Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida Earns 2021 Leapfrog Top Hospital Award for Outstanding Quality and Safety

Orlando, FL - Dec 7, 2021 – Highlighting its nationally recognized patient safety and quality achievements, Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida was named a Top Children's Hospital nationally by The Leapfrog Group. This marks the fifth time in the nine years since the hospital opened that Nemours Children's made the prestigious list. The Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive designations for quality and safety that American hospitals can receive. The Leapfrog Group is a national watchdog organization of employers and other purchasers recognized as the toughest standard-setters for health care safety and quality.

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Over 2,200 hospitals were considered for the award. Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida, was among 149 hospitals nationwide and one of only eight children's hospitals to receive the Top Children's distinction.

The Top Hospitals rankings include:

- 8 Top Children's
- 46 Top General
- 23 Top Rural
- 72 Top Teaching (Adult Hospitals).

"Patient care and safety are top priorities at Nemours Children's," says Martha McGill, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida. "We are honored once again by this recognition of providing a safe environment for patients and families when they visit our hospital."

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

"We are pleased to recognize Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida as a Top Hospital this year," said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Even with the continued strain of the COVID-19 pandemic, Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to excellent health care in the Orlando and Central Florida community. We congratulate the board, leadership, staff, and clinicians who put their patients first."

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 quality and patient safety standards. To see the full list of institutions honored as 2021 Top Hospitals, visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

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.

About Nemours Children's Health

Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, which includes two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of nearly 75 primary and specialty care practices. 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, Nemours 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. For more information, visit Nemours.org.

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