

## **Evaluating the Timing of Removal of Chest Tube after Pediatric Cardiac Surgery**

- The purpose of this study is to retrospectively determine if a change in the chest tube removal protocol effects hospital length of stay and improve clinical outcomes in pediatric patients who have undergone cardiac surgery.

**Specific Aim 1:** Evaluate the timing of chest tube removal after pediatric cardiac surgery

**Specific Aim 2:** Evaluate clinical outcomes including hospital length of stay after pediatric cardiac surgery and the effects of implementation of new criteria for chest tube removal