

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Heart care wherever your patient lives

The Terry Heart Center at Wolfson Children's Hospital and the UF College of Medicine – Jacksonville provide comprehensive heart care for children at locations throughout North Florida, South Georgia and beyond.

#### Downtown Jacksonville

Wolfson Children's Hospital - Main Campus  
800 Prudential Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
Information: 904.202.8000  
Appointments: 904.633.4110

#### UF Health Pediatric Cardiovascular Center

841 Prudential Drive  
Suite 100  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
Appointments: 904.633.4110  
Fax: 904.633.4111

#### Wolfson Children's Specialty Center – Baptist Clay

1747 Baptist Clay Drive  
Fleming Island, FL 32003  
Information: 904.516.1000  
Appointments: 904.633.4110

#### Wolfson Children's Specialty Center – Daytona Beach

1219 Dunn Avenue  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Information: 386.944.7825  
Appointments: 904.633.4110

#### Wolfson Children's Specialty Center – Lake City

164 NW Madison Street  
Lake City, FL 32055  
Information: 386.758.1811  
Appointments: 904.633.4110

#### Wolfson Children's at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare

1132 Lee Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
Information & Appointments:  
850.224.8833

#### Wolfson Children's at Southeast Georgia Health System

3025 Shrine Road  
Suite 350  
Brunswick, GA 31520  
Information: 912.466.7230  
Appointments: 904.633.4110

#### Wolfson Children's Specialty Center – Valdosta

3301 N. Oak St. Ext.  
Valdosta, Georgia 31605  
Information & Appointments: 850.224.8833

#### Memorial Satilla Health Heart

410 Darling Avenue  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
Information: 912.283.3030  
Appointments: 888.454.7972

#### UF Health Pediatrics

530 Jacksonville Drive  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250  
Appointments: 904.633.4110



## EVENTS

### 12th Annual Bioethics Conference

Fri., Nov. 1, 2019

University of North Florida  
Details to come.

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# WolfsonConnect

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We hope you enjoy reading this edition of *WolfsonConnect*. We would love to hear your feedback and suggestions for future content. Email our *WolfsonConnect* Editorial Board at [ConnectToWolfson@bmcjax.com](mailto:ConnectToWolfson@bmcjax.com).

Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville brings world-class pediatric care close to home for Florida, Georgia and Alabama families. As the only full-service tertiary hospital for children in the region, we provide care for the full spectrum of pediatric conditions — ranging from the most common to the rare and medically complex — in a family-centered environment designed around children's unique needs.



## New pediatric heart surgery partnership announced

Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville and UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh



announced a new affiliation agreement, effective Dec. 15, 2018. This collaboration is designed to enhance and expand specialized pediatric cardiac care for children in the North Florida/South Georgia region, as well as the entire Southeastern United States.

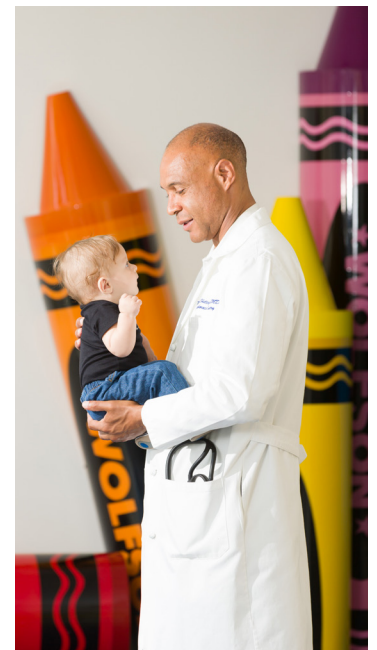
"For decades, our Terry Heart Center at Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville has served children with congenital heart disease from throughout the region, and has patient outcomes that are equal to or better than the national benchmarks tracked by the Society for Thoracic Surgeons (STS)," said Michael D. Aubin, president of Wolfson Children's Hospital. "With the growing population in North Florida, South Georgia and southern Alabama, as well as ever-advancing heart diagnostic capabilities, we are diagnosing and treating a higher incidence of congenital heart disease among the nearly one million children who live in the region we serve.

"We recognized that we needed additional pediatric cardiac surgery resources and expertise to make our care even better. That's why we chose to become a member of UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's Heart Institute Network."

Wolfson Children's Hospital is the second member of the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Heart Institute network, joining St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Tampa.

The network is led by Victor Morell, MD, also the co-director of the Heart Institute at UPMC Children's Hospital.

In addition to collaborating with Wolfson Children's Hospital's cardiac team to provide cardiothoracic surgery services, the UPMC Children's experts are providing support to patients, families and caregivers in Wolfson Children's CVICU via telemedicine. UPMC Children's is a leader in the development of telemedicine services to meet the needs of young patients regionally and around the world with videoconferencing technologies that provide complex pediatric cardiac care through remote and virtual examinations — whenever and wherever expertise is needed.



If you have a patient who might benefit from the services we offer, please call us or fax our referral office:

Office: 904.202.8290 • Fax: 904.202.8171

Visit [wolfsonchildrens.com/heart](http://wolfsonchildrens.com/heart) for more information on our services.

**Pediatric electrophysiologist joins heart team**

**Sunita Juliana Ferns, MD, MRCPCH (UK), FHRS**, one of the few board-certified pediatric electrophysiologists in North America, has joined the medical staff as director of the Pediatric Invasive Electrophysiology Program at Wolfson Children's Hospital. She is an assistant professor in Pediatric Cardiology at UF College of Medicine – Jacksonville.

After completing medical school at one of the largest teaching and research institutes in India, she was sponsored by the Royal College of Pediatrics to train in the United Kingdom, where she was elected to be a member of the Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health. Dr Ferns completed residency at the University of Illinois in Chicago and went on to pursue a pediatric cardiology fellowship at Northwestern University and Hope Children's Hospital in Chicago. She then completed a fourth year of combined adult and pediatric invasive electrophysiology training at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Most recently, Dr. Ferns served as director of the Pediatric Invasive Electrophysiology Program at UNC Children's Hospital, Chapel Hill, where she established and grew the Invasive Electrophysiology program.

Dr. Ferns is accepting referrals for children with heart rhythm disorders age 0-18. Consider referring your patient if he or she has:

- Fainting episodes (syncope)
- Dizziness
- Light-headedness
- Heart palpitations
- Unexplained chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- A family history of sudden cardiac arrest
- Other symptoms that might suggest a problem with his or her heart



Dr. Ferns practices out of Wolfson Children's Hospital, the UF Health Pediatric Cardiovascular Center in Jacksonville, and the Wolfson Children's Specialty Center – Daytona Beach. If you have a patient who might benefit from the services we offer, please call us or fax our referral office at the numbers below:

**Office: 904.633.4110**

**Fax: 904.633.4111**



**WHERE IS WOLFSON CHILDREN'S?**

As **YOUR** children's hospital, Wolfson Children's brings world-class pediatric care close to home for providers and their patients. With our full-service tertiary campus in Jacksonville, five Emergency Centers across North Florida and six satellite Specialty Centers in Georgia and Florida, patients have access to renowned pediatric expertise and services without having to travel long distances.

**Jacksonville**

Wolfson Children's Hospital Main Campus – Emergency Center and Pediatric Trauma Center

Wolfson Children's Emergency Centers – Town Center and North Jacksonville

Transfers and Emergency Consultation: 904.202.KIDS (5437)

**Clay**

Wolfson Children's Specialty Center and Emergency Center at Fleming Island

**Daytona**

Wolfson Children's Specialty Center – Daytona Beach

**Lake City**

Wolfson Children's Specialty Center – Lake City

**Tallahassee**

Wolfson Children's at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and TMH Emergency Center Northeast

**Brunswick**

Wolfson Children's at Southeast Georgia Health System

**Valdosta**

Wolfson Children's Specialty Center – Valdosta

For more information about locations including services available at our satellite specialty centers, visit [WolfsonChildrens.com/locations](http://WolfsonChildrens.com/locations).

**Daytona-area mother won't let distance keep her son from quality heart care**

Parents will go to great lengths for their children, even traveling great distances to make sure they get the best care. For Joyce Copeland, that means making the nearly two-hour drive from her home in Edgewater, south of Daytona Beach, to Jacksonville to get her baby boy life-saving treatment.

At 7 months old, Copeland's son, Maverick, has already been through something most adults will never experience: heart surgery.

"I knew I had the choice to go to another children's hospital but I just felt really comfortable at Wolfson Children's Hospital," Copeland said.

Copeland's pregnancy was a whirlwind from the 20-week mark. She was initially told something might be wrong with Maverick's kidney, but a follow-up appointment a few weeks later revealed something also was wrong with Maverick's heart.



She was referred to see specialists with Regional Obstetric Consultants (ROC), who work with Baptist Health and Wolfson Children's Hospital with high-risk pregnancies. The diagnosis: a congenital heart defect called tetralogy of Fallot. Tetralogy of Fallot is made up of four defects of the heart and its blood vessels.

"When the doctor told me there was a heart defect and he would need heart surgery, I just started crying," Copeland said. "I didn't know what to think or why that was happening."

Copeland made the decision to continue receiving prenatal care in Jacksonville. After she delivered at Baptist

Medical Center Jacksonville, Maverick spent a week being monitored in the Wolfson Children's high-level Neonatal ICU. The two would be back just over a month later, this time for open-heart surgery.

Michael Shillingford, MD, chief of cardiac surgery at Wolfson Children's Hospital, performed the surgery.

"In Maverick's particular set of circumstances, there was a hole between the right and left ventricle," said Dr. Shillingford. "Often times these kids, because they can't get enough flow to the lungs, are cyanotic, or blue."

Following surgery, Maverick spent three weeks in the Cardiovascular ICU at Wolfson Children's Hospital. He continues to be followed by a team of pediatric cardiologists with UF College of Medicine – Jacksonville, who practice at Wolfson Children's main location and at the Wolfson Children's Specialty Center inside Easter Seals in Daytona Beach.

Although Maverick will require life-long monitoring and future heart procedures, Joyce is grateful for the care Maverick received that has made each day possible.

"I don't think there are words to thank Wolfson Children's Hospital enough," she said. "Maverick is doing amazing! You would never know anything was wrong with him if you didn't see his scar."

Wolfson Children's Hospital's partnership with UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh brings together top minds in the field to develop the best course of action for each heart surgery patient, like Maverick.

"At any given point in time, you have the expertise of up to six different surgeons and the larger cardiology group to give advice and surgical input," Dr. Shillingford said. "And that makes the quality of care you can provide to a child, a family and a community more robust."

*Wolfson Children's Hospital provides specialty care for children with heart conditions in Fleming Island, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Lake City and Tallahassee, Fla., along with Brunswick and Valdosta, Ga. For more information, call the C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry Heart Center at 855.493.1610.*

**Need assistance for your office or patients?** We are here to help. The Wolfson Children's Business Development Team is your dedicated resource to support all aspects of accessing and navigating the Wolfson Children's Hospital System. Call us at 904.202.4980 or email [ConnectToWolfson@bmcjax.com](mailto:ConnectToWolfson@bmcjax.com).