

One of the most pertinent issues surrounding heart health are holes in the heart, also known as one of **congenital heart defects (CHD)**, which relate to structural problems in the heart. These conditions are present at birth but can also manifest later on in adulthood. It can be a parent's worst nightmare and terrifying to watch your loved ones go through.

CHDs are the most common type of birth defect, and still remains the leading cause of infant illness and death. An estimated 4,000 Malaysian children are born with CHD every year, but not all children receive the timely care they need. In recent years, we have seen the improvement of survival and medical care for babies with critical CHDs, but the numbers are still worrying.

Often, the survival of infants with CHDs depends on its severity, whether it is diagnosed early enough and how it is treated.

This is why we want our patients to know all about holes in the heart. Though the situation may look bleak, it is not. IJN brings state-of-the-art facilities and technology to deliver the most advanced standards in cardiology and cardiothoracic treatment. In 2012, we set up the Paediatric and Congenital Heart Centre (PCHC) as a one-stop care centre which specialises in healthcare for those with congenital heart disease. We have improved the process flow between patient and caregiver in each area of service, encouraging fast responses and lesser waiting times.

We are proud to have such a dedicated team of paediatric cardiologists, surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and auxiliary health staff within the centre. It becomes crucial when we offer care services for patients through infancy, into childhood and adolescence or even adulthood.

“**There are also specialised clinics under PCHC that offer services for a variety of heart defects – foetal cardiac services, pregnancy-related heart disease, pulmonary hypertension, Marfan’s clinic and also abnormal heart rhythm.**”

We are always looking forward, towards increasing our quality of care in a number of ways, and mark our growth with these milestones. Ultimately, it is the only way forward for healthcare providers to serve the rakyat with the best and most comprehensive treatment possible.

IJN remains an award-winning facility with an outstanding reputation because of our commitment to care. We are united in a singular purpose to help alleviate

worry, suffering and burden from our patient's hearts and replace it with hope for a better future. We have never stopped envisioning a future where we at IJN can offer you boundless clinical excellence. And we never will.

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