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Edith P. Mitchell, MD, FACP, is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology. She is Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine and Medical Oncology; Associate Director for Diversity Programs; and Director of the Center to Eliminate Cancer Disparities, all at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University.

Dr. Mitchell has spent her medical career helping individuals in medically underserved areas to realize that simple changes in lifestyle can have a dramatic impact on cancer care. Through her work, she has demonstrated the importance of community service and outreach, especially to those individuals who may not have the means to seek out more conventional medical advice.

Dr. Mitchell received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry “with distinction” from Tennessee State University, and her medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. In 1973, while attending medical school, Dr. Mitchell entered the Air Force and received a commission through the Health Professions Scholarship Program. She entered active duty after completion of her internship and residency in internal medicine at Meharry Medical College, and a fellowship in medical oncology at Georgetown University.

Her research in breast, colorectal, and pancreatic cancers and other gastrointestinal (GI) malignancies involves new drug evaluation and chemotherapy, development of new therapeutic regimens, chemoradiation strategies for combined modality therapy, patient selection criteria, and supportive care for patients with GI cancer. She travels nationally and internationally teaching and lecturing on the treatment of GI malignancies.

Dr. Mitchell has authored and co-authored more than 100 articles and book chapters, as well as many abstracts on cancer treatment, prevention, and cancer control. As a distinguished researcher, she has received many Cancer Research and Principal Investigator Awards including a recent Promise Grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation. She serves on the National Cancer Institute Review Panel and the Cancer Investigations Review Committee, as well as the Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee. Dr. Mitchell is Co-Chair of the

National Cancer Institute (NCI) Disparities Committee, and a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Council of Councils. Because of her experience in the cancer research community, Dr. Mitchell was selected to serve as a member of the NCI's Blue Ribbon Panel, convened to advise the National Cancer Advisory Board on Vice President Biden's National Cancer Moonshot Initiative.

Holds leadership positions in the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), and she served as the 116th President of the National Medical Association from August 2015 to August 2016. She also serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of the National Medical Association* and on the Board of Trustees for Geisinger Commonwealth Medical College and Tennessee State University.

Among her many honors, Dr. Mitchell has received the "Tree of Life" Award, which recognizes health professionals who have made extraordinary contributions to health management in both the local and global community. Dr. Mitchell was awarded the American Cancer Society's Cancer Control Award for her significant commitment to research, education, and diversity, and the Research Award by the Council of Women Physicians of the National Medical Association. In 2010, she received the National Cancer Care Physician of the Year Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution of time and talent. Other awards for Dr. Mitchell include the 2009 Looking Glass Award presented by the Living With Cancer Foundation, and the Women in Medicine Research Award from the National Medical Association. She received the 2011 Practitioner of the Year Award by the Philadelphia County Medical Society, and the 2012 Humanitarian Practitioner of the Year Award by ASCO. In 2013, Dr. Mitchell received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and was inducted into the National Historically Black College Hall of Fame. She also received the Octavius Valentine Catto Award for community service in the City of Philadelphia from the Mann Center. In 2016, Dr. Mitchell was selected as the National Historically Black College Alumna of the Year.

In addition to her medical achievements, Dr. Mitchell is a retired United States Air Force Brigadier General. She served as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Command Surgeon for US Transportation command and headquarters Air Mobility Command (AMC), based at the Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. General Mitchell has been awarded over 15 military service

medals and ribbons including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Achievement and Commendation Medals, National Defense Service Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal. Dr. Mitchell was selected for inclusion in "America's Top Oncologists." She is a fellow of the American College of Physicians; the American Medical Association; the National Medical Association; Aerospace Medical Association; Association of Military Surgeons; the Medical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania; the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, Radiation Therapy Oncology Group; and the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project.

On a personal note, Dr. Mitchell enjoys gardening, quilting, listening to jazz and rock music, and spending time with her family. She and husband Delmar have been married for 46 years and have 2 daughters, Dale and DeAnna, 1 granddaughter, Gabriella, and 2 grandsons, Jude and Luke.