

Dr Niki Walker

I am a Cardiology Consultant in Glasgow based at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital. My primary role is as an Adult Congenital Cardiologist. My subspecialty is intervention within Adult Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD) and Structural Heart Disease. This type of intervention requires pre-planning and consideration of what kit may be appropriate.

ACHD is a wonderfully diverse specialty that encompasses all aspects of general cardiology within the specific population with ACHD. We have a reliance on detailed imaging and use multiple modalities to optimise our understanding. ACHD has significant utility for complex echo, including stress imaging, CT and MRI. Compared to general Cardiology, ACHD is a far younger specialty with a limited evidence base. Therefore, each patient requires individualised consideration of their anatomy and physiology in the optimisation and maintenance of their functional status.

Our patients require ongoing lifelong input, whilst they maintain their quality of life and fulfilling a wide range of roles in employment, social, exercise and family commitments.

My post involves close liaison with specialists in Cardiac Electrophysiology, Cardiac Transplantation, Cardiac and non-Cardiac Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics, Intensive Care, Anaesthetics, and Psychology amongst others.

Outside work I have always enjoyed team sports; this very much parallels all that I enjoy in my role as an ACHD Cardiologist.