



Tristan

"NEMOURS TAKES EXCELLENT CARE OF CHILDREN"



TRISTAN'S STORY

Before Tristan was even born, his doctors discovered he had a serious medical problem: There were three holes in his heart. Fortunately, Tristan was otherwise healthy and did not need to stay at the hospital after he was born. However, his cardiologist at Nemours monitored him closely and at just eight weeks old, Tristan had open-heart surgery to repair the holes in his heart.

“The surgery was scary — seeing my little 8-week-old baby after surgery so swollen and almost unrecognizable was mortifying, but the doctors and nurses in the Nemours Cardiac Intensive Care Unit were amazing through it all and I am so grateful for that team!” says Tristan’s mother Nina.

Although Tristan’s surgery and recovery went well, his family learned that he would soon need a pacemaker — which would mean another surgery. Tristan would also need to be hospitalized for three months.

When he was finally able to go home, the Nemours team set Tristan up with a temporary nasogastric tube to carry milk and medicine to his stomach through the nose. Tristan had this tube for one year and has not needed it since.

Today, Tristan is an active toddler with an infectious smile who likes dancing, playing with his older brother and eating pizza.

“Tristan’s care at Nemours was amazing! The cardiac team are an amazing group of people and they take excellent care of our children.”

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