

**Primary Children's Hospital** ranks among the best children's hospitals in the United States. Located in scenic Utah, our 289-bed hospital is focused on providing the best care to more than 1 million children living in a 400,000 square-mile service area.

Our simple philosophy of *The Child First and Always*\* informs every decision we make and how we care for patients and their families.



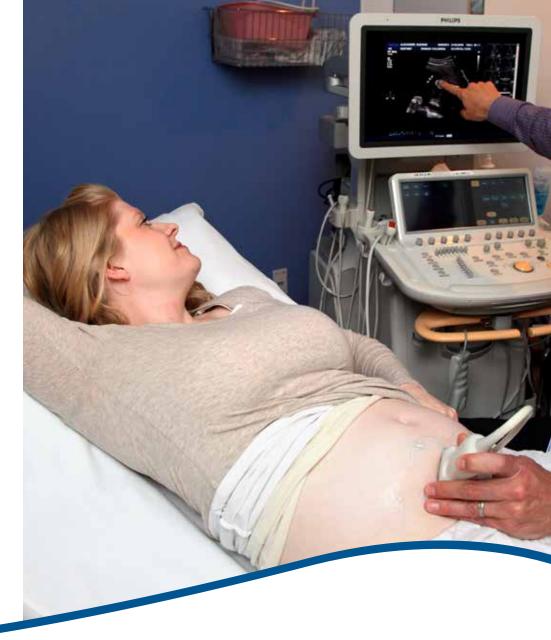


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## **Fetal Heart Program**

The Heart Center at Primary Children's Hospital



he Heart Center at Primary Children's is the referral center for Utah and surrounding states for fetuses, infants, and children with acquired and congenital heart disease. The Fetal Heart Program is a joint effort by the University of Utah and Intermountain Healthcare to provide the best outcomes possible for fetuses with arrhythmias and congenital heart disease. We accomplish this through detection, diagnosis, and management of heart defects and rhythm abnormalities in unborn babies, as early as 18 weeks of gestation. Early fetal detection allows for important prenatal planning, education, and expedient management after delivery.



## **ABOUT YOUR VISIT**

Your obstetrician has sent you here so that our team can evaluate your baby's heart. Primary Children's Hospital is the only center in Utah that is able to diagnose and manage arrhythmias and heart disease before babies are born.

During your initial visit to the Heart Center, you will have the following:

- **Fetal Echocardiogram**, a noninvasive ultrasound used to assess the structure and function of your baby's heart.
- **Consultation with a Fetal Cardiologist,** allowing the physician to explain the results of the fetal echocardiogram and answer any questions you have.

## **COMPREHENSIVE CARE**

The fetal heart team includes board-certified pediatric cardiologists, specialty sonographers, and a nurse coordinator. The team is experienced in diagnosing and caring for the entire spectrum of cardiac anomalies in the fetus.

We work to provide the highest quality family-centered care. We accomplish this through comprehensive coordination between pediatric cardiology, perinatology, obstetrics, neonatology, cardiovascular surgery, and the Fetal Care Center. Because we treat one of the largest patient populations, our outcomes are among the most favorable in the country.

The Heart Center includes physicians who specialize in cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, intensive care, and anesthesiology. Additionally, our team utilizes Primary Children's extensive family support resources, which include social work, discharge planning, financial counseling and assistance, interpretation, guest services, and palliative care.

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