

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 leading the overall operations for nursing, strategic planning, and program development.

Ms. Howard's career includes 18 years at Children's Hospital in Columbus where she was assistant nursing director, acting director of Surgical Nursing and Nurse Manager. 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 Post Acute Services and was promoted to Vice President and chief nursing officer at Grant Medical Center.

Ms. Howard received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Capital University and a Master of Science degree in nursing from the Ohio State University. Ms. Howard is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Honor Society of Nursing, The Ohio Organization for Nurse Executives, and is a graduate of Leadership Columbus and United Way's Project Diversity.

In addition to her role as Commissioner on the Community Relations Commission, Ms. Howard serves on the Board of Directors of CRIS (Community Refugee and Immigration Services) and has volunteered time to the United Way. She enjoys working with youth and is Vice Chair of the Board and volunteer Coach for the Capitol City Comets Track Club and advisor of the Teenage Usher Board at her church.