

Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida Expands Divisions of Neurology and Neurosurgery with the Appointment of a New Chief of Neurology, Plus Neurosurgeon and Neurologist

Nemours Children's works to provide more clinical access to patients experiencing neurological concerns



ORLANDO, Fla. (Nov. 29, 2023) – Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida named Satya Gedela, MD, as the new Chief of Neurology. Dr. Gedela will also serve as Co-Director of the Neuroscience Center and Vice Chair of Pediatrics. Nemours Children's also announced the addition of Greg Olavarria, MD, pediatric neurosurgeon, and Rohan Vaidya, MD, pediatric neurologist. With these new hires, Nemours aims to ensure that patients in Orlando and the surrounding communities have timely access to the latest advancements in neurological diagnosis and treatment.

As a leader in neurological care for children, Nemours recognizes the growing demand for specialized neurology services and is working to provide more access to high-quality treatment options. Nemours' neurosciences program in Central Florida is a multi-disciplinary team of specialists from neurology, neurosurgery, neuropsychology, behavioral health, and neuroradiology, all dedicated to taking care of complex epilepsy, neuromuscular disorders and other neurological conditions, as well as researching new treatments and tools for diagnosis.

"We're thrilled to welcome Dr. Satya Gedela, Chief of Neurology, as well as Drs. Olavarria and Vaidya to Nemours Children's Health," said Daniel Podberesky, MD, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida. "Dr. Gedela's appointment signifies a crucial step in our commitment to expand and elevate our neurosciences program. By adding more talented associates like Dr. Gedela, we can continue to work towards our vision of creating the healthiest generations of children."

Dr. Gedela plans to build upon the already reputable team at Nemours. With his support and vision, Nemours will continue to invest in children's neurology services, as well as enhance its pediatric neurology residency and subspecialty fellowship programs. In previous roles, Dr. Gedela successfully led several optimization projects for neurology access, epilepsy and neurophysiology.

"Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida has a lot of scope to build and develop the neurosciences," said Dr. Satya Gedela. "My dedication to accessible and excellent patient care, combined with my passion for advancing the field of neurology, align perfectly with the goals of the neuroscience program at Nemours."

Dr. Gedela brings a wealth of experience and expertise to Nemours. He is a board-certified neurologist with more than 30 years of experience in treating and diagnosing neurological conditions, with a primary focus on epilepsy. Most recently, Dr. Gedela served as Chief of the Brain Health Center and Division Chief of Neurology at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Additionally, he has held several academic appointments and director positions including Director of Epilepsy Center and Medical Director of Epilepsy Surgery Program, as well as Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU) Director at Nationwide Children's Hospital. He serves as a peer reviewer for the American Academy of Neurology and is involved in several professional and society memberships including the American Academy of Pediatrics, Child Neurology Society, American Epilepsy Society and American Clinical Neurophysiology Society. Dr. Gedela is the medical editor for Neurodiagnostic Journal. He has also published 50 posters and more than 30 medical journal articles.

Dr. Gedela received his Doctor of Medicine from Andhra University. He was also trained, and board certified in United Kingdom. He completed his residency in child neurology at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC and a fellowship in pediatric epilepsy.

Greg Olavarria, MD, pediatric neurosurgeon, comes to Nemours from Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, where he previously served as Chair of Neurosurgery Quality Collaborative, Medical Director and Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Co-director of Craniofacial Surgery, and Associate Professor. Dr. Olavarria has been published in more than 20 publications and is a member of multiple professional organizations including the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Dr. Olavarria obtained his medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine and did his neurosurgical residency training at Emory University in Atlanta. He completed his pediatric neurosurgery fellowship at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Rohan Vaidya, MD, pediatric neurologist, received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Most recently, he completed a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Dr. Vaidya is a member of the American Academy of Neurology and the American Epilepsy Society.

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.

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