



## CCHA interview on TVO's The Agenda

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Do you know what the # 1 birth defect is in Canada? Congenital heart disease (CHD).

On Tuesday, February 27 on 'The Agenda' - TV Ontario, there was a panel discussion focusing on congenital heart disease. Viewers heard more about the #1 birth defect - which affects about 1/100 births. Guests included

Dr. Erwin N. Oechslin, director at the Congenital Cardiac Centre for Adults located at the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre, University Health Network, Toronto General Hospital, will be one of the panellists.

Krista Vriend, President of the Canadian Congenital Heart Alliance, and herself a CHD patient

Cathy Rizzo - a mother of a CHD child

Steve Paikin is the host/moderator

Congenital heart disease is a malformation of the heart, aorta, or other large blood vessels that is the most frequent form of major birth defect in newborns. While there have been immense advances in surgical treatment and on-going care of CHD patients ... there is still no cure and no solid understanding of what causes CHD. Babies and young children can only be repaired ... they are never fixed.

Most patients require lifelong specialized cardiac care, first with a pediatric cardiologist and later with an adult congenital cardiologist.

There are over 250,000 Canadians born with CHD.

Use the link below to watch the interview

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