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## Debra Fiser, M.D., Named Dean

Debra H. Fiser, M.D., has been named dean of the UAMS College of Medicine. The announcement was made today by UAMS Chancellor I. Dodd Wilson, M.D.

Fiser, professor and chairwoman of the Department of Pediatrics in the UAMS College of Medicine, joined the UAMS faculty in 1981. She became department chairwoman in 1995. The Department of Pediatrics is the college's largest department with more than 195 faculty and 950 professionals, paraprofessionals and support staff. It is based at longtime UAMS clinical and teaching affiliate, Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH).

Fiser, who is the first woman to serve as the UAMS College of Medicine dean, will assume the deanship Sept. 1. She succeeds Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A., who has been the college's dean since January 2002. Reece resigned effective Sept. 1 to become vice president for medical affairs at the University of Maryland and dean of the School of Medicine.

"Dr. Fiser's leadership will be vital as the College of Medicine is challenged to produce more doctors to meet rising health care needs in our state," said UAMS Chancellor I. Dodd Wilson, M.D. "Dr. Fiser has done an outstanding job of leading the UAMS Department of Pediatrics during a period of expansion of its education, patient care, research and community outreach services. She understands our commitment to quality health care in Arkansas."

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## Dr. Wiggins Recently Published in BJO

Michael Wiggins, M.D., was recently published in the British Journal of Ophthalmology (BJO). The article addressed the topic of informed consent and can be found in the May 2006 issue of BJO.

Also, within the next few months, Ocular Surgery News is planning to write an article about Dr. Wiggins' BJO article.



## KUDOS!



## Two Physicians Leaving JEI

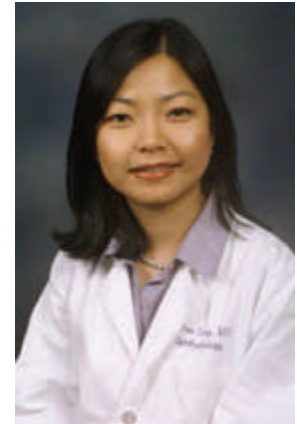
**David Day, M.D.**, has recently left JEI and ACH to begin private practice in Tucson, Arizona. Best Wishes to Dr. Day!



**N. Yeng Dang, M.D.**, announced her plans to leave JEI at year's end to return to Texas. Dr. Dang joined JEI in 2004 as an associate professor.

Dr. Dang sees patients at both JEI and the VA. A native of Texas, she will begin private practice in Austin.

The JEI faculty and staff thank both these physicians for their dedication and service and wish them success and happiness as they leave UAMS.



## Calendar of Events and Birthdays

### September Birthdays

- 2nd — Dr. Romona Davis
- 3rd — Dr. Thomas Cannon
- 4th — Labor Day
- 4th — Deborah Terry and Deanna Ely
- 8th — Pam Leidermann
- 11th — Doris Nounamo
- 13th — Stacia Grimes
- 18th — Dr. Joe Chacko

- 19th — Dr. Yen Dang
- 22nd — Karen Aletter
- 25th — Dr. Michael Wiggins
- 28th — Dr. Michael Brown
- 30 — Deborah Troillett

### October Birthdays

- 3rd — Dr. Henry Thomas
- 6th — Susan Zimmerman
- 7th — Donna Mattingly
- 10th — Holly Griffin

- 13th — Charles Ekworomadu
- 23rd — Felita Johnson

### November Birthdays

- 6th — Jennifer Lee
- 10th — Bharati Matta
- 22nd — Dorothy Gray
- 23rd — Dr. Sean Paul Ateides
- 23rd — Happy Thanksgiving



## Karen Montgomery Receives Award

Karen Montgomery received the S.T.A.R. (Striving Together Achieving Results) award for the month of August presented by the Access Employee Recognition Committee.

This is an honor that recognizes professional achievement in patient access. It certifies that she has

met and attained standards that assure her competence to carry out, comply with and interpret access practices.

Karen has been with the JEI Clinic for five years and has been an outstanding employee and friend to all of us.

Congratulations and thank you for all that you do to make the JEI Clinic the best!



## ID Badge Reminder

Please remember to WEAR YOUR ID BADGE AT ALL TIMES!

All UAMS faculty, staff and students are required to wear their official UAMS ID badge at all times while on UAMS premises.

The badges are necessary for a variety of safety and security reasons, but also because they help our visitors and patients feel comfortable while they are at UAMS.

Badges should be worn above the waist with the name clearly visible. Please help us meet our regulatory requirements and be an ambassador for UAMS at the same time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

**Please remember to wear your name badge at all times. Please also make an effort to help anyone you see in the hallways of UAMS to find their way in our large institution!**

## Fiser named Dean (continued)

The dean is the chief administrative and academic officer of the College of Medicine and reports to the chancellor. Fiser will be responsible for 26 medical school departments with more than 1,000 full- and part-time faculty members, a central professional practice plan, 581 undergraduate medical students and more than 692 residents and fellows.

“The UAMS College of Medicine has a faculty and staff dedicated to fulfilling its mission of preparing well-trained physicians for careers in medicine,” Fiser said. “I am honored to follow the proud tradition of Dean Reece, Chancellor Wilson and the deans who built this college from a small medical education program with 20 students into a world-class medical school on the state’s only academic health sciences campus.”

Fiser, who was born in Newport and grew up in West Memphis, is a board-certified specialist in pediatric critical care. She received her medical degree from UAMS in 1977, followed by a residency at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine. She completed a critical care fellowship at the University of Florida College of Medicine in 1981. Her interests include health services/outcomes research.

Fiser served as chief of pediatric critical care medicine at UAMS from 1981-1995. She also is a professor in the UAMS departments of Anesthesiology and Psychiatry..

In 1980, the UAMS Department of Pediatrics was moved to ACH where UAMS pediatricians and pediatric specialists now provide the majority of medical care.

The department ranks among the top 10 pediatric departments in the country in size and programs. Its faculty includes internationally known clinicians and researchers who attract patients from around the world.

## Imagine the Future of Healthcare Campaign and What It Will Do for the UAMS Family



As a group of more than 9,000 employees united by our dedication to improving the lives of Arkansans and people across the country and world, we are the future of health care. We **teach** the health care professionals of today and tomorrow. We **heal** the sick. We forever **search** for new and innovative ways to create a better, healthier Arkansas and world. And we **serve** everyone professionalism and compassion. These four duties are the cornerstone of our excellence at UAMS, and they are the convictions that unite us as the UAMS family.

As the UAMS family, we are all an important part of this campaign, and the campaign is as equally important to us. We are embarking on an exciting and powerful time, positioning UAMS to be able to teach, heal, search and serve in ways we can only imagine.

Imagine the Future of Healthcare is about...

- Creating personal and professional opportunities for the UAMS family
- Developing new programs
- Finding new resources
- Providing better health care to us, our friends and our family
- Being a part of educating the health care professionals of tomorrow
- Providing better job opportunities
- Taking better care of patients
- Doing NOW what it takes to make Arkansas and our world a healthier place

Imagine the Future of Healthcare comprehensive campaign will provide vital new funding for...

- [Research Endowments](#)
- [Faculty Chairs](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Lectureships](#)
- [Outreach](#)
- [Patient Services](#)
- [Operating Funds](#)
- [New Facilities](#)

Please plan  
to give to  
the future of  
UAMS!



# Homeless Outreach Event

It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.

Albert Einstein



Grab a cup of coffee and sit down at the computer to review the latest edition of the Journal of OMT.

Volunteers are needed for the Homeless Outreach Event at Philander Smith College September 16th. 8:00 to 2:00.

We need one (physician or resident) at Philander Smith College to help triage patients.

The patients will be transported the River City Ministry for their full eye exams, FDT and dispense donated glasses.

In the clinic we need two ophthalmologists for eye exams and several technicians to screen the patients and assist in dispensing glasses.



Please volunteer today!

Please contact Deborah Troillett at 526-6394 or Dr. Cannon if you would like to be added to the schedule....remember even a couple of hours would be greatly appreciated!

## Public Relations Reminder

Please remember that if you are contacted by any media outlet (radio, TV, or print) to notify Pam Leidermann, director of communications.

It is extremely important for our public relations department to know of all media requests to help ensure that UAMS is correctly referred to and that media may be on campus. It is a communications policy that all media will be accompanied when on campus by someone from the public relations department.

The public relations department works hard to ensure that all references to UAMS and our faculty and staff are correct and handled professionally thereby showcasing UAMS positively to public.

Should you have questions, please contact Pam at 686-8638.

The latest edition of the **Journal of Ophthalmic Medical Technology** is now available online at:

[http://www.jomtonline.com/jomt/default\\_show.asp?volume=2&issue=3&year=2006](http://www.jomtonline.com/jomt/default_show.asp?volume=2&issue=3&year=2006).