Nemours Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children Announces New Division Chief of Plastic Surgery

E.J. Caterson, MD, PhD, joins the Department of Surgery

Wilmington, DE – Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children is pleased to welcome E.J. Caterson, MD, PhD, who joins the Department of Surgery as Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery. Dr. Caterson has specific expertise and interest in reconstructive plastic surgery, cleft care, craniofacial surgery, and microsurgery. He is a native of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and earned his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College and his PhD in cell and tissue engineering at Thomas Jefferson University in conjunction with Drexel University and the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Caterson was the first graduate of the Jefferson PhD program in Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine. He then completed a combined residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Harvard/Massachusetts General, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Children's Hospital Boston. He served a fellowship in craniofacial surgery at New York University, Langone Medical Center - Bellevue, Institute of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Dr. Caterson is board-certified in plastic surgery.

Before joining Nemours, Dr. Caterson was Assistant Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School, and Director of Craniofacial Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has been involved in research projects that have garnered more than $2 million in funded support.

Dr. Caterson is a reviewer for a number of journals and is the associate editor for the Journal of Craniofacial Surgery. He is a member of professional societies including: American Society of Plastic Surgeons, American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery, American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, and American Society for Reconstructive Transplantation.

Dr. Caterson is active in Operation Smile and other humanitarian surgical efforts. He is also an active member of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (IMSURT) team, the U.S. government medical and surgical response team for international disaster response.

"It has been our goal for the division to grow and encompass the full scope of pediatric plastic surgery, which includes an expansion of the team," said Stephen P. Dunn, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, Nemours duPont Hospital for Children. "With Dr. Caterson's leadership, we will extend our ability to serve as an intersection for collaborative care with other surgical services both here in the Delaware Valley and beyond. We look forward to increasing our global surgery/humanitarian missions that are consistent with the core principals of Nemours."

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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