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## Paediatric Cardiology

### Nature of the work

Paediatric cardiology traditionally includes the care of patients with congenital heart disease. It originates from adult cardiology, and is closely associated with the British Cardiovascular Society (previously the British Cardiac Society). This specialty grew under the auspices of the Royal College of Physicians, rather than the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, although links with the latter remain.

### Working in paediatric cardiology

Paediatric cardiologists assess and manage acute and chronic congenital heart disease, with referral to a super specialist when appropriate.

The specialty is set to grow. At the end of 2006 there were 81 paediatric cardiology consultants in the UK, and 39 full-time SpR posts. The relatively large number of SpRs reflects the understaffing at consultant level, which is recognised by the Department of Health. In 2001, the Department of Health endorsed the British Cardiac Society (BCS) recommendation that there should be two paediatric cardiology consultants per million of the population. In 2005, the BCS increased this recommendation to three per million, making 180 UK consultants in total.

### Associated sub specialities

Paediatric cardiologists are no longer trained in the super specialities. Trainees wishing to continue in super-specialty training will compete for nationally approved posts, which will be of variable duration depending upon the specific super specialty.

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