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UMMC NAMES NEW CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

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JACKSON, Miss. – The University of Mississippi Medical Center has named Dr. Moeen Panni professor and chair of the Department of Anesthesiology. Before joining the medical center, Panni was chair of anesthesiology at the University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville (UF COM J), chief of anesthesiology at Shands Jacksonville Medical Center and director of the UF COM J anesthesiology residency and obstetric anesthesiology fellowship programs.

Panni completed the joint medical school and Ph.D. program at the University of Cambridge, England with a doctorate in neuroscience in 1995. He completed his anesthesiology residency and obstetric anesthesia training at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. From 2002-2005, he was an assistant professor and an attending anesthesiologist at Duke University Medical Center.

In 2005, he moved to the University of Texas, Houston Medical School where he served as director of obstetric anesthesia and was an associate professor. In 2008, Panni joined the University of Florida at its Jacksonville campus. During his tenure there, he oversaw significant improvements in the department's financial performance, clinical operating room efficiency and academic standing.

Panni has authored a number of publications in the fields of neuroscience and obstetric anesthesia and has won numerous educational awards including the Society of Obstetric Anesthesiology and Perinatology's (SOAP) Research in Education Award in 2005 and the SOAP 2011 national "Teacher of the Year" award.

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