

ACTION Learning Network Organizational Structure

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Directors: Direct network overall

Angela Lorts, MD, MBA
Co-Executive Director
Cincinnati Children's

David Rosenthal, MD
Co-Executive Director
Lucile Packard Children's

Key	Director & Exec Leader
	Co-Chair/Mentor
	Committee/Project Leader
	Support Staff

Executive Leadership: Responsible for strategic planning for daily operations, management, quality improvement, innovation, growth and development.

Lauren Smyth, MHA Management & Operations	Jenna Murray, NP Nursing/Coordinator Advisor	Farhan Zafar, MD DCC & Proposals	David Peng, MD Innovation & Development	Matthew O'Connor, MD Academic Oversight	David Morales, MD Surgical Expert	Christina VanderPluym, MD Advocacy	Carolynn Sprague, BSN Parent Leader	Joseph Rossano, MD Senior Advisor
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DATA COORDINATING CENTER & OPERATIONS						TRACTION (Trials in ACTION)					
Farhan Zafar, MD DCC		David Rosenthal, MD DCC		Angela Lorts, MD Operations		Robert Niebler, MD Data Vis & Utilization		Lauren Smyth, MHA Operations		Neha Bansal, MD Media/Awareness	
Adjudication Committee	Wearables Project	PRO's Committee	Harmonization Committee	Families in ACTION (FACT)	Education Committee	Berlin Heart Active Driver Study					
Scott Auerbach, MD	David Peng, MD	Betsy Blume, MD	Jennifer Conway, MD	Melissa McQueen	Katrina Fields, BSN	TBD					
David Kwiatkowski, MD	Kevin Hall, MD	Lindsay May, MD	David Peng, MD	Melissa Cousino, PhD	Deipanjan Nandi, MD	TBD					
TBD	TBD	Melissa Cousino, PhD	Kathleen Simpson, MD	TBD	Jodie Lantz, MSN	TBD					

VAD & MCS				HEART FAILURE							
Angela Lorts, MD		David Rosenthal, MD		Chet Villa, MD		Christopher Almond, MD PHIS-HF Co-Leader		Danielle Burstein, MD QI-HF Co-Leader		Ryan Butts, MD QI-HF Co-Leader	
Communication Committee	Infection Committee	De-Escalation Project	ABC's Reduce Stroke 2.0	CardioMEMS Registry	DMD Committee	Meds Titration Project	HF QI Project: Discharge Plan & Communication Checklist				
Jenna Murray, PNP	Neha Bansal, MD	Hari Tunuguntla, MD	Christina VanderPluym, MD	David Peng, MD	Chet Villa, MD	Matthew O'Connor, MD	CHECKLIST				
Beth Hawkins, NP	Lara Danziger-Isakov, MD	Jennifer Conway, MD	Mary Mehegan, RN	Jesse Esch, MD	Linda Cripe, MD	Deipanjan Nandi, MD	Kathleen Simpson, MD		Brian Feingold, MD		
Robert Gajarski, MD	Barbara Elias, BSN	Michelle Ploutz, MD	Jenna Murray, PNP	Arash Salavitarab, MD	TBD	Robert Gajarski, MD	Kristen George, NP		Joseph Spinner, MD		

PREPARE				CHD & FONTAN							
Seth Hollander, MD		Aamir Jeewa, MD		Farhan Zafar, MD		Ari Cedars, MD		Kurt Schumacher, MD		Kathleen Simpson, MD	
Cardiac Fitness	Donor Decision & Education Project (w/ PHTS)			Donor-Recipient Size Project			Fontan Referral Tracking Project	Fontan-VAD Care Project	ACHD Advocacy		
Danielle Burstein, MD	ACTION Leaders		PHTS Leaders		Steven Zangwill, MD		Kurt Schumacher, MD	Sharon Chen, MD	Ari Cedars, MD		
Samuel Wittekind, MD	Neha Bansal, MD	Marc Richmond, MD		John Dykes, MD	John Dykes, MD		Kathleen Simpson, MD	TBD	TBD		
Michael Khoury, MD	Aamir Jeewa, MD	Kae Watanabe, MD		Farhan Zafar, MD	Farhan Zafar, MD		Ari Cedars, MD	TBD	TBD		

Quality Improvement Project Key Code:

▲ Design	■ Sustain	● Active	◆ Future
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Stakeholders

ICU / PC4 Stakeholders Group

Nancy Ghanayem, MD

TBD

TBD

Surgeon / STS Stakeholders Group

David Morales, MD

TBD

TBD

Industry / Philanthropic Stakeholders Group

Bob Kroschwitz
Berlin Heart, Inc.

Vince Cannon
Medtronic

Katy Fraser
Abbott

Elizabeth Oei
SynCardia

Robert Kormos
Abbott

Sonya Bhavsar
Abiomed

Eric Chen
Abbott

Kirstie Keller, PhD
Additional Ventures

Perfusion Stakeholders Group

TBD

TBD

TBD

Anesthesia Stakeholders Group

TBD

TBD

TBD

Fellows Stakeholder Group

Anna Joong, MD

Joseph Spinner, MD

Lakshmi Gokanapudy, MD

Kathryn Restaino, MD

Christopher Knoll, MD

International Stakeholders

Christina VanderPluym, MD

Matthew Fenton, MD

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