

Expanding Nemours Pediatric Specialty Services in the Tallahassee Region

Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville partners with Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare and Nemours Children's Specialty Care to expand pediatric specialty services in the greater Big Bend Region



Tallahassee, Fla., (November 17, 2020) – As part of a continued effort to offer outstanding, accessible outpatient pediatric specialty services in a convenient setting for children and families in greater Big Bend area, Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville, in partnership with Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH), is opening a second Specialty Center location in Tallahassee. Services at the new Wolfson Children's Specialty Center at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare will be provided by pediatric specialists with Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville.

The new 3,500-square-foot Wolfson Children's Specialty Center at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, located at 2418 East Plaza Drive, will offer outpatient pediatric urology and gastroenterology (GI) services, with room to expand and add other outpatient pediatric specialty services in the future. Services at this location will be provided by Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville, which has offered pediatric urology services in Tallahassee since 2008 and will now relocate to the new Specialty Center. Pediatric cardiology care will continue to be provided at the Wolfson Children's Specialty Center at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare located at 1132 Lee Avenue.

"By providing specialty care services closer to home for the children of the greater Tallahassee area, which includes Southwest Georgia and Southeast Alabama, we eliminate the geographical barrier to specialized care," said Michael D. Aubin, FACHE, president of Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville. "We are grateful for our long-standing partnership with Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, which has allowed us to continue expanding access to pediatric care and improve the health and lives of children in the greater Big Bend area. Through our decades-long partnership with Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville, children get specialty care through experts in their fields."

"One of the ways TMH elevates the standards of health care practice, quality and innovation in our region is through strategic affiliations with other nationally recognized leaders in specialty care, like Wolfson Children's Hospital," explained Mark O'Bryant, president and CEO of TMH. "We care deeply for our community's children and families and are proud to work with Wolfson Children's to bring new expertise to our region and keep more children close to home for their care."

Conveniently located in the Eastwood Complex off US-90 (Mahan Drive), less than a mile from TMH, the new Wolfson Children's Specialty Center at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare will begin accepting pediatric GI and urology patients in early December. Pediatric gastroenterologists and a pediatric urologist with Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville, will be on-site for patient appointments two days a month. A staff member will facilitate telemedicine appointments to connect patients in Tallahassee with the Nemours Jacksonville providers when these physician specialists are not on-site.

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Since 2016, Wolfson Children's has partnered with TMH to offer families in and around Tallahassee, Southwest Georgia and Southeast Alabama access to high-level specialized pediatric care close to home. In addition to the Specialty Centers, this affiliation has led to the creation of the Tallahassee Memorial Children's Emergency Center, located on the second floor of the Tallahassee Memorial Emergency Center - Northeast.

To learn more about the new Wolfson Children's Specialty Center at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, visit TMH.ORG/Wolfson.

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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

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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.

About Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare

Founded in 1948, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH) is a private, not-for-profit community healthcare system committed to transforming care, advancing health, and improving lives with an ultimate vision to elevate the standards of healthcare practice, quality and innovation in the region. Serving a 17-county area in North Florida and South Georgia, TMH is comprised of a 772-bed acute care hospital, a surgery and adult ICU center, a psychiatric hospital, multiple specialty care centers, three residency programs, 37 affiliated physician practices and partnerships with Doctors' Memorial Hospital, Florida State University College of Medicine, UF Health, Weems Memorial Hospital and Wolfson Children's Hospital. For more information, visit TMH.ORG.

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](http://NemoursReadingBrightstart.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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