Pediatric Nephrologists at
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Caring for children as if they were our own. Members of the Division of Nephrology at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children are board certified and fellowship-trained nephrologists who work closely with primary care physicians and specialists in urology, rheumatology and surgery to diagnose and treat virtually all kidney problems. Our experts provide treatment that may include hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and/or transplant. We offer prenatal testing and counseling for women carrying babies with congenital abnormalities such as cystic kidney diseases and hydronephrosis. Our staff also has expertise in the treatment of hypertension, kidney stones, and urinary tract infections, as well as managing the many side effects children experience as a result of renal failure, including stunted growth. We provide family and peer support to help families deal with the stress of kidney disease. With more than two decades of experience and numerous successful transplants our Solid Organ Transplant team oversees one of the largest pediatric liver and kidney transplant programs in the country. U.S. News & World Report 2011-12 edition of “Best Children’s Hospitals” ranks pediatric kidney care at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children among the best in the nation.

Abdullah Sakarcan, MD, is Chief of the Division of Nephrology at the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. He received his medical degree from Cerrahpasa Medical School in Istanbul, Turkey, and completed an internship at Yumrutas Health House in Turkey. Dr. Sakarcan completed a residency in pediatrics at the University of Florida College of Medicine, and fellowships in pediatric nephrology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and in sleep disorders at the Baylor College of Medicine Sleep Disorders Center. Dr. Sakarcan has lectured and published extensively in peer-reviewed medical journals and has held numerous academic and editorial positions. He has been practicing pediatric nephrology since 1994. Dr. Sakarcan is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric nephrology. Special interests include nephrotic syndrome, hypertension, ischemia reperfusion injury and proximal tubular disorders.

Provides care in Wilmington, DE; and Lancaster, PA

Bruce A. Kaiser, MD, is a pediatric nephrologist. He is a graduate of Temple University School of Medicine. Dr. Kaiser completed an internship in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles and residency in pediatrics at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children. Dr. Kaiser completed a fellowship in pediatric nephrology at the University of California School of Medicine, and a research fellowship in nephrology at Stanford University Medical Center. A diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, he is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric nephrology. He has published and lectured extensively. Special interests include acute renal failure, acid-base and electrolyte abnormalities, hypertension, kidney stones, and prevention of the progression of kidney injury, end-stage renal disease, and renal transplantation.

Provides care in Wilmington, DE; Egg Harbor Township and Voorhees, NJ

Christopher J. LaRosa, MD, is a pediatric nephrologist and a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. He completed a residency in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh and fellowship in pediatric nephrology at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He is board certified in pediatrics and his special interests include pediatric nephrology.

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Raquel R. Tapia, MD, is a pediatric nephrologist and a graduate of Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. She completed a residency in pediatrics at Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center of the State University of New York and a fellowship in pediatric nephrology at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, New York. She also served a nephrology research fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Tapia is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric nephrology. Her clinical interests include general pediatric nephrology, acute and chronic kidney injury, dialysis, transplantation, and hypertension.

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Cathy McAdams, MSN, RN, PNP-BC, is the transplant coordinator for Nephrology. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Delaware and earned her Master Degree of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania’s Pediatric Acute/Chronic Care Nurse Practitioner Program. Cathy is certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She worked at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia for 13 years, came to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in 2001, and serves as an advanced practice nurse in transplantation in the Nephrology Department. Cathy’s interests and experience include pediatric nephrology, kidney transplantation, primary care and otolaryngology.

Deborah Fattori, MSN, RN, PNP-BC is currently the Director of Advanced Practice Nursing at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from East Stroudsburg University and Master and Post-master’s of Science in Nursing degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. She is certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Deborah has practiced as a pediatric nurse for the majority of her nursing career and as a pediatric nephrology nurse practitioner at the duPont Hospital for Children for the past 16 years.

Lauren Bruno, MSN, RN, C-FNP earned her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in nursing from Columbia University. She is certified as a family nurse practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Lauren previously worked at New York Presbyterian Hospital Weill-Cornell in the pediatric intensive care unit as a nurse, and later as a travel medicine nurse practitioner. Her interests include pediatric nephrology and education.

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