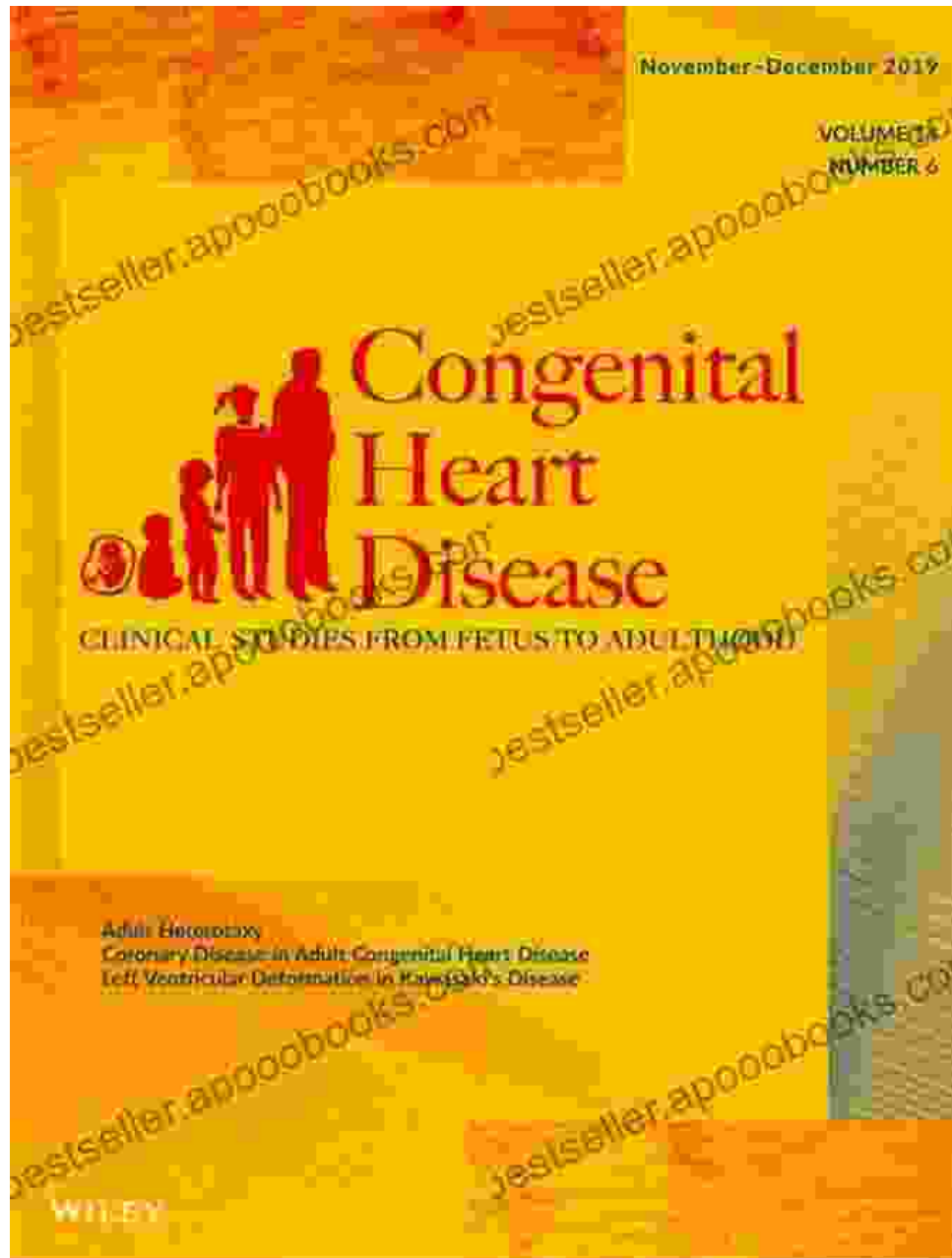
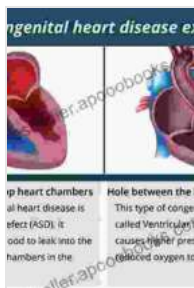


# Intensive Care of the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease: A Comprehensive Guide



Congenital heart disease (CHD) is a birth defect that affects the structure of the heart. It is the most common birth defect, affecting approximately 1 in

100 live births. CHD can range from mild to severe, and can cause a variety of symptoms, including shortness of breath, fatigue, and chest pain.



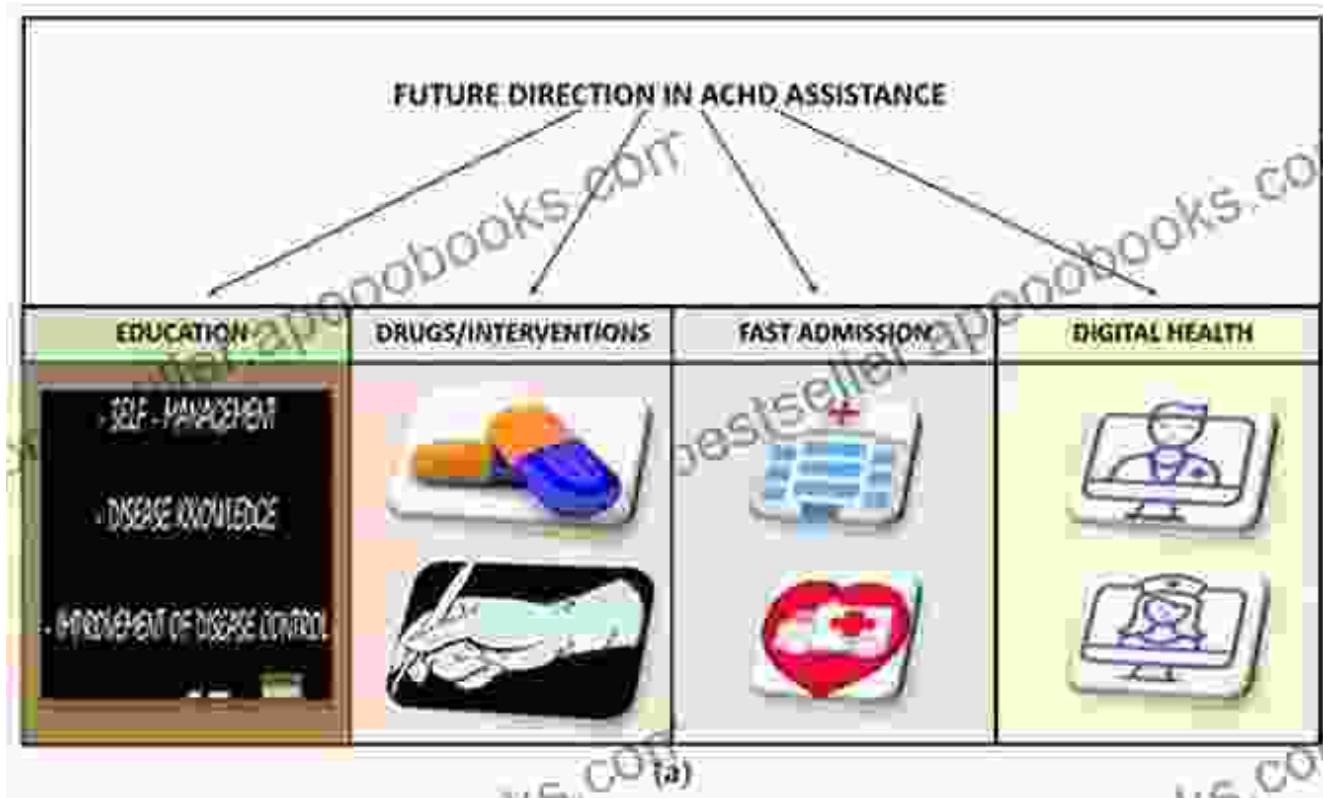
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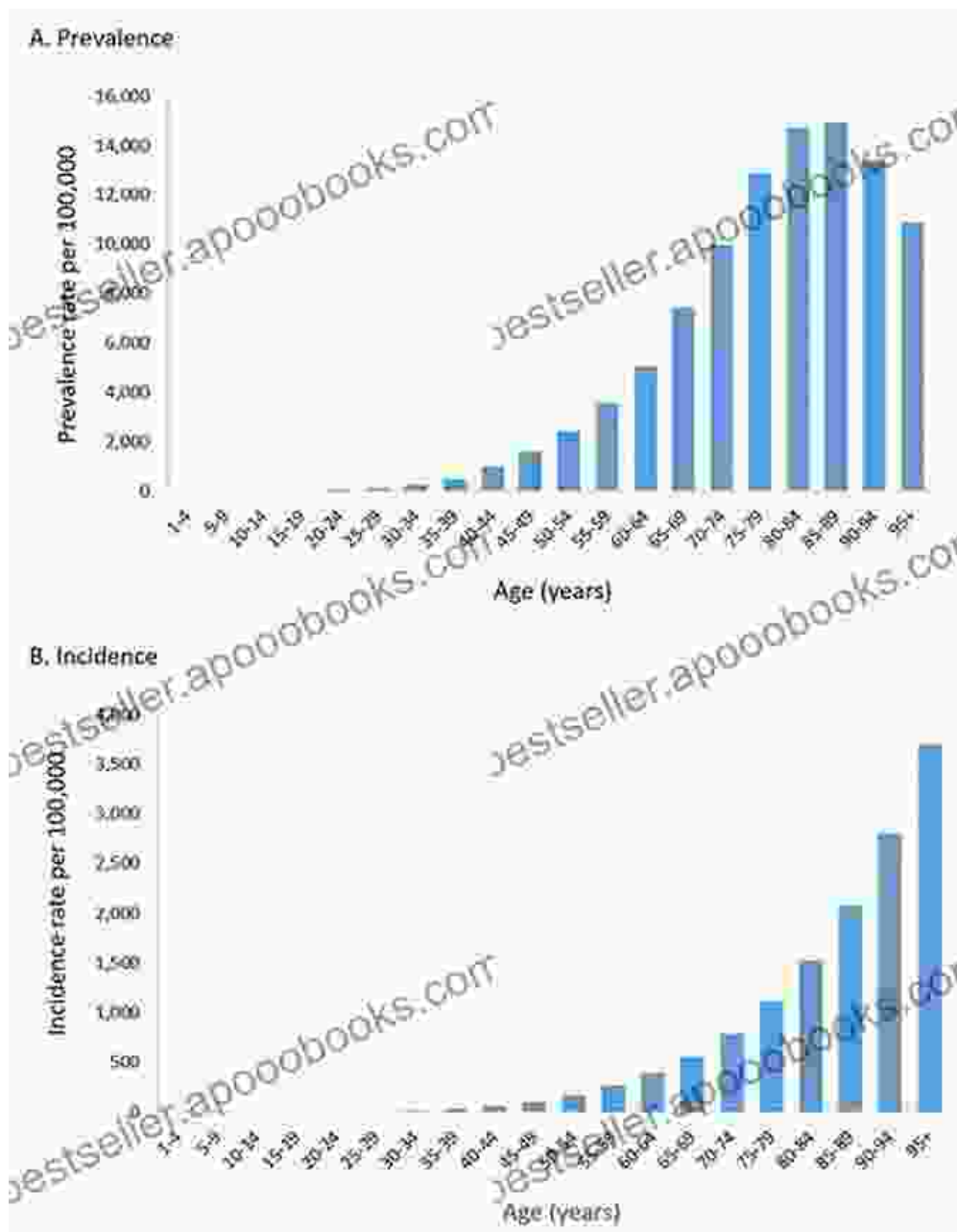


## What is Intensive Care of the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease?

Intensive care of the adult with congenital heart disease (IACHD) is a subspecialty of cardiology that focuses on the care of adults with CHD. IACHD physicians are trained to manage the complex medical needs of adults with CHD, including:

\* Heart failure \* Arrhythmias \* Valvular heart disease \* Pulmonary hypertension \* Coronary artery disease

IACHD physicians also provide preoperative and postoperative care for adults with CHD who are undergoing heart surgery.



## Why is Intensive Care of the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease Important?

IACHD is important because it helps to improve the quality of life and survival of adults with CHD. IACHD physicians can help to:

\* Manage symptoms of CHD \* Prevent complications of CHD \* Optimize medical therapy \* Provide preoperative and postoperative care

## **Who Needs Intensive Care of the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease?**

Adults with CHD who have complex medical needs or who are at high risk for complications may need IACHD care. IACHD care may also be necessary for adults with CHD who are undergoing heart surgery.



## **How is Intensive Care of the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease Provided?**

IACHD care is typically provided in a specialized IACHD unit. IACHD units are staffed by a team of healthcare professionals who are specially trained to care for adults with CHD.

IACHD care may include:

\* Monitoring of vital signs \* Administration of medications \* Mechanical ventilation \* Cardiac catheterization \* Heart surgery



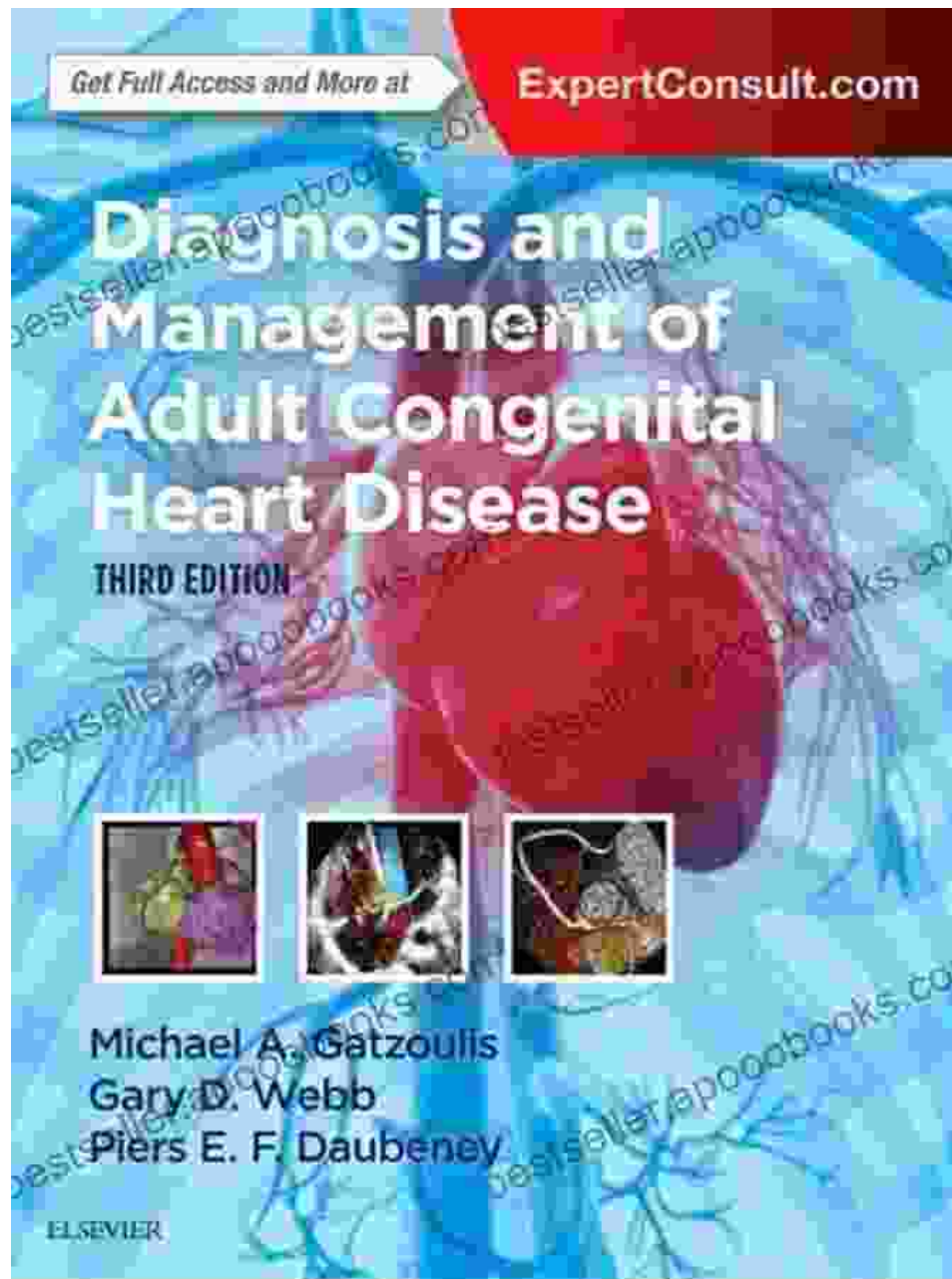
## **What are the Benefits of Intensive Care of the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease?**

IACHD can provide a number of benefits for adults with CHD, including:

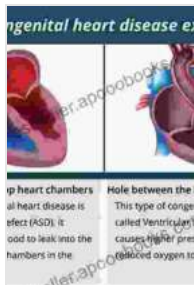
\* Improved quality of life \* Reduced risk of complications \* Optimized medical therapy \* Improved survival

## How Can I Find an Intensive Care of the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease Specialist?

If you have CHD, you should talk to your doctor about whether you need to see an IACHD specialist. IACHD specialists can be found at most major hospitals and medical centers.



IACHD is a vital service for adults with CHD. IACHD physicians can help to manage the complex medical needs of adults with CHD and improve their quality of life and survival.



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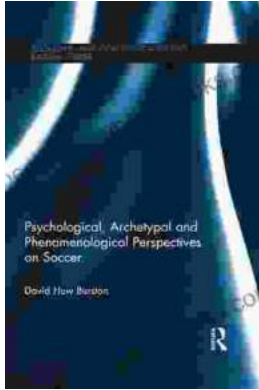
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