

Dyane Bunnell Named Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse of the Year

Nemours nursing leader receives national recognition

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Dyane Bunnell, MSN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, [Nemours Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders](#) (NCCBD), was named the Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse of the Year (CPON®). As recipient of this national award, Bunnell is recognized for her outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric oncology nursing.

Bunnell has been a registered nurse for 35 years and with Nemours since 2004. Her leadership and commitment to professional development have enhanced nursing at Nemours and the spectrum of care for hematology, oncology and stem cell transplant patients at Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. Bunnell has participated at both the regional and national levels in APHON (Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses) and has been a force in promoting the professional development of pediatric specialty nurses. By ensuring standards of knowledge, skills, and abilities in specialty practice, her efforts have contributed to high quality care and better patient outcomes for the children served by duPont Hospital.

Among her many accomplishments, Bunnell has:

- Chaired workgroups and championed nurse-led initiatives for chemotherapy safety by refining workflows, integrating treatment plans and protocols into electronic health records, and implementing staff training and education.
- Co-authored dozens of poster and podium presentations for clinical nurses, and provided professional education at regional and national conferences.
- Earned the 2012 Marie L. Des Barres Award as Nurse of the Year at Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children.
- Been recognized by Delaware Today as a 2016 top nurse and by the University of Delaware in 2017 as one of the 50 Alumni Stars of the School of Nursing.

Norine Watson, MSN, Director of Nursing, said, "Dyane has ideas for constantly improving our care of children and families. She has been the driving force behind many groundbreaking programs and achievements at Nemours. Dyane innovates, educates and pursues excellence in all that she does."

E. Anders Kolb, MD, NCCBD Director, said, "Dyane embodies the Nemours commitment to quality and safety, to staff engagement and education, and to the patient/family experience. From the bedside to the national stage, Dyane is a leader dedicated to the providing the best care possible for children with cancer. This award acknowledges what we all already know: Dyane is the best!"

Bunnell will be honored during the 41st APHON Annual Conference, August 17-19, 2017 in Palm Springs, CA.

Nemours is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates the [Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children](#) in Wilmington, Del., and [Nemours Children's Hospital](#) in Orlando, Fla., along with outpatient facilities in six 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.

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.