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**UAMS Invests Jill M. Mhyre, M.D.,
in Carmelita S. Pablo, M.D., Endowed Chair in Anesthesiology**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine invested Jill M. Mhyre, M.D., professor and chair of the UAMS Department of Anesthesiology, in the Carmelita S. Pablo, M.D., Endowed Chair in Anesthesiology during a May 19 ceremony.

“I am deeply honored to be invested in the Carmelita Pablo Chair in Anesthesiology. I’d like to thank all the people who helped me get to this point, to celebrate the people in the UAMS Department of Anesthesiology, and to share where the department is headed,” said Mhyre. “I am also grateful to UAMS, the College of Medicine, my other colleagues, and the donors who made this chair possible. Thank you.”

Mhyre was recruited to UAMS as an associate professor in 2013. She served as director of obstetric anesthesia from 2014-2019 and as vice chair for research from 2015-2018. In 2016, she was invested as the inaugural Dola S. Thompson, M.D., Professor of Anesthesiology. She was promoted to the rank of professor and appointed the chair of the Department of Anesthesiology on July 1, 2018.

“Those who hold a chair are among the most highly regarded clinicians, scientists, and professors in their field,” said UAMS Chancellor C. Lowry Barnes, M.D. “I’d like to congratulate Dr. Mhyre for her accomplishments that have merited this great honor. You have done many great things at UAMS, and I am excited for what you will achieve in the future.”

An endowed chair is among the highest academic honors a university can bestow on a faculty member. A chair is established with gifts of at least \$1 million, which are invested and the interest proceeds used to support the educational, research and clinical activities of the chair holder. Those named to a chair are among the most highly regarded scientists, physicians, and professors in their fields.

“Endowed chairs help us recruit and retain world-class educators, scientists, and clinicians, and they support the vital work and vision of the faculty who hold them,” said Ron D. Robertson, M.D., interim dean of the College of Medicine. “This ceremony is also an opportunity to reflect on who this endowed chair was named for, Carmelita S. Pablo, who dedicated three decades to medicine at UAMS.”

Mhyre received her bachelor’s degrees in history and biology from Stanford University in California in 1995. She received her medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1999. She interned at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and continued her training at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, where she completed her residency in anesthesiology and obstetric anesthesia research fellowships in the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and the National Institutes of Health’s Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health Program.

Mhyre joined the faculty at the University of Michigan Health System, serving as director of obstetric anesthesiology research from 2006-2013, and as director of quality improvement for anesthesiology in 2012-2013.

Her scholarly activity focuses on obstetric quality and safety, including systems solutions such as early warning systems, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, risk prediction indices, and maternal morbidity and mortality. Recently, she has partnered on national investigations of strategies to identify and eliminate pain during cesarean delivery. She is chair of the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) Research Committee, executive section editor of obstetric anesthesiology for *Anesthesia & Analgesia*, associate editor for the textbook, “Chestnut’s Obstetric Anesthesia: Principles & Practice,” a member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee for Anesthesiology, and senior editor for the American Board of Anesthesiology Advanced Written Examination. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, and a member of the Arkansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee.

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