

MEDIA ADVISORY

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UF Health Shands Children's Hospital to open pediatric cardiac intensive care unit

WHAT: The UF Health Shands Children's Hospital will celebrate the grand opening of its new pediatric cardiac intensive care unit Friday, Jan. 10.

The 18,000-square-foot pediatric cardiac intensive care unit includes 23 private patient rooms, each with its own bathroom and shower. The rooms also feature ceiling-mounted exam lights; ceiling-mounted and patient-lifting systems; and a kid-friendly gaming station and television. Each room is connected to a nurse's alcove in the corridor, with individual monitoring systems for patient observation.

Patients and families will continue to receive comprehensive care from the multidisciplinary team of UF Health specialists experienced in all aspects of pediatric critical care and cardiac care.

The unit's transformation from administrative offices into advanced clinical space to provide highly specialized pediatric care to patients with congenital heart disease embodies UF Health's commitment to create a family-focused children's hospital.

More information can be found at chc.med.ufl.edu.

WHO: Speakers will include:
David S. Guzick, M.D., Ph.D., UF senior vice president for health affairs and president of UF Health
Tim Goldfarb, chief executive officer, Shands HealthCare
Mark Bleiweis, M.D., director and principal cardiothoracic surgeon, UF Health Congenital Heart Center

WHEN: 2-3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 10

WHERE: UF Health Shands Children's Hospital,

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