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**Gerard J. Fulda, M.D., Named Chair of Department of Surgery
at Christiana Care Health System**

WILMINGTON, DE, March 20, 2014 – Accomplished surgeon and critical care specialist, Gerard J. Fulda, M.D., FACS, FCCM, FCCP, has been named chair of the Department of Surgery at Christiana Care Health System.

Dr. Fulda has served as interim chair since July 2013, guiding the department with commitment and dedication to providing greater quality and value. With his new appointment, Dr. Fulda remains the director of Surgical Critical Care and the program director of the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship. He joined Christiana Care in 1989.

“Dr. Fulda is an important addition to our leadership team at Christiana Care,” said Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH, chief medical officer. “Dr. Fulda brings exceptional skills and vision, and under his leadership, Christiana Care will continue to serve our neighbors as expert partners in their surgical care. Since joining Christiana Care, he has led many transformational efforts to improve quality and patient safety.”

Dr. Fulda is highly regarded in the fields of surgery and critical care medicine. He is past chancellor of the American College of Critical Care Medicine, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Critical Care Medicine and the American College of Chest Physicians.

In January, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Critical Care Medicine. He is a four-time recipient of the Presidential Citation Award for outstanding contributions to the Society of Critical Care Medicine. He has held numerous leadership positions there as well as at the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Critical Care Medicine and the American Trauma Society, among others.

Dr. Fulda formed part of the clinical team that was instrumental in Christiana Care’s earning the prestigious Ernest Amory Codman Award from the Joint Commission. Dr. Fulda also received the Charles W. Serby COPD Research Award from the American Respiratory Care Foundation that same year. Last year, the Gift of Life Donor Program recognized Dr. Fulda for his commitment as a member of the board of the organization.

Last year, the American College of Surgeons’ National Surgical Quality Improvement Program recognized Christiana Care as one of 37 hospitals in the nation achieving “meritorious” outcomes for surgical patient care. Christiana Care achieved the distinction based on its outstanding composite quality score in nine clinical areas.

Christiana Care ranks among the top 24 hospitals in the nation in the number of surgical procedures, performing nearly 40,000 each year, according to data from the American Hospital Association. Surgeries range from common to highly complex, minimally invasive and robotic procedures.

Dr. Fulda graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, completed surgical residency at Christiana Care and a fellowship in Critical Care and Traumatology at the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (Shock Trauma Center). The author of more than 50 articles published in peer-reviewed journals, and numerous abstracts, editorials and book chapters, he is an associate professor of Surgery at Jefferson Medical College and a staff surgeon at A. I. DuPont Hospital for Children.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care providers, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Thomas Jefferson Medical College, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services, as well as for its Level-I trauma care and Level-3 neonatal intensive care (both highest capability). Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

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