Nemours Merges Two Vero Beach Pediatrician Offices

Combined primary care practice and Nemours cardiologists open in new, larger office space on April 1.

ORLANDO, Fla. - Families in Indian River County will now have even easier access to Nemours Children's Health System as the result of a merger of two Nemours primary care practices in Vero Beach. Nemours Children's Primary Care Island Pediatrics is merging with Nemours Children's Primary Care, Vero Beach, and the combined practice will be called Nemours Children's Primary Care, Vero Beach. On March 29, the two individual practices will close in their current locations and re-open on April 1 in a new, larger office located at 1155 35th Lane, Suite 201A in Vero Beach. Nemours pediatric cardiologists will share the space and see patients on Fridays.

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With five board certified pediatricians, Nemours Children's Primary Care, Vero Beach will become the largest practice among the 17 offices of the Nemours Children's Primary Care network. The practice includes Dr. Jessica D'Elia, Dr. Laura Johnson, Dr. Genevieve Mallon, Dr. Connie Proskovec and Dr. Karen Westberry. Services offered include newborn care, well-child care, immunizations and school physicals, as well as treatment for illnesses and injuries and management of chronic medical conditions. Like Nemours' other primary care practices, Nemours Children's Primary Care, Vero Beach is a certified Patient-Centered Medical Home.

"We are delighted to be celebrating the merger of our two Vero Beach primary care practices and to be moving into larger space that will enhance our ability to care for children in Indian River County," said Dr. Thomas Lacy, Division Chief for Nemours Children's Primary Care and Nemours Children's Urgent Care. "Nemours has a strong commitment to providing exceptional pediatric care close to home. The steps we've taken will make it easier for families to get the care they need and to have seamless access to Nemours services and pediatric specialists."

Nemours Children's Primary Care, Vero Beach can be reached by calling (772) 562-5662.

In Florida, Nemours operates four Nemours Children's Urgent Care locations and 19 Nemours Children's Specialty Care satellite locations Nemours Children's Hospital opened in Orlando's Lake Nona Medical City in October 2012.

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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 <u>The Nemours Foundation</u> 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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