

# FloridaCIO Bestows Leadership ORBIE Award on Bernie Rice, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Nemours Children's Health

Jacksonville, Fla. (March 4, 2022) FloridaCIO has named Bernie Rice, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Nemours Children's Health, as a recipient of its ORBIE Award.

Bernie Rice joined Nemours Children's Health in 1999 and is based in Jacksonville. He was named CIO in 2008, and is responsible for the leadership and strategic direction of information systems supporting Nemours' clinical operations in six states and policy and prevention work in 25 states.

Rice's computing and technology experience has enabled Nemours to advance its mission and realize its strategic destination by leveraging its investment in technology.

Rice has helped build Nemours into an award-winning organization, most recently achieving Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Stage 7 for both inpatient and ambulatory operations. Nemours also has been recognized continually as a Most Wired organization.

Before joining Nemours, he served in the U.S. Air Force and as an information systems manager with Anheuser-Busch Inc.

A native of Jacksonville, Rice attended the University of North Florida where he earned a bachelor's degree in computer science. In addition, he has achieved the certified health care CIO certification from the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives where he is a member. He also is a member the Children's Hospital Association and HIMSS.

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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 75 primary and specialty care practices. Nemours Children's 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 Children's 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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