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# The Value of a Single Ventricle Registry and Learning Network: SV-ONE

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- We have no relevant disclosures

# LOOKING ACROSS THE LIFESPAN:

## The Road to SV-ONE



# 2006 Joint Council on Congenital Heart Disease

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1. The goal of the QI Initiative is to improve care and outcomes for children with cardiovascular disease.
  2. The JCCHD will determine the major directions in the development of this QI initiative through its delegation to the QI Initiative Steering Committee. A strategy will be developed and implemented to facilitate communication about the initiative with the larger pediatric cardiology community.
  3. The QI initiative, through multiple improvement projects, will address the spectrum of pediatric cardiovascular inpatient and outpatient care, including case finding, diagnosis, treatment, recovery, discharge, and follow-up (including handoffs). The initiative will begin with an initial well-focused project.
  4. A national, multi-institutional database for the purpose of supporting QI projects will be a part of this initiative. Where related databases exist that may be beneficial to the QI initiative, they will be utilized to the extent possible.
  5. The QI initiative will seek to involve all pediatric cardiology programs and practices, from small to large. We will make an effort to emphasize inclusion of all programs with pediatric cardiology fellowships because they are our future.
  6. Quality improvement science, emphasizing the Model for Improvement, will be the preferred approach taken by these projects.
  7. An emphasis will be placed on including patients, parents, and families in the design and implementation of projects. We will strive to be inclusive of diverse cultures and values.
  8. The QI initiative will take a collegial approach to the involvement of important related specialties, including cardiothoracic surgery, pediatric critical care medicine, anesthesia, nursing, social work, and child life.
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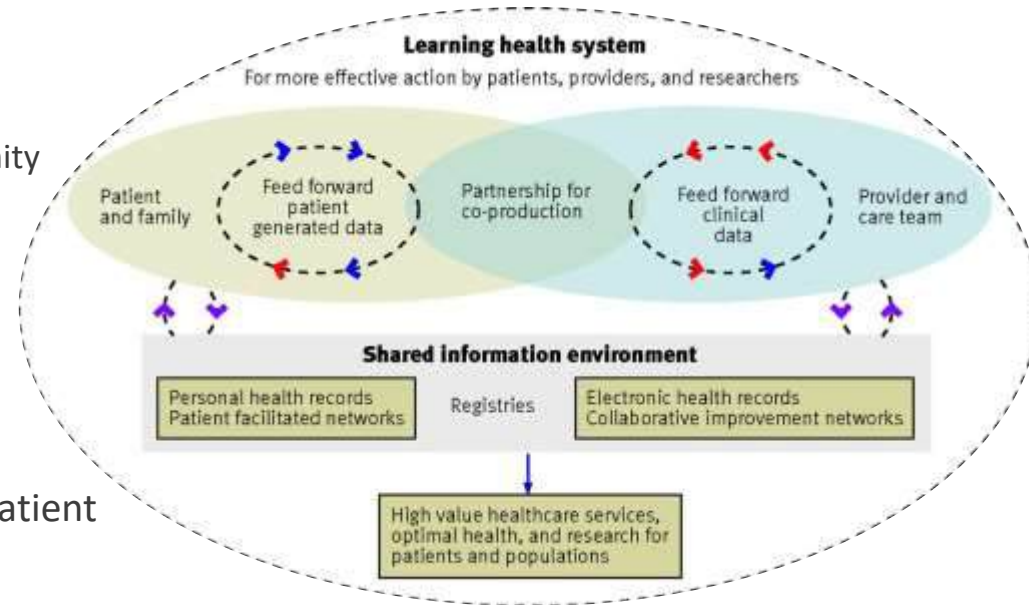


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  - Research
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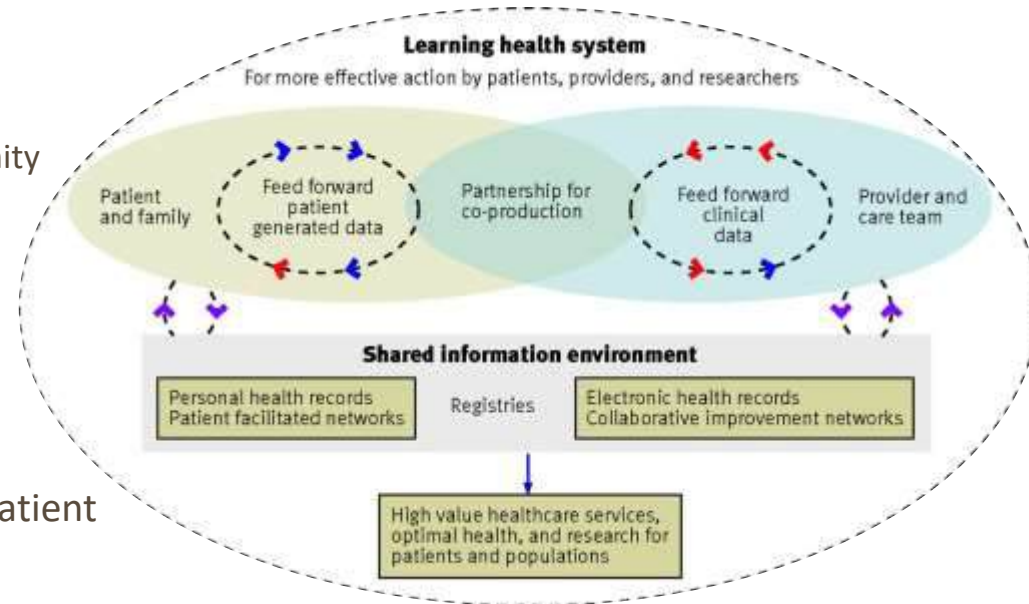


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# What are the strengths of the Learning Network Model?

Data + Expert Team is used to fuel:

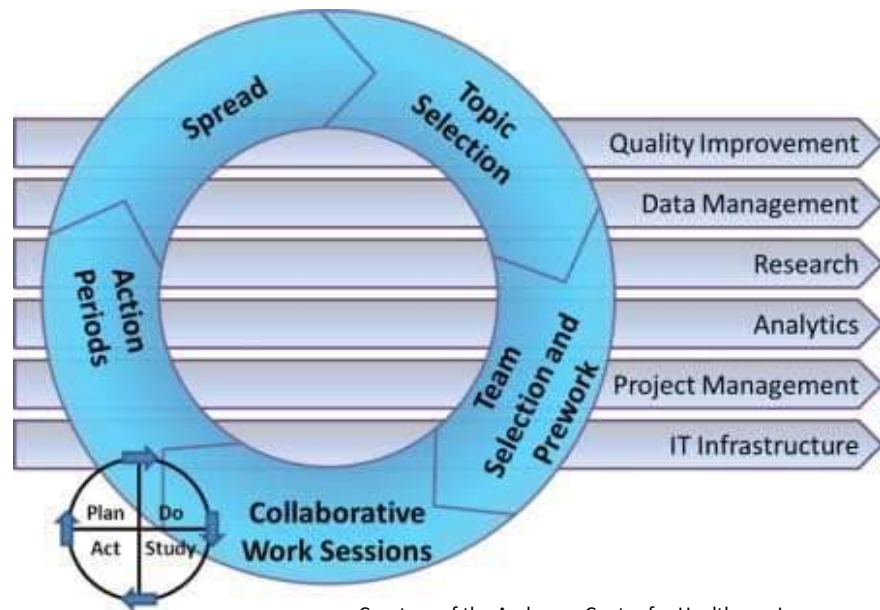
- Quality Improvement
- Research
- Community Outreach
- Advocacy



# What are the strengths of the Learning Network Model?

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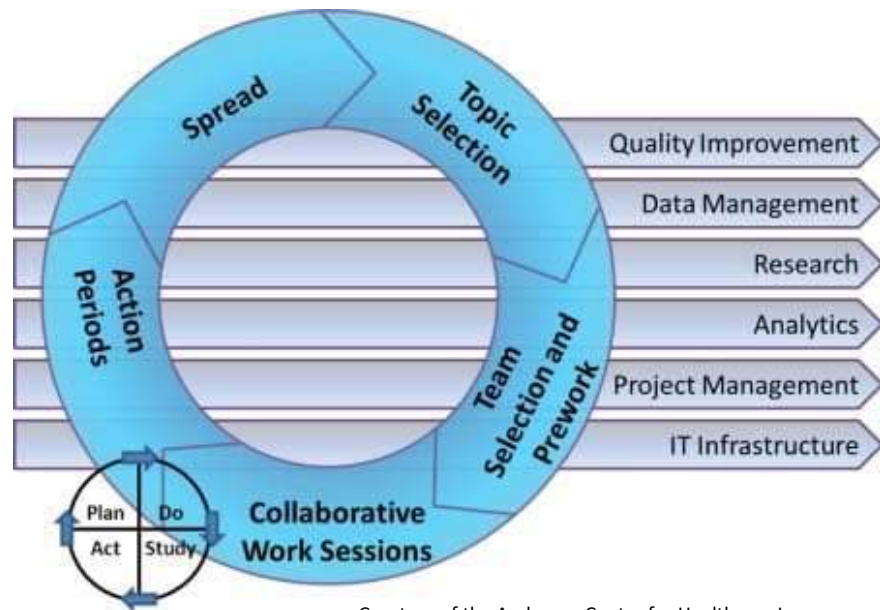
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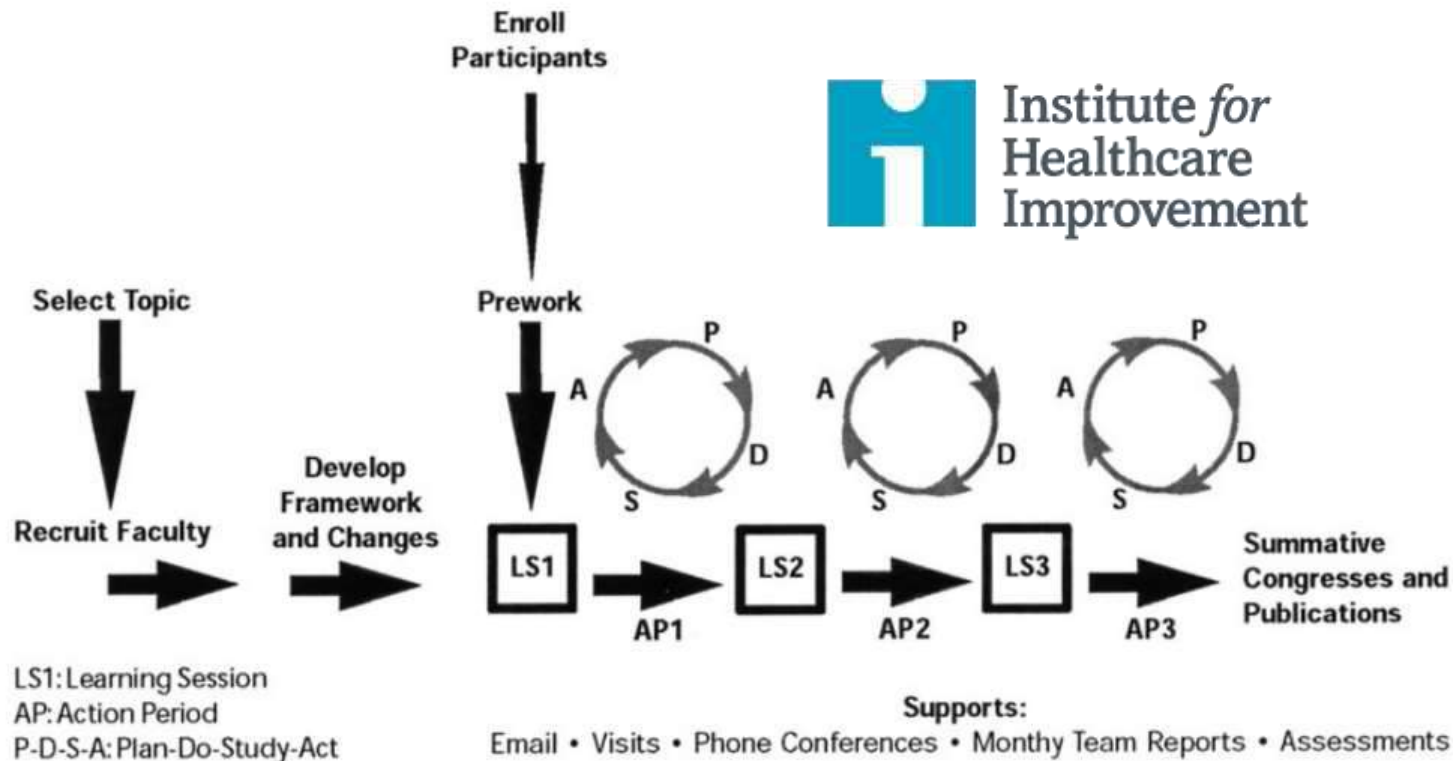
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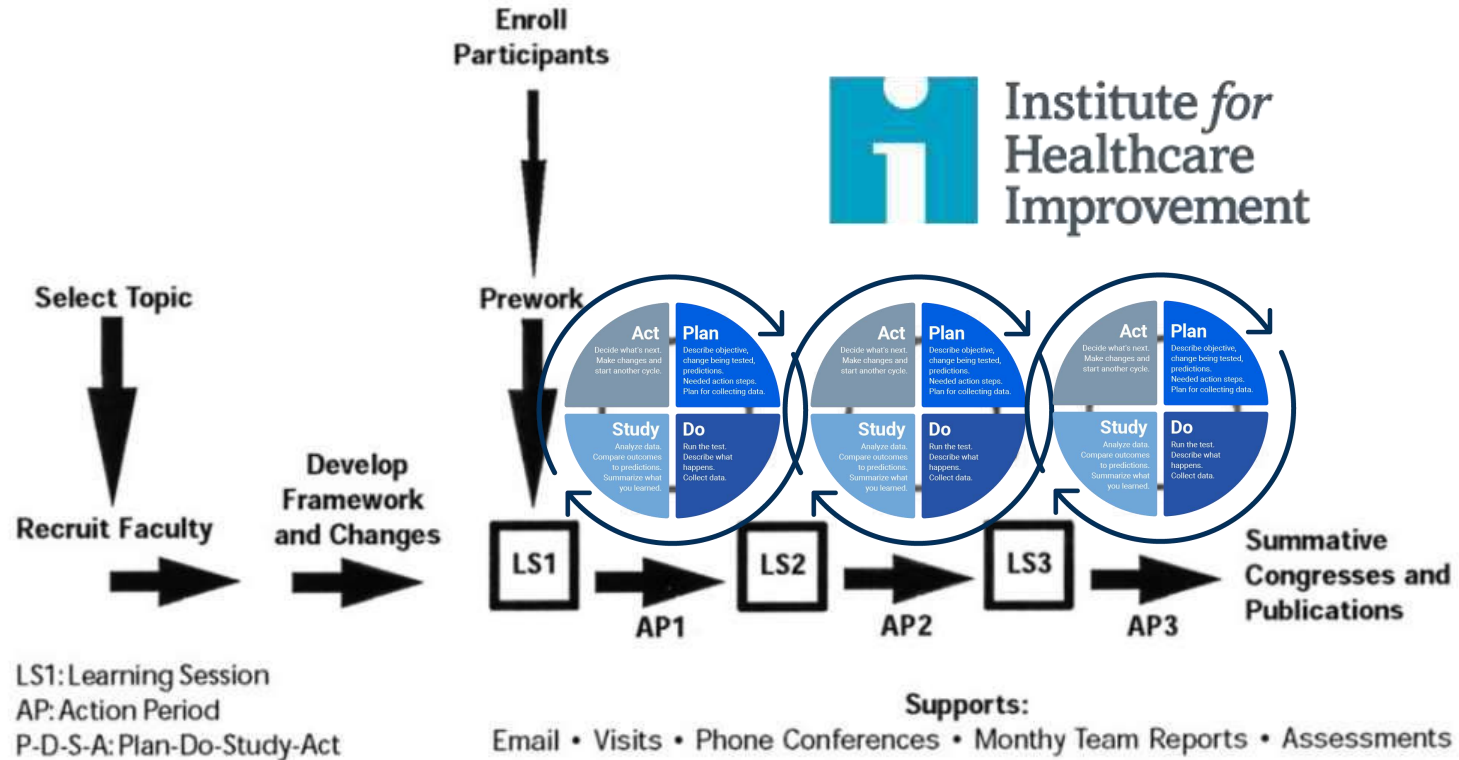




# How does it work?



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# All Teach, All Learn





MEASURE  
SUCCESS





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CELEBRATING  
**6,000**  
*patients*

ENROLLED IN THE  
NPC-QIC REGISTRY





# Interstage Change Project & Toolkit



## NPC-QIC Toolkit

## Patient Management Strategies for Interstage Care

### Key Driver Diagram September 2022

#### Aim

Improve survival and optimize quality of life for infants with HLHS and variants between discharge after first surgical palliation (S1P) and admission for second surgical palliation (S2P)

#### Target Population

Infants with HLHS and variants referred with intent for surgical management and subsequent Fontan palliation

#### Key Drivers

Partner to Optimize Support for Patients and Families

Provide Effective Care Transitions and Care Coordination

Achieve Adequate Growth

Optimize Development

#### Change/Practices

##### Emotional Support

- Validate the stress of being the parent of a hospitalized infant with significant CHD
- Provide resources [www.roadmapforemotionalhealth.org](http://www.roadmapforemotionalhealth.org) and AHA patient/family statement
- Families to support, e.g. peer-to-peer at local and national levels [www.sistersbyheart.org](http://www.sistersbyheart.org) and therapy as needed

##### Preparation for Discharge

- Create standardized discharge process utilizing a checklist and journey board to ensure comprehensive caregiver education and preparation for home
- Employ teach back methods to confirm parental competency with medications, feeding plan, cardiac status, equipment, home surveillance monitoring, "red flag" concerns
- Evaluate for barriers to accessing meds, outpatient care or services and refer for additional resources
- Employ rooming-in / 24-hour care strategies to verify caregiver competency and comfort prior to discharge

##### Transition from Inpatient Setting to Home

- Provide parents with culturally & language appropriate written plan for home including medications, nutrition/feeding, home monitoring (O2 sat, weight, intake), Red Flag Action Plan (triggers and action for seeking help), and preventive care/immunizations
- Schedule follow-up appointments with cardiology, PCP, and developmental team
- Establish emergency plan in case of major event necessitating ER evaluation
- Complete a pre-discharge conference call with all care team members (family, interstage team, cardiologist, PCP, home health) to ensure safe and effective transition home

##### Delivering Coordinated Care

- Utilize interstage home monitoring strategies for surveillance of cardiac status (e.g. daily O2 sat, weight, enteral intake)
- Determine appropriate outpatient cardiology follow-up (interstage clinic vs referring site)
- Review Red Flag Action Plan with family at every visit and update as necessary
- Establish clinic communication process to proactively follow-up, support and reinforce Red Flag Action Plan with care team members
- Establish cardiology / interstage team structure for rapid response to surveillance data and/or red flag events (e.g. parents know when and whom to call; cardiology or interstage team prepared to act on calls)
- Prepare family for potential change in cardiology providers and stopping of home surveillance after S2P

##### Nutrition and Growth

- Assess weight, nutritional status, caloric intake and safe oral feeding readiness at every clinic visit
- Work with feeding team to safely advance oral feedings as able while supplementing nutrition with NG or G-tube feedings as a bridge to ensure adequate nutritional intake
- Consult nutritionist at every clinic visit
- Adjust target caloric goals at each clinic visit (daily Kcal & weight targets)
- Reinforce nutritional plan to families and primary care providers and provide updated feeding plan each clinic visit
- Ensure family understanding of Red Flag Action Plan related to home monitoring of intake and weight

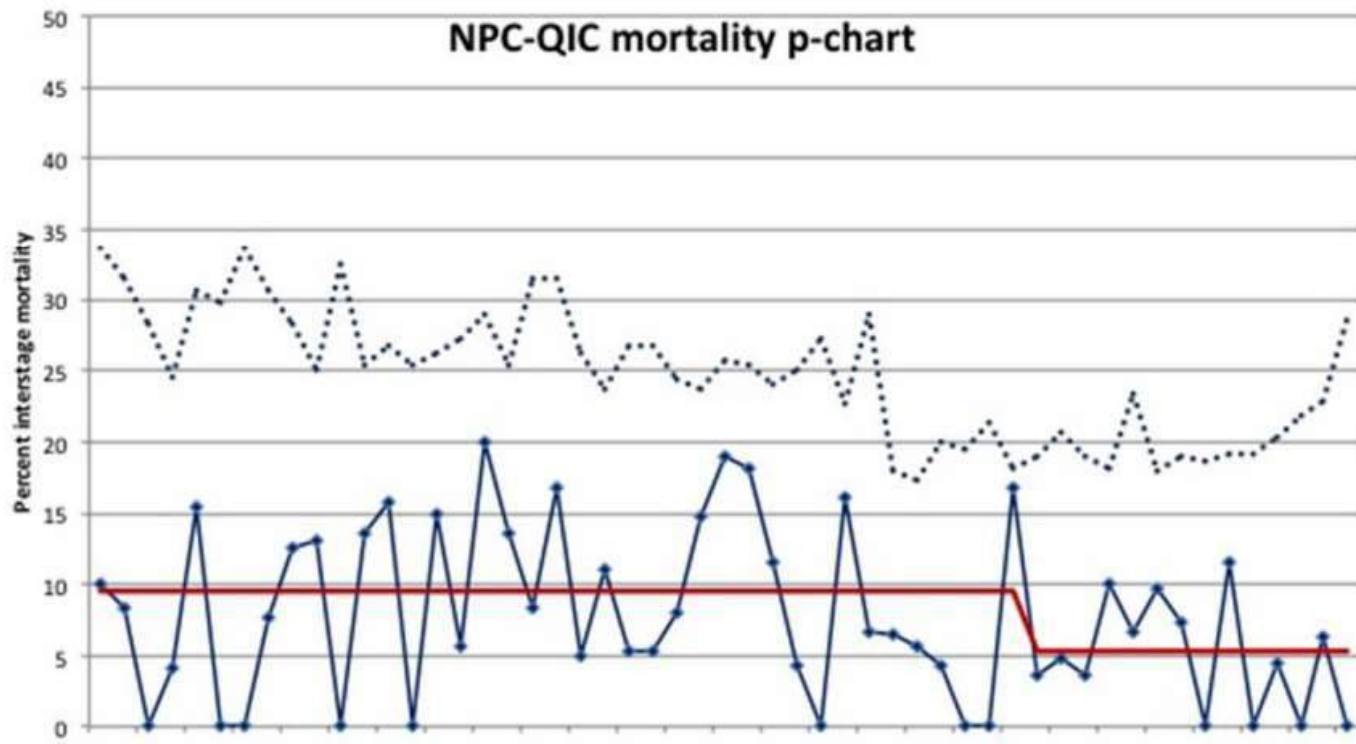
##### Optimal development

- Assess and support development throughout S1P hospitalization
- Provide developmental plan of care at S1P discharge
- Continued developmental assessments and interventions with PT/OT and speech therapy in the interstage follow-up clinics as able
- Ensure referral to early intervention program /community-based therapy as appropriate





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## SYSTEM DRIVERS

Family & Patient Support

Optimal Fetal & Perinatal Management

Improve Morbidity & Mortality during  
Pre-op ICU, Periop & Post-op

Optimize Neurodevelopment for Single  
Ventricle Infant Survivors

Achieve Optimal Oral Feeding &  
Adequate Growth

## Project

## Lead(s)



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## Our Network & Reach

**69** 

**care centers** in  
**3** countries

NPC-QIC publications have  
been **cited more than**  
**1,500 times**  
in other works in more than  
**150 separate journals.**





### Prenatal

- Parent's Guide to HLHS: Prenatal (before birth) Bulletin
  - English version
  - Spanish version
- Single Ventricle Journey: A Guide for Parents and Families
  - English single-page view
  - English two-page spread view
  - Spanish version
- NPC-QIC Guide to Transparency

### Pre-Operative

- Parent's Guide to HLHS: Postnatal (after birth) Bulletin
  - English version
  - Spanish version
- Oral Tweaks Prior to Stage I Surgery (Pre-Operative Feeding) Toolkit

## Our Milestones

84



shared  
learnings  
published



45

Research  
Explained  
summaries

express the significance  
of research findings  
to families

### Stage I

- Parent's Guide to HLHS: Tube Feeding Bulletin
- Heart University Webinar: Normotensive Procedure and Post-Operative Care

### Interstage

- Parent's Guide to HLHS: Interstage Bulletin
  - English version
  - Spanish version
- Interstage Change Package
- Heart University Webinar: Medications in the Interstage Period

### Fontan Preparation

- Parent's Guide to HLHS: Preparing for Fontan Bulletin
- Parent's Guide to HLHS: Fontan Hospitalization Bulletin
- Heart University Webinars:
  - Hot Topics in Fontan Circulation
  - Surgical Considerations in Fontan Patients
  - Ventricular Assist Devices in Individuals with Fontan Circulation

### Stage II

- Parent's Guide to HLHS: Post-Fontan Bulletin
  - English version
  - Spanish version
- Parent's Guide to HLHS: Assisting a Toddler Bulletin
- Optimizing Neurodevelopment & Supporting Infant Gross Motor Outcomes Toolkit
- Tube Weaning Toolkit
- Tube Weaning Preparedness for Parents



# How far we've come...

## Impact of NPC-QIC

### SV Infant Born in 2006

- Minimal home monitoring
- Interstage mortality 15-20%
- Growth failure in ~30%
- Lack of community even at individual centers
- Significant clinical variation from site to site and provider to provider
- Lack of transparent data sharing

### SV Infant Born in 2022

- Home monitoring is the national standard
- Interstage mortality 5%
- Growth failure <10%
- ~70 centers learning, improving, and building community together
- Standardized approach to nutrition & growth, discharge planning and risk stratification, neurodevelopmental screening
- Data shared transparently at twice yearly learning sessions



But a family navigating a Norwood Procedure in 2022 is moving into a different phase of care in 2025





# FON Development

FON developed as a collaboration between various stakeholders, most directly emerging from and with support from NPC-QIC.



# FON Vision & Mission



## Our Mission

To optimize longevity and quality of life for individuals with Fontan circulation by dramatically improving:

- Physical health & functioning
- Neurodevelopment
- Emotional health & resilience



## Our Vision

To improve outcomes and quality of life for all individuals with single ventricle heart disease and Fontan circulation.







Liver Health



Exercise/Physical Activity



Emotional Health



Transplant



Birth Control & Pregnancy

Five  
Themes



# Physical Activity & Exercise QI Project

## Global Aim

Support physical activity and wellbeing for individuals with Fontan circulation



# TEAM QI KICKOFF MARCH 2025

## Strategies

Assessment and promotion of physical activity  
Use of FON Physical Activity & Exercise resource toolkit



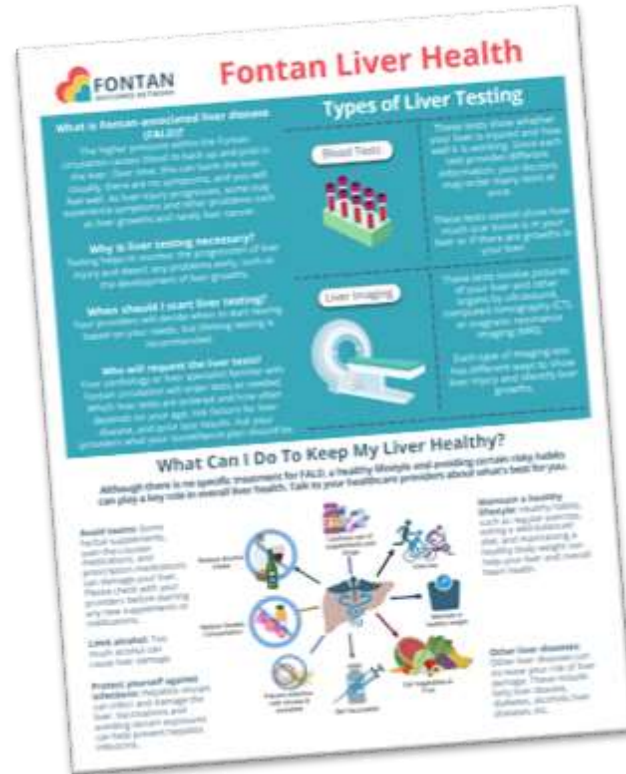
# Liver Health QI Project

## 2023 and 2024 Milestones

- Create liver health workgroup
- Create liver health expert feedback group
- Create tools and interventions to improve outcomes for liver health

## 2025 Milestones

- Charter a Quality Improvement Project for improving liver health outcomes





# FON Data Registry

FONTAN Outcomes Enrollment Dashboard - Last Updated 2/6/25



Count of Consented Patients



# Community Building & Engagement

**PATIENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT  
IN ALL WORKGROUPS, QI PROJECT,  
AND LEADERSHIP TEAMS**



**PATIENTS AND FAMILIES REPRESENT 25%  
OF ALL LEARNING SESSION ATTENDEES**

**6 YEARS RUNNING FOR SINGLE  
VENTRICLE PATIENT DAY**



# FON + NPC-QIC = SV-ONE

Given the overlapping missions and close collaboration between FON and NPC-QIC, the leadership teams of both organizations have decided that the networks will enhance collaboration, working towards becoming one organization: the Single Ventricle Outcomes Network (SV-ONE), with the goal to create a seamless lifespan registry for single ventricle patients.

Timing and Care Center requirements will be among the many details that will be thoughtfully considered in a robust plan before proceeding in FY26.

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# Single Ventricle Outcomes NEtwork (SV-ONE)



**Vision:** A future where all affected by single ventricle heart disease can thrive and live long, fulfilling lives.



**Mission:** To build a connected community, accelerate discovery, transform care, and improve single ventricle heart disease outcomes across the lifespan.



## **Guiding Principles:**

- Center the patient and family in all that we do.
- Embrace whole-patient health, including psychosocial and emotional needs.
- Ensure broad representation and elevate voices from diverse expertise and experience.
- Design, measure, and promote equity in all our endeavors.
- Collect accurate, timely data to power impactful improvement and research.
- Support and empower clinicians.

## VISION & MISSION

Draft vision, mission, and guiding principles

Q1

## COME TOGETHER

Joint Learning Session in St. Louis

Q2

## PLANNING

Working group strategies approved by ELTs  
Submit revised IRB protocol

## RESOURCING

Prioritization and resourcing for SV-ONE for FY26

Q3

## JOIN US

Care center commitment letters sent to current FON & NPC-QIC sites

## CONVENE

Joint Learning Session (Virtual)

Q4

## MEMBERSHIP

Legal/IRB documentation distributed

July 2025  
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## STRATEGY

Charter joint-ELT working groups:

- Strategic Planning
- Leadership & Governance
- Business Model & Network Operations
- Data & Technology



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# THE VALUE...BY THE NUMBERS



Over **70** participating cardiology care centers



**46%** sustained mortality reduction



Over **7,500** enrolled in our registries of individuals with SV heart disease



Over **80** research publications using data from the registry



**6** toolkits designed with QI methodology to promote improved processes and outcomes across the lifespan



**45** research explained summaries, to make medical research approachable for families



Over **15** resources for families to support and help navigate the single ventricle journey





# Conclusions

## The future is now!

- We have assembled a broad coalition of patients, families, providers, and allies
- SV-ONE provides an infrastructure to leverage the expertise of these key stakeholders to drive improvement in outcomes that matter for patients living with SV physiology and their families
- A national lifespan registry is long overdue
- The Learning Network model provides opportunities for ACTION and COLLABORATION rather than just data collection and reflection
- There are early opportunities to reduce unnecessary variation and establish guidelines to optimize care
- There are long-term opportunities to conduct transformative longitudinal research by pooling data to conduct network-wide QI initiatives and clinical research

Don't be left behind... **JOIN US!!**



"Individually we are one drop. Together we are an ocean." *Ryunosuke Satoro*

# What now?

We are looking for care centers to join **SV-ONE** and partner with us in improving outcomes for these patients

If interested, please email:

[info@fontanoutcomesnetwork.org](mailto:info@fontanoutcomesnetwork.org)

