

# Orthopedic Care for Children in Florida's Panhandle Is Enhanced with the Onboarding of Dr. T. Cooper Wilson, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon

PENSACOLA, FL (March 23, 2021) – Children in Florida's Panhandle with disorders and injuries involving the bones, joints, muscles, and nerves will benefit from Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Pensacola's newest addition. Thomas Cooper Wilson, M.D. has joined the Department of Pediatric Orthopedics at Nemours, providing evaluation and treatment for a wide range of pediatric orthopedic conditions, from bone fractures to complex musculoskeletal conditions.

"We are honored that Dr. Wilson has joined the Pensacola team," said Dr. Richard Reynolds, Chief of Surgery at Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon. "His unique expertise in orthopedic surgery, Mehta casting and diagnosing and treating spinal disorders will have an immediate impact on our Pensacola clinic and aide in delivering world-class patient care across the Panhandle."

Dr. Wilson joins the Division of Orthopedics with Division Chief, Dr. Richard Reynolds, Dr. Laura Shaffer, Dr. Eric Shirley, Jessica Sinco, PA-C and Brian Kisner, PA-C.

"During medical school I gravitated towards orthopedics, specifically spine disorders. I am well versed in Mehta casting, so am excited to be bringing this technique to the Panhandle," said Dr. Wilson. "I am trained in Orthopedics and Pediatrics, however, the joy of helping children and their parents/family is beyond anything that I can imagine. Getting to help kids get back to playing and doing what they do best, being kids, is the biggest rewards of the job," he continued.

The Orthopedics team at Nemours strives to offer personalized and compassionate medical care to the patient families they serve daily. For over 20 years, Nemours Children's Specialty Care has been committed to meeting the individual needs of every child and family by providing the best environment for each patient's medical, developmental, and emotional well-being. Dr. Wilson will prioritize early diagnosis, treatment, and long-term management for a variety of orthopedic spine disorders including curvatures of the spine caused by scoliosis and kyphosis.

"Nemours has a goal of taking care of the health of the children and family and the staff. It is a fun place to be as well as a place to practice great medicine and to make a difference in the lives of the children/families of the Panhandle. I grew up not too far from here, so its home to me," said Dr. Wilson.

Dr. Wilson received his medical degree from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile, AL. He completed a combined residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of South Florida. Dr. Wilson continued his training with a fellowship in pediatric orthopedic surgery at the University of Utah.

Dr. Wilson as has served on various committees and leadership positions, including an Attending Orthopedic Surgeon at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, an Attending Orthopedic Surgeon at Bayfront Health St. Petersburg, and an Attending Orthopedic Surgeon at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital. Dr. Wilson is Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, pediatric Subspecialty. When he is not working, he enjoys traveling and has been multiple places around the world, he enjoys immersing himself in other cultures and taking in the sights and experiences.

"Nemours is a great company to work for and I'm excited to be joining such an energetic and exciting team. I'm looking forward to hitting the ground running," explained Dr. Wilson.

Nemours Children's Specialty Care, a specialized pediatric care facility for Northwest Florida and South Alabama kids, is considered a leader in children's healthcare and has seen over 14,000 children and performed over 900 surgeries – with a 0% infection rate. Nemours is an accredited pediatric cystic fibrosis center, an accredited pediatric sleep center, one of the few accredited pediatric transthoracic in the region and is a center of Excellence by the American Diabetes Associates. In the Pensacola area, Nemours has served the children and families in the community for over 20 years and is involved in research studies and clinical trials to seek innovative approaches to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of childhood diseases.

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## About Nemours Children's Health System

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 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.

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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.

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