

Nemours Children's Health Hires Pediatric Surgeon for Lakeland

Orlando, Fla. (Feb. 7, 2023) Nemours Children's Health has hired pediatric general surgeon Carmen Ramos Irizarry, MD, MPH, MSc, to see patients at Nemours Children's Health, Lakeland. Dr. Ramos Irizarry previously served a staff pediatric surgeon at KIDZ Medical Multispecialty Group and Naples North Hospital in Naples, Florida.

Dr. Ramos Irizarry received a Master of Public Health degree, with honors, at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, and a Master of Science of Clinical Investigation, with honors, at the University of Puerto Rico School of Health Professions and School of Medicine program. Dr. Ramos Irizarry is a lifelong member of the Delta Omega Alpha Honor Society for Public Health at Johns Hopkins University since 2019.

"The addition of Dr. Ramos Irizarry to the Nemours team in Lakeland means more children can get excellent health care close to where they live," said Adela Casas-Melley, MD, Chair of Surgery at Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida.

Dr. Ramos Irizarry earned her Doctor in Medicine degree at the University of Puerto Rico School of Health Professions and School of Medicine in San Juan. She was then an associate resident at Harvard University / Boston Children's Hospital in Boston and completed a general surgery residency at the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras. Next, Dr. Ramos Irizarry completed a pediatric surgery residency at the University of Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

"I love to work with children because they generally just want to be happy and get back to playing," said Dr. Ramos Irizarry. "I like to be that provider who becomes like family to them," she said, adding that she has seen concerts of patients who were studying music, or enjoying art from those who are aspiring artists. "I learn so much from my patients."

Dr Ramos Irizarry retired from the United States Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel. She had an overseas tour at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center during Operation Enduring Freedom.

An active researcher, Dr. Ramos Irizarry has published numerous medical journal articles and book chapters, and serves as an editorial reviewer for the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*, *Journal of Pediatric Surgery Case Reports*, *Journal Injury Epidemiology*, and *The American Journal of Surgery*.

She is one of the first Hispanic women to be elected as a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. She is a member of the Diplomates in Practice and DEI committees, as well as a Director of the Pediatric Surgery Board.

In addition to English, Dr. Ramos Irizarry is fluent in Spanish, and has working proficiency in Italian and French.

About Nemours Children's Health

Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, which includes two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of more than 70 primary and specialty care practices. Nemours Children's seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe, and high-quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours Children's also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, Nemours KidsHealth.org.

The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to the children, families and communities it serves. For more information, visit [Nemours.org](https://nemours.org).

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