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# Heart Conditions

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## ***Alert! Alert!***

Because NICHCY's website will only remain online until September 30, 2014, most of its rich content has moved to a new home, the **Center for Parent Information and Resources** (CPIR), where it can be kept up to date.

The new address of the *Heart Conditions fact sheet* at the CPIR is:  
<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/ohi-heartconditions/>

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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), our nation's special education law, defines 14 [categories of disability](#) under which a child may be found eligible for special education and related services. One of those categories is "[Other Health Impairment](#)," or OHI, for short. Within OHI's definition, numerous disabilities and medical conditions are explicitly named, including the focus of this short resource sheet: **Heart conditions**.

## **A Brief Look at Heart Conditions**

It is nigh impossible to give a summary of the range of heart conditions that may cause a "chronic or acute health condition" as defined within IDEA. There are many resources, however, that you can use to learn more about the specific condition of concern or interest to you. We've listed several below to get you started in your information hunt.

### **American Heart Association**

(800) AHA-USA1

<http://www.americanheart.org>

### **National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute**

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/index.htm>

### **Mayo Clinic**

Look under Diseases and Conditions for comprehensive guides to hundreds of different conditions, not just those related to the heart.

<http://mayoclinic.com/>

### **The Heart Center at MedicineNet.com**

<http://www.medicinenet.com/heart/focus.htm>

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