

(Wilmington, Del., February 23, 2023) — Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, is proud to announce that its Respiratory Care Department has received the 2023-2024 [Apex Recognition Award](#) from the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). This prestigious honor is presented to hospitals that exemplify best practices in the respiratory care profession and demonstrate how high-quality respiratory care enhances patient safety.

Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, is one of 18 acute care hospitals and one of five free standing children's hospitals in the United States to receive the Apex award this year. Nemours' Respiratory Care Department is one of three awarded to have 100% Registered Respiratory Therapists - the credential nationally recognized as the "standard of excellence" for respiratory care.

"We are extremely proud of our respiratory care team for receiving this national recognition, bringing more attention to the clinical preeminence of Nemours Children's," said Aaron Carpenter, Senior Vice President, Chief Nursing and Patient Operations Officer at Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley. "The team's unyielding commitment to excellence contributes to better clinical outcomes and experiences for the children and families we serve."

Receiving the Apex award recognizes the significant contribution of Nemours' respiratory therapists to highlight best practices in respiratory care that are aligned with evidence-based medicine. It also provides consumers with the ultimate benchmark for choosing healthcare facilities that promote patient safety by providing access to the best respiratory care team.

To obtain this recognition, Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, went through a vigorous application process where the AARC committee determined Nemours' substantial adherence to the demanding Apex award standards.

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](https://nemourskidshealth.org).

The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to the children, families and communities it serves. For more information, visit [Nemours.org](https://nemours.org)

About AARC Apex Recognition Award

The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) is a nonprofit organization and the only professional organization supporting Respiratory Care in the United States.

The AARC Apex Recognition Award is a recognition program for respiratory care departments in acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, home medical equipment (HME) companies, educational programs, and dedicated transport teams. AARC developed the Apex Award to recognize the significant contribution of respiratory therapists and highlight best practices in respiratory care that are aligned with evidence-based medicine.

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