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BARR TABBED TO LEAD PEDIATRICS DEPARTMENT AT UMMC

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JACKSON, Miss. – Dr. Frederick "Rick" Barr has been named the Suzan B. Thames Professor and Chair of Pediatrics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, effective July 1.

Barr was previously endowed professor of pediatrics in pediatric critical care medicine at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, where he was also director of clinical and translational research.

Barr said he is looking forward to working with and serving the UMMC faculty, staff, residents, students and community partners to improve the health of children in Mississippi.

"I know that we are poised to become a regional and national leader in quality clinical care, education and research," he said. "I am thoroughly impressed by the dedication of both the institution and the community to the future growth of pediatric services and to improving the lives of children."

Barr received his medical degree from the University of Virginia and completed residency training in pediatrics at Vanderbilt University, where he also earned the M.S. in clinical investigation. He completed a fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine at the University of California, San Francisco.

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