

## Sam Hanke, M.D., M.S.

### Chief Patient & Family Experience Officer, Cincinnati Children's

Sam Hanke's path to becoming a pediatric cardiologist started just after high school when he got to work with kids who had heart surgery. Seeing the lifelong impact a cardiologist can have on children inspired him to pursue a career in medicine, then pediatrics, and ultimately, pediatric cardiology. He has extensive expertise in pediatric cardiology, specializing in complex congenital heart disease both in the hospital and in clinic. Hanke also treats common pediatric cardiac conditions such as new heart murmurs, as well as chest pain and fainting in children.

Sam Hanke serves as the Chief Patient & Family Experience Officer at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. In this role, Hanke has the opportunity to address the needs of patients and families when they experience the care of Cincinnati Children's. His research spans diverse areas, which all relate to improving how care is delivered and improving the experience of patients and families.

Hanke is also president of Charlie's Kids Foundation, which he and his wife founded after the loss of their first son Charlie to sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). The Hankes are committed to educating families about SIDS and safe sleep for babies—to help prevent other parents from suffering the unthinkable loss of an infant.