

**COMMISSION
CONGENITAL CARDIAC DEFECTS (CCD) COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON LIFELONG CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE AND HEART HEALTH
IN THE YOUNG (YOUNG HEARTS)**

- NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 10 members.
- METHOD OF APPOINTMENT: The Council Chair, in consultation with the Committee Chair and Nominating Committee, shall appoint Committee members. The Committee shall be made up of a Chair and 6-8 members drawn from the Council, as well as external Liaisons from the CDC and Mended Hearts/Mended Little Hearts.
- TERM OF OFFICE: Members shall serve two-year terms beginning July 1st and ending June 30th and shall be staggered for continuity.
- FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Committee shall meet face-to-face twice per year, in the Fall in conjunction with AHA Scientific Sessions, and in the Spring in conjunction with ACC. The time commitment will vary, but should not exceed 1-3 hours per month.
- RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Committee Responsibilities:
- Review and evaluate new medical knowledge in the field of congenital heart defects as it affects prevention of cardiac anomalies, and care and treatment of patients with congenital heart defects;
 - Assist in suitable recommendations and standards for care;
 - Stimulate development and accumulation of further knowledge in the field;
 - Furnish guidance for educational matters related to congenital defects;
 - Write AHA-approved medical/scientific statements;
 - Participate in AHA scientific conferences;
 - Prepare booklets, pamphlets, and other material for the public, particularly for families of children with congenital heart defects.
- Chairperson's Responsibilities:
- Attend Leadership Committee meetings and present Committee report;
 - Provide guidance and orientation to members;
 - Preside over Committee meetings, working with AHA staff to schedule and prepare agendas;
 - Lead discussions at meetings and monitor activities;
 - Review minutes of Committee meetings;
 - Assign responsibilities as needed.

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