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## **College of Medicine names new Psychiatry Residency Director, continues to attract high-level physicians to Illinois**

**PEORIA** – (January 21, 2014) Barbara Beadles, MD was appointed program director for the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria psychiatry residency training program at UnityPoint Health – Methodist. Her arrival from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center also adds to the number of active forensic psychiatry experts in the Peoria area.

In fact, Dr. Beadles is one of 18 physicians new to Illinois, hired by the College of Medicine in Peoria over the past year alone to teach and provide direct patient care. Dr. Beadles is one of only four people in Peoria who currently provide forensic psychiatry services – experts who provide testimony, analysis or recommendations in legal or criminal cases.

Dr. Beadles will be responsible for overseeing the medical training of residents in the still new psychiatry residency training program. She will be the attending psychiatrist for the geriatric unit at UPH-M and join the Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology Center to offer expert opinions in legal cases.

Dr. Ryan Finkenbine began the psychiatry training program in 2010, which has since grown from five to a department of about 30 this year. He will remain Chair of the department and turn his attention to continued growth of mental health services in partnership with UnityPoint Health.

Dr. Beadles' training and clinical experience includes forensic psychiatry, emergency psychiatry, community psychiatry and treatment of adolescent sexual offenders. She completed her internship in internal medicine at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas before serving for four years as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. She also has served as both a staff physician and as medical director of a student health clinic which served nearly 8,000 technical trainees annually. She completed a general adult psychiatry residency at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, Texas and a fellowship in forensic psychiatry at the University of California, Davis. She was medical director of the Forensic Psychiatry Service and an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center before coming to Peoria.

The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) is one of four campuses that make up the largest public medical school in the U.S. Located in downtown Peoria, UICOMP educates more than 150 medical students annually and provides 20 graduate training programs.

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