

CHIEF MINISTER'S CHILDREN HEART SURGERY PROGRAM

Background

- Pakistan has one of the highest child mortality rates globally, with over 386,000 children under the age of five dying each year.
- Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) is a major contributor to these deaths, with around **50,000 children** born with CHD annually—**Punjab having the highest burden**.
- Many of these children face long waiting times, often up to **2 years**, for life-saving heart surgeries, leading to complications or loss of life.

Aim of the Program

The initiative is a comprehensive, **long-term strategy** to ensure that **children in Punjab** with **CHD** receive the timely and high-quality care they deserve.

Chief Minister's Children Heart Surgery Program

To tackle this critical health issue, the Government of Punjab has launched the Chief Minister's Children Heart Surgery Program, which focuses on:

- **Reducing the backlog** of children awaiting surgery.
- **Enhancing the capacity of public hospitals** to treat more patients.
- **Partnering with selected private hospitals** to handle overflow cases, ensuring timely treatment for all.
- **Digitizing all patient records** under the supervision of an Advisory Committee for efficient case tracking and follow-ups.
- **Referring patients** from public hospitals to empaneled private hospitals for their timely treatment when public capacity is full.

With these efforts, Punjab's **pediatric cardiac surgery capacity is expected to increase from 2,045 to 2,950 surgeries annually** in public hospitals, while **private hospitals will contribute an additional 3,350 surgeries** under the program. This will bring the **total number of procedures to over 6,300 annually**, significantly reducing the backlog of cases and saving thousands of lives.

The program also ensures **strict monitoring and accountability** through an Advisory Committee, which will oversee case referrals, financial allocations, and performance evaluation of participating hospitals.

Who is eligible?

- Patients of any age diagnosed with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)
- Residents from all over **Pakistan**
- Patients currently registered on **waiting lists** at public hospitals

Participating Hospitals

Public Sector Hospitals

1. The Children's Hospital, University of Child Health Sciences, Lahore
2. Punjab Institute of Cardiology, Lahore
3. Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology, Rawalpindi
4. Faisalabad Institute of Cardiology, Faisalabad
5. Children Hospital, Multan
6. Ch Pervaiz Elahi Institute of Cardiology, Multan

Private Hospitals

1. Ittefaq Hospital (Trust), Lahore
2. The University of Lahore Teaching Hospital, Lahore
3. Sharif Medical City Hospital, Lahore
4. Bahria International Hospital, Orchard, Lahore
5. Asghari Begum Pvt Limited - Hameed Latif Hospital, Garden Town, Lahore
6. Farooq Hospital, West Wood, Lahore
7. Mukhtar A. Sheikh Hospital, Multan
8. Buch International Hospital, Multan
9. Medicare Hospital, Multan
10. Maroof International Hospital, Islamabad
11. Farooq Hospital, Bahria Enclave, Islamabad
12. Bahria International Hospital, Rawalpindi
13. Farooq Hospital, Rawalpindi
14. Mujahid Hospital, Faisalabad

How to Apply?

- Visit your nearest public sector hospital from the list above.
- Your case will be entered into the centralized digital database for processing.
- Get a medical evaluation and official referral for surgery.
- If the public hospital is at full capacity, your case may be referred to a partnered private hospital under the program.

A Commitment to a Healthier Future

The **Chief Minister's Children Heart Surgery Program** is more than just a healthcare initiative—it is a **lifeline for thousands of children and their families**. By integrating the efficiency of **public-sector with private-sector capacity**, the program exemplifies a **forward-thinking approach** to addressing Pakistan's critical healthcare challenges.

This initiative stands as a **testament to the Punjab Government's commitment** to saving lives and ensuring a healthier future for the population of Punjab.

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