

Nicholas J. Petrelli, M.D.

Bank of America Endowed Medical Director

Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute(HFGCCRI)

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As Medical Director, Dr. Petrelli oversees the state's largest and most technologically advanced cancer program. Under his leadership, the Graham Cancer Center was selected as a National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) and one of the original 16 NCI Community Cancer Centers Programs (NCCCP). The HFGCCRI was also a biospecimen collection center for the Cancer Genome Atlas Project. He established the Center for Translational Cancer Research at the HFGCCRI and in 2015, the Gene Editing Institute. Also established is a unique 12-year partnership with the Wistar Cancer Institute between an NCI Designated Research Center and an NCI Community Oncology Research Program to move the discovery pipeline earlier.

Dr. Petrelli came to ChristianaCare from one of the nation's leading NCI Designated Cancer Centers, Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY, where he led several clinical trials for a promising regimen of chemotherapy. He has conducted substantial research into the genetics of colorectal cancer and co-authored several manuscripts on the subject, which are among 362 manuscripts that he has contributed to peer-reviewed journals and 36 book chapters.

Dr. Petrelli is on the Advisory Board of the *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, co-editor of the journal *Surgical Oncology* and previous editor of the *Surgical Oncology Clinics of North America*. He is a past member of the NCI Gastrointestinal Steering Committee, and past chair of the Colorectal Committee of the NSABP. He was President of the Society of Surgical Oncology for 2007-2008. In 2013, he received the Order of the First State Award from Governor Markell for his "dedication to excellence for serving the community." He received the 2014 Clinical Research Award from the Association of Community Cancer Centers in recognition of his ground-breaking leadership initiatives promoting and advocating for oncology clinical research. In 2019, he received the Tilton Award named after James Tilton, M.D., the first U.S. Army Surgeon General. The award recognized Dr. Petrelli's efforts to decrease Delaware's cancer mortality rate and improve cancer care throughout the state.

He is currently a Professor of Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University, Affiliated Faculty, College of Health Sciences, University of Delaware and was previously a Professor of Surgery at the State University of New York at Buffalo.