

Distinguished Orthopedic Surgeon Eduardo Novais, MD, Named Chair of Orthopedics for Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville

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JACKSONVILLE, Florida (August 8, 2025) — Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville, today announced Eduardo Novais, MD, as the new chair of the Department of Orthopedics. A distinguished orthopedic surgeon who is renowned internationally, Dr. Novais has also been named the Nemours Endowed Chair for Advanced Orthopedics.

Dr. Novais will lead the orthopedic and sports medicine department at Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville and provide surgical services at Wolfson Children's Hospital. As part of his enterprise role at Nemours Children's, Dr. Novais will further expand clinical strengths, translate research into practical care, and unite resources across the Nemours Children's enterprise to foster collaboration in pediatric orthopedic care and education.

Joining Nemours Children's from the Child and Young Adult Hip Preservation Program at Boston Children's Hospital, Dr. Novais brings a strong blend of surgical skill, research excellence, and leadership in caring for children and adolescents—qualities that align well with the Nemours commitment to Whole Child Health.

"Dr. Novais' leadership, vision, and bold goals will transform the landscape of pediatric orthopedic care in Northeast Florida, further empowering us to create the healthiest generations of children in Jacksonville and beyond," said Andrew Stec, MD, MBA, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville. "As we continue to advance orthopedic excellence, his compassion, clinical expertise and academic dedication, will help drive our vision forward."

Dr. Novais earned his medical degree at Brazil's Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais and completed the Program for Leadership Development at Harvard Business School. He is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and has completed fellowships at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and Boston Children's Hospital. He has also published more than 130 peer-reviewed publications in the field of hip preservation surgery and has co-edited a book titled "Hip Preservation Surgery in Children and Adolescents."

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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 freestanding 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.

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