Nemours Children’s Hospital – Executives

David J. Bailey, MD, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer of Nemours, was named President and Chief Executive Officer of The Nemours Foundation by the Board of Directors in April 2006. Dr. Bailey graduated in 1973 from West Virginia University magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa in biology. After earning his medical degree from The Pennsylvania State University in 1977, he completed an internship and residency program in pediatrics at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. After leaving the military in 1987, Dr. Bailey established the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. Dr. Bailey then pursued a masters of business administration at the University of South Florida, earning his degree in 1996. In 1997 he joined Nemours when the Nemours Children’s Clinic, Orlando opened.

Roger Oxendale, MBA, Sr. Vice President of Nemours, CEO of Nemours Children’s Hospital, is a nationally recognized health care executive. Prior to joining Nemours in 2010, he served as CEO of Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. There, he guided the construction of a new, technologically advanced children’s hospital that opened in 2009. Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC was recently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the 10 best children’s hospitals in the country. It was also named top digital children’s hospital in the nation by KLAS, an independent organization that monitors health care technology and performance.

Randall W. Hartley, Chief Administrative Officer, has earned a reputation as a strong administrative and operational leader with experience in complex health care settings. He joins the NCH team from Jacksonville, Florida, where he was Vice President, Operations at St. Vincent’s Physicians Enterprises, a group of 160 physicians working in 45 locations. Before that, he was Administrator/Chief Operating Officer for St. Luke’s Hospital, also in Jacksonville. Hartley’s interest in health care began during his 28-year career in the U.S. Air Force. While in the military, he directed a multinational health care support system for 200,000 personnel from 34 coalition nations.

Barbara D. Meeks, RN, MSN, MBA, Chief Nursing Executive, has 30 years of experience in health care, as nurse, professor of nursing and advocate for excellence in pediatric medicine. Her record of leadership, including the national recognition she attracted for patient- and family-centered care while at the MCG Health Children’s Medical Center in Georgia, make her an ideal fit for NCH. Meeks is passionate about helping children and their families and active in professional groups that seek to raise standards for children’s health care.

Nemours Children’s Hospital – Physician Leadership

Kamran Badizadegan, MD, Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, joined Nemours in 2011 from Massachusetts General Hospital, where he was head of pediatric pathology and Associate Professor in Pathology and Health Sciences and Technology at Harvard Medical School. He completed his undergraduate training in chemical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned his medical degree from the Medical School at Harvard University.

Cartland Burns, MD, Division Chief, Pediatric Surgery, is an expert in intestinal disease in children and has vast experience in laparoscopy, thoracoscopy, and robotic surgery. He is building an intestinal failure program in Orlando that will introduce new treatments to dramatically improve quality of life and life expectancy. Dr. Burns came to NCH in 2012 from the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC where he was Clinical Director of General and Thoracic Surgery, Surgical Director of the Intestinal Care and Rehabilitation Center, and physician champion for patient- and family-centered care.
Mauri Carakushansky, MD, Division Chief, Endocrinology, has directed the Program for Type 2 Diabetes in Children and Adolescents at Nemours Children’s Clinic, Orlando since 2006, and will serve as Division Chief of Endocrinology at NCH. Brazilian by birth, Dr. Carakushansky earned his medical degree at the School of Medicine, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he also did postgraduate training in pediatric medical genetics. He completed a residency in pediatrics at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida, and a fellowship in pediatric endocrinology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Carakushansky’s research includes investigations of growth hormone deficiency and short stature.

Lane F. Donnelly, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Chair of Radiology, comes to Nemours from Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Ohio, where he led one of the largest pediatric training programs in the country. Under his direction, the CCHMC Radiology Department achieved recognition as a national leader for its pediatric imaging, research and education programs. Dr. Donnelly literally wrote the book on pediatric radiology. Pediatric Imaging: The Fundamentals is currently the most-read pediatric textbook for radiology residents.

Monica Epelman, MD, Vice Chairman of Radiology and Director of Clinical Radiology Research, joined Nemours in 2012. Her areas of expertise include pediatric cardiovascular and body imaging, as well as applications of ultrasound in pediatric imaging. She is a graduate of Médicas Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Hospital Infantil Municipal, Cordoba, and combined radiology residency at Barzilai Medical Center and Sheba Medical Center, Israel, followed by clinical fellowships in pediatric radiology and cardiovascular imaging and interventional radiology at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. She received her master’s degree from the Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University. Dr. Epelman is board certified in diagnostic radiology.

Richard Finkel, MD, Division Chief, Neurology, is a specialist in neuromuscular disorders and pediatric electromyography, fetal neurology, and metabolic disorders of the nervous system. His research interests include spinal muscular atrophy, childhood myositis, muscular dystrophies, and Fabry’s and Pompe’s diseases. Before joining Nemours, Dr. Finkel directed the Neuromuscular Program at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and was a Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Terri Finkel, MD, PhD, Chair of Pediatrics and Chief Research Officer, is a national leader in research. She has three separate federally funded areas of research and has published 80 peer-reviewed journal articles. She is a graduate of Stanford University. She completed her internship at Boston Children’s Hospital, her residency in pediatrics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and trained as a fellow in pediatric rheumatology and immunology research at the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine in Denver. Dr. Finkel received her PhD in biochemistry and biophysics from Stanford. She is board certified in pediatrics, with a subspecialty in pediatric rheumatology. Dr. Finkel joined Nemours in 2011.

Steven L. Frick, MD, Chair of Orthopedic Surgery, is a highly regarded expert in orthopedics, with clinical and research interests in congenital clubfoot, hip dysplasia, limb deformities, neuromuscular diseases and musculoskeletal trauma. He is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston. He completed his internship, orthopedic surgery residency, and a research fellowship at Carolinas Medical Center. He also completed an additional fellowship in pediatric orthopedics at Children’s Hospital San Diego and the University of California at San Diego. Dr. Frick is board certified in orthopedic surgery. He joined Nemours in 2012.

Leslie A. Gavin, PhD, Division Chief, Behavioral Pediatrics, earned a bachelor’s degree in human biology at Stanford University and a master’s and PhD in clinical psychology at the University of Denver in Colorado. She joined Nemours Children’s Clinic, Orlando as a psychologist in 1998, and has led our Division of Behavioral Pediatrics since 2009. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Gavin is an avid researcher and academic.
Todd Glass, MD, Division Chief, Emergency Medicine, joined Nemours in 2011 from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. He earned his medical degree at Medical College of Virginia and completed his pediatric residency at LeBonheur Children’s Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where he later returned for pediatric emergency fellowship training. Recognized as a leader in his field, Dr. Glass is board certified in both pediatrics and pediatric emergency medicine.

David Moser, MD, Division Chief, Otolaryngology, is an expert in pediatric airway management. He has extensive experience in advanced treatments for sinusitis in children, including endoscopic sinus surgery. Dr. Moser earned his medical degree at LSU School of Medicine New Orleans. He completed a subspecialty in general surgery at Orlando Regional Medical Center and another in otolaryngology at LSU Medical Center New Orleans. He has been with Nemours Children’s Clinic, Orlando since 1996.

George Mychaskiw II, DO, Chair of Anesthesiology, came to Nemours in 2012 from Philadelphia, where he was Professor and Chair of Anesthesiology at Drexel University College of Medicine and Clinical Service Chief of Anesthesia at Hahnemann University Hospital. An avid medical researcher, he is interested in pre-anesthesia evaluations, pediatric cardiac anesthesiology, transesophageal echocardiology, and the potential of hyperbaric medicine in treating children, including newborns. Dr. Mychaskiw was an intern, resident and fellow in both cardiac and pediatric anesthesiology at Yale University.

Victoria Niklas, MD, Division Chief, Neonatology, is a keen researcher whose interests are in understanding the development of the intestinal immune system and its role in protecting the newborn from life-threatening diseases such as necrotizing enterocolitis, as well as nosocomial and perinatal infections. She earned her medical degree from Harvard Medical School and a master’s degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Harvard University. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and a fellowship in perinatal and neonatal medicine at University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Niklas brings expertise in the intensive care management of newborns and infants in need of advanced medical and surgical critical care. She joined Nemours in 2012.

Mark Alan Rich, MD, Division Chief, Urology, is a graduate of the University of Guadalajara Medical School. Dr. Rich completed his internships at the New York Infirmary Beekman Downtown (surgery) and the Fifth Pathway program, State University of New York at Stony Brook. He completed his residencies in general surgery and urology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and his fellowship in pediatric urology at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Rich is board certified with a specialty in pediatric urology and has been with Nemours since 1997.

Stephanie Ried, MD, MA, Division Chief, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, is one of the very few physicians in America to be board certified in both pediatric rehabilitation and spinal cord injury medicine. Before completing her medical training, she was a speech pathologist working in the field of brain injury for 10 years. She joined Nemours in 2012 from Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, where she was medical director for rehabilitation and taught on the faculties at both the University of Pennsylvania and the Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia.

Richard H. Sandler, MD, Division Chief, Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, is a graduate of the College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University, where he completed his combined medicine and pediatrics residencies. He was a research fellow at the Clinical Research Center, Whitaker College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and completed his clinical and research fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition at Children’s Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School. Among other areas, his research includes helping to define the field of biomedical acoustics which uses special sensors to listen to patients with computerized analysis to diagnose a range of medical problems. Dr. Sandler is board certified in pediatrics with a subspecialty in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition. He joined Nemours in 2012.
**Al Torres, Jr., MD, Division Chief, Critical Care**, will lead evaluation and treatment of the most critically ill children at Nemours. He is an expert on pediatric critical care medicine and has published extensively on the topic. He joined Nemours in 2012 from the University of Illinois College of Medicine and Children’s Hospital of Illinois in Peoria, Illinois, where he was medical director of both the PICU and respiratory care. Dr. Torres earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois. He completed a pediatric residency at Loyola University and a fellowship in pediatric critical care at the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

**Judith E. Wall, MD, Senior Director, Medical Affairs**, has always worked with children, in the beginning as a schoolteacher, later as a pediatrician, and for many years as a hematologist/oncologist for pediatric cancer patients. She is well known in Central Florida as Medical Director of the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Nemours Children’s Clinic, Orlando. Dr. Wall serves on the NCH leadership team as Senior Director of Medical Affairs.

**Lloyd N. Werk, MD, MPH, Division Chief, General Pediatrics**, joined Nemours in 1999, and is well known in the local community as Director of the Florida Prevention Initiative for Central Florida, a series of programs that seek to prevent and manage childhood obesity. Dr. Werk has dual degrees in medicine and public health. His interests include quality improvement interventions, information technology to enhance health care delivery, and the prevention of childhood obesity. Prior to completing a general academic pediatrics fellowship at Boston University in Massachusetts, he practiced primary care pediatrics in Long Island, New York.

**Patricia Wheeler, MD, Division Chief, Genetics**, earned her medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine, completed an internship and residency in pediatrics at Riley Hospital for Children/Indiana University, and completed fellowships in both genetics and medical and molecular genetics at Indiana University School of Medicine. She has been on staff at Nemours Children’s Clinic, Orlando since 2004.