

Vanessa Durand, DO, Named Site Chief of Pediatric Hospital Medicine, Nemours Children's Health at Jefferson Abington Hospital

(WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 5, 2023) —Vanessa Durand, DO, has been appointed Nemours Site Chief of Pediatric Hospital Medicine, Nemours Children's Health at Jefferson Abington Hospital. Dr. Durand will lead Nemours' pediatric hospitalist team and advance pediatric care at Jefferson Abington Hospital in this role.

"Nemours Children's began its affiliation with Jefferson Abington Hospital in 2019, and we are grateful for our shared success," said Mark Ogino, MD, Chief Partnership Officer, Delaware Valley Partnership Network. "We warmly welcome Dr. Durand within the Nemours family, as our endeavors are directed towards effecting positive transformations in children's health."

Throughout her career, Dr. Durand has dedicated significant educational and research efforts to improving health equity related to patient safety and quality improvement. Some of her accolades include being named a National Health Service Corps scholar, awarded for her commitment to serving underserved areas in primary care. Dr. Durand is also a fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics and was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Drexel University.

"I am honored to join Nemours Children's Health at Jefferson Abington Hospital," said Vanessa Durand, DO, Nemours Site Chief of Pediatric Hospital Medicine at Nemours Children's Health at Jefferson Abington Hospital. "I look forward to continuing my efforts advancing health equity and quality with a shared vision for serving the community to advance children's health."

Before Nemours, she worked as a faculty and hospitalist at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, where she co-chaired the hospital's diversity and inclusion committee among her various roles. In addition, Dr. Durand served as a pediatrician at Westside Family Healthcare in Wilmington with medical staff privileges at Christiana Hospital.

Dr. Durand completed medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and a pediatric residency at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

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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