

Cook Children's Cardiac Target Improvement (CTI) program gives your child's care team goals after heart surgery. These goals are safe target dates for:

- Removal of the breathing tube
- Removal of the chest tube
- Removal of the central line/catheter
- Transfer out of the Cardiac ICU
- Discharge home

These goals are some of the most important in your child's recovery and come from previous patients who had the same type of operation at Cook Children's Medical Center. While these target dates are common, it is important to remember every child is different. Target dates are used as a guide, not a guarantee.

Patient safety remains our primary focus

You are your child's strongest advocate and an important member of the team. Having knowledge can be empowering and reassuring. We are dedicated to helping you learn about the diagnosis, surgery and post-operative care. You have a respected voice and your thoughts, impressions and questions are key to good communication.

We hope that CTI allows you to participate in your child's care more meaningfully.

