

Nemours Children's Health Surgery Center Attains National Verification from the American College of Surgeons

Nemours Children's is the only Center in the Delaware Valley to meet all criteria and be verified as a Level 1 Children's Surgery Center.

Wilmington, Del. (October 7, 2021) Nemours Children's Health, Delaware is pleased to announce that it has been verified as a Level 1 Children's Surgery Center by the American College of Surgeons Children's Surgery Verification Quality Improvement Program (ACS CSV). Nemours Children's is the only pediatric hospital in the Delaware Valley to achieve this prestigious designation, which recognizes surgery centers whose quality improvement programs have measurably improved surgical quality and have prevented complications, reduced costs, and saved lives.

"This recognition epitomizes our dedication to providing optimal care for every one of our young patients," says Charles Paidas, MD, Medical Director of Children's Surgery, Nemours Children's Health, Delaware. "To be among the top 12% of children's hospitals in the country is not only a tremendous honor, it showcases the world-class surgical services team we have assembled to care for patients locally, regionally, and from around the globe."

The ACS CSV program was developed to improve the quality of children's surgical care by creating a system that ensures every child's individual surgical needs receive optimal pediatric resources. Verified centers must meet criteria outlined in the standards document, *Optimal Resources for Children's Surgical Care 2015*. CSV standards make certain that children facing surgery receive care under a multidisciplinary program with quality improvement and safety processes, data collection, and appropriate resources provided to them.

Nemours Children's commitment to quality care begins with appropriately trained staff and leadership from multidisciplinary teams who participate in meetings throughout the year to review the center's surgical outcomes. The surgical team engages in continuous improvement to enhance the structure, process, and outcomes of the center.

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To become a verified center, Nemours Children's met essential criteria for staffing, training, and facility infrastructure and protocols for care, ensuring its ability to appropriately care for children who are surgical patients.

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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 nearly 75 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.

About the American College of Surgeons

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The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the quality of care for surgical patients. Its achievements have placed it at the forefront of American surgery and have made the College an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 80,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

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