

Pediatric Diabetes Center at Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville, Wolfson Children's Hospital recognized for providing outstanding diabetes education

Program meets strict standards outlined by the American Diabetes Association



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Centers that achieve this recognition status have a team of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide patients with comprehensive information about diabetes management. The ADA Education Recognition Program is the leading quality assurance mechanism for diabetes self-management education and support.

Programs that are considered for this status undergo rigorous review to ensure they meet strict national standards for developing and maintaining excellent diabetes education services. Recognition status is verified by officials from the ADA and awarded for four years.

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In addition, the Center also offers family and individual counseling, support groups and education in advanced diabetes technologies, including artificial pancreas systems.

The team includes board-certified pediatric endocrinologists working both at Nemours and Wolfson Children's, pediatric endocrine fellows, nurse practitioners and diabetes research coordinators, along with several certified diabetes educators who are specially trained either as registered dietitians or nurses, all working in an integrated system to care for children with diabetes and their families. Administrative support staff is also an integral part of the team.

"This recognition wouldn't be possible without the commitment of each and every member of the Pediatric Diabetes Center team," said Nelly Mauras, MD, chief of Endocrinology for Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville. "Their dedication to their patients and families ensures these children can grow to be healthy adults, and the research being conducted now will benefit children for generations to come. This center is an enormous asset to the community and the large treatment area that we serve"

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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 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.

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About Nemours Children's Health. Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, including two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of nearly 80 primary and specialty care practices across five states. Nemours seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe, and high quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org.

The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to the children, families and communities it serves.

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