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LIECHTY JOINS MEDICAL FACULTY

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JACKSON, Miss. – Dr. Kenneth Wayne Liechty, a pediatric surgical specialist, joined the University of Mississippi Medical Center faculty as an associate professor of surgery. He will see patients through University Physicians, a part of University of Mississippi Health Care.

A 1989 graduate of the University of Utah, Liechty received the M.D. from the University of Utah School of Medicine in 1994. He completed a general surgery residency at the Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, Philadelphia, in 1996, a pediatric surgery research fellowship and fetal surgery fellowship at the Children's Institute for Surgical Science, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, in 1999, a general surgery residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, in 2002 and a pediatric surgery fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in 2004. He served as an instructor of surgery from 1999-2003 and as an assistant professor of surgery from 2004-09 at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia.

A fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Wound Healing Society and the Association for Academic Surgery, Liechty has received numerous awards for his research activities. He has served as an ad hoc reviewer for several professional journals, including the *Journal for Clinical Investigation*, the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery* and *Pediatric Research*. He has received more than \$600,000 in extramural funding for research and is the co-author of more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed research publications.

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