

Pediatric Surgery Chair named Chair of the Trauma Pediatric Specialty Committee for the American College of Surgeons



Dr. Letton

Jacksonville, Fla. (October 29, 2020) – Nemours Children's Specialty Care Jacksonville Chair of the Department of Surgery and Surgeon-in-Chief at Wolfson Children's Hospital, Robert W. Letton Jr., MD, has been named the Chair of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma's Pediatric Specialty Committee. The chairmanship will be official during the Committee on Trauma's annual meeting in March, 2021 and runs for two years.

The ACS COT aims to develop and implement programs that support injury prevention and ensure patient outcomes across the continuum of care. These programs incorporate advocacy, education, trauma center and trauma system resources, best practice creation, outcome assessment and continuous quality improvement.

Letton joined Nemours and Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville in 2019 as the Albert H. Wilkinson Jr. Endowed Professor in Pediatric Surgery. He previously was medical director of the Pediatric Trauma Program and director of the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Program at Children's Hospital of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, where he was also the Paula Milburn Miller Endowed Chair in Pediatric Surgery.

"This is a great honor and I look forward to working with adult and pediatric trauma leadership to insure that injured children receive optimal care and achieve excellent outcomes regardless of portal of entry into the trauma system" said Dr. Letton.

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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.

About Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville

[Wolfson Children's Hospital](#) in Jacksonville, Florida, is a part of [Baptist Health](#), Northeast Florida's most comprehensive health system serving every stage of life. Wolfson Children's is the only children's hospital in Northeast Florida and serves as the pediatric referral center for North Florida, South Georgia and beyond. Staffed 24/7 by pediatric nurses and other healthcare professionals specially trained to work with children, the 216-bed, patient- and family-centered hospital features the latest pediatric medical technology in a welcoming, child-friendly environment. At Wolfson Children's, nationally recognized pediatric specialists representing nearly every medical and surgical specialty work with pediatricians to provide care for children of all ages with congenital heart conditions, cancer, neurological disorders, diabetes and endocrinology disorders, orthopaedic conditions, behavioral health conditions, traumatic injuries, and more. Wolfson Children's pediatric institutional partners include [Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville](#), [UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh](#), the [University of Florida College of Medicine—Jacksonville](#) and [Mayo Clinic Florida](#). A Magnet™-designated hospital since 2010, Wolfson Children's Hospital has been named among the U.S. News & World Report 50 Best Children's Hospitals year after year, and in 2019, was selected as one of only 10 children's hospitals in the country as a Leapfrog Top Children's Hospital, a recognition of patient quality and safety. For additional information, please visit [wolfsonchildrens.com](#).

