

[U.S. News & World Report](#) has ranked Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in nine pediatric specialties in the new 2017-18 Best Children's Hospitals rankings published online today. Orthopedics ranked 7th in the nation. The hospital's ranked specialties include:

- Cancer (#25)
- Cardiology & heart surgery (#33)
- Endocrinology and diabetes (#30)
- Gastroenterology (#14)
- Neonatology (#41)
- Nephrology (#38)
- Orthopedics (#7)
- Pulmonology (#31)
- Urology (#42)

Seven of Nemours ranked specialties improved their ranking significantly from 2015-16, including: cancer (#47 to #25); cardiology (#47 to #33); gastroenterology (#22 to #14) and pulmonology (#46 to #31). Three specialties unranked in 2016-17 — diabetes and endocrinology, neonatology and urology — achieved rankings this year.

The 11th annual Best Children's Hospitals rankings highlight U.S. News's top 50 U.S. pediatric facilities in 10 surveyed specialties: cancer, cardiology & heart surgery, diabetes & endocrinology, gastroenterology & GI surgery, neonatology, nephrology, neurology & neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology and urology.

Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children has been ranked among the nation's best children's hospitals in each year it has participated in the survey.

The rankings rely on clinical data and on an annual survey of pediatric specialists. The rankings methodology considers clinical outcomes, such as mortality and infection rates, efficiency and coordination of care delivery and compliance with "best practices."

"It is extremely rewarding to see the hard work, dedication and clinical excellence of our staff and programs result in these rankings for the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children," said Nemours President and CEO David J. Bailey, MD, MBA. "We are especially gratified to see the improvement in ranking achieved by many specialties. Knowing that parents rely on information such as that provided by U.S. News and World Report, we are pleased to participate in the survey and proud to offer nationally recognized care every day."

"The pediatric centers we rank in Best Children's Hospitals deliver exceptionally high-quality care and deserve to be recognized for their commitment," said U.S. News Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. "Children with life-threatening illnesses or rare conditions need the state-of-the-art services and expertise these hospitals provide every day."

This year's rankings will be published in the U.S. News & World Report's "Best Hospitals 2018" guidebook and available on newsstands September 12. Visit Best Children's Hospitals for the complete rankings and use #BestHospitals on Facebook and Twitter.

Nemours is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates the [Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children](#) in Wilmington, Del., and [Nemours Children's Hospital](#) in Orlando, Fla., along with outpatient facilities in six states, delivering pediatric primary, specialty and urgent care. Nemours also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org and offers on-demand, online video patient visits through Nemours CareConnect.

Established as [The Nemours Foundation](#) through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, Nemours provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to families in the communities it serves.