Jessica Snowden, M.D., Named Chief of Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease at UAMS

LITTLE ROCK — Jessica Snowden, M.D., has been named chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease in the College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

Snowden is a nationally recognized expert in pediatric infectious diseases and pediatric clinical and translational research. She is vice chair of research for the Department of Pediatrics and associate director of clinical and translational research at Arkansas Children’s Research Institute.

She also serves as co-principal investigator of the NIH-funded IDEa (Institutional Development Awards Program) States Pediatric Clinical Trials Network Data Coordinating and Operations Center, directing clinical operations for trial implementation and professional development across a 17-state NIH-funded research group.

Snowden also has an active, NIH-funded basic science laboratory studying the role of age on the immune responses and neurologic outcomes following infections in the brain, so that we might design improved prevention and treatment strategies for these infections. In addition to her basic science and clinical research, she has a long history of active involvement in medical student, resident and fellow education.

She serves on several national research committees, including the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric Research and the Infectious Disease Society of America Research Affairs Committee.

She succeeds José R. Romero, M.D., who spent 12 years leading the division and will continue at UAMS as an internationally known expert on enteroviruses and childhood immunization.

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a
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