

# Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville Announces New Division Chief of Hematology/Oncology

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**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (June 5, 2023)** - Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville has named Anderson Collier, III, MD, Division Chief of Hematology/Oncology, Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Collier is a national expert in the treatment of sarcomas in children and earned his medical degree at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

Before joining Nemours Children's, Dr. Collier was the Division Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). Additionally, he was a professor in the Department of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine at UMMC.

An active clinical researcher, Dr. Collier was the institutional principal investigator for Children's Oncology Group (COG) work at UMMC, as well as director of pediatric oncology research. He is an author, editor and reviewer for a number of medical journals, with a specific focus on recurrent or refractory Ewing Sarcoma and outcomes of patients with relapsed or progressive Ewing Sarcoma.

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Collier will lead a team of eight hematology/oncology physicians and staff at [THE PLAYERS Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders](#). Opening in late June, the new cancer center is the culmination of the Hand in Hand capital campaign, a multi-million-dollar renovation and expansion that has created a world-class destination for families seeking specialized and comprehensive pediatric hematology and oncology care in Northeast Florida.

The center is part of Nemours Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders (NCCBD), the most extensive pediatric cancer program in Florida. In addition, NCCBD houses the only pediatric sickle cell program in the city and one of the largest in the state, as well as a National Institutes of Health- funded Hemophilia Treatment Center.

Dr. Collier completed a residency in pediatrics followed by a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at the University of Texas at Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric hematology/oncology by the American Board of Pediatrics.

He is a member of professional societies including the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Connective Tissue Oncology Society.

Dr. Collier is joined by his wife, Rachel, and son, Harrison, who will live in the San Pablo area.

## **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 caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours Children's also powers the world's most-visited

website for information on the health of children and teens, Nemours KidsHealth.org.

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