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SPINE SURGEON JOINS UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE

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JACKSON, Miss. – Dr. M. Stanton Ward, an associate professor of medicine and an orthopedic surgeon with fellowship training and sub-specialization in spine surgery, has joined University of Mississippi Health Care.

His practice is focused on adult decompressive and reconstructive spine surgery for degenerative and traumatic conditions as well as deformity, with an emphasis on minimally invasive approaches. Ward was previously in private practice at Pinnacle Orthopedics in Marietta, Ga.

A *summa cum laude* graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Ward earned the M.D. and the Ph.D. at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.

He completed an orthopedic surgery internship and orthopedic surgery residency training at Columbia's St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital. During those years, he also had residency training in pediatric orthopedics at the A. I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del.; musculoskeletal oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York; and burn intensive care unit/plastic surgery at Jacobi Hospital in New York. He completed a spine surgery fellowship at the Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Medical Center in 2007.

He has also completed additional training in minimally invasive spine surgery with neurosurgeon Dr. Anthony Salerni at the Northeast Institute for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery. He is the first surgeon in Mississippi to become a member of the Society for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery.

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