Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley Announces Suken A. Shah, MD, as The Shands/MacEwen Endowed Chair of Orthopedics and Chair of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery

(WILMINGTON, Del., August. 10, 2023) —Dr. Suken A. Shah has been named The Shands/MacEwen Endowed Chair of Orthopedics and Chair of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley.

Nemours Children's is dedicated to providing world-class care and is consistently ranked among the nation's best children's hospitals in orthopedics by U.S. News & World Report. With more than 20 years of service at Nemours, Dr. Shah has amassed a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the care of children with both congenital and acquired musculoskeletal conditions.

Dr. Shah's academic track record includes more than 4,000 operative cases with a focus on complex spine procedures, 250 invited lectures, 225 peer-reviewed publications, and 25 competitive awards, all while mentoring more than 40 aspiring fellows who are now pediatric orthopedic surgeons practicing worldwide. These academic achievements have earned him widespread recognition and respect as an international leader in pediatric orthopedic surgery.

"After a national search and careful vetting of the most qualified candidates, we are fortunate to have recruited a leader from within Nemours Children's. Dr. Shah not only possesses exceptional clinical and academic skills, but also recognizes the significance of fostering a patient-centered approach to surgical care and believes in the importance of surgical education and mentorship," said Katherine Deans, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley. "With Dr. Shah's leadership, I am confident that the Department of Orthopedics will continue to innovate and grow, while maintaining its unwavering commitment to the well-being of those we serve."

"After more than two decades at Nemours Children's, I am thrilled to be taking on the role of Endowed Chair of Orthopedics and furthering Nemours' mission to create the healthiest generations of children," Dr. Shah said. "As Chair, I look forward to collaborating with my talented teammates to advance the Department of Orthopedics, expand access for patients with orthopedic conditions and ensure Nemours' Department of Orthopedics is recognized for its clinical outcomes, scientific discoveries and academic leadership."

Since 2020, Dr. Shah has served as Vice Chair of the Department of Orthopedics. He has also served as Chief of the Spine and Scoliosis Division of Orthopedics since 2010 and as Clinical Fellowship Director of Orthopedics since 2009. He holds national leadership positions with the Scoliosis Research Society, the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America, directs the International Pediatric Orthopaedic Symposium (IPOSâ), and leads the Harms Study Group and Setting Scoliosis Straight Foundation, dedicated to scientific discovery and improving outcomes from pediatric spine surgery.

Dr. Shah graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in science and subsequently completed his medical degree with Alpha Omega Alpha honors at Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and his residency in orthopedic surgery at Thomas Jefferson University and the Rothman Institute where he now serves as Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Pediatrics. He matriculated into his fellowship in pediatric orthopedic surgery at the then Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children and joined the Nemours faculty in 2000 where he has remained committed to the Nemours legacy of excellence in pediatric orthopedic care.

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

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