

Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware Earns Prestigious Recognition for its Extracorporeal Life Support Services



WILMINGTON, DEL– Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware has been awarded the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO) Center of Excellence's Gold Level Award for 2022. This award recognizes extracorporeal life support (ECLS) programs worldwide that promote exceptional care in patient extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, a process where blood is pumped outside the body to a heart-lung machine, filtered, and sent back into the body during critical care situations.

This award touches many parts of Nemours Children's including patients in the cardiac center, newborn intensive care unit (NICU), pediatric intensive care unit (PICU), nursing, respiratory therapy, and surgical services. Nemours is one of 55 children's hospitals to earn this prestigious

recognition.

"This award is a reflection of the team's extraordinary dedication to providing high-quality, state-of-the-art care to our critically ill patients," said Jane Mericle, DNP, MHS-CL, BSN, RN, CENP, Executive Vice President, Chief Nursing Executive and Patient Operations Officer, Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley. "We are humbled to receive this recognition and remain committed to providing exceptional patient care that is well beyond medicine."

ELSO recognizes ECLS programs that reach the highest level of performance, innovation, satisfaction, and quality. By earning this award, Nemours demonstrated excellence in patient care, training, education, collaboration, and communication, and promoting ELSO's mission, vision, and activities.

The ELSO award is also recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Parents* magazine as one criterion for top institutions.

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. For more information, visit Nemours.org. 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.

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