Nita Ahuja, MD, MBA, FACS, will begin seeing patients at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven. Dr. Ahuja is Chair of the Department of Surgery at Yale School of Medicine and Surgeon-in-Chief at Yale New Haven Hospital. Her surgical specialization is in gastrointestinal cancers, including gastric, rectal, and pancreatic cancers. She has developed an international reputation for management of retroperitoneal sarcomas, which attracts patients from around the world. Dr. Ahuja is widely recognized as a leader in translational epigenetics, conducting investigator-initiated clinical trials in colorectal cancer, pancreatic cancer, and other solid tumors. In addition, she has developed biomarkers for early detection of colorectal and pancreatic cancers.

Dr. Ahuja obtained her medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine and her training in general surgery at Johns Hopkins. She completed a fellowship in surgical oncology at Johns Hopkins focused on hepatobiliary malignancies and joined the faculty there where she served as a Professor of Urology, Surgery, and Oncology, prior to joining Yale.