





Congenital Heart Diseases

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Study Overview

This study analyzes congenital heart diseases in Pakistani children under 12 years old.



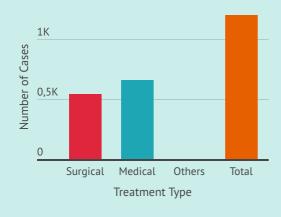
Common CHDs

Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD) is the most common, followed by Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) and Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF).



Diagnosis Age

The average age for diagnosis is 2.5 years, indicating late initial detection.



Surgical vs Medical

45% of children received surgical treatment while 55% had medical management.



Urhan vs Rural

Rural children diagnosed at an average of 3.2 years, while urban children at 1.8 years.



Disparities

Socioeconomic factors significantly affect diagnosis timing and treatment access in Pakistan.



Statistical Insights

Significant associations found between socioeconomic status and access to care.



Impact of Socioeconomic Status



Conclusions

The findings emphasize the urgent need for better healthcare systems, early screening for CHDs,

and targeted policy interventions to improve treatment and outcomes for children, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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