Walid A. Farhat, MD, FAAP, Named Chief of Urology and Vice Chair of Surgery for Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville



JACKSONVILLE, Florida (April 22, 2026) - Nemours Children's Health today announced Walid A. Farhat, MD, FAAP, as Division Chief of Urology, and Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery, for Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville.

"Dr. Farhat brings to Nemours Children's Health an accomplished career in pediatric urology, and we look forward to the expertise he will bring to our team," said Andrew Stec, MD, MBA, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville. "With Dr. Farhat's leadership, we will amplify our efforts to provide the highest quality of care and look forward to the many discoveries and advancements ahead that will benefit those entrusted to our care."

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Dr. Farhat is an internationally recognized pediatric urologist with more than two decades of experience advancing minimally invasive surgery, complex congenital urologic care, and outcomes-driven pediatric urology. He has authored more than 260 peer-reviewed publications, contributed to more than 25 book chapters, and co-edited foundational texts in pediatric urology, bioengineering, and surgical innovation.

"Nemours Children's Health's strong focus on innovation, collaboration and excellence in patient care aligns closely with my passion for advancing pediatric urology," said Walid A. Farhat, MD, FAAP, Division Chief of Urology and Vice Chair of Surgery for Nemours Children's Health, Jacksonville. "I look forward to working with this exceptional team to advance discovery, enhance care delivery and make a meaningful difference for children and families."

A primary focus of Dr. Farhat's work has been the care of children with bowel and bladder dysfunction, where he helped establish standardized clinical assessment tools, multidisciplinary care pathways, and population-level approaches to care. His research highlights the interaction between congenital urologic conditions, chronic symptoms, psychosocial factors, and long-term quality of life—advancing a more integrated and family-centered model of pediatric urology.

Dr. Farhat completed his medical education and urology residency at the American University of Beirut in Beirut, Lebanon, and his pediatric urology fellowship at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, where he remained on faculty for nearly two decades. In 2019, he joined the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, serving as Chief of Pediatric Urology and Director of Global Urology, and as Professor in the Departments of Urology, Surgery, and Pediatrics.

He is board certified in urology with subspecialty certification in pediatric urology, a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Surgeons and has held a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree as well as numerous national leadership roles, including Society of Pediatric Urology (SPU) and President-Elect of the American Association of Pediatric Urologists (AAPU). He has served as course chair and faculty for pediatric urology laparoscopy course (PULC) and training programs, helping train fellows and surgeons across North America and globally.

"Dr. Farhat's vision, academic strength and commitment to innovation make him an exceptional choice for Vice Chair of Surgery," said Robert W. Letton, Jr., MD, FACS, FAAP, Albert H. Wilkinson, Jr., MD, Endowed Professor and Chair of Surgery for Nemours Children's Health. "He will be instrumental in advancing our surgical programs and strengthening the care we provide to children in North Florida and beyond."

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 children's health information website with health information written for parents, kids and teens, Nemours KidsHealth.

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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