



THE OFFICIAL NEWSMAGAZINE OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

AAP News

News Articles, For Your Information, Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disorders

FYI: 5 facts about pediatric cardiomyopathy

by Trisha Koriath, Staff Writer

The Academy is partnering with the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation (CCF) for Children's Cardiomyopathy Awareness Month. Following are five facts about the disease:

1. Cardiomyopathy is a chronic disease of the heart muscle that affects the heart's ability to pump blood.
2. Cardiomyopathy is a leading cause of sudden cardiac arrest in young people and can affect any child.
3. Cardiomyopathy remains the leading cause of heart transplants in children older than 1 year of age.
4. There is no cure for the disease.
5. Cardiomyopathy can be inherited or acquired through a viral infection or cancer chemotherapy. Knowing your family history can help prevent premature death.

Pediatricians can share information via Twitter by urging families to #KnowYourHeart. For more information, visit www.childrenscardiomyopathy.org, call the CCF at 866-808-2873 or email info@childrenscardiomyopathy.org.