Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children Ranks in Seven Specialties- U.S. News and World Report

Orthopedics is 6th in U.S.; Cancer, Nephrology, Urology Move Up in Rankings

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in seven pediatric specialties in the new 2018-19 Best Children's Hospitals rankings published online today. Orthopedics ranked 6th in the nation. The hospital's ranked specialties include:

- Cancer (#16)
- Endocrinology and diabetes (#30)
- Gastroenterology and GI surgery (#33)
- Nephrology (#31)
- Neurology and neurosurgery (#43)
- Orthopedics (#6)
- Urology (#27)

Four of Nemours ranked specialties improved their ranking from 2017-18, including: cancer (#25 to #16); nephrology (#38 to #31); orthopedics (#7 to #6), and urology (#42 to #27). Neurology and neurosurgery — unranked in 2017-18 — achieved ranking this year.

The 12th annual Best Children's Hospitals <u>rankings</u> highlight U.S. News's top 50 U.S. pediatric facilities in 10 surveyed specialties. Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children has been ranked among the nation's best children's hospitals in each year it has participated in the survey.

The rankings rely on clinical data and on an annual survey of pediatric specialists. The rankings methodology considers clinical outcomes, such as mortality and infection rates, efficiency and coordination of care delivery and compliance with "best practices."

"It is very gratifying to see the dedication and clinical excellence of our staff and programs result in these rankings for the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children," said Nemours President and CEO David J. Bailey, MD, MBA. "We are especially proud of the improved rankings achieved this year. Knowing that parents rely on information such as that provided by U.S. New and World Report, we are honored to participate in the survey and to offer nationally recognized care every day."

"The U.S. News Best Children's Hospitals highlight pediatric centers that deliver state-of-the-art medical care to children with complex conditions," said Ben Harder, Chief of Health Analysis at U.S. News. "Children with life-threatening or rare conditions need the level of quality care that these hospitals deliver day after day."

This year's rankings will be published in the U.S. News & World Report's "Best Hospitals 2019" guidebook available in stores late September. For more information, visit Best Children's Hospitals for the full rankings and use #BestHospitals on Facebook and Twitter.

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 six 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, <u>KidsHealth.org</u>, and offers on-demand, online video patient visits through Nemours <u>CareConnect</u>. <u>Nemours ReadingBrightstart.org</u> 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 <u>The Nemours Foundation</u> 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.