

# Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit

The cardiovascular intensive care unit (CVICU) provides specialized care to medical and surgical patients with congenital and acquired heart disease. Our multidisciplinary team cares for patients ranging in age from newborn to adulthood across the spectrum of their hospital course, as an admission to discharge unit.

## Unit Overview

- The CVICU is a 22-bed unit, serving patients of all acuity levels and all ages. Our typical nurse-patient ratio is 1:1 or 1:2.
- Ongoing opportunities for clinical advancement and advanced therapy training. The sky is the limit!
- The vision of our CVICU nursing team is to build a culture of excellence rooted in integrity, mutual interdisciplinary support, trust and professional fulfillment inspiring the highest level of quality care.



## Meet Our Team

- 25% of our nurses have been here >5 years
- 50% of our nurses have >5 years of nursing experience
- >90% of our nurses have their BSN
- 33% of our nurses have a certification
- The Heart Institute is 2021 winner of the Innovations in Clinical Care, a Johns Hopkins Medicine Clinical Excellence Award

## What to Expect

- Orientation lasts 22 weeks
- Ongoing education is a priority in the CVICU. We offer simulation, lectures, weekly surgical case discussions, operative huddles and Advanced Cardiovascular Education (ACE), a one-week comprehensive cardiac curriculum, is offered to all new employees.
- After orientation, positions are 12-hour rotating shifts for the first year, in two-month cycles

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