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Barbara G. Wells Named Dean Of UM School of Pharmacy

UNIVERSITY, Miss. -- The University of Mississippi has selected Memphis native Dr. Barbara G. Wells as the new dean of its School of Pharmacy.

Wells, 54, is dean and professor at the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy. The Board of State Institutions of Higher Learning approved her appointment on Jan. 18, and she is expected to assume her new post on July 1. She also will serve as executive director of the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

A noted lecturer and administrator, Wells earned her bachelor's and Pharm.D. degrees at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and completed a specialty residency in psychiatric pharmacy at the University of Tennessee and Memphis Mental Health Institute. She recently was named as the president-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and will serve as the group's president in 2002-03.

"Dr. Wells is highly respected as a teacher and researcher, with a broad range of professional experience," Chancellor Robert Khayat said. "We are pleased that someone with her professional standing and skill will be leading our School of Pharmacy."

"Dr. Wells brings to the School of Pharmacy strong leadership, national recognition as an innovative pharmacy educator and a commitment to progressive pharmacy practice," said Dr. Robert D. Sindelar, interim dean of the school. "I am confident that she will bring alumni, faculty and students together to enhance the School of Pharmacy in the 21st century."

Author of more than 50 peer-reviewed publications and contributor to more than a dozen books, she is a scientific editor of the journal *Pharmacotherapy* and an editor of "Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiologic Approach," "The Pharmacotherapy Handbook" and "Pharmacotherapy: A Case-Based Approach."

Her research interests focus on clinical management of schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders. She has served as principal investigator or collaborated in more than 30

research and education projects receiving external funding.