REPORT OF THE REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE FOR THE REPORT OF THE MANITOBA PEDIATRIC CARDIAC SURGERY INQUEST
The Review and Implementation Committee dedicates this Report to the memory of the 12 infants who died in the pediatric cardiac surgery program at the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre in 1994, and to their families who, despite having done nothing wrong, have suffered a tragic loss. It is our hope that your loss will protect future generations of children and their families, and that this Report will contribute to preventing similar events from ever occurring in the future.
# Report of the Review and Implementation Committee for the Report of the Manitoba Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Inquest

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