



Jackson, ON, living with Permanent Junctional Reciprocating Tachycardia (PJRT).

When was your CHD diagnosed? What treatments or surgeries have you received? Jackson's CHD was diagnosed at 2.5 months old, at first with Dilated Cardiomyopathy as a result of untreated PJRT. Currently, Jackson's PJRT is treated via three oral medications administered 5 times total throughout the day, in addition to over the counter comfort medications, and surgery is possible at an older age (5-10 years).

What would you like to share about living with CHD? I'm the mother filling this out on behalf of my 17 month old. This was a condition he had at birth but it was very difficult to detect. I'd point to things like his difficulty breathing, grunting, sleeping patterns, and being so hot and sweaty within his first month and was told it's all normal baby stuff and was just brushed off as an overwhelmed mom. It wasn't until I brought him to my family doctor who sent me to the ER because she didn't know what was wrong that we learned his heart function had dropped to 13% and he was basically dying before he received care and treatment. I still have to push and argue that I'm not just worrying too much and there is medical attention required.