

Dr. Edith Mitchell, MD, MACP, FCPP, FRCP (London)- Cancer Trailblazer and Pioneer Dies



The W. Montague Cobb Institute mourns the sudden and untimely loss of world-renowned cancer researcher and Vice-Chair of its Board of Directors. Dr. Mitchell has been an outstanding Past President of the NMA and current Editor-In-Chief of the JNMA, where her contributions have been immense. She has provided leadership for the Cobb Institute including the establishment of the Jane Cooke Wright Cancer Symposium each year at the National Medical Association Convention and Scientific Assembly.

WASHINGTON - Jan. 22, 2024 - [PRLog](#) -- Dr. Edith P. Mitchell's untimely death this weekend was met with deep sorrow, disbelief and somber thoughts as a staunch advocate on cancer research and treatment suddenly collapsed and died doing what she enjoyed best- serving humanity and furthering the lives of cancer patients.

Dr. Mitchell was Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology and served as Clinical Professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University and Associate Director for Diversity Programs and Director of the Center to Eliminate Cancer Disparities for Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson. She served as the Vice-Chair of the [W. Montague Cobb Institute](#) and Chair of the Clinical Research Division. We share in the collective grief that is felt throughout the US and her contributions to the Cobb Institute will never be forgotten", stated Dr. Randall Morgan- President & CEO

Dr. Mitchell has spent her medical career helping individuals in medically underserved areas, and has demonstrated the importance of community service and outreach especially to underserved populations. Her research in breast, colorectal and pancreatic cancers and other 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 gastrointestinal cancer.

Dr. Mitchell served as a member of the National Cancer Institute's Blue Ribbon Panel convened to advise the National Cancer Advisory Board on then Vice President Biden's National Cancer Moonshot Initiative In 2019. Dr. Mitchell began service as a member of the Presidents Cancer Panel and in 2020 she became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

Dr. Mitchell served as the 116th President of the [National Medical Association](#), is a member of the

American Medical Association, National Medical Association, Aerospace Medical Association, Association of Military Surgeons, Medical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania, ECOG/ACRIN Cancer Research Group, and Radiation Therapy Oncology Group. Because of her experience in the cancer research community.

Last year she received the Pennsylvania Medical Society's (PAMED) Distinguished Service Award. This is the highest award presented by PAMED. Since it was first awarded in 1956, only 31 people before you have been honored with the award. In accepting this prestigious award, she joined an elite group of Pennsylvania physicians and healthcare professionals who have been honored for their lifetime of service including C. Everett Koop, MD, and Jonas E. Salk, MD.

In addition to her medical achievements, Dr. Mitchell is a retired United States Air Force Brigadier General.

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