

Nemours Children's Health System Welcomes New Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon

Dr. Margaret Baldwin will treat children at Nemours Children's Hospital and in Lakeland

Orlando, Fla (September 8, 2020) – Dr. Margaret Baldwin has joined Nemours Children's Health System as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. In her new role, she will see patients at Nemours Children's Specialty Care in Lakeland, as well as at Nemours Children's Hospital in Lake Nona. Dr. Baldwin has the distinction of being the first female orthopedic surgeon for Nemours in Central Florida. Only 6 percent of board certified orthopedic surgeons are female, and she is excited to be a trailblazer at Nemours.

This isn't Dr. Baldwin's first experience with Nemours. She recently completed a fellowship at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, an experience she found so positive that she was inspired to find a permanent position with the children's health system. When an opening was posted in Florida, she applied, saying the opportunity to stay within Nemours was too good to pass up. "The Nemours hospital in Delaware is one of the top centers in the country for work in Cerebral Palsy (CP), and I learned from the best doctors in that area," said Baldwin. "The opportunity to stay with Nemours is exactly what I was looking for, so I can collaborate with everyone I did fellowship training with for surgeries and research ideas."

Dr. Baldwin will treat children with a wide variety of orthopedic issues, including spine and neurodevelopmental disorders, spina bifida, and spinal muscular atrophy. She especially looks forward to continuing her work with patients with CP, a subspecialty in which she has done important research.

Baldwin says at the young age of 2, she already had clarity that she wanted to be a doctor, and announced this to her mother, who was as surprised and delighted as a mother can be, especially given that she didn't have a doctor in her family to model.

She stuck with her plan and earned her M.D. at University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio after graduating with her bachelor's in biophysics at Wake Forest University. It was during a residency at University of Oklahoma Health Science Center that Baldwin discovered a love for orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation.

"In my residency, I really enjoyed working with children and families to offer excellent care and make a difference in someone's life," she said. "I look forward to serving my new communities of Orlando and Lakeland at Nemours," Baldwin said.

Outside of work, Baldwin loves outdoor activities, including running, and looks forward to trying out new restaurants.

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About Nemours Children's Health System


[Nemours](#) is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates the two free-standing children's hospitals: the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del., and Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Fla., along with outpatient facilities in five 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](#). [Nemours ReadingBrightstart.org](#) is a program dedicated to preventing reading failure in young children, grounded in Nemours' understanding that child health and learning are inextricably linked, and that reading level is a strong predictor of adult health.

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.

About Lakeland Regional Health

Not-for-profit Lakeland Regional Health reaches beyond its hospital walls to promote wellness, education and discovery in new places and new ways, providing a wide range of inpatient and outpatient healthcare services at its Medical Center, Hollis Cancer Center and ambulatory care locations. Lakeland Regional Health earned Most Wired Advanced and Most Wired status five times since 2013 and has earned workplace awards from Forbes, Gallup and *Becker's Hospital Review*. Its 864-bed comprehensive tertiary referral hospital, Lakeland Regional Health Medical

Center, operates the Jack and Tina Harrell Family Institute for Advanced Cardiovascular Medicine; a Level II Trauma Center; the Carol Jenkins Barnett Pavilion for Women and Children, which includes a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and a high-acuity Pediatric Intensive Care Unit; and the Bannasch Institute for Advanced Rehabilitation Medicine.

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