

# Dr. R. Lawrence Moss Begins Tenure As President, CEO Of Nemours Children's Health System

**Jacksonville, FL** - Today marks the first day at work for Nemours Children's Health System's new President and CEO, Dr. R. Lawrence Moss. Succeeding previous leader Dr. David Bailey, Dr. Moss joins Nemours after serving seven years as Surgeon-in-Chief at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

"I am both excited and humbled by the privilege," said Dr. Moss. "It is a challenge to lead any pediatric health system, but at Nemours where I will be trying to fill the shoes of my predecessor, Dr. David Bailey, it will be an especially herculean task. Nemours' mission of putting the child first in every interaction and every decision is not only familiar to me, it is aligned with my most deeply held beliefs about health care for children. Improving the lives and well-being of our children has been the basis of my entire professional life."

Dr. Moss is a renowned pediatric surgeon, biomedical researcher, educator, and health system executive. He is internationally recognized for leadership in healthcare quality and safety, including service as a founding director for developing quality standards for pediatric surgery nationally. He is also known for tremendous achievements in academic health centers, national hospital associations, and government organizations accountable to the public. While at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Dr. Moss was also the E. Thomas Boles Jr., Professor of Surgery at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

"We are delighted to have Dr. Moss join the Nemours team in delivering on our mission to provide the leadership, institutions and services to restore and improve the health of children through care and programs not readily available," said Brian Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Nemours Foundation. "His commitment to whole child health makes him a wonderful fit for the children, families, and the communities we serve."

Dr. Moss was an integral part of the Nationwide team that transformed its surgery program into an academic powerhouse influencing children's surgery worldwide and consistently ranked as one of the elite programs in the world. Under his leadership, the program developed the first FDA approved studies in Tissue Engineering for congenital heart disease, internationally renowned centers in colorectal and craniofacial care, and more than a dozen federally funded surgical research programs.

Prior to his time at [Nationwide Children's Hospital](#) Dr. Moss served as the inaugural Chief of Surgery at [Yale New Haven Children's Hospital](#) and Robert Pritzker Professor of Surgery at [Yale University School of Medicine](#), and in leadership roles at [Stanford University School of Medicine](#). He has also advised the [National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH), the [National Quality Forum](#) (NQF), the [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA), and the

[Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality](#) (AHRQ). Dr. Moss is a past Chairperson of the [Surgical Section of the American Academy Pediatrics](#) and is currently President of the [Children's Hospital Association](#) Surgeons-in-Chief Forum.

"The President and CEO role at Nemours represents a wonderful opportunity to lead an institution that embodies the values I hold as most important. I believe the future of American healthcare begins with our children," said Dr. Moss. "With a focus on creating health over treating disease, efficient care delivery and an alignment of the success of the health system with the health of the population it serves, I believe that Nemours is on the verge of breaking into elite status in children's healthcare."

## 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](https://kidshealth.org), and offers on-demand, online video patient visits through Nemours [CareConnect](https://careconnect.nemours.org). [Nemours ReadingBrightstart.org](https://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](https://nemoursfoundation.org) 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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