

Biography: Mark Bleiweis, M.D.

Mark Bleiweis, M.D., is the director of the University of Florida Pediatrics Congenital Heart Center and a UF associate professor of pediatrics.

A cardiothoracic surgeon, Bleiweis joined UF's faculty in 2005 after spending three years as the medical director of the Children's Hospital of Orange County Heart Institute. There, he introduced a new program to treat hypoplastic left heart syndrome and completed complex cardiac repairs in tiny babies, including one who weighed less than 3 pounds.

Bleiweis earned his medical degree from the University of California at San Diego in 1989. He completed his thoracic surgery residency training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After completing his fellowship training in pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at the University of California at San Francisco, Bleiweis went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he served as medical director of the cardiothoracic intensive care unit and an assistant professor of cardiothoracic surgery.

He also was the lead cardiothoracic surgeon involved in the separation of conjoined twins. He also treated one of the twins for congenital heart disease.

Bleiweis is a fellow of the American College of Surgery. He is also a member of the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation and a member of several American Heart Association councils.