

Mary Howard DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Mary Howard is employed at the Ohio State University Hospital East as the Administrator of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer. Ms. Howard is responsible for operations, strategic planning, and program development.

Ms. Howard's began her career as a staff nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital and progressed to serve in various leadership positions such as nurse manager, assistant director of nursing, and interim director of surgical nursing. In 1992 she joined the OhioHealth System where she served as the director over a variety of patient care areas, including Women's Health, Oncology, and Rehab/Post Acute Services and was promoted to vice president and chief nursing officer at Grant Medical Center.

Ms. Howard holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Capital University, a Master of Science in nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees from The Ohio State University. Ms. Howard achieved certification as Nurse Executive-Advanced, under the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Honor Society of Nursing, Central Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives, recognized in Who's Who in Black Columbus (2001, 2005), and a graduate of Leadership Columbus and United Way's Project Diversity.

Mary has received training in mediation of workplace and civil rights disputes and alternative dispute resolution. Believing in giving back to the community, she currently serves as chair of the Community Relations Commission with the City of Columbus. She is a member of the Board of Directors of CRIS (Community Refugee and Immigration Services), has volunteered time with the United Way and is a member of the United Way Key Club. She enjoys working with youth and served as vice chair of the board and volunteer coach for the Capitol City Comets Track Club. She is an advisor of the Teenage Usher Board and teaches in the Middle School department at her church and participated in the former Columbus Reads program.