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Wolfson Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Health Announce Expanded Clinical Collaboration to Enhance Pediatric Specialty Care Across North Florida

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Feb. 18, 2026) – Wolfson Children's Hospital, Northeast Florida's only specialty children's hospital, and Nemours Children's Health, one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, today celebrated a major expansion of their longstanding clinical collaboration to ensure children in the region have access to specialized expertise close to home.



Working Together So Kids Do Better

Beginning in March 2026, Nemours Children's expert physicians and advanced practice providers (APPs) will provide care for additional inpatient and ambulatory specialties at Wolfson Children's Hospital, strengthening integrated, multidisciplinary care for children and ensuring more seamless transitions between clinic visits, hospitalization and ongoing treatment. This will include the following specialties:

- Neonatology and newborn nursery services in Wolfson Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) and Baptist Health's Labor & Delivery units
- Critical Care Medicine in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)
- Neurosurgery
- Infectious Diseases
- Rheumatology
- Nephrology
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Palliative Care

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Starting in August 2026, Nemours Children's will also offer Genetics for Wolfson Children's.

In addition, Nemours Children's will open new outpatient clinics across the region, including offices for NICU follow-up and Medically Complex Care.

"Throughout its 70-year history, Wolfson Children's Hospital has grown into a specialty children's network with national recognition, building a strong foundation that allows us to further elevate care for our community's children," said Allegra C. Jaros, MBA, President, Wolfson Children's Hospital. "By expanding our collaboration with Nemours Children's Health and having their providers work as an integrated part of our care team, we are ensuring that families across our region have greater access to world-class pediatric expertise right here in Jacksonville."

"As locally headquartered organizations deeply invested in the well-being of children in North Florida and South Georgia, we share a vision for providing top quality, accessible specialty care," said Nemours Children's North Florida President Aaron Carpenter, DNP, MDiv, APRN, CPNP-PC, NEA-BC. "This expanded agreement brings together the strengths of two leading pediatric institutions to deliver comprehensive, coordinated care that improves outcomes for children with both routine and highly complex conditions."

Expanding a Trusted Clinical Collaboration

This expanded collaboration mirrors the model Wolfson Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Health have successfully executed for decades across many specialties including general surgery, hematology/oncology, orthopedics, trauma surgery and urology. Together, they work closely to provide cohesive, high-quality care — combining Wolfson Children's role as the region's only children's hospital with Nemours Children's national expertise in specialty outpatient and inpatient pediatric care.

As part of a joint operating agreement and expanded relationship launched in 2025, Nemours Children's began operating outpatient cardiology clinics in the region and providing cardiology services at Wolfson Children's Hospital. This alignment allows care teams to work side by side across the full continuum of heart care, from diagnosis through intervention and follow-up.

Patient families seeking any of the Nemours Children's pediatric subspecialty care services can make an appointment by calling 904.697.3600. To learn more about Nemours Children's Health, visit Nemours.org. To learn more about Wolfson Children's Hospital and our relationship with Nemours Children's Health, visit WolfsonChildrens.com/Nemours.

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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 addressing children's needs well beyond medicine. In producing the highly acclaimed, award-winning pediatric medicine podcast Well Beyond Medicine, Nemours underscores that commitment by featuring the people, programs, and partnerships addressing Whole Child Health. 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 Wolfson Children's Hospital
Nonprofit Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, is a part of Baptist Health, Northeast Florida's most comprehensive health system serving every stage of life which was named by *Newsweek* as one of "America's Greatest Workplaces in Health Care." Wolfson Children's is the only children's hospital in Northeast Florida and serves as the pediatric referral center for North Florida, South Georgia and beyond. Staffed 24/7 by pediatric nurses and other healthcare professionals specially trained to work with children, the 281-bed, patient- and family-centered hospital features the latest pediatric medical technology in a welcoming, child-friendly environment. At Wolfson Children's, nationally recognized pediatric specialists representing nearly every medical and surgical specialty work with pediatricians to provide care for children of all ages with congenital heart conditions, cancer, neurological disorders, diabetes and endocrinology disorders, orthopedic conditions, behavioral health conditions, traumatic injuries and more. Wolfson Children's collaborates with pediatric organizations, including Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville, Emergency Resources Group, Mayo Clinic Florida and the University of Florida College of Medicine — Jacksonville. A Magnet™-designated hospital since 2010, Wolfson Children's Hospital has been named among the *U.S. News & World Report* 50 Best Children's Hospitals year after year, and in 2025, was one of only 15 children's hospitals in the country selected as a Leapfrog Top Children's Hospital, a recognition of patient quality and safety. For additional information, please visit WolfsonChildrens.com.

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