

Soundbite Script – The risk of high cholesterol in children

OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois opens first pediatric lipid clinic

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"It's the diet with respect to fast foods, and the climate, especially in Illinois. Our long winter months mean less physical activity for the kids. There is a greater awareness of this condition, and young adults experiencing sudden cardiac death. It all goes hand in hand." (:25)

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"Children can have high cholesterol as adults, and it could lead to early cardiac disease over time. But once found and diagnosed, there is management available. So, I say don't delay (seeking treatment)." (:16)

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"Screening is needed to identify that something is wrong and abnormal, because most of these kids are asymptomatic. Genetic testing comes in handy if we suspect something inherited like familial hypercholesterolemia. It also helps us guide management as needed." (:20)

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"I think most of them are comfortable with us taking over that care, especially if medication is needed." (:6)