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Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

will collaborate with a university in Israel to design medical devices specifically for children.

Ben-Gurion University engineers and technology researchers will look for solutions to medical device challenges identified by Cincinnati children's researchers.

The university, with 20,000 students, is the third-largest in Israel. Its technology transfer company, BGN Technologies, has in recent years signed agreements with biomedical industry leaders such as [Teva Pharmaceuticals !\[\]\(de95854c7ee024cfadc48187bbb781b2_img.jpg\)](#), [GlaxoSmithKline !\[\]\(cef08d8c15d8a8acd5e25ab0d65432c3_img.jpg\)](#) and [Johnson & Johnson !\[\]\(c244836fd67166dc60ebf5279a0f8377_img.jpg\)](#).

"Many devices used today to treat children are actually miniaturized adult devices that do not sufficiently address the clinical needs of children," said Dr. [Richard Azizkhan](#), surgeon-in-chief at Cincinnati Children's.

"The challenge with adapted devices is they frequently are not the ideal solution, especially for very small and fragile infants."

Assisting with the evaluation of new device concepts for their market potential will be CincyTech, a Cincinnati-based nonprofit venture investment organization.

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