Osceola Regional Medical Center and Nemours Expand Specialty Care

Under a new agreement with Osceola Regional Medical Center, Nemours Children's Health System now provides hospital-based pediatric physicians who specialize in treating acutely ill infants, children and adolescents.

The affiliation expands Osceola Regional's existing team of pediatric ER physicians, neonatologists and local pediatricians. Doctors from Nemours now provide on-site care at Osceola Regional's pediatrics unit, which consists of 13 private rooms. In addition, when Osceola Regional completes construction on its $7 million, 6-room pediatric intensive care unit in the summer of 2016, Nemours will staff the unit with pediatric intensivists and neonatologists.

The Nemours physicians work closely with primary care providers and other pediatric specialists at Osceola Regional, including those in the hospital's pediatric emergency department.

"Collaborating with a trusted partner such as Nemours allows Osceola Regional to enhance our service to pediatric patients and their families," said Bob Krieger, CEO of Osceola Regional Medical Center. "Our pediatric team strongly supports this effort to address the needs of our growing community and reduce patient transfers, keeping children closer to home during their treatment and recovery."

The agreement also includes Nemours CareConnect a technological link that remotely brings some of the rare pediatric specialists from Nemours into Osceola Regional Medical Center. It allows the specialists to visually assess a patient in Kissimmee through an iPad.

"When our physicians have the opportunity to put their eyes on a patient, it will provide an added level of communication that you just cannot get over the phone," said Robert Bridges, chief executive of Florida Operations for the Nemours Children's Health System. "We think Nemours CareConnect allows care teams to better determine the safest and most necessary care for the child and family."

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