Nemours Children's Hospital Earns 2020 Leapfrog Top Hospital Award for Outstanding Quality and Safety

Orlando, Fla. (December 8, 2020) – Highlighting its nationally recognized achievements in patient safety and quality, Nemours Children's Hospital was named a Top Children's Hospital nationally by The Leapfrog Group. This is the fourth time the hospital, which just marked its eighth year, has made the list. Announced today, the Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive awards American hospitals can receive. The Top Hospital designation is bestowed by The Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization of employers and other purchasers widely acknowledged as the toughest standard-setters for health care safety and quality.

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"Nemours is honored to again achieve this distinction for exemplary quality measures," said Randy Hartley, Chief Operating Officer at Nemours Children's Hospital.

Over 2,200 hospitals were considered for the award. Among those, Nemours Children's Hospital received a Top Children's distinction. A total of 105 hospitals were selected as Top Hospitals, including:

- 9 Top Children's Hospitals
- 29 Top General Hospitals
- 19 Top Rural Hospitals
- 48 Top Teaching Hospitals

The quality of patient care across many areas of hospital performance is considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including infection rates, practices for safer surgery, maternity care, and the hospital's capacity to prevent medication errors. The rigorous standards are defined in each year's Top Hospital Methodology.

"Being recognized as a Top Hospital is an extraordinary feat and we are honored to recognize Nemours Children's Hospital this year," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Despite the extraordinary pressure and strain of the COVID-19 pandemic, Nemours Children's Hospital has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to patients and to the central Florida community. We congratulate the board, staff and clinicians whose efforts made this honor possible."

To qualify for the Top Hospitals distinction, hospitals must rank top among peers on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which assesses hospital performance on the highest standards for quality and patient safety, and achieve top performance in its category. To see the full list of institutions honored as 2020 Top Hospitals, visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

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 The Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a

movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information, they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

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