

Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, Receives Twelfth Consecutive Accreditation for Rehabilitation Services and Programs

(Wilmington, Del., March 7, 2023) — Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, has once again attained accreditation through The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) through 2025. This recognition is Nemours Children's twelfth consecutive, three-year accreditation including both inpatient and interdisciplinary outpatient rehabilitation programs.

"Nemours Children's is proud to receive the CARF accreditation for 36 consecutive years," said Kelly Wascheck, BSN, RN, CRRN, Rehabilitation Program Manager, Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley. "This achievement emphasizes the high quality of our rehabilitation practices and dedication to creating the healthiest generations of children."

CARF accreditation is the benchmark of quality health and human services and is the highest level of achievement that can be awarded to an organization for its rehabilitation services.

"This accreditation would not be possible without our dedicated associates who work diligently to provide high-quality, patient and family-centered care every day," said Maura McManus, MD, Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley. "It is an honor to be consistently recognized for outstanding rehabilitation resources and facilities."

Receiving the CARF accreditation designates that Nemours Children's rehabilitation facilities are committed to maintaining the best possible quality of care and acting upon any opportunity for improvement. Nemours Children's earned recognition for its strong leaders, dedicated staff, physical appearance of the facilities, wheelchair accessibility, encouragement of education and growth, use of the D.R.I.V.E. (Diversity, anti-Racism, Inclusion, Value, and Health Equity) framework, and many more strengths acknowledged by the CARF surveyors.

"This is a confirmation of the exceptional care we provide every day," Monica Boyle, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Nurse Manager at Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware. "Every discipline is valued and respected as equal partners in the care of the patients and families who seek out rehabilitation services here at Nemours Children's Hospital."

To obtain this accreditation, Nemours underwent a rigorous survey process that determines its substantial adherence to over 1,800 CARF standards. As described by the CARF report, the accreditation standards evaluate providers' "demonstration of value and Quality Across the Lifespan® of persons served through the application of rigorous organizational and program standards organized around the ASPIRE to Excellence® continuous quality improvement framework."

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.

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

About CARF International Accreditation

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services, whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. For more than 50 years, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

CARF's internationally recognized standards are applied through the accreditation process during a site survey that distinguishes a provider's service delivery. This achievement informs the public that the provider has been recognized by the highest benchmark of quality health due to its commitment to continuous performance improvement, responsiveness to feedback, and accountability to the community and its other stakeholders. For more information about CARF and current statistics visit <http://www.carf.org/home/>.

