



Gary Wayne Raff, M.D.

Philosophy of Care	I provide the type of care for my patients that I expect to have for my own children. My goal is to treat patients in a safe and cost effective way that allows them to grow and thrive.
Clinical Interests	Dr. Raff is a senior pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon with over 20 years of experience. He has had special interest in treating patients with complex congenital heart disease, especially those with complex newborn lesions. Dr. Raff has also been active in developing self sustaining congenital heart surgery programs in other countries including in Russia and Mexico. Dr. Raff also has special expertise in chest wall anomalies and their treatments, both surgical and non-surgical.
Research/Academic Interests	Dr. Raff has had an interest in factors that lead to pulmonary hypertension and the mechanisms of pulmonary hypertension in children with and without congenital heart disease. He has been actively involved in research in this area for almost 20 years. He has a special interest in unusual congenital heart condition and long term neurologic outcomes in patients after congenital heart surgery. Dr. Raff also is keenly interested in using strategies to reduce pain and limit narcotic use. He is a national expert on the use of cryoanalgesia therapy in the thorax.
Title	Co-Chair, Children's Hospital Multidisciplinary Continuous Quality Assurance Committee Surgical Director, Pediatric Heart Center Chief, Division of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery Professor of Clinical Surgery
Specialty	Surgery - Thoracic , Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Surgery - Cardiothoracic
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Education	M.D., Hahnemann University School of Medicine, Philadelphia PA 1990 Leadership Development for Physician in Academic Health, Harvard University, New York NY



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2018

Mid-Career Leadership Program, UC Davis School of Medicine, Sacramento CA 2010

B.S., State University of New York, Stony Brook, Stony Brook NY 1985

Internships

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark NJ 1990-1996

Residency

Thoracic Surgery, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark NJ 1996-1998

Administrative Chief Resident in Surgery, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark NJ 1992-1993

Administrative Chief Resident in Thoracic Surgery, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark NJ 1997-1998

Fellowships

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery (Clinical and Research), Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 1998-2000

Surgery, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark NJ 1995-1996

Research Fellow in Surgery, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark NJ 1992-1993

Board Certifications

American Board of Thoracic Surgery

CA Medical Board, License

Fluoroscopy: X-Ray Supervisor and Operator

Professional Memberships

American Board of Thoracic Surgeons

American College of Cardiology

American College of Surgeons

American Medical Association

Northern California Chapter

Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Society

Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Honors and Awards

Faculty Excellence in Medical Student Education, UC Davis Medical Center, 2020

Deans Excellence Award, UC Davis Medical Center, 2010

Winner 1994 Resident's Trauma Paper Competition (New Jersey Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons), 1994

Letter of Recognition, Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps., 1985

Service Citation, Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps., 1985

Dean's List - State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985

Select Recent Publications

Zhu T, Chiacchia S, Kameny RJ, Garcia De Herreros A, Gong W, Raff GW, Boehme JB, Maltepe E, Lasheras JC, Black SM, Datar SA, Fineman JR. Mechanical Forces Alter endothelin-1 Signaling:



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Graves CE, Hirose S, Raff GW, Iqbal CW, Imamura-Ching J, Christensen D, Fechter R, Kwiat D, Harrison MR. Magnetic Mini-Mover Procedure for pectus excavatum IV: FDA sponsored multicenter trial. *J Pediatr Surg.* 2017 Jun;52(6):913-919. doi:10.1016/j.jpedsurg.2017.03.009. Epub 2017 Mar 15. PMID:28342579.

Perry P, David E, Atkins B, Raff G. Novel application of a percutaneous left ventricular assist device as a bridge to transplant in a paediatric patient with severe heart failure due to viral myocarditis. *Interact Cardiovasc Thorac Surg.* 2017 Mar 1;24(3):474-476. doi:10.1093/icvts/ivw387.

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