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College of Medicine Surgeon joins women's executive leadership program at Drexel

PEORIA – (October 8, 2015) Ai-Xuan Holterman, MD, Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, and a surgeon scientist at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) was selected and has begun a fellowship in the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® program at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia.

Dr. Holterman is one of 54 fellows selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants to be accepted into the program, designed to prepare women for senior leadership roles in academic health science institutions. The one-year program, which recently began the first of three week-long, in-residence sessions is designed to take the leadership lessons from the classroom to practice in the home institution.

Dr. Holterman, a member of the UICOMP faculty since 2011, is one of fewer than 500 surgeons internationally who belong to the American Surgical Association. A pediatric surgeon at Children's Hospital of Illinois at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, she is the sponsor of a multi-institutional and multinational FDA-approved interventional trial in biliary atresia, a neonatal congenital disease of the bile ducts. She also is the founder and director of the International Pediatric Specialist Alliance for the Children of Vietnam, a not-for-profit organization that coordinates U.S. teams of healthcare specialists to Vietnam to enhance the surgical capacity of children's hospitals in Vietnam and provide surgical care for indigent children.

About ELAM

ELAM® is a core program of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Institute continues the legacy of advancing women in medicine that began in 1850 with the founding of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, the nation's first women's medical school and a predecessor of today's Drexel University College of Medicine. For more information on the ELAM program curriculum, faculty and participants, visit www.drexelmed.edu/elam.

About UICOMP

One of four campuses that make up the largest public medical school in the United States, the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) educates more than 150 medical students annually and offers 20 graduate training programs. UICOMP is home to the Cancer Research Center and a collaborator in the Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center.