

**Nicola (Nick) M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., *President***

Dr. Spirtos was appointed to the Board effective September 1, 2021. As the current President of the Board, he wants to emphasize that the current Board understands the importance of working together with the Board's executive staff to increase the number of licensed physicians and other providers in Nevada but also cautions that we cannot sacrifice quality in our effort to address the long-standing provider shortage.

Dr. Spirtos is a first-generation American whose family immigrated from Greece, and he is proud to say that there are three generations of physicians in his family. Dr. Spirtos holds a medical degree from Northwestern University. While at Stanford University (Fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology and Faculty 1985-2004), he was elected Deputy Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, served on the Executive Committee for Stanford University Hospital and had an Appointment as a Clinical Associate Professor. He established the Women's Cancer Center of Nevada, to bring specialized gynecologic oncologic services and make clinical trials available to the women of Nevada. The Center also has a Division of Urogynecology in addition to providing gynecologic oncology care.

Dr. Spirtos has published over 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles, written multiple book chapters and reviews for multiple journals, and became the first American editor of Bonney's Textbook of Gynaecological Surgery. He led, as principal investigator, the Women's Cancer Center's research efforts, as one of approximately 50 primary research institutions (including world-renown cancer centers such as MD Anderson, Memorial Sloan-Kettering and Johns Hopkins) in the Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG), a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-funded cooperative research group. The Women's Cancer Center was the first private practice ever admitted as a full member to the GOG. The GOG was the National Cancer Institute's only cooperative group, conducting clinical trials dedicated to the study and cure of gynecologic cancers. Dr. Spirtos has served the GOG as a member of virtually every significant committee within that organization, including overseeing the Quality Assurance Committee as Co-Chair and Chair for over 15 years. He served as the Co-Chair of the Surgical Oncology Committee of the newly formed NCI-sponsored cooperative group, NRG Oncology, a combined group of gynecologic oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgical oncologists, colorectal and breast surgeons.

Dr. Spirtos served as a member of the first University Medical Center Advisory Board, was Chair of the Quality Assurance Subcommittee, and served as a member of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine Community Advisory Board. He was recognized as a Distinguished Nevadan by the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). He is interested in advancing medical science through properly run clinical trials and providing patients in Nevada with the opportunity to safely receive novel, cutting-edge medical care in addition to high-quality routine medical care.

Dr. Spirtos is the President of the Board and Chairman of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.