person visits available for:
  - Pediatric heart care and adult congenital heart disease (ACHD)
  - Telehealth visits available every day of the week

### State College (in partnership with Mount Nittany Medical Center)

- Fetal echocardiography visits available with Fareed Ahmad, MD
  - To schedule (at this site only), call MNMC scheduling: 814-231-7000

### Bradford, Clarion, DuBois, Lewistown and State College

- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

## Greater Harrisburg service area

### Mechanicsburg

- Telehealth visits available every day of the week

### Providers:

The following providers are available to serve the patients of our region with pediatric or adult congenital heart and cardiac issues:

- Fareed Ahmad, MD
- Avnit Golten, MD
- Shirah Shore, MD
- Ram Bishnoi, MD
- Karen Lurito, MD
- Gerhard Ziemer, MD, PhD
- David Connuck, MD
- Robert Mangano, MD
- Michelle Nickolaus, CRNP

## To make a referral:

- Call 800-332-8901 to connect with our physician referral line.
- Call 570-271-6089 to speak with a scheduler or a member of our administrative staff.
- Use the “Peds Cardiology Referral OP” in EPIC (EPIC 210).
- For questions related to adult congenital heart disease care, call our hotline at 570-214-ACHD (2243).

## Why choose geisinger for pediatric and/or congenital heart care?

**Team approach:** Our providers work as a coordinated team to diagnose problems ranging from mild to severe.

**Extensive training and experience:** Our providers’ depth of knowledge in congenital and pediatric heart conditions allows them to better evaluate and treat children using the state-of-the-art technology we’re known for.

**Advanced diagnostic testing:** We use advanced imaging and other testing to diagnose children. Digital telemedicine allows us to coordinate with other medical professionals across Pennsylvania and provide diagnostic help. We offer noninvasive and minimally invasive approaches, including:

- Fetal echocardiography, 3D echocardiography, cardiac MRI, CT angiography,
- Holter monitoring, event monitoring, stress testing and diagnostic and therapeutic catheterizations

**Specialized prenatal care center:** Our Center for Prenatal Pediatrics provides specialized care for mothers and babies before and during delivery, including:

- Coordination of care between pediatric heart surgeons/doctors and other specialists who create an individualized treatment plan before a child is born
- Fetal echocardiography
- Holter monitoring
- Prenatal diagnosis using the latest technological advances
- Prenatal counseling, and genetic counseling if needed, to help parents understand the condition and treatment options, as well as what to expect long-term
- Advance coordination with the neonatal intensive care unit to provide immediate, specialized care after a baby is born
- High-risk pregnancy management by maternal-fetal medicine specialists and early intervention (such as surgical correction in the womb by a pediatric heart surgeon)

**Lifelong care:** Our congenital heart disease specialists provide the lifelong follow-up needed at our Adult Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD) clinics and consultation on an as-needed basis. We’ve also established a dedicated phone line for our ACHD patients to call with any questions: **570-214-ACHD (2243)**.