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UMMC APPOINTS NEW CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

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JACKSON, Miss. – Dr. James Shwayder is the new chair of the University of Mississippi Medical Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Before joining UMMC, Shwayder was director of the Division of Gynecology and director of the fellowship in endoscopic surgery at the University of Louisville.

Shwayder earned his medical degree at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and completed residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz. From 1982-1998, he was in private practice in Virginia and academic practice at the University of Colorado. While in Virginia, he was a clinical associate professor at the Eastern Virginia Medical School.

In 1998, he joined the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and Denver Health Medical Center, where eventually he became the associate director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and director of gynecology and gynecologic ultrasound. Shwayder also earned the Doctor of Juris Prudence from the University of Denver College of Law in 2003. He joined the faculty at the University of Louisville in 2006.

He is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is certified in advanced laparoscopy and hysteroscopy by the Accreditation Council on Gynecologic Endoscopy and serves as president of that organization. He has been a member of the AAGL (American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopy) since 1981 and is on the board of trustees of the AAGL. He is also a fellow of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.

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