# Nemours Children's Hospital Welcomes its Third Class of Pediatric Residents

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Orlando, Fla. (June 15, 2021) – At a special ceremony, Nemours Children's Hospital officially welcomed its third class of physicians in training to this three-year residency program. Long white coats were given to each member of the class of 12, recruited by Nemours from around the country. They join two groups of upperclassmen currently engaged in exceptional training in patient care, advocacy, research, evidence-based medicine and population health.

The new class includes individuals whose broad experiences range from being homeless to being president of their medical school class, to serving as a Green Beret.

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In addition to robust clinical exposure and patient care, resident education includes simulation based procedural experience and research opportunities with a focus on patient quality and safety, according to Dr. Heather Fagan, interim chief of pediatrics and an award-winning medical educator who developed the graduate medical education infrastructure at Nemours Children's Hospital.

"It is exciting to see this program advance to the point where Nemours Children's Hospital has both mentors and mentees among the residents," said Dr. Fagan. Under Dr. Fagan's leadership, the hospital was granted institutional accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in 2016.

Bolstered by the legacy of Alfred I. duPont and the Nemours Foundation, we have constructed an academic facility dedicated to exceptional patient care, medical education, public policy and children's welfare.

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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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