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BONE CANCER SPECIALIST JOINS UMMC

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JACKSON, Miss. – Dr. Jennifer Barr, a bone cancer specialist, has joined the medical faculty at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. As the sole provider of orthopedic oncology for children and adults in Mississippi, Barr will contribute vital expertise to the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation.

Barr, who treats bone and soft-tissue tumors, said 40 percent of bone cancers are found in children. She said she returned to Mississippi because she felt she could make a difference in the state.

"I saw how much of a void there was and the desperate need of Mississippians to have this service available in the state," she said.

A *magna cum laude* graduate of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La., Barr earned the M.D. at Louisiana State University's School of Medicine in 2005. She concluded her residency training in orthopedic surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and later completed an AO Trauma fellowship in Chur, Switzerland in 2009. Barr fulfilled an additional fellowship in orthopedic oncology at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle in 2011.

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