

Immediate Release

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**Christiana Care's Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute
names Charles Mulligan, Jr., M.D., Chief of Thoracic Surgery**

Wilmington, Del, Nov. 25, 2014 – Charles Mulligan, Jr., M.D., has re-joined Christiana Care's [Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute](#) as Chief of Thoracic Surgery. He returns to the Graham Cancer Center from Centra Health and Pearson Cancer Center in Lynchburg, Virginia where he was employed from 2012-2014. Prior to that, Dr. Mulligan was Thoracic Surgeon at the Graham Cancer Center from 2008-2012.

Dr. Mulligan graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1983. After graduation, he completed the Engineer Officer Basic Course, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia and then served as Combat Engineer officer with 24th Infantry Division, Ft. Stewart, Georgia. In 1985, he was selected by the Army to attend medical school at Medical University of South Carolina where he graduated in 1989. He completed his general surgery training at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Ft. Gordon, Georgia in June 1994.

Dr. Mulligan spent the next three years as a general surgeon at McDonald Army Community Hospital, Ft. Eustis, Virginia. In 1997, the Army selected Dr. Mulligan for a civilian Thoracic Surgery Residency. He was trained at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. After completion of his training in 1999, he was assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center as a staff cardiothoracic surgeon. He was named Chief of the Thoracic Surgery Section and Chairman of the Thoracic Tumor Board in March 2000.

During the War on Terror, Dr. Mulligan served as Chief of Thoracic Surgery with the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Iraq from 2003-2004 and as Chief of General and Thoracic Surgery in Iraq from 2006-2007. At the completion of his tours, he returned to Walter Reed and resumed his duties. In March 2008, Dr. Mulligan retired from active duty after completing more than 21 years of active federal service.

Dr. Mulligan is board-certified in general and thoracic surgery. He has special interest in lung cancer, esophageal cancer, mesothelioma and mediastinal tumors.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care providers, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care also features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers the highest level of non-surgical care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

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