Long term effects and the congenital gap-A Continuing Life Study & Patient Perspective of; Multiple cardiothoracic surgeries effects in specific relation to congenital heart patients including, the present challenges of transition from pediatric to adult cardiology as a congenital heart patient, tetralogy of fallot specific, showing need for growth in the fields of adult congenital medicine

Long Term Effects and the Congenital Gap is a 3 part oral presentation (video aid if allowed) beginning with a documented case study of a congenital heart patient living with Tetralogy of Fallot. Focus of Part 1’s case study outlines the direct effects of enduring multiple surgical repairs which include mental, physical and collateral affects ranging from short term to lifelong issues. The purpose is to offer cardiologists a better understanding into the plight of a lifelong heart patient not previously reviewed or considered. Part 2’s focus is to discuss the urgency and importance of solving the present challenge a congenital heart patient faces, while transitioning from a pediatric heart patient to an adult heart patient (due to age) as it relates to the world of present medicine. Specific issues are discussed such as: a lack of patient resources, the problem of an adult congenital patient being treated by a general cardiologist, and the void that exists in care when transitioning from pediatric cardiology to adult congenital cardiology. Part 3 gives reason to why we need to grow the field of “Adult Congenital Cardiology” and all related fields…Statistics, analysis and testimonials to be provided as part of the presentation.

Biography
Jay Risk is a lifelong congenital heart patient and nationally televised speaker living with Tetralogy of Fallot. Justin founded the “Tetralogy of Fallot Foundation Inc.” a non-profit organization, for purposes of helping others affected with this condition and bettering the condition’s current solutions to repair and care for the patient. Justin has been the poster child for Deborah Heart and Lung Center, has been seen on Regis and Cathy Lee, “People are Talking” & “Nine Broadcast Plaza” with both Matt Lauer and Richard Bey - all speaking about living with congenital heart defects. Notable speeches for reference: The Make A Wish Foundation, Deborah Heart and Lung Center, NJ Pediatric Cardiology Conference at the Sheraton Hotel Ball Room.

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