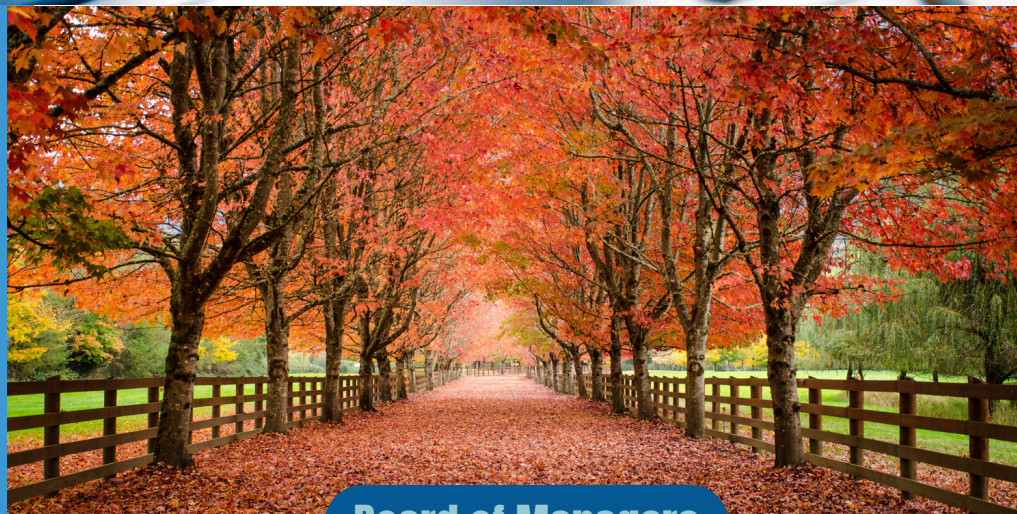


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KidWell Resources:

ICD-10 Coding for Vaccinations

Encounters for Vaccination

- Encounter for Immunization (Z23.0)
 - Procedure codes for each individual immunization component also need to be coded.
- Encounter for Prophylactic Immunotherapy for RSV (Z29.11)

Underimmunized Status (Z28.3)

Also code the reason for underimmunized status when able:

- Caregiver refusal (Z28.82) or patient refusal (Z28.21)
- Religious beliefs (Z28.1)
- Immune Compromised Patient (Z28.03)
- Contraindication Due to Chronic Illness (Z28.02)
- Patient Allergy to Vaccine or Component (Z28.04)
- Other Contraindication (Z28.09)
- Patient already had the disease (Z28.81)

Temporary Vaccine Delays

- Vaccine Unavailable (Z28.83)
- Immunization not given due to acute illness (Z28.01)
- Scheduled at a later date due to birthday parties, sporting events, etc.
 - Parent decision (Z28.89)
 - Patient decision (Z28.29)

Vaccination Counseling

- Encounter for Immunization Safety Counseling (Z71.85)
 - Offers the opportunity to report efforts to educate and/or persuade patients and caregivers of the benefits of timely immunization. (*AAP Pediatric Coding Newsletter, September 2025*)
 - Both Z23 and Z71.85 may be reported when extended counseling is provided on the same date as immunization administration services. (*AAP Pediatric Coding Newsletter, September 2025*)
 - Z71.85 should not be used for standard risk and side effect education necessary to obtain informed consent.
- Encounter for health counseling related to travel (Z71.84)

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of all vaccination-related codes and is meant to serve only as a reference.

Please reach out with additional questions to CodingCDI@nemours.org.

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KidWell Resources:

☀ Did You Miss the KidWell Lunchtime Lecture?

No worries — we've got you covered! The **September 23rd session recording will be available in the coming weeks**. In the meantime, you can still access our Asthma Clinical Pathway directly on the KidWell website.

This pathway provides clinicians with clear guidance to support children (≥ 5 years old) with intermittent or persistent asthma, while also outlining important exclusion criteria.

Key Highlights

- ✓ Inclusion & exclusion criteria at a glance
- ✓ Guidance for initial assessment
- ✓ Tools to evaluate risk and treatment technique
- ✓ Considerations for comorbidities, allergy triggers, and lung function testing
- ✓ Integration with the Asthma Clinical Pathway Smart Set



 **Access the full pathway here: [KidWell Asthma Clinical Pathway](#)**

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Resource: CHE Education

SEASONAL SICKNESS EDUCATION BRING CHE TO YOUR PRACTICE!

The Community Health Education (CHE) Team is here to support your patients and families with engaging, interactive programs that make a difference.

👉 **Right now is the perfect time** to request a CHE program — especially their Seasonal Sickness education session for parents and children.



This 30-minute program helps families:

- Understand the difference between cold, flu, and COVID-19 symptoms
- Learn who needs seasonal vaccines and why
- Know when to call the doctor
- Get practical tips to stay safe during cold and flu season

Why it matters:

Having the CHE team facilitate this session in your practice enhances patient care, improves vaccine confidence, and gives families the tools they need to manage seasonal illness.

📧 To request a session for your practice, please Click link below
redcap.nemoursresearch.org/redcap/surveys/?s=NF4DNXMLFTYDLKKX

CHE will also join our upcoming Q-Connect, Nov 5, 2025 —stay tuned!



**Request a CHE Session
Today!**

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KidWell Resources Updates:

Vax Vibes Central: Get Ready to Rumble (with the Flu!)



Flu Corner — Weekly Snapshot

Monday Updates: Nicole (QI) sends flu updates **every Monday** with surveillance data, hot spots, and—coming soon—the **KWN Community Flu Dashboard** showing your practice's % vaccinated.

Didn't get the Mon 9/22 update? **Email Nicole.Schwegler@nemours.org** to be added.

Flu in Your Community

Delaware: myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/topics/flu/overview/state/2024-2025

Note: reflects last season; state will update at month's end.

Pennsylvania (up to date): pa.gov/agencies/health/diseases-conditions/infectious-disease/respiratory-viruses/respiratory-virus-dashboard

Opt-In Talking Points (AAP)

Build vaccine confidence at the point of care:

aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/communicating-with-families-and-promoting-vaccine-confidence/talking-with-vaccine-hesitant-parents/

Family Education (CHE)

Bring the Community Health Education Team to your practice for seasonal sickness education.

Request a session: redcap.nemoursresearch.org/redcap/surveys/?s=NF4DNXMLFTYDLKKX

CHE will also join an upcoming Q-Connect—stay tuned!

Kid-Friendly Resource

[KidsHealth Flu Topic Center](#): (for families) — quick, reliable info.

In the News

CDC FluView: Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance

[Weekly US Influenza Surveillance Report: Key Updates for Week 36, ending September 6, 2025](#)

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KidWell Surgical Corner

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CUTTING EDGE

KEEPING PRACTICES SHARP WITH THE LATEST IN SURGERY

Cutting Edge: where surgical updates meet everyday practice.

We're excited to announce a new addition to the KidWell Network News — Cutting Edge, our Surgery Corner in partnership with the Nemours Surgery team. This section will bring you highlights, updates, education, and resources from surgery, designed to support your practice with timely, practical information. KidWell is committed to equipping you with valuable tools that enhance care and benefit the patients and families we serve together.

**This month:
Pediatric Epistaxis**



Questions or referrals?

Email: surgerydepartment@nemours.org

PLEASE READ THE WHOLE ARTICLE ON THE NEXT PAGE

surgerydepartment@nemours.org

Pediatric Epistaxis (Nosebleeds) — What to Know

Contributed by Dr. Schmidt, Nemours Surgery Department

Overview

- Epistaxis is common in children and usually benign.
- Recurrent or severe cases may signal local or systemic causes.

Common Local Factors

- Prominent anterior septal vessels (Kiesselbach's plexus)
- Dry air / low humidity
- Minor trauma (e.g., nose picking)
- Upper respiratory infections
- Allergic rhinitis
- Foreign body
- Structural abnormalities (septal deviation, perforation)

Less Common Systemic Causes

- Coagulopathies (hemophilia, von Willebrand disease)
- Platelet dysfunction (ITP, medications)
- Hypertension

Consider systemic disease if nosebleeds are recurrent, >15–20 min, or accompanied by easy bruising or family history of bleeding disorders.

Initial Assessment

1. History: frequency, duration, laterality, triggers, family/medication history.
2. Exam: vitals, anterior rhinoscopy (bleeding site, mucosal dryness), systemic stigmata.

Acute Management

- Sit upright, lean forward.
- Pinch soft part of nose for 10–15 min without interruption.
- Consider oxymetazoline on cotton ball while applying pressure.

Prophylactic Management

- Treat contributing factors (e.g., allergic rhinitis).
- Use humidification or saline spray.
- Apply antibiotic ointment to anterior septum BID x 14 days.
- Nail trimming/behavior modification.

Referral Considerations

- ENT: if prophylaxis fails, posterior bleed suspected, or structural abnormality present.
- Hematology: if recurrent/severe (>20 min), family history, or coagulopathy suspected.

Most pediatric epistaxis is benign and anterior, responding to local pressure and conservative management. Persistent or atypical cases warrant specialty evaluation.

 Questions or referrals?

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KidWell Annoucements:



Upcoming KidWell Meetings

Q-Connect

Date & Time

Wednesday, October 1
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

KidWell LLS (Lunchtime Lecture Series)

Date & Time

Tuesday, November 18th
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

*Tentative reschedule date (due to the Thanksgiving holiday)

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SPOTLIGHT

FEATURE



KidWell Q-Connect Meeting

Join us on October 1, 2025, 12 PM- 1 PM

Featured Guest & Topics:

Guest Speaker

- **Mandy Brady, Utilization & Case Management Nurse Manager**
Presenting: NICU Discharge Follow-Up Project

Other Topics to Be Discussed:

-  Risk Management & Coding — ICD-10 Updates
-  Quality & Practice Transformation — Data & project updates
-  Pharmacy — RSV and Beyfortus updates



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NEW NAME, NEW TIME

Q-CONNECT

We're excited to announce that beginning this fall, **QCMC meetings will become Q-Connect – Kidwell Network Quality + Connection.**

Q-Connect Purpose:

A dedicated space to collaborate, share updates, and innovate together. We'll review network quality performance, strengthen workflows, exchange best practices, and drive improvements in patient care—all while building stronger connections across the network.

New Virtual Meeting Time:

 Meetings will alternate between 12–1 pm and 1–2 pm each month.

Upcoming Schedule:

- Oct 1, 2025 – 12–1 pm
- Nov 5, 2025 – 1–2 pm
- Dec 3, 2025 – 12–1 pm



We look forward to seeing you at **Q-Connect** as we continue to advance quality and strengthen our network connections!

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Celebrating Our 6th Annual KidWell Dinner

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us on August 20th for the 6th Annual KidWell Dinner! It was an evening filled with connection, recognition, and celebration of the incredible work happening across our network.

🌟 Congratulations to all of our Superhero-Themed Award Recipients – your dedication and impact exemplify the strength of our CIN partnership and our shared mission to enhance pediatric care together.

📸 *View pictures from the event below and relive the celebration!*

KidWell Annual Dinner award Recipients

- ★ **Dynamic Duo Award – Kent Pediatrics**
- ★ **WillPower & Vision Award – Beacon Pediatrics**
- ★ **Community Catalyst Award – Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine Centers of Philadelphia**
- ★ **Resilient Impact Award – Delaware Modern Pediatrics**
- ★ **Pinnacle of Performance Award – Nemours-Millsboro**
- ★ **Innovation Catalyst Award – Pediatric & Adolescent Center**
- ★ **United Power Award – Rainbow Pediatrics**
- ★ **Compassionate Champion Award – Kimberly Reed**
- ★ **Community Web-Slinger Award – Mark Wanner**
- ★ **Boundless Protector Award – Dr. Maria Petrini**
- ★ **Precision & Advocacy Award – Premier Pediatrics**
- ★ **Thor Kindhearted Hero Award – Khan Pediatrics**
- ★ **Strategic Commander Award – Dr. Thao-Ly Phan-Vo**







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Additional Resources:

Nemours Centralized Referral & Physician Priority Line Update

The **Physician Priority Line** and **Centralized Referral Number** are now combined:

 **800-829-KIDS (5437)**

Prompt 1 – Physician Priority Line

- 24/7 access to Nemours specialists
- Speak with on-call provider
- Real-time support for referrals & clinical questions

Prompt 2 – Scheduling

- Access Center: **Mon–Fri, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

Other ways to refer

-  Nemours Link (electronic referrals & records)
-  Fax: 302-295-0718
-  Email: ReferPatientDV@nemours.org

(Include provider NPI, patient/guardian info, specialty/reason, relevant notes, interpreter need & preferred language.)

 **For more details, please review the attached Provider Line Flyer.**



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Additional Resources:



Recap: Updates from Dr. Miller



Seasonal Readiness

- Flu vaccines are rolling out now.



Primary Care Quality Goals

- HPV vaccine recommendation starting at ages 9–10.



Tools & Resources

- AAP Pediatric Coding Newsletter (see attachments).



CME Opportunity

40th Annual Pediatrics for the Practitioner Conference

- When: Oct 23–24, 2025
- Where: Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Baltimore
- Topics include AI in clinical care, newborn screening, obesity treatment, sports injuries, firearm safety, and more.



[Register Here](#)



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Immunization Coalition of Delaware –At a Glance

Week in Review – September 22, 2025

ACIP Updates

- MMRV: Removed as an option for the first dose due to seizure risk; still recommended for 4–6 yr dose.
- Hep B: No vote (proposal to move birth dose to 30 days).
- COVID-19: Recommended for everyone >6 months; decision should be made in partnership with clinicians.

Measles 2025 (as of Sept 16)

- **1,491 cases** across 42 jurisdictions; 92% outbreak associated.
- **38 outbreaks**; 21 cases among international visitors.
- **Hospitalizations**: 181; Deaths: 3.
- **Case breakdown:**
 - <5 yrs: 407 cases (21% hospitalized)
 - 5–19 yrs: 574 cases (7% hospitalized)
 - 20+: 501 cases (11% hospitalized)
- CDC issued HAN guidance for the expanding outbreak and travel season.

Resources & News

- AAP Fall Immunization Recommendations: Urging protection against COVID-19, Influenza & RSV.
- Infographic Released: The Facts About Autism and Vaccines (Autism Society, Immunize.org, Vaccinate Your Family).
- **Ask the Experts:** [Measles and MMR Vaccination](#)
- **Ask the Experts:** [2025–2026 Season Influenza and RSV Immunization](#)

✓ For full details, visit Immunization Coalition of Delaware
<https://www.immunizedelaware.org/>

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Additional Resources:

New Specialty Site in Salisbury, MD Open now for Cardiology



Nemours Expands Specialty Access on the Eastern Shore

Great news for families in Maryland and Sussex County, DE!

Nemours has officially opened a new **specialty site in Salisbury, MD**, now seeing **Cardiology patients** as of **September 29, 2025**.

This new location brings Nemours care closer to families in Maryland and Sussex County, DE, improving access where specialty services have been limited.



What's Next?

Additional specialties are slated to launch in late 2025 and early 2026:

- Neurosurgery
- Otolaryngology (ENT)
- Orthopedics
- Urology
- Neurology

 For more information, please see the attached documents included with this newsletter.

MC18363_DV_MS_Cardiac_Salisbury_Referring_Physician_Flyer_V2c.pdf
MC16378_DV_MS_Cardiac_Referring_Physician_Flyer_Q3_2025_V4b.pdf
MC16105_BusDev_DV_Provider_Line_Flyer_V1b.pdf



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Nominate a Stellar Colleague!

Do you know a coworker who consistently goes above and beyond? We want to celebrate their dedication in our Kudos Corner!

Shape the Newsletter!

We're always looking for ways to improve the departmental newsletter. Do you have ideas for future content, suggestions for topics, or feedback on the format? We value your input!

Share your thoughts and suggestions with Asya Richardson directly at asya.richardson@nemours.org.

We value your feedback and participation! **Contact Us:**



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See you next month!
The KidWell Network
Team



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KidWell Resources Updates:

Check out our newly upgraded website

[KidWellnetwork.org](https://kidwellnetwork.org)

Direct Access to KidWell Clinical Pathways

<https://kidwellnetwork.org/clinical-pathways.html>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

