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UNIVERSITY PHYSICIANS-WOMEN'S SPECIALTY CARE OPEN IN FLOWOOD

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JACKSON, Miss. – University Physicians-Women's Specialty Care is now open in the Mirror Lake building off Lakeland Drive in Flowood.

The clinic, with services previously based at the Medical Center, unites women's specialty care under one roof and closer to the referring physicians in the community to build collaboration and communication.

Dr. Michelle Owens, assistant professor of obstetrics-gynecology, said the move "offers us an opportunity to truly get out in the community that we serve and provide the full range of services traditionally found in the hospital setting."

Dr. Rodney Meeks, interim chair of obstetrics and gynecology, said specialized care for women is the focus, which includes maternal-fetal medicine, pediatric gynecology, urogynecology and gynecologic oncology

"We're also trying to emphasize treatment for vulvar disease, reproductive tract abnormalities and menopause complaints that don't respond to usual therapies. All of which are a little bit more specialized than general obstetrics and gynecology," Meeks said.

Patients who had been accustomed to coming to the Medical Center campus for appointments are now familiar with the new location, and clinic physicians have adapted their schedules to coordinate outpatient care with inpatient services.

Dana Habers, chief operating officer of University Physicians (UP), said the Mirror Lake location enables physicians to reach more patients and to improve the level of service University of Mississippi Health Care provides.

"Having this dedicated space for the women in our community encourages their continuity of care and their sense of security and stability in a health-care system that can go from basic annual exams to complicated pregnancy and postpartum services," she said.

UP's Women's Health Clinic, which provides general obstetrics and gynecology care, will move to University Physicians-Grants Ferry, which opens in July.

"We have fantastic subspecialists here who have essentially been sequestered in the hospital," Owens said. "I think as the Medical Center is changing and we are reaching out to partner more with the community, this falls right in line with that mission."

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