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Chair of Surgery Web Posting

Christiana Care Health Systems (CCHS) in Newark, Delaware, is conducting a national search to identify innovative, forward-thinking physician leaders for the position of **Chair of Surgery**.

This is an excellent opportunity to lead a progressive surgical service line focused on designing new delivery models of care, leveraging technology, expanding capacity and educating physicians to excel within a transformed healthcare environment.

The successful candidate should have the following:

- Visionary leadership skills gained through experience in successfully leading faculty and complex interdisciplinary clinical teams to achieve organizational, departmental and community goals.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and team-building skills with a focus on quality, growth, education and research.
- National or regional recognition as a clinician/teacher and investigator and, at minimum, the rank of Associate Professor (the rank of Professor is preferred).
- A track record of developing and implementing innovative programs and/or process improvements with documented outcomes.
- Board certification in Surgery or a surgical specialty, and must hold (or be eligible for) a Delaware Medical License.

The primary job responsibilities include:

- Providing clinical leadership to the functioning of the Christiana Care Operating Rooms through collaboration with Anesthesiology, Nursing and Administration.
- Developing and maintaining an environment where emphasis is placed on promoting and measuring the competencies of patient care, advancing medical knowledge through practice-based learning, and promoting departmental professionalism and systems-based learning for all surgeons and surgeons in training.
- Providing the structure and faculty to ensure high-quality graduate and post-graduate surgical education.



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- Ensuring the resources and surgical leadership to meet the criteria for verification as a Level I Trauma Center by the American Colleges of Surgeons.
- Collaborating with Christiana Care Medical leadership to develop integrated clinical programs of excellence.

About Christiana Care Health System:

Christiana Care Health System (CCHS), headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware, is one of the country's largest healthcare providers, ranking 21st in the nation for hospital admissions. A not-for-profit, nonsectarian health system, Christiana Care includes two hospitals with more than 1,100 patient beds, and is a major teaching hospital with two campuses and more than 250 Medical-Dental residents and fellows. Christiana Care is a Delaware branch campus of Jefferson Medical College, with many third- and fourth-year medical students participating on General Surgery rotations here. CCHS is a member of the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance and the Council of Teaching Hospitals. CCHS is also a Magnet®-Designated Organization with a high level of BSN and Certification-qualified Nursing professionals.

Christiana Care is the only Level I Trauma Center between Philadelphia and Baltimore treating more than 4,000 patients annually and is part of a statewide, integrated trauma system supported by a robust LifeNet Helicopter program. CCHS is also a regional Center of Excellence in Heart and Vascular, Cancer, Bariatric Surgery, Spine Surgery, Advanced Joint Replacement, and Women's Health Services.

About Christiana Care Department of Surgery:

Christiana Care Health System ranks 24th in the nation (12th for the East Coast) for volume of surgical cases, due largely to the support the system provides for surgical services, the clinical expertise of our surgeons and our robust resident and fellowship training environment.

The Department of Surgery has 180 attending and affiliate surgeons in 14 surgical specialties working out of 53 operating rooms in two acute-care hospitals (Christiana and Wilmington) and two outpatient, on-campus Surgery Centers. Both campuses have robotic surgery capability, and the Wilmington campus is nearing completion of a 200-million-dollar expansion project that will grow surgical capabilities there, including a Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery.



Christiana Care has the largest non-University General Surgery Residency in the U.S. at seven residents per year, as well as two fellows per year in Surgical Critical Care. In addition, the Christiana Care Health System Virtual Education and Simulation Training (VEST) Center is accredited as an ACS Level 1 Comprehensive Educational Institute. More than 40 employed mid-level providers, including Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Nurses, support the surgical services.

To apply:

Interested candidates should send their cover letter and CV to Amy Bird, Director, Physician and Executive Recruitment, at abird@christianacare.org, or apply directly online at <http://careers.christianacare.org/job/Newark-Chair,-Department-of-Surgery-Job-DE-19702/2706630/>