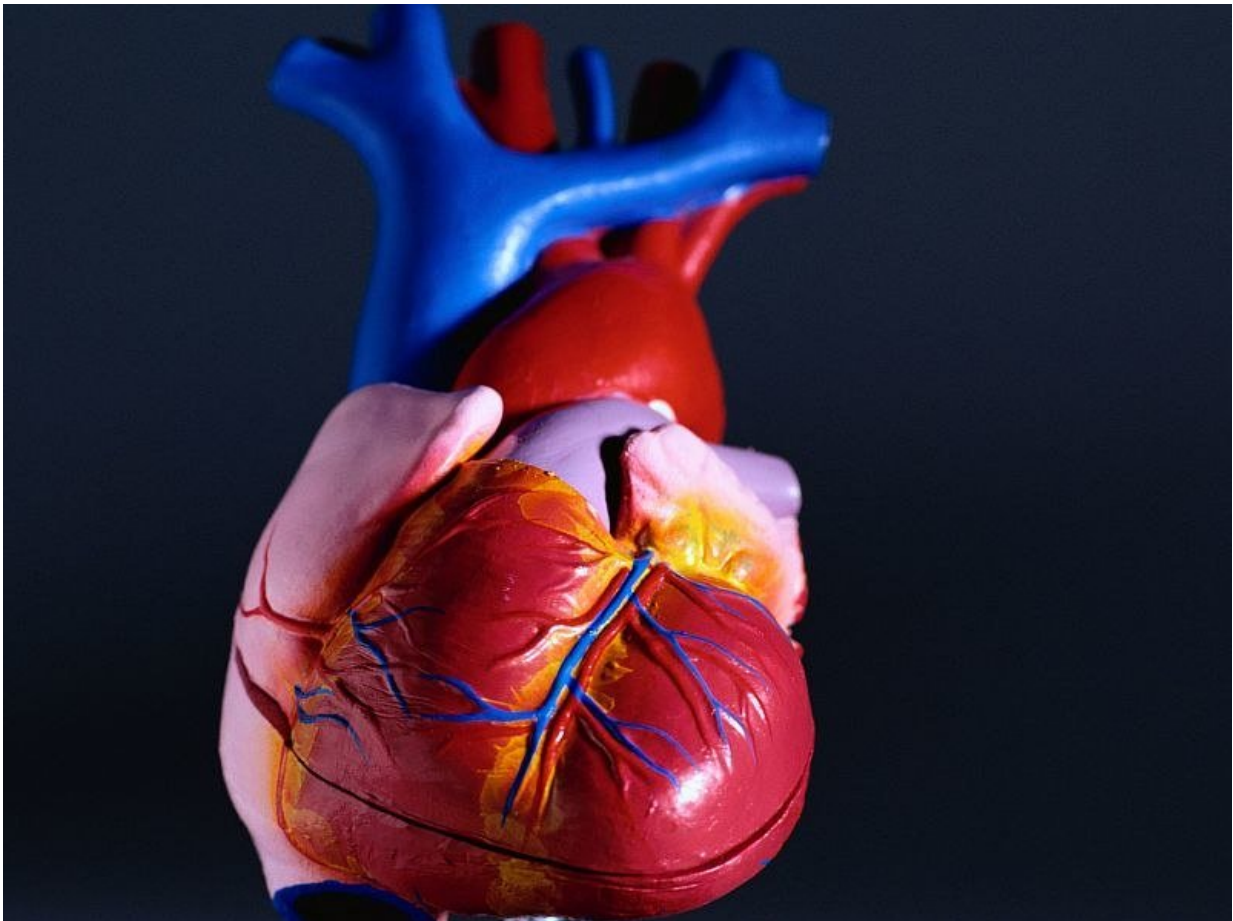


# Mortality still high after surgery for congenital heart defects

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(HealthDay)—Long-term mortality after congenital heart surgery is

higher than that of the general population for all forms of congenital heart defects (CHDs), according to a study published in the May 29 issue of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.

Logan G. Spector, Ph.D., from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and colleagues used data from the Pediatric Cardiac Care Consortium registry of [pediatric cardiac surgery](#) to conduct survival analysis among 35,998 patients who survived their first [congenital heart surgery](#) at

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