

# Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware Emergency Department Receives Prestigious 2025 ENA Lantern Award



WILMINGTON, Delaware (July 29, 2025) – Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware today announced that its Emergency Department (ED) has been selected as a recipient of the 2025-2028 [Emergency Nurses Association \(ENA\)](#) Lantern Award. This prestigious honor recognizes the department's exceptional leadership, practice, education, and advocacy that have significantly improved patient care and staff well-being.

The ENA Lantern Award highlights the hospital's dedication to quality, safety, and a healthy work environment, as well as its commitment to incorporating evidence-based practice and advancements into exceptional emergency care. This is the third time Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware has received the ENA Lantern Award, further solidifying Nemours Children's national reputation and reinforcing its commitment to Clinical and Academic Preeminence.

"Receiving the Lantern Award for a third consecutive time is a powerful affirmation of our commitment to clinical preeminence and our unwavering focus on quality and safety," said David Hancox, MSN, MHA, RN, NEA-BC, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing and Patient Operations Officer. "This national recognition reflects the extraordinary dedication of our emergency department team and their role in advancing Whole Child Health by supporting every child's physical, emotional, and social well-being. It's a proud milestone that highlights how our nurses lead with excellence and compassion every day."

Notably, Nemours Children's Hospital Delaware, is one of the few pediatric hospitals in the country to hold these three distinguished recognitions: a verified [Level 1 pediatric trauma center](#), a [Level 1 pediatric ED](#) as designated by Emergency Medical Services for Children, and a recipient of the ENA Lantern Award.

Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida also received the Lantern Award for the 2024-2027 cycle, demonstrating the outstanding work of both EDs in creating the healthiest generations of children.

For more information on this year's Lantern Award recipients, visit the [Emergency Nurses Association](#) website.

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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 freestanding 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.

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 Emergency Nurses Association

The Emergency Nurses Association is the premier professional nursing association dedicated to defining the future of emergency nursing through advocacy, education, research, innovation, and leadership. Founded in 1970, ENA has proven to be an indispensable resource to the global emergency nursing community. With nearly 45,000 members worldwide, ENA advocates for patient safety, develops industry-leading practice standards and guidelines, and guides emergency health care public policy. ENA members have expertise in triage, patient care, disaster preparedness, and all aspects of emergency care. Additional information is available at [www.ena.org](#).

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