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**Wendy Ward, Ph.D. Named Associate Provost, Succeeding
Jeannette Shorey, M.D.**

LITTLE ROCK — Wendy Ward, Ph.D., has been named associate provost for faculty in the Division of Academic Affairs at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She replaces Jeanette Shorey, M.D., who retired Feb. 29.

Ward is a professor in the UAMS College of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics and has been director of interprofessional faculty development in the Office of Interprofessional Education since 2016, a role she will continue.

Ward's previous roles within the Department of Pediatrics include associate director of the Section of Pediatric Psychology, director of faculty wellness, director of leadership development, co-director of faculty development and associate director of faculty affairs. She also served as president of the UAMS Women's Faculty Development Caucus.

"Throughout her tenure, Dr. Ward has demonstrated a commitment to and focus on faculty excellence," said Stephanie Gardner, Pharm D., Ed.D, provost, chief strategy officer and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Ward received her Ph.D. in pediatric psychology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She completed her internship at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center and her postdoctoral fellowship at UAMS.

She joined the UAMS faculty in 2003. She is a board-certified psychologist with research interests in chronic pain management and the prevention and treatment of obesity. In 2015, Ward received the Chancellor's Teaching Award for Society and Health Education Excellence.

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