

Esteemed Heart Surgeon Aaron Eckhauser, MD, MS, Named Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Chair of Cardiovascular Medicine for Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley

Dr. Eckhauser will also serve as Executive Director for the Nemours Children's Cardiac Center in the Delaware Valley.

WILMINGTON, Delaware (Feb. 20, 2025) –Nemours Children's Health has named Aaron Eckhauser, MD, MS, Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Chair of Cardiovascular Medicine and Executive Director of the Nemours Children's Cardiac Center in the Delaware Valley.

In his new role, Dr. Eckhauser will oversee the delivery of cardiothoracic surgical services and shape the Cardiac Center's strategic direction in the Delaware Valley. In addition, he will help develop a systemwide framework for cardiac care across the Nemours Children's enterprise.

"Dr. Eckhauser is a brilliant clinician and inspiring leader with a proven track record of building high-performing teams focused on driving clinical excellence and delivering innovative care," said Katherine Deans, Surgeon-in-Chief for Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley. "His medical and surgical expertise, leadership experience and vision will serve as catalysts to further enhance care and clinical outputs within the cardiology service line for the children and families we serve."

Dr. Eckhauser is an accomplished heart surgeon recognized for his expertise in pediatric aortic valve disease, pulmonary atresia and pediatric heart failure and transplantation. He previously served as Surgical Director of Quality Improvement at Primary Children's Hospital and professor of surgery at the University of Utah. As a surgeon-scientist, he has authored more than 70 peer-reviewed publications.

"Nemours Children's is a national leader and the region's preeminent provider of cardiology care and treatment, and I am honored to join what is already a high-performing, clinically astute cardiac team. I look forward to leveraging my background and experience to ensure that we can continue to make significant impacts on children and families across the Delaware Valley and beyond," said Dr. Eckhauser.

Dr. Eckhauser completed his fellowship in congenital cardiac surgery at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Prior to that, he completed his residency in cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and his residency in surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He earned his medical degree from the University of Kentucky, a master's degree from Vanderbilt University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Eckhauser is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. He is also a graduate of Harvard Medical School's prestigious Surgical Leadership Program and was the recipient of the American College of Surgeons/Society of Thoracic Surgeons Health Policy Scholarship at Brandeis University.



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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 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 addressing children's needs well beyond medicine. In producing the highly acclaimed, award-winning pediatric medicine podcast Well Beyond Medicine, Nemours underscores that commitment by featuring the people, programs and partnerships addressing whole child health. Nemours Children's also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, [Nemours KidsHealth.org](https://www.nemourskidshealth.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://www.nemours.org).

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