

Abington – Jefferson Health Partners with Nemours duPont Pediatrics

ABINGTON, PA (July 2, 2019)—Abington - Jefferson Health and Nemours duPont Pediatrics have teamed up to provide pediatric services to the infants, children and adolescents of Bucks and Montgomery counties.

Effective yesterday, Nemours pediatricians will serve as hospitalists for Abington's inpatient pediatric unit. Specifically, the Nemours pediatric hospitalists will provide advanced hospital care, which includes:

- Medical care for children staying in Abington Hospital's 15-bed pediatric unit
- Pediatric consultations in the Emergency Trauma Center available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Consultations with specialists at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in the care of pediatric patients at Abington Hospital.

Steven A. Shapiro, DO, is the chair of Pediatrics at Abington – Jefferson Health. “For more than 30 years, Thomas Jefferson University and Nemours have had an academic and clinical partnership to train the next generation of pediatric specialists,” said Shapiro. “This collaboration is an important next step for Abington's pediatrics program. I am proud to bring our community this dedicated team of physicians who will care for our youngest patients with a combination of astute clinical skills and unwavering compassion.”

“We know how important it is to have easy access to expert care, and we couldn't be more excited about expanding our services for patients and families in Montgomery and Bucks County,” said Pauline Corso, operational vice president of Nemours Children's Health System and chief operating officer of the Physician Network in the Delaware Valley. “We are so pleased Abington Hospital has entrusted us to care for children in their communities. Combining the quality and patient service experiences of our great organizations allows us to achieve the Nemours promise to treat all children as if they were our own.”

In addition to the inpatient services, Nemours duPont Pediatrics will open a specialty care center on Abington – Jefferson Health's Willow Grove campus later this month. Pediatric specialists in the following disciplines will provide care in this convenient location near the Pennsylvania turnpike exchange effective July 15, 2019:

- Cardiology
- Developmental Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- General Surgery
- Neurology/Concussion (Coming in fall 2019)

Consistently ranked among the nation's best children's hospitals by U.S. News and World Report, Nemours has served as the Department of Pediatrics for Jefferson Health for almost 20 years. In this capacity, Nemours provides high quality primary and specialty care on the Jefferson Center City campus, at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, DE, and at other practices across the Delaware Valley. Nemours is now able to support the expanding Jefferson Health by partnering to ensure the same high-quality care is available at Abington Hospital.

About Abington – Jefferson Health

Abington – Jefferson Health encompasses Abington Hospital in Abington, Abington – Lansdale Hospital in Hatfield Township, two Urgent Care Centers located in Flourtown and Willow Grove, and seven convenient outpatient facilities located in Horsham, Willow Grove, Warminster, Blue Bell, Lower Gwynedd, Montgomeryville and Elkins Park. More than 1,400 physicians are on staff at both Abington Hospital and Abington – Lansdale Hospital. In addition, some physicians are members of Abington Health Physicians, an employed network of primary care physicians and specialists. Abington – Jefferson Health is part of Jefferson Health and Jefferson, a newly formed organization dedicated to providing the highest quality, compassionate clinical care for patients, educating the health professionals of tomorrow, and discovering new treatments and therapies that will define the future of health care.

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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: 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.

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