

A photograph of two surgeons in an operating room. They are wearing blue scrubs, blue bouffant caps, and surgical masks. The surgeon on the right is also wearing glasses. They are focused on a patient lying on the operating table, which is covered with blue drapes. The background shows typical hospital equipment and cabinets.

ADVANCED CARDIAC THERAPIES FOR HEART FAILURE PATIENTS

A destination for the treatment of
advanced heart failure in children

 **Children's Hospital
of Philadelphia**
Cardiac Center

A WORLD-LEADING TEAM

The Advanced Cardiac Therapies for Heart Failure Patients (ACT-HF) team at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) are international leaders in the care of children with cardiomyopathy and complex congenital heart disease. With a depth of medical and surgical expertise, our heart failure team is one of the most experienced in the country, pioneering innovative mechanical circulatory support to improve post-transplant outcomes. Our multidisciplinary team also includes world-renowned cardiovascular scientists, dedicated to the development of targeted medical therapies aimed at preventing and treating heart failure.

A DEDICATED PLACE FOR DEDICATED CARE

The Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU) at CHOP is one of the largest pediatric critical care units in the country, offering unique expertise to the high volume of patients with complex congenital heart disease. In fall 2022, the CICU will expand to include a dedicated Heart Failure Intensive Care Unit, the second in the country. With state-of-the-art rehabilitation integrated into complex care, the Heart Failure ICU will be a dedicated place — with a dedicated team of surgical, medical and rehabilitation providers — for critically ill heart failure patients to access all the services they need in one place.



ADVANCED REHABILITATION

Expanded physical and occupational therapy will be a key component of our program — focusing on maintaining optimal pre-transplant function for all patients, including those with a ventricular assist device (VAD). In addition, our Cardiovascular Exercise Physiology Laboratory is the largest of its kind in the country, enabling us to provide an intensive, closely monitored exercise program to maximize post-transplant outcomes.

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Angy-Mike, 16, transplant recipient after ventricular assist device

