

Nemours Children's Primary Care Receives for Innovations in Quality Improvement Award

Measles Immunization Program Recognized



Orlando, Fla (Sept 21, 2020) – Nemours Children's Primary Care in Central Florida has been honored by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc (AAAHC), the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, for implementing changes that enhance the quality of care, patient safety and overall efficiency. The winners of the prestigious Bernard A. Kershner Innovations in

Quality Improvement Award, named for the late leader in ambulatory care and distinguished past Chair of the AAACH Institute Board of Trustees, were announced in a virtual ceremony September 17.

Nemours Children's Primary Care was recognized in the 2019-20 Primary Care Category. The winning program, entitled "Increasing Measles Vaccination Rates in at-Risk Populations," had the goal of increasing the measles vaccination rate among children aged 3-18. Within a two-month timeframe, Nemours focused on increasing vaccination rates for measles in efforts to protect the under immunized while simultaneously improving herd immunity. During that period, the Nemours team conducted outreach to those who never received a measles vaccine. At the end of the project, they successfully vaccinated 7.3% of patients who were reached, exceeding the goal of 2.5%.

"The extraordinary work on this project demonstrates the Nemours commitment to improving the health of children in Florida," said Dr. Tom Lacy, Division Chief of Nemours Children's Health System Primary Care and Urgent Care. "Immunizing the child protects the child while improving herd immunity to protect the community."

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About Nemours Children's Health System

[Nemours](#) is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates the two free-standing children's hospitals: the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del., and Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Fla., along with outpatient facilities in five 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](#). [Nemours ReadingBrightstart.org](#) is a program dedicated to preventing reading failure in young children, grounded in Nemours' understanding that child health and learning are inextricably linked, and that reading level is a strong predictor of adult health.

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.

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