

# The Right Hand and One Foot: A Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) Screening Update

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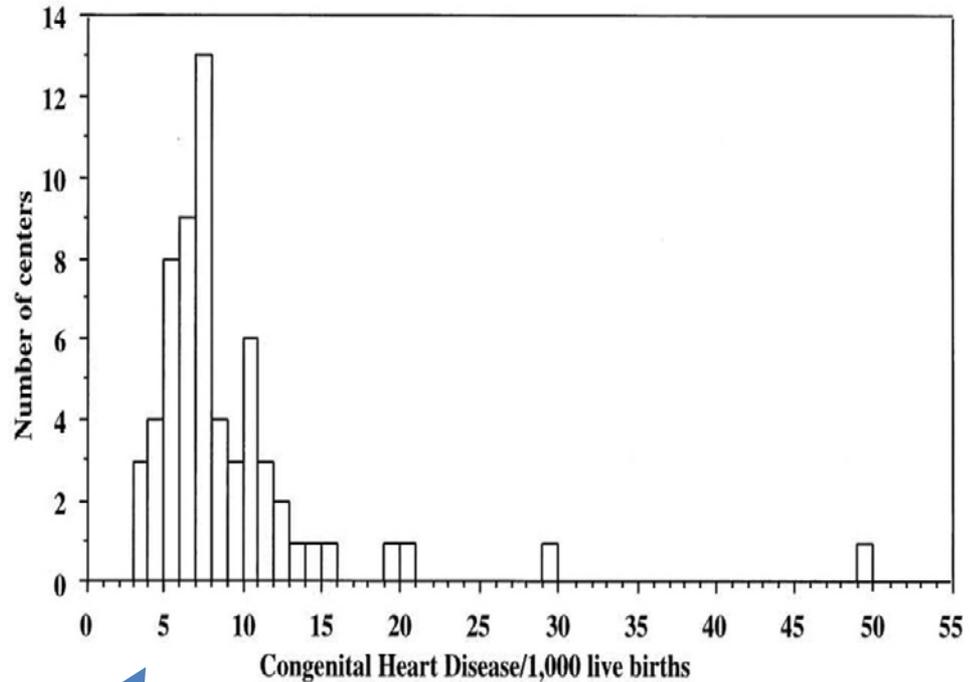
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# Congenital Heart Disease

- ♥ Most common birth defect
- ♥ 8:1,000 with CHD  
3:1,000 with CCHD
- ♥ Accounts for ~ 40% deaths from congenital anomalies
- ♥ Majority of deaths due to CHD occur in first year of life



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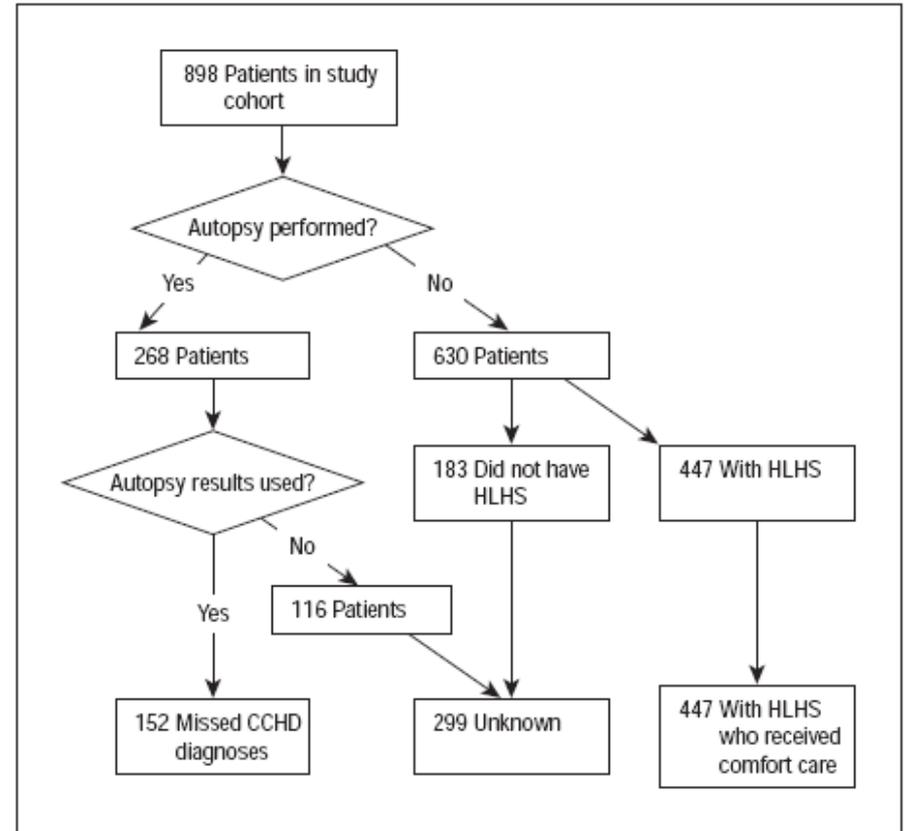
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# Perspective on Importance

## Missed Diagnosis of Critical Congenital Heart Disease

Ruey-Kang R. Chang, MD, MPH; Michelle Gurvitz, MD; Sandra Rodriguez, MS

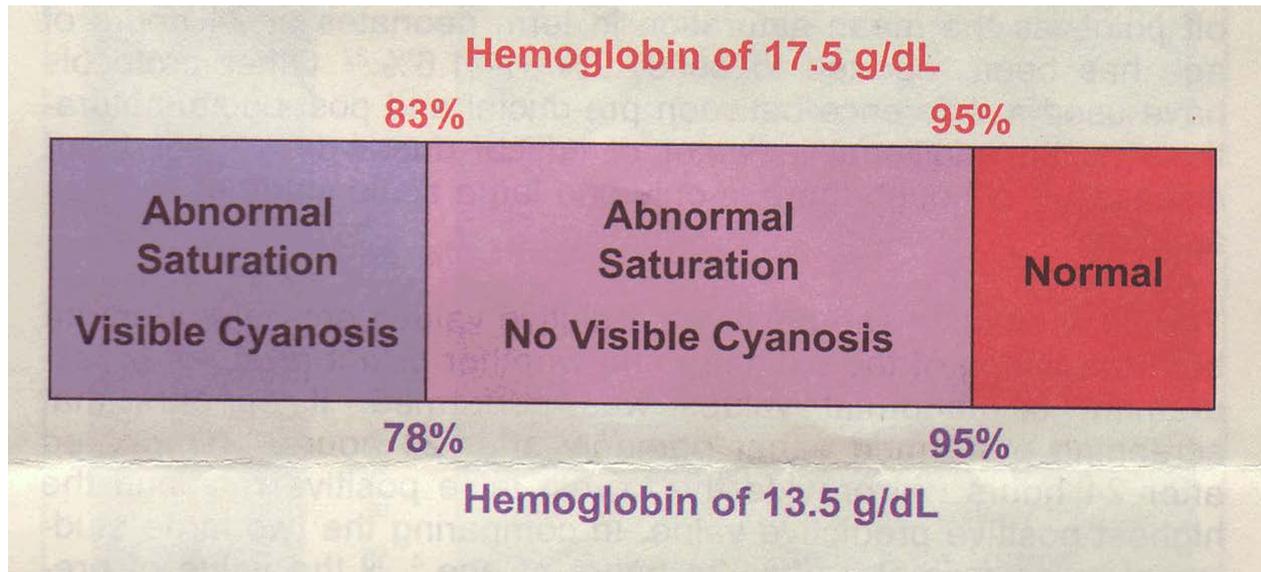
- 15 year retrospective study
- 898 infants died of CCHD in infancy  
152 with missed diagnosis  
299 with late diagnosis
- >50% of CCHD deaths were attributed to late/missed diagnosis
- 30 babies died each year secondary to late diagnosis



**Figure 1.** Selection and identification of patients with missed and unknown critical congenital heart disease (CCHD) diagnoses. HLHS indicates hypoplastic left heart syndrome.

# Why is Detecting Newborns with CCHD Difficult?

- Complex changes from fetal to normal circulation after birth
- Fetal Ultrasound
- Detection through **physical examination may be < 50%**



Cyanotic “Blind Spot”

Mean threshold for detection 69%!

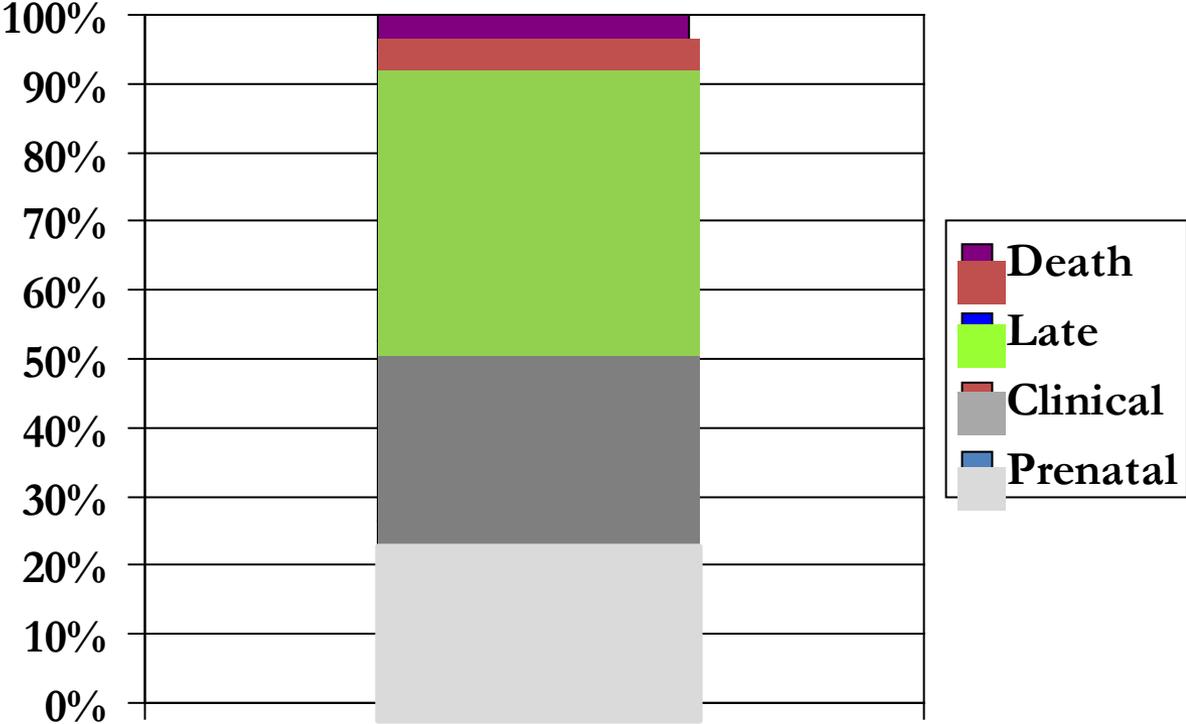


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# Diagnostic Gap



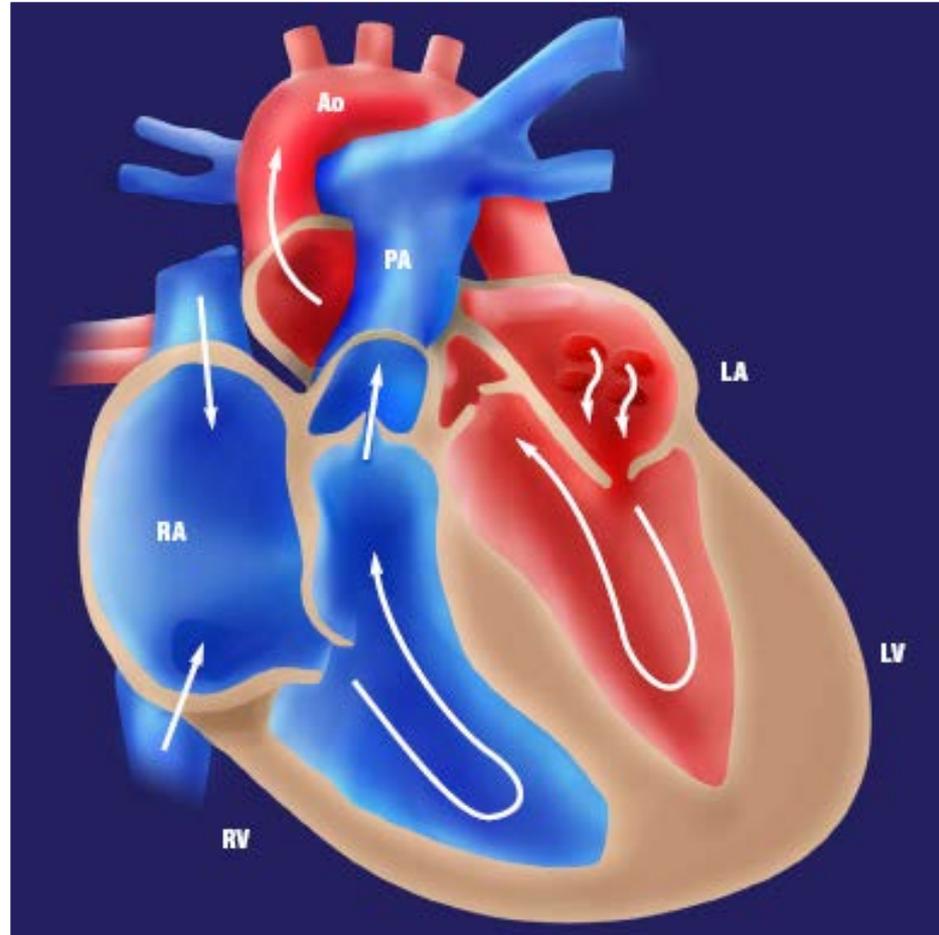
# Pulse Oximetry as a Screening Method

- ♥ Pulse oximetry measures oxygen saturation of hemoglobin in arterial blood
- ♥ Non-invasive and painless test



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# Normal Newborn Circulation



Passing Sat  
100%

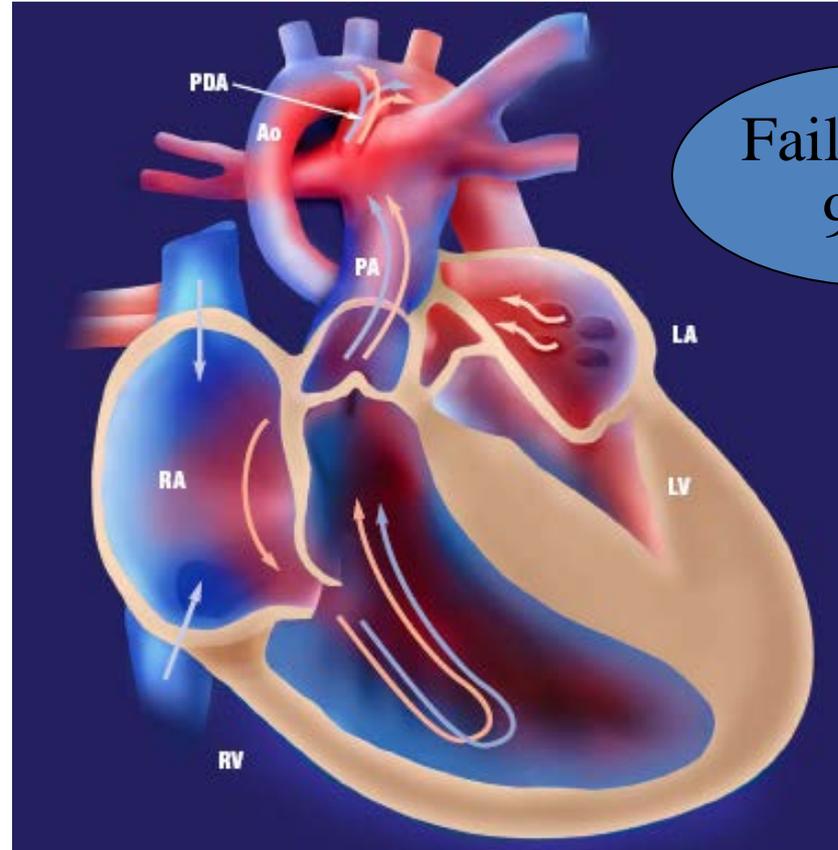
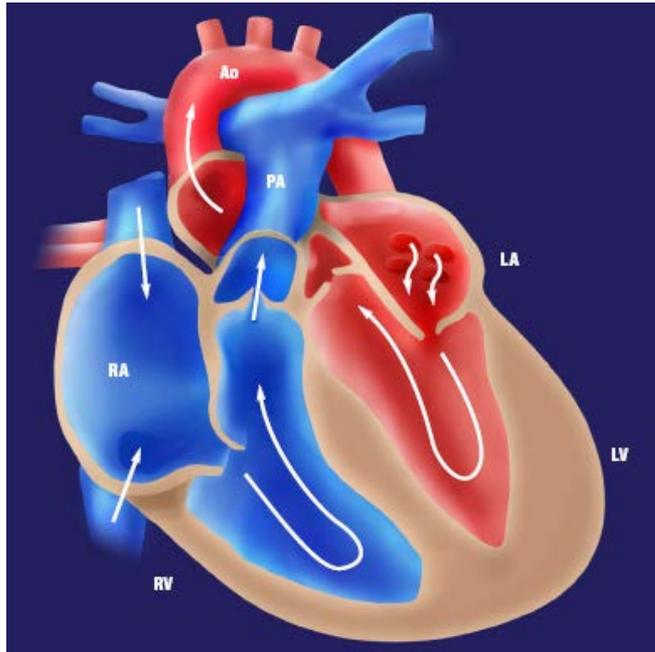


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# Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



Failing Sat  
90%



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# CCHD Screening Primary Targets

1. Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome
2. Pulmonary Atresia (with intact septum)
3. Tetralogy of Fallot
4. Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return
5. Transposition of the Great Arteries
6. Tricuspid Atresia
7. Truncus Arteriosus

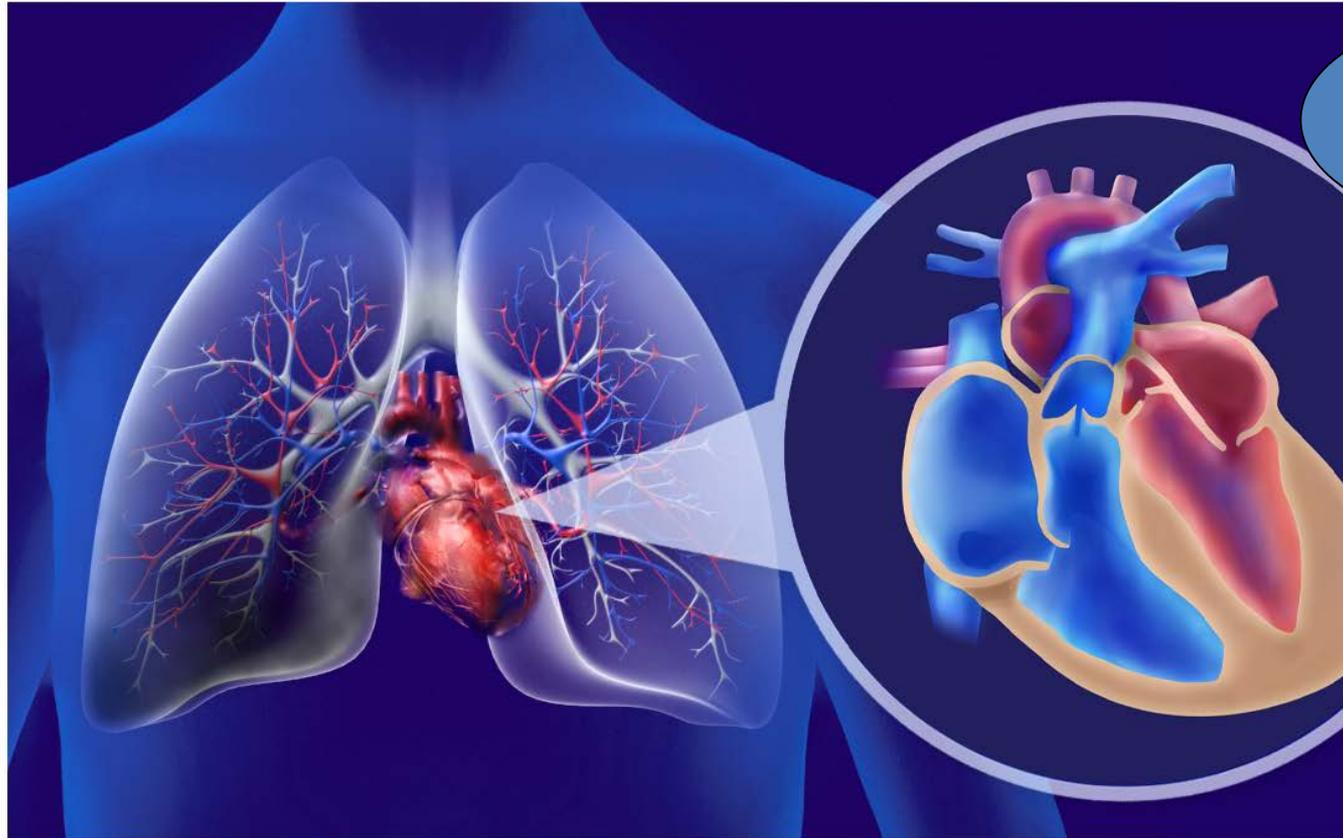


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# Secondary Target: Pneumonia



Failing Sat  
93%



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Table 2 | The performance of screening methods in the detection of duct dependent circulation in newborn infants in West Götaland (1 July 2004 to 31 March 2007)

Performance	Physical examination alone (n=38374)	Pulse oximetry (n=38429)	Physical examination plus pulse oximetry (n=38429)
Sensitivity (95% CI) (%)	62.50 (35.43 to 84.80)*	62.07 (42.3 to 79.31)	82.76 (64.23 to 94.15)
Specificity (95% CI) (%)	98.07 (97.93 to 98.21)	99.82 (99.77 to 99.86)	97.88 (97.73 to 98.03)
Positive predictive value (95% CI) (%)	1.35 (0.65 to 2.47)	20.69 (12.75 to 30.71)	2.92 (1.88 to 4.31)
Negative predictive value (95% CI) (%)	99.98 (99.96 to 99.99)	99.97 (99.95 to 99.99)	99.99 (99.97 to 100.00)

Table 3 | Pathology found in 69 babies with false positive results from pulse oximetry screening for duct dependent circulation in West Götaland (1 July 2004 to 31 March 2007)

Pathology found	No (%) of babies	Subsequent management			
		Stay in neonatal intensive care		Follow-up only	Surgery
		≥5 days after screening	<5 after screening		
Other critical congenital heart disease*	4 (6)	4/4	0/4	0/4	4/4
Other milder congenital heart disease	10 (14)	4/10	1/10	5/10	4/10
Persistent pulmonary hypertension	6 (9)	3/6	0/6	3/6	N/A
Transitional circulation†	8 (12)	0/8	3/8	2/8	N/A
Infections	10 (14)	6/10	4/10	N/A	N/A
Pulmonary pathology	7 (10)	5/7	1/7	1/7	N/A
Normal (verified from hospital charts)	24 (35)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*Pulmonary atresia with multiple aorto-pulmonary collaterals (n=2), tricuspid atresia with pulmonary stenosis and ventricular septal defect (n=1), total anomalous pulmonary venous return (n=1).

†Right to left shunting across foramen ovale without pulmonary hypertension.

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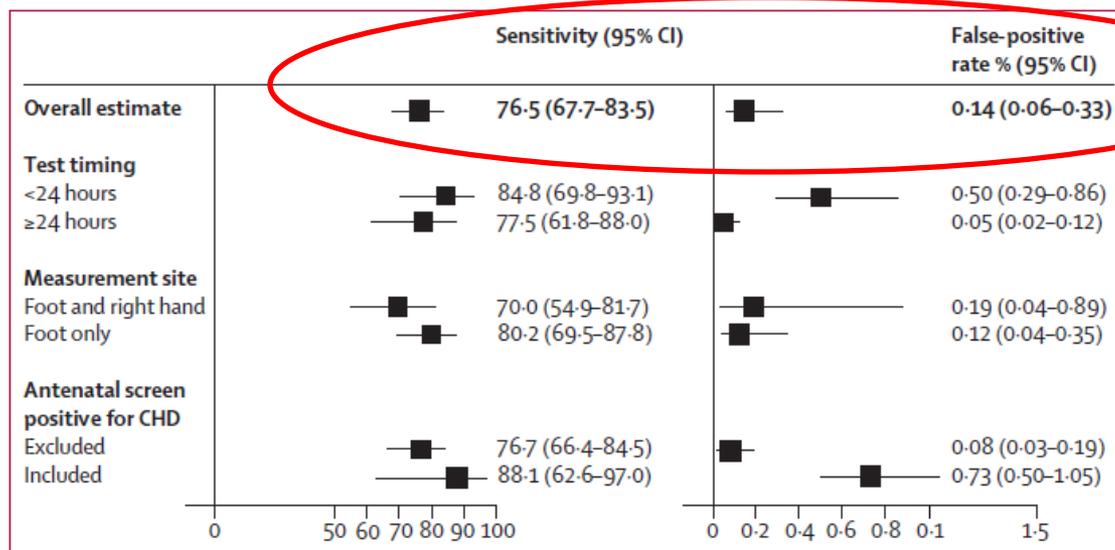
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# Is Pulse Oximetry Effective in Detecting CCHD?

## Pulse oximetry screening for critical congenital heart defects in asymptomatic newborn babies: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Shakila Thanagaratnam, Kiritrea Brown, Javier Zamora, Khalid S Khan, Andrew K Ewer

-13 primary studies  
- 229,421 infants screened



**Figure 3:** Accuracy estimates based on clinical and test characteristics of pulse oximetry in detection of critical congenital heart defects in newborn babies  
CHD=congenital heart defects.

**Interpretation** Pulse oximetry is highly specific for detection of critical congenital heart defects with moderate sensitivity, that meets criteria for universal screening.

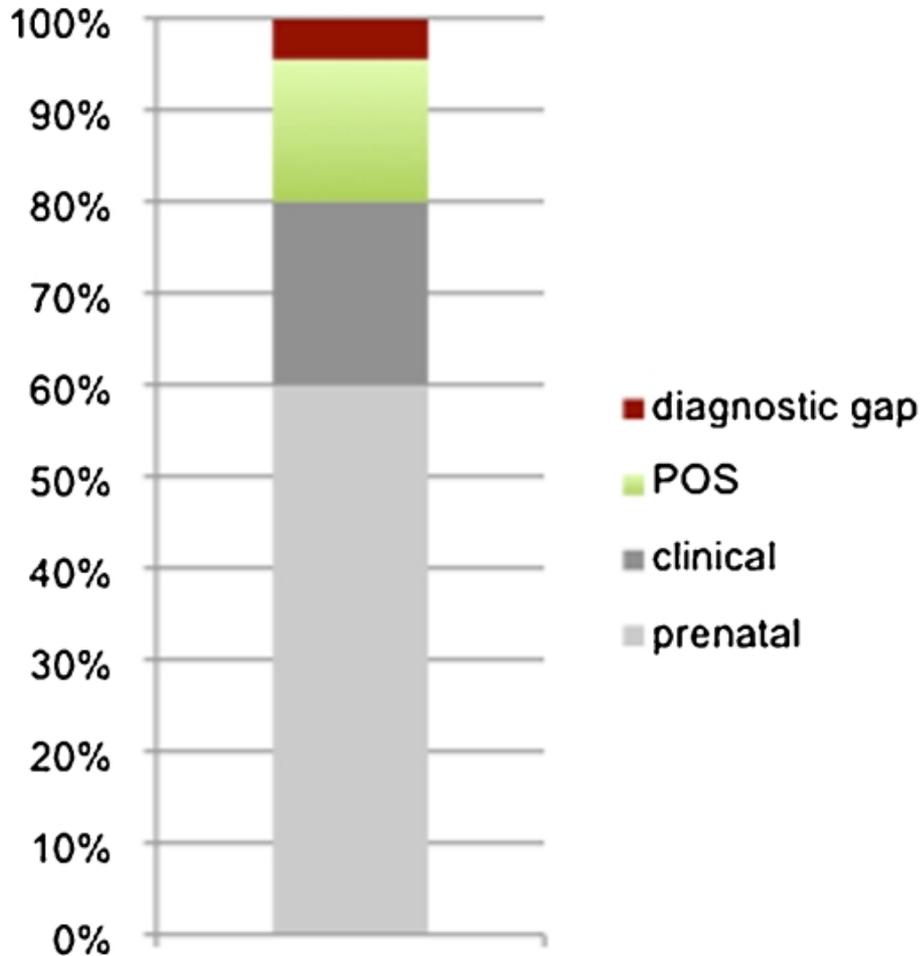


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# Research on Populations



- 42,240 infants in 34 German hospitals
- Sensitivity 78%
- Specificity 99%
- PPV 26% NPV 99%

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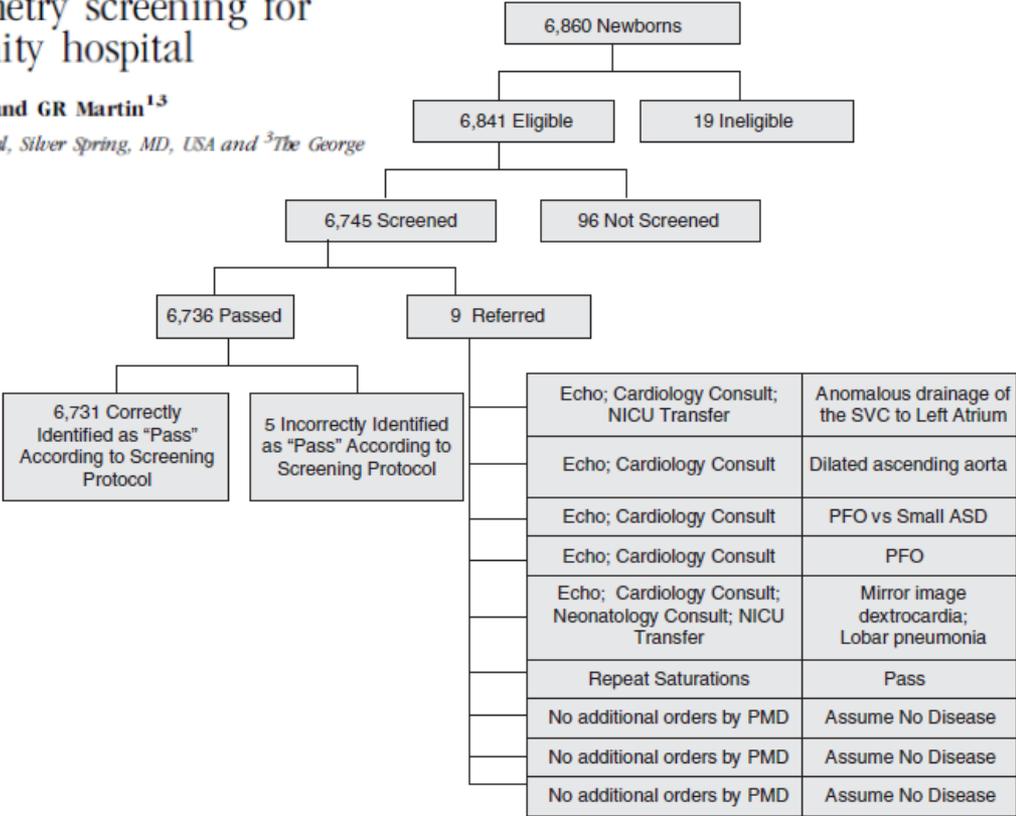
# CCHD Screening Feasibility in Community Hospitals

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Feasibility of implementing pulse oximetry screening for congenital heart disease in a community hospital

EA Bradshaw<sup>1</sup>, S Cuzzi<sup>1,2,3</sup>, SC Kiernan<sup>2</sup>, N Nagel<sup>2</sup>, JA Becker<sup>1,3</sup> and GR Martin<sup>1,3</sup>

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- Avg. Pox Sat

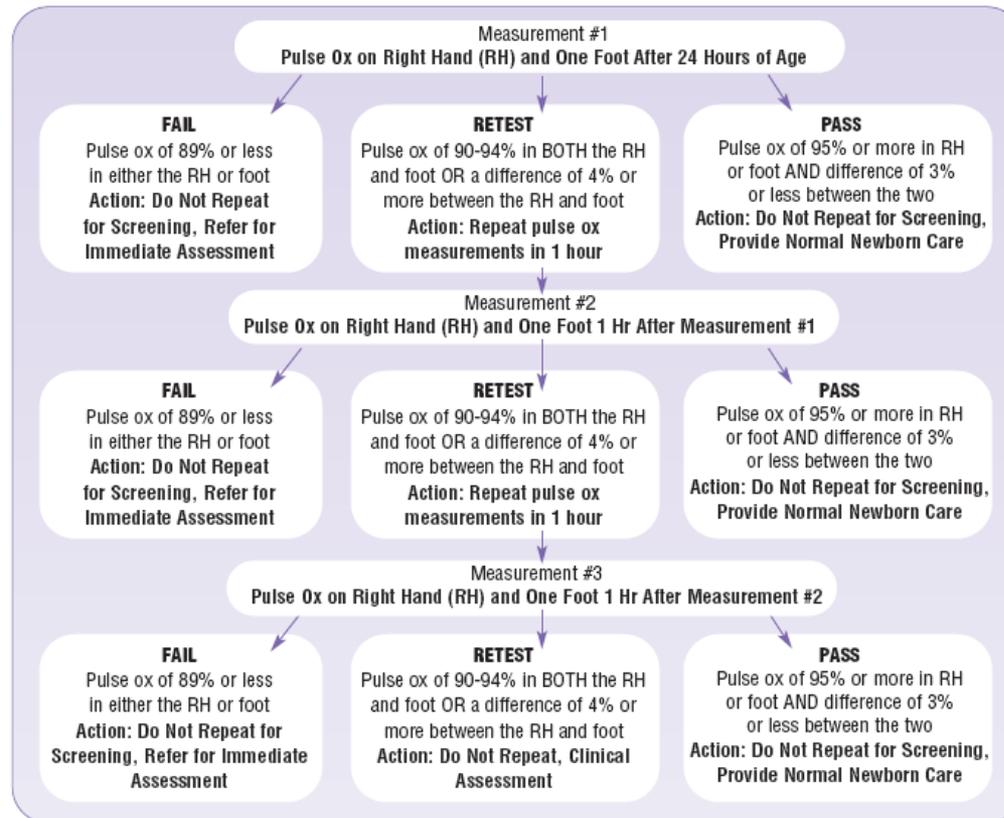
Rt Hand/Foot  
100% (90-100%)

Difference  
0.2% (0-6%)

-CCHD screening did not lead to a significant increase in echos

# United States Efforts

## Strategies for Implementing Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease



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*RH Application Sites*



*RH Application Sites*

## REMINDER ALGORITHM FOR SCREENERS

- **C**onfirm that the infant is at least 24 hours of age and eligible for screening.
- **H**elp the parent to warm and calm the infant in a quiet and peaceful environment.
- **D**escribe the pulse ox test to the parent.
- **S**elect a site on the right hand and one foot that is clean and dry.
- **P**lace the pulse ox sensor and perform the pulse ox test.

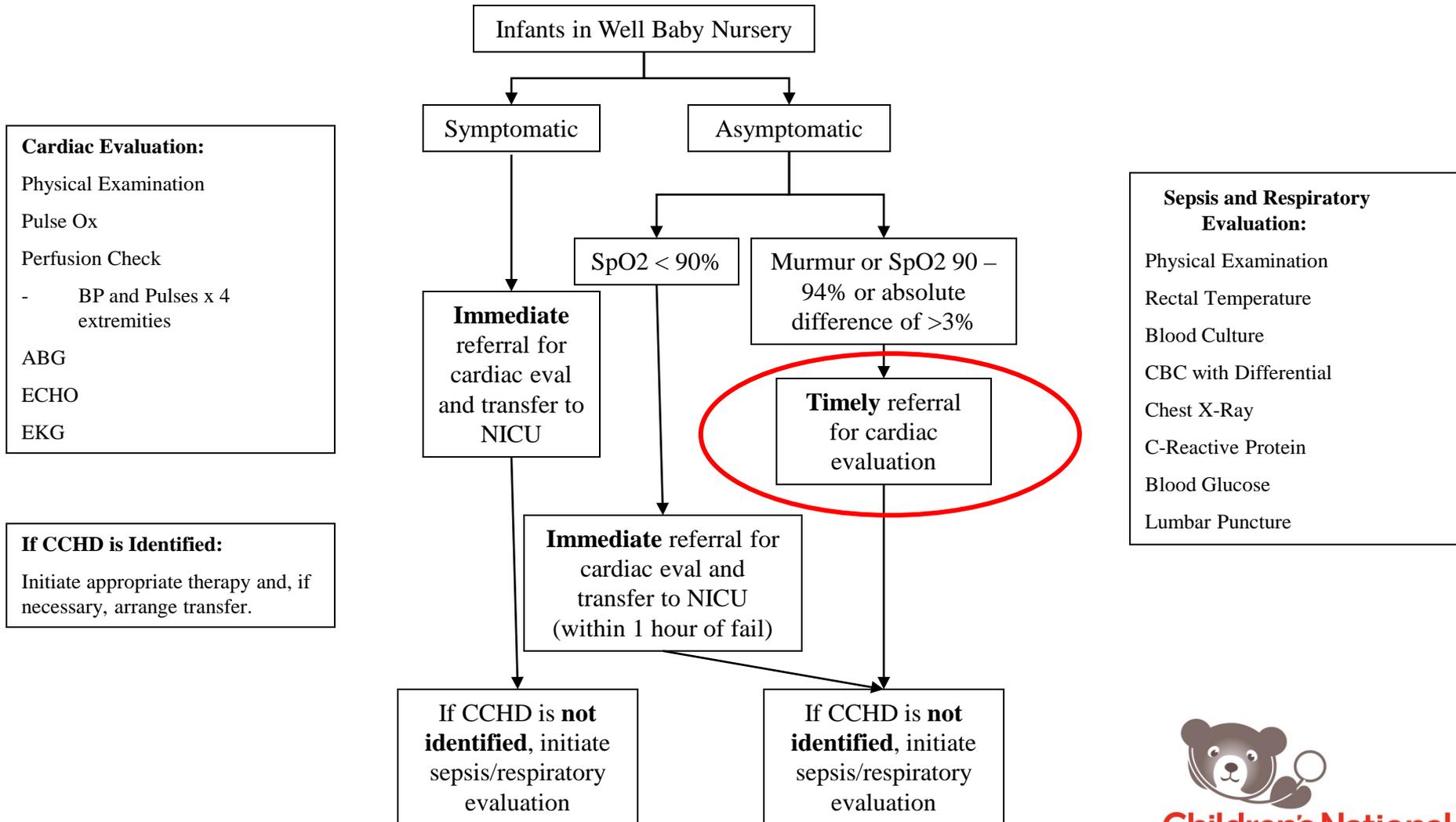


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# Management of Failed CCHD Screen



# CCHD Screening Using Pulse Oximetry: National and Global Implementation



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# United States Efforts



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

September 21, 2011

R. Rodney Howell, M.D.  
Committee Chairperson  
Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable  
Disorders in Newborns and Children  
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18A19  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Howell:

As indicated in my letter to you on April 20, 2011, I determined that the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children's (SACHDNC) recommendations pertaining to the addition of Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) screening to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) were not yet ready for adoption. Consequently, I referred the SACHDNC's recommendations to the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Screening in Newborns and Children (ICC) for additional review and input regarding implementation. I asked the ICC to review the evidence gaps described by the SACHDNC and propose a plan of action to address: identification of effective screening technologies, development of diagnostic processes and protocols, education of providers and the public, and strengthening service infrastructure needs for follow-up and surveillance. I have received and reviewed the requested ICC Plan of Action.

As you know, congenital heart disease causes up to 3% of all infant deaths in the first year of life. Heart defects affect about 7 to 9 of every 1000 live births, one quarter of which could be detected and potentially treated by measuring blood oxygen saturation. Given this reality and the available information on the effectiveness of screening, I have decided to adopt the SACHDNC's first recommendation to add CCHD to the RUSP. In addition, I am requesting that the SACHDNC collaborate with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to complete a thorough evaluation of the potential public health impact of universal screening for CCHD, as required by the authorizing statute, section 1111 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 300b-10(b)(4)).



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# United States Efforts

- 2011: Indiana and Maryland first states to pass CCHD screening legislation. New Jersey first state to implement universal CCHD screening.
- 20 states enacted legislation in the first half of 2013 (rolling implementation dates during 2014 – over 80% of births screened by end of 2014)
- 36 states total with legislation pending in many more



Maryland Bill Signing May 19, 2011



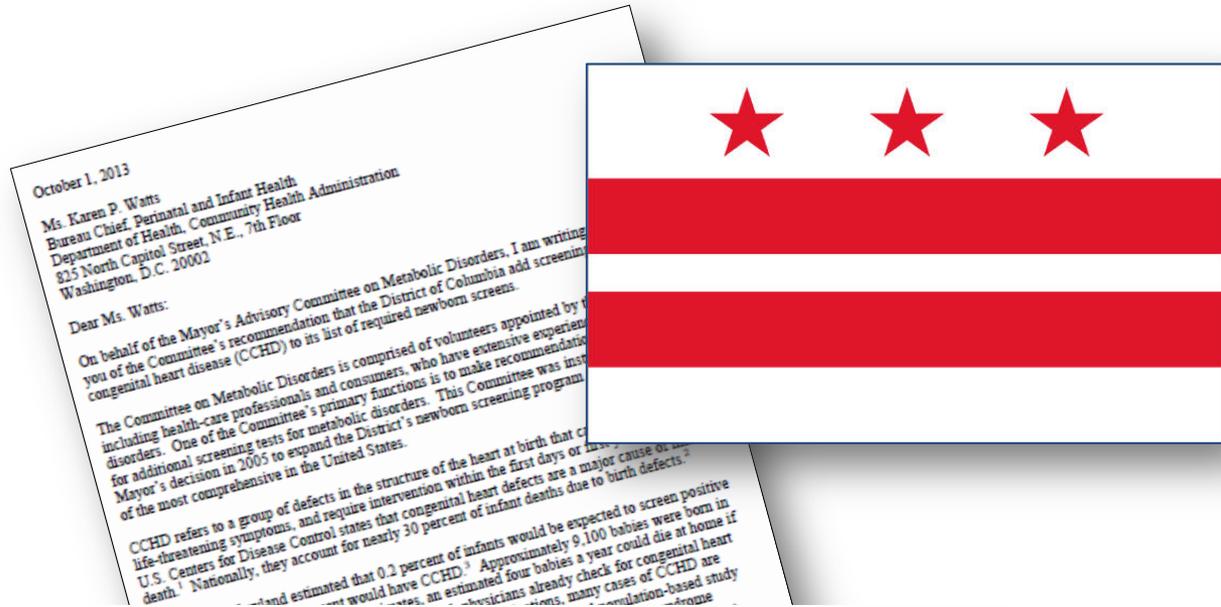
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# Working Towards a Mandate for the District of Columbia

- Recommendation filed by the Mayor's Advisory Committee, October 2013
- Support letters from all 7 hospitals, a parent advocate, March of Dimes and Children's National
- Follow up with Department of Health through rulemaking process

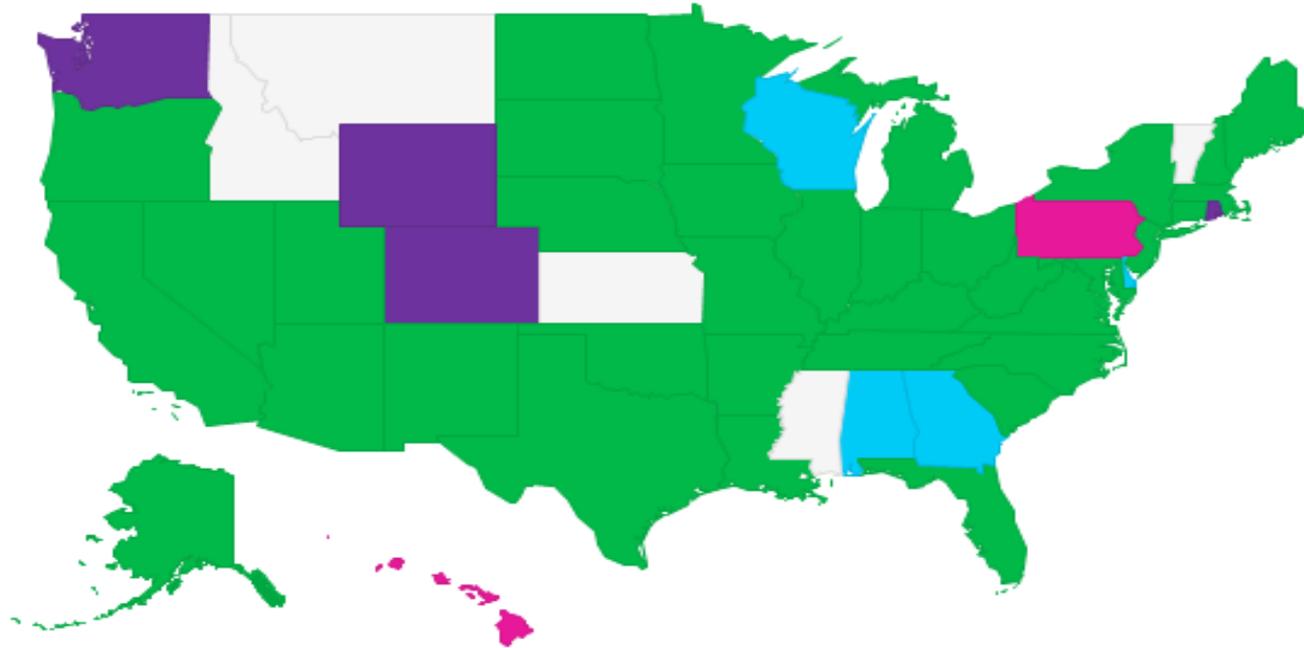


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# United States Efforts 2014



Active Legislation

Legislation Enacted

Regulatory Addition to NBS Panel

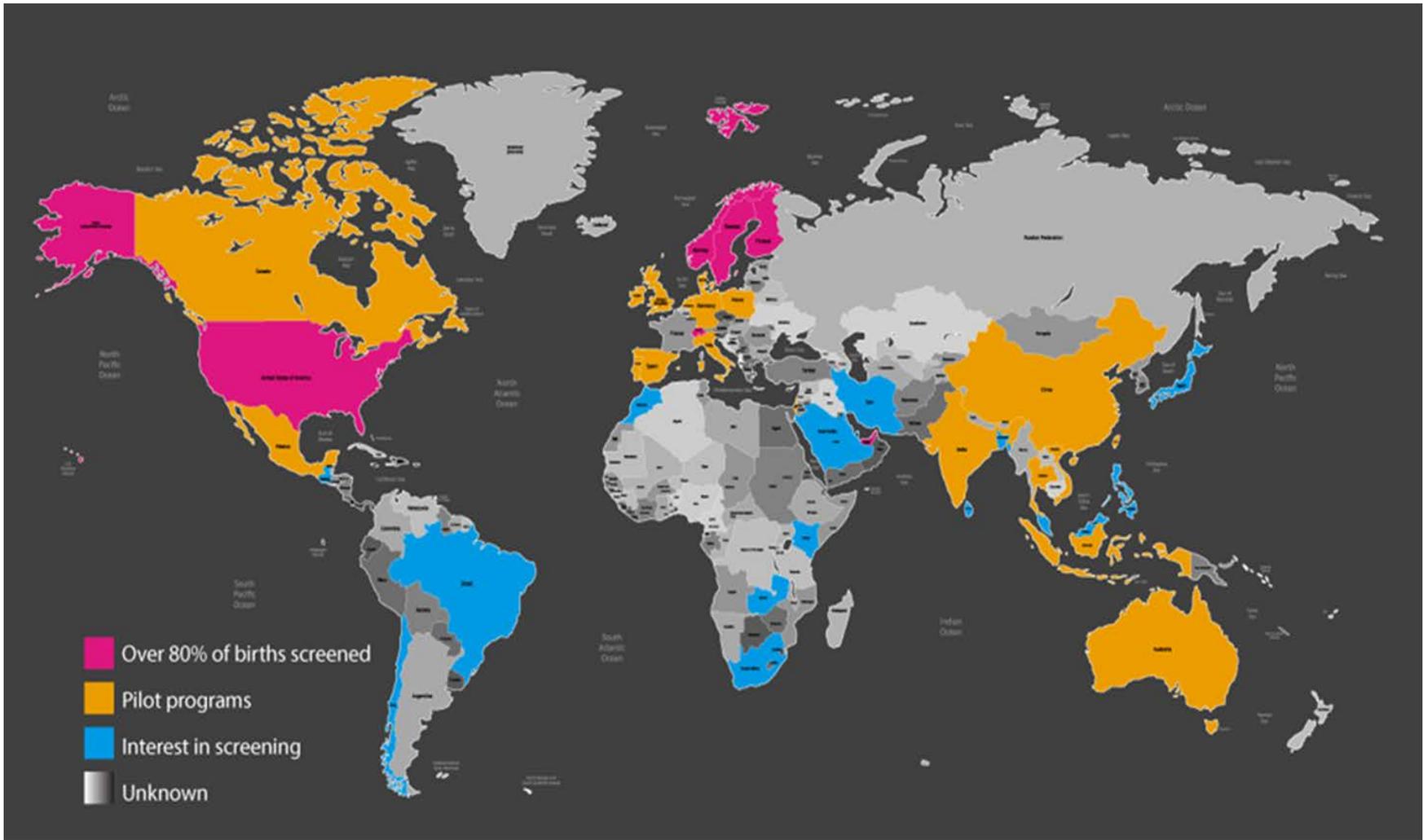
Multi-Center Screening or Pilot Project



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# European Efforts: Strategizing for a Uniform Recommendation

## THE LANCET

Pulse oximetry  
screening for congenital  
heart defects

The Lancet, [Volume 382, Issue 9895](#), Pages 856 - 857, 7 September 2013

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# CCHD Screening Using Pulse Oximetry: Next Hurdle - False Negatives



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# Regional False Negative Surveillance

## Maryland CCHD Advisory Council Initiative



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August 23, 2013

## Working with:

- Children's National
- INOVA Health System
- Georgetown University Medical Center

## To evaluate why the infant was not identified on birth screening



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Dr. Gerard Martin  
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Dear Dr. Martin,

The Maryland Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) Newborn Screening Follow Up Program is charged with providing surveillance and quality assurance for CCHD screening. As part of that function, this program needs to be informed of babies who are diagnosed with CCHD after their newborn care is completed. This allows us to evaluate why the infant was not identified on birth screening. Children's National Medical Center is a major referral center for pediatric cardiology patients from Maryland, and as such, I would like to request that your institution provide us with the following information on infants seen for a new diagnosis of CCHD:

# Regional False Negatives

Diagnosis	Birth Hospital	Screened	Pulse Ox Screen Results pre-ductal/post-ductal (%)	Pulse Ox Value Diagnosis (%)
Coarctation of Aorta	A	Yes	98/97	99
TOF	B	Yes	99/97	97
TOF/AV Canal	C	No	Not screened at birth hospital	85
TAPVD	D	Yes	95/95	84
Coarctation of Aorta	E	Yes	98/96	94/84



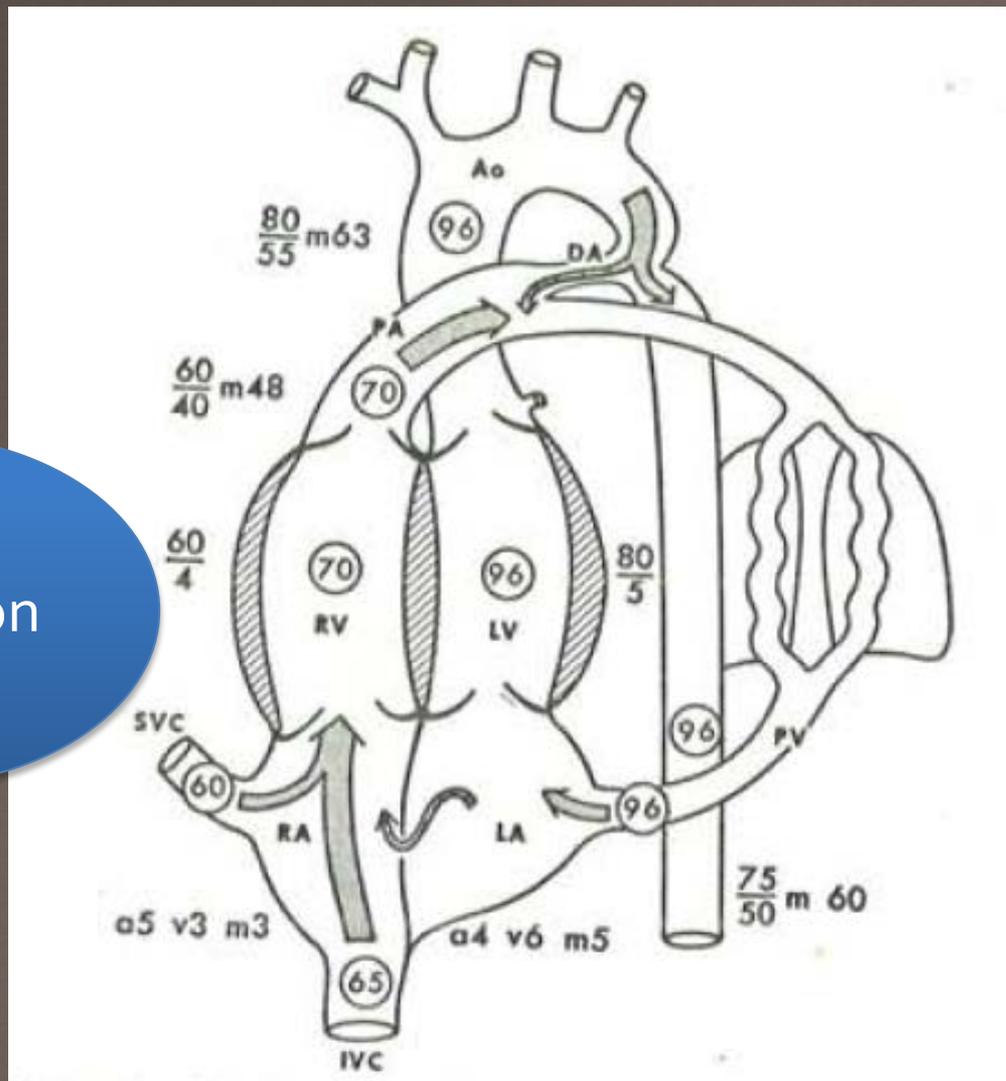
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# Coarctation

Passing  
Saturation  
96%



Modified from Rudolph, 1974, Fig. 10-5

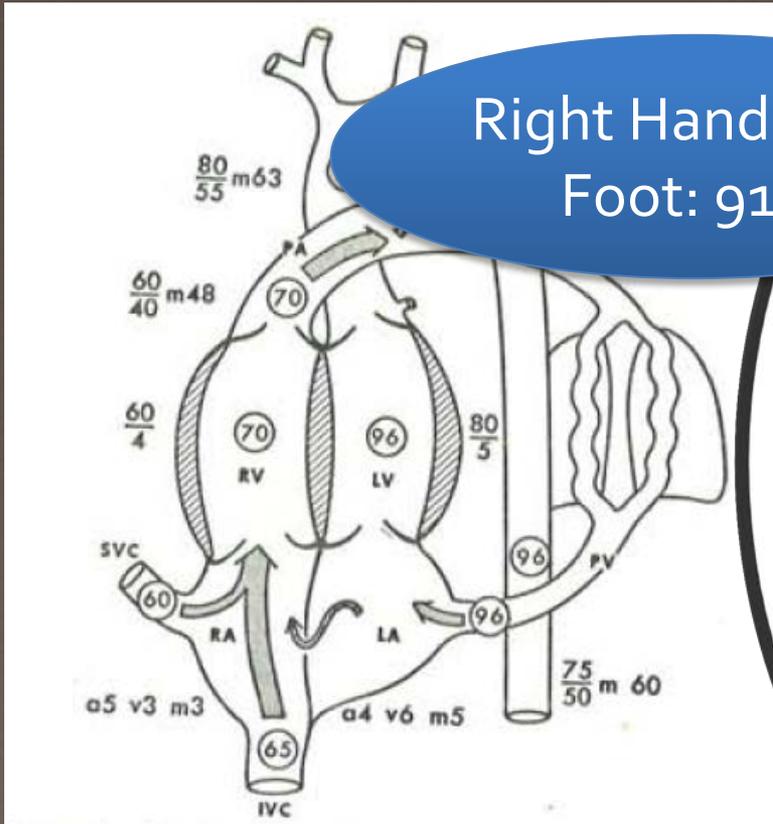


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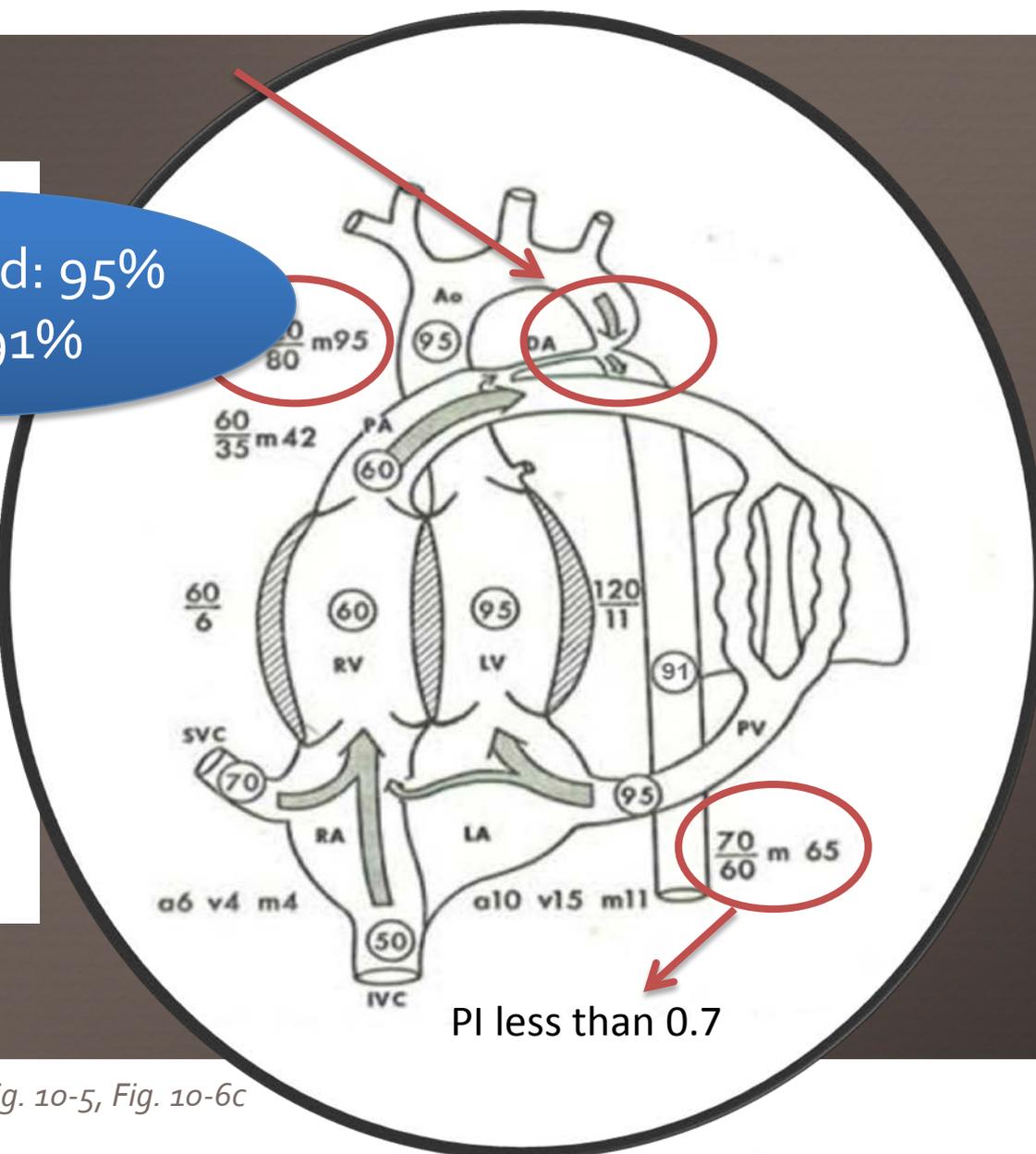
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# Coarctation



Right Hand: 95%  
Foot: 91%



PI less than 0.7

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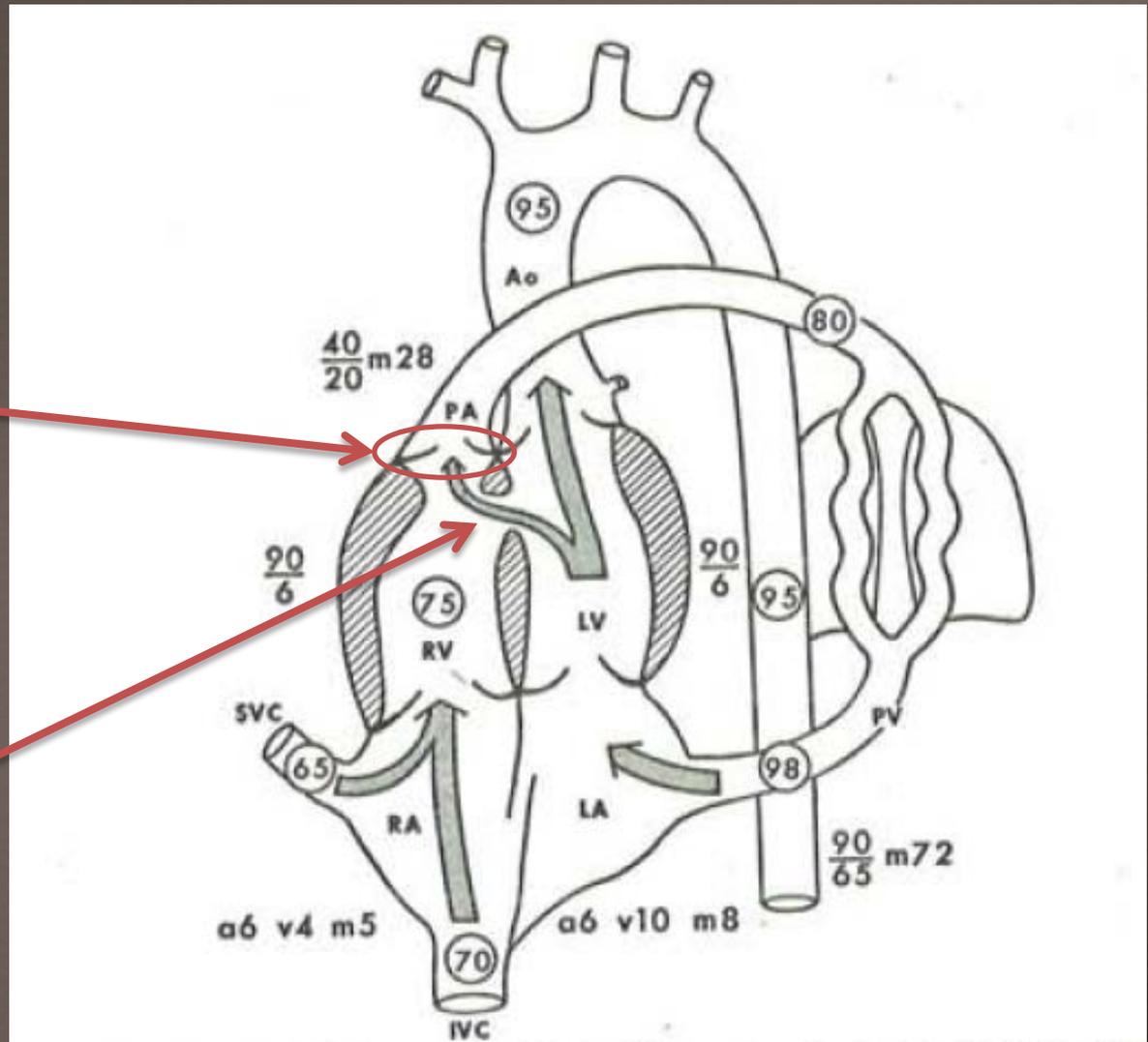
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# Tetralogy of Fallot

Right Ventricular  
Outflow  
Obstruction

Passing  
Saturation:  
95%



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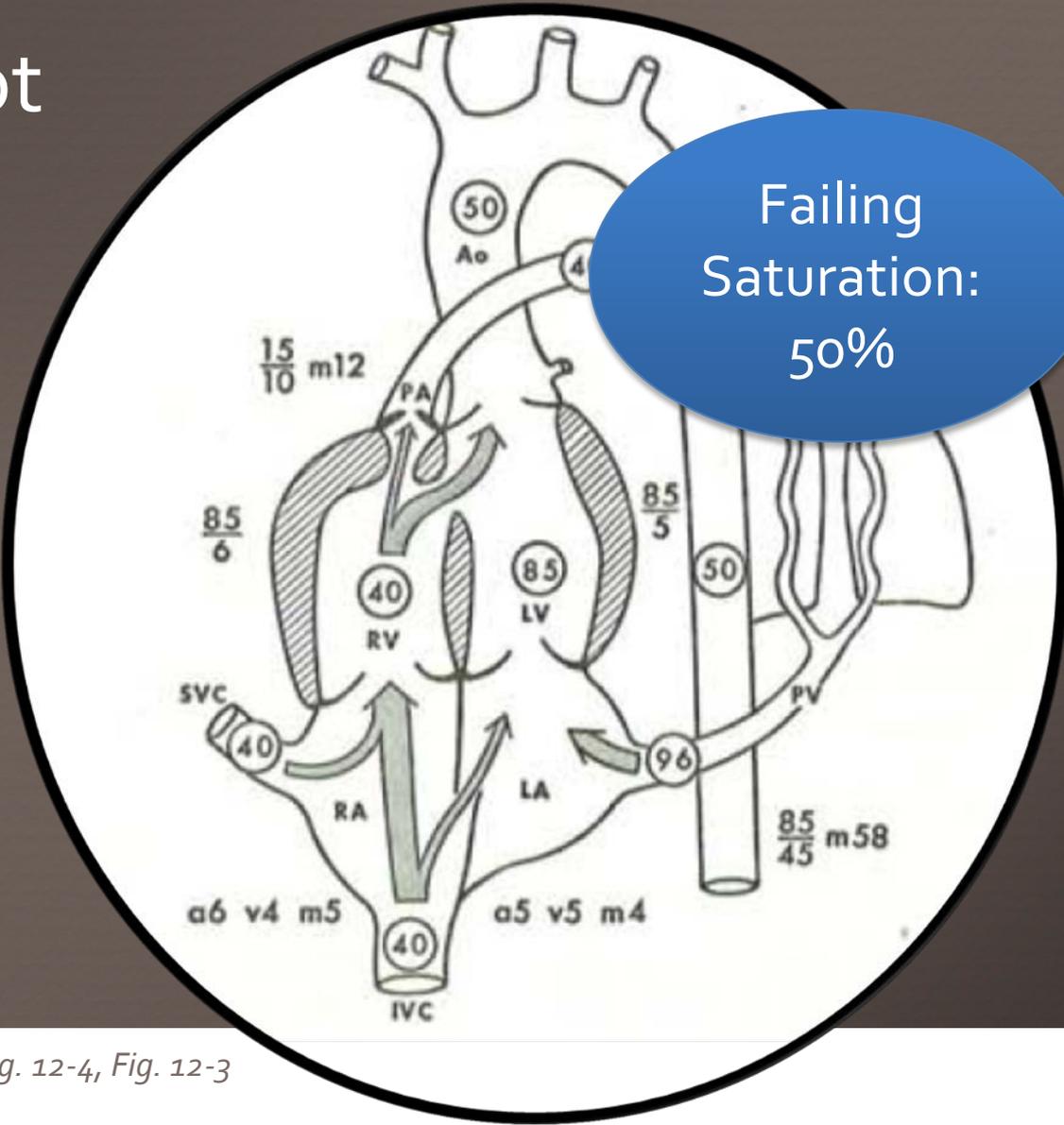
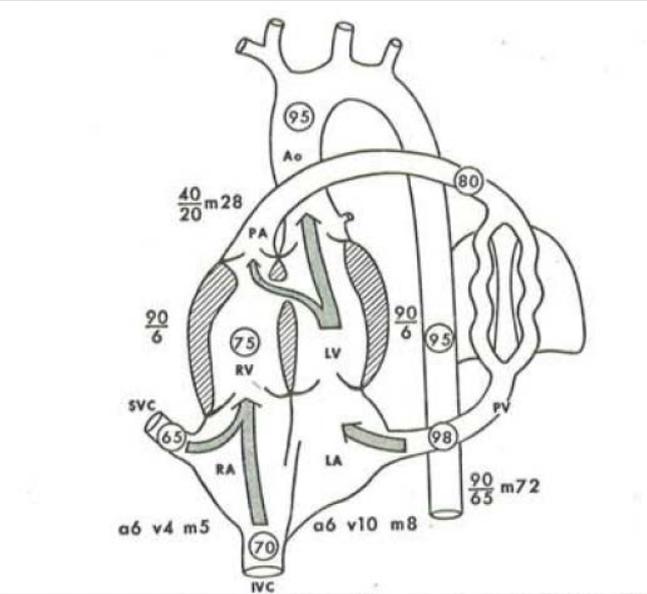


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# Tetralogy of Fallot



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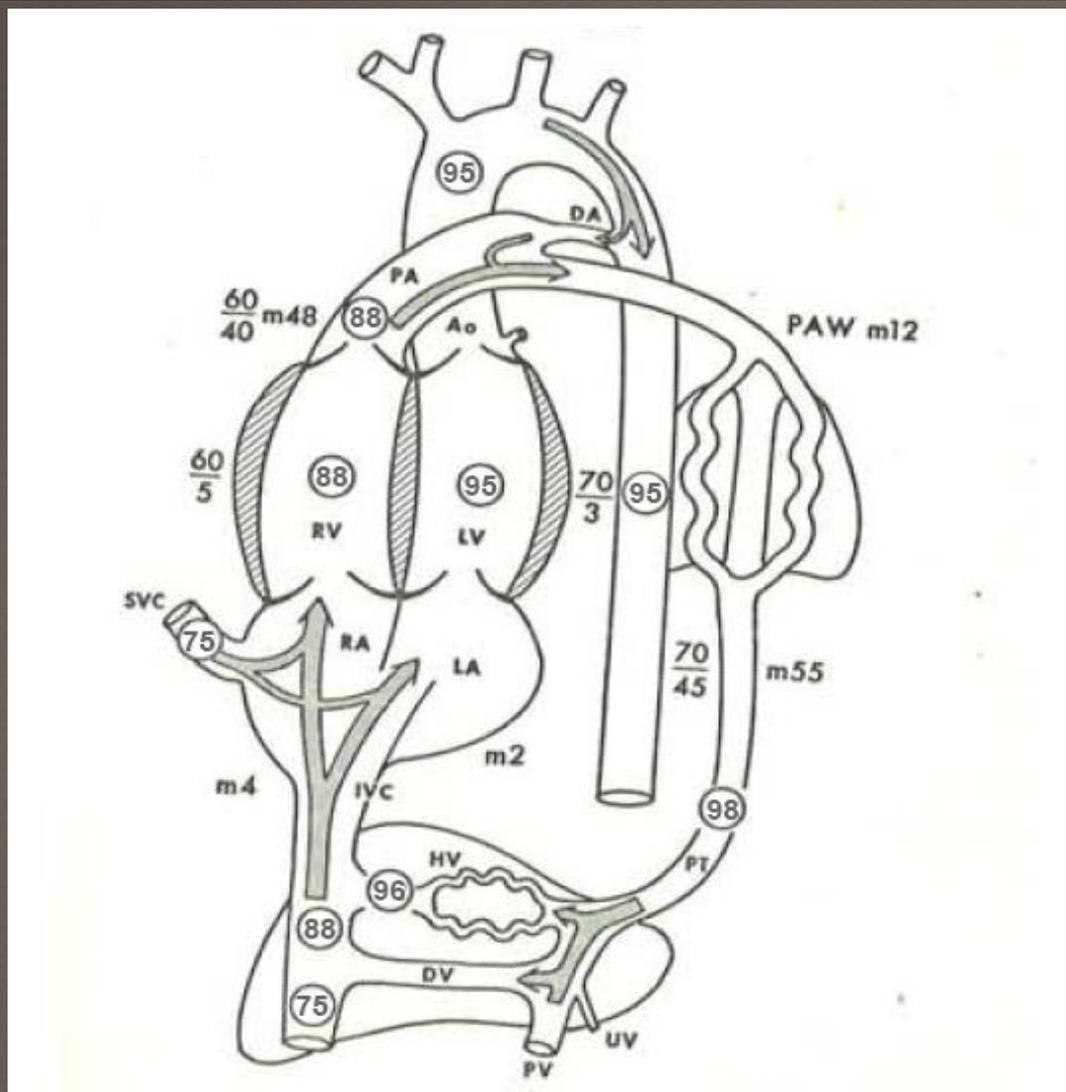
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# Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Drainage (TAPVD)

Passing Saturation:  
95%



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# Prenatal screening for major congenital heart disease: assessing performance by combining national cardiac audit with maternity data

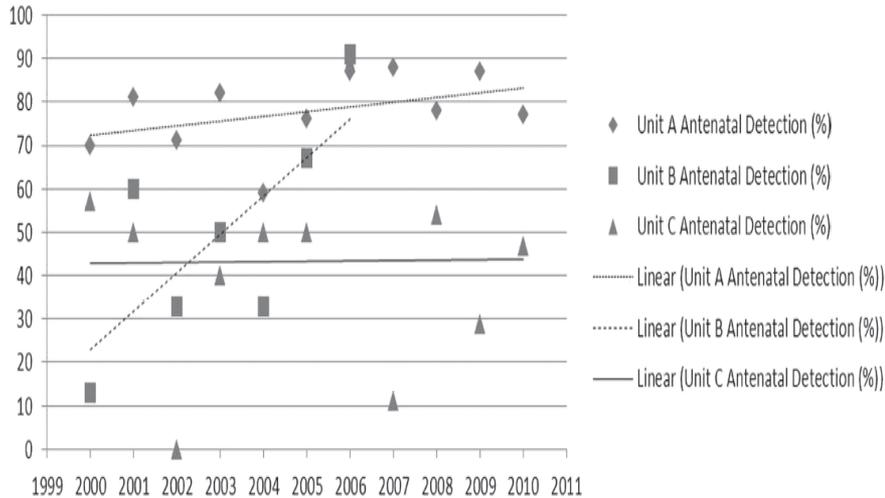


Figure 1 Linear trends for prenatal detection of major congenital heart disease in three screening hospitals over 11 years showing a steady and high detection rate in Hospital A, improvement in Hospital B (data only between 2000–2006), and a steady but poorer detection rate in hospital C. ◆: Hospital A; ■: Hospital B; ▲: Hospital C, and linear trends for Hospital A: ...; Hospital B: ..... and Hospital C —

## Conclusions:

- ❖ **Wide inter-hospital variation** in prenatal and antenatal detection for TGA and CoA
- ❖ **Manual linkage is impractical** on a national basis
- ❖ **Need for national validated database** or registry to raise the standard of care
- ❖ **Hospitals need granularity** to understand deficiencies and institute actions to improve performance



# The Toolkit & Heart Smart Videos

## *Toolkit Includes:*

- Implementation Recommendations
- Screening Protocol
- Education for Families
- Competencies for Providers
- Advocacy Resources and Stories

Educational  
Videos  
translated into  
these five  
languages :

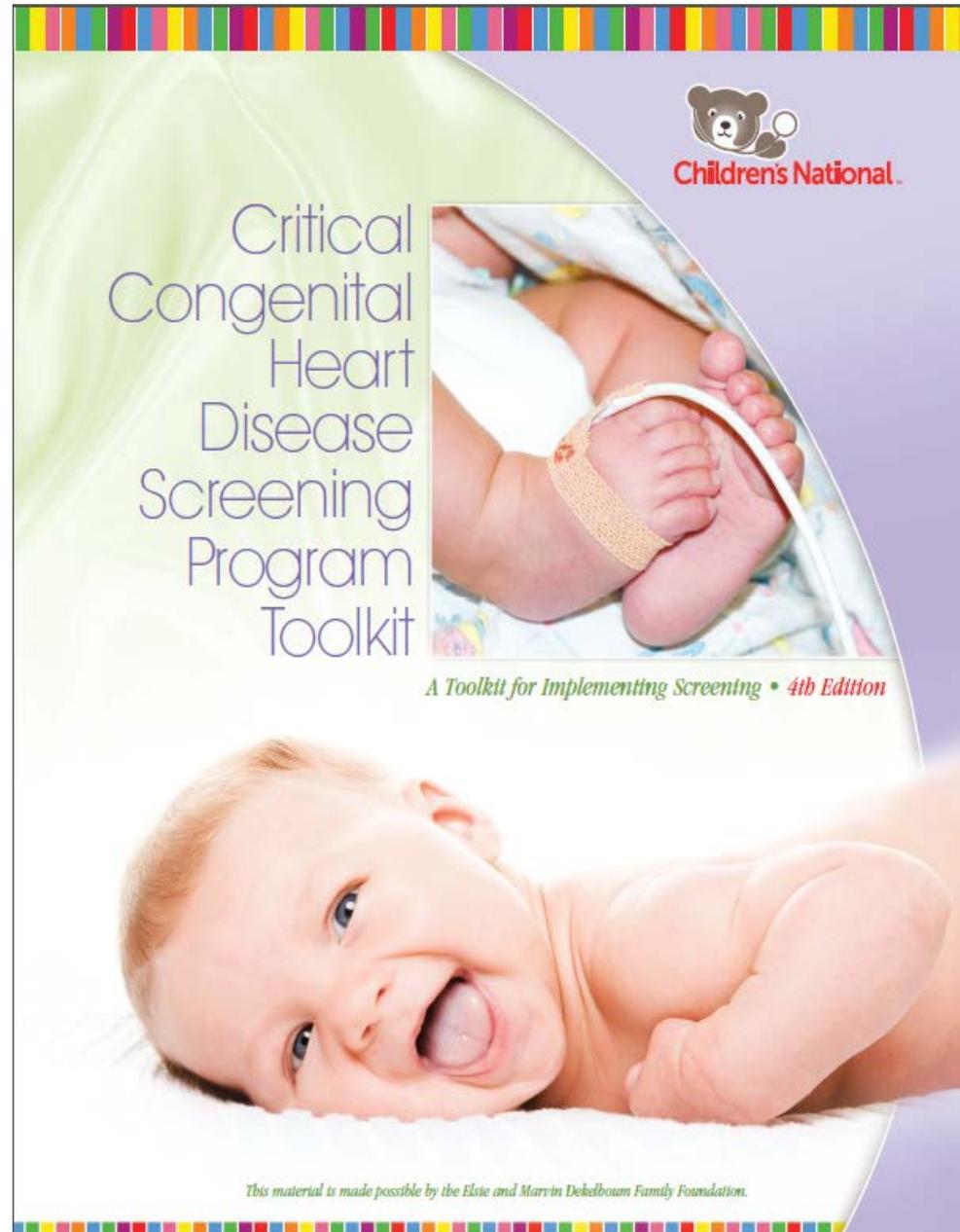
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bonjour



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# Online Resources

Children's National Pulse Ox Program

[www.childrensnational.org/pulseox/](http://www.childrensnational.org/pulseox/)

Center for Disease Control

[www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/pediatricgenetics/cchdscreening.Html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/pediatricgenetics/cchdscreening.Html)

Baby's First Test

<http://www.babysfirsttest.com/>

Parent Advocacy Groups

<http://1in100.org/> ; [www.tchin.org](http://www.tchin.org)

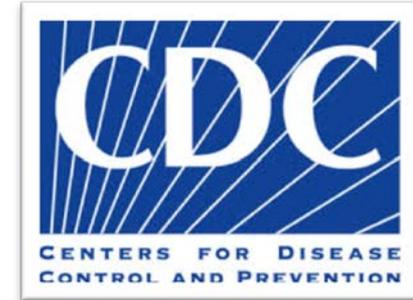
Newborn Coalition

<http://newborncoalition.com/>

ACMG CCHD ACTION Sheet

NewSTEPS

<https://www.newsteps.org/>



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# Thank You

# Questions?



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