Nemours/duPont Hospital for Children Celebrates 30 Years of CARF Accreditation

Accreditation body delivers excellent review of rehabilitation and therapy programs

Wilmington, DE — CARF International has announced its accreditation of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children for a period of three years for its therapeutic and rehabilitation services. This latest recognition is the tenth consecutive three-year accreditation earned by duPont Hospital for Children and includes both the inpatient and CORP (Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Program) programs, making it the only pediatric facility in the Delaware Valley to be so recognized.

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CARF accreditation represents the highest level of achievement that can be awarded to an organization for its rehabilitation services, and shows Nemours’ adherence to the demanding CARF standards. Nemours undergoes a rigorous peer review process and has consistently demonstrated to a team of surveyors during on-site visits that its programs and services are of the highest quality.

Among the program’s strengths as described by reviewers: “The resources at the … hospital are amazing and provide best care for [children] and families served. The interdisciplinary team is cohesive and [patient]-focused through observation of interaction and feedback from families. The school re-entry process is successful due to the dedication of the team.” Among the programs’ special features cited are the large therapeutic swimming pool, on-site rehabilitation engineers, wheelchair clinic and augmentative communication clinic.

“Receiving CARF accreditation for 30 years consecutively underscores our commitment to outstanding rehabilitation practice for the children and youth we serve,” said Kelly Wascheck, Director of Therapeutic & Rehabilitation Services. “We are honored to have both our inpatient and CORP programs accredited by CARF.”

“Family-centered care is at the heart of everything we do,” added Maura McManus, MD, Division Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. “It is gratifying to achieve this consistent accreditation, and to be the only rehabilitation program for children in the region to do so. I’m extremely proud of our team.”

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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