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Dr. Raissadati is a Pediatric Cardiology Attending Physician at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital specializing in Advanced Cardiac Therapies. With dual PhDs in medicine and biotechnology, his research focuses on developing non-invasive molecular tools to understand and treat heart failure and transplant rejection, with the goal of identifying new diagnostic and therapeutic targets for acute rejection and vasculopathy of the heart transplant.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Fellow
- Pediatric Cardiology
- Heart Transplantation
- Heart Failure
- Coronary Artery Vasculopathy
- Heart Transplant Rejection

INSTITUTE AFFILIATIONS

- Instructor, Pediatrics - Cardiology

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Burroughs Wellcome Fund Scholar, Pediatric Scientist Development Program (2021)
- Best National Doctoral Thesis Award, Finnish Society for Surgery (2017)
- Young Investigator Award, Medical Society of Finland (2017)
- Research grant award, Medical Society of Finland (2016, 2018)
- Young Investigator Award, Association for European Paediatric Cardiology (2016)
- Research grant award, Finnish Medical Association (2015, 2016)
- Research grant award, Pediatric Research Foundation (2015)
- Research grant award, Aarne Koskelo Foundation (2014, 2017)
- Research grant award, Emil Aaltonen Foundation (2014, 2016, 2018, 2022)
- Travel grant award, Helsinki University (2013, 2014)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Fellowship, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital , Advanced Cardiac Therapies (2025)

- Fellowship, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital , Pediatric Cardiology (2024)
- Residency, Boston Children's Hospital , Pediatrics (2020)
- PhD, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences , Biotechnology (2018)
- PhD, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Medicine , Medicine (2016)
- MD, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Medicine , Medicine (2014)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Prescription medication use after congenital heart surgery.** *Cardiology in the young*
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2019; 32 (1): 95-106
- **Outcomes after the Mustard, Senning and arterial switch operation for treatment of transposition of the great arteries in Finland: a nationwide 4-decade perspective.** *European journal of cardio-thoracic surgery : official journal of the European Association for Cardio-thoracic Surgery*
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- **Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-B Overexpressing Hearts Are Not Protected From Transplant-Associated Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury.** *Experimental and clinical transplantation : official journal of the Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation*
Raissadati, A., Tuuminen, R., Dashkevich, A., Bry, M., Kivelä, R., Anisimov, A., Syrjälä, S., Arnaudova, R., Rouvinen, E., Keränen, M. A., Krebs, R., Nykänen, A. I., Lemström, et al
2017; 15 (2): 203-212
- **Late Causes of Death After Pediatric Cardiac Surgery: A 60-Year Population-Based Study.** *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*
Raissadati, A., Nieminen, H., Haukka, J., Sairanen, H., Jokinen, E.
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- **Platelet-derived Growth Factor-B Protects Rat Cardiac Allografts From Ischemia-reperfusion Injury** *TRANSPLANTATION*
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