

Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Program at Children's of Alabama Accredited

Dr. Bennett Pearce, UAB Pediatric Cardiology, has announced that following a recent site visit The Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Program at Children's of Alabama has been accredited as a Pediatric Heart Failure Institute by the Healthcare Colloquium. This designation is the highest level of accreditation available at this time. Children's is the first center in Southeast to be awarded this accreditation and one of only 8 centers in the US. Other centers include Cincinnati Children's Hospital



and Texas Children's Hospital. This represents the culmination of a year of work that included development of milestones in 4 domains related to Pediatric Heart Failure care involving

multiple members of the multidisciplinary team. This application and process was supported by COA. The benefits to the children and families and the institution include: enhanced national programatic recognition and reputation, ongoing collaboration with other centers of excellence, and enhanced development of local resources for education, advancement of knowledge and patient care.