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**DR. MITCHELL ELECTED PRESIDENT  
OF STATE ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**

TUPELO, Miss.—The Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians recently installed John R. Mitchell, M.D., of Pontotoc as president during its recent annual meeting.

Dr. Mitchell serves on the faculty of the Family Medicine Residency Program at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, where he is also on the hospital's active medical staff. He has courtesy medical staff privileges at NMMC-Pontotoc.

He joined the health care organization in 1994 as a physician with Pontotoc Medical Clinic and from 2001-2006 served as associate director of the Family Medicine Residency Program. From 2006-2009 he served as the medical director for NMMC's Work Link occupational medicine program.

Dr. Mitchell served as president-elect of MAFP this past year. He has been an active member of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians since 1989, and has served in numerous board offices and on many committees.

A board-certified family physician, Dr. Mitchell received his bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Mississippi and his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He completed his family medicine internship and residency at the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency Program in Alabama. He served a one-year fellowship with the Primary Care Faculty Development Fellowship Program at Michigan State University. Dr. Mitchell is a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice.

In addition to MAFP, he is a member of the American Medical Association, Mississippi State Medical Association, American Academy of Family Physicians and Northeast Mississippi Medical Society. He currently chairs NMMC's PEER Review Committee.

Dr. Mitchell served as a U.S. Army Medical Service Corps pharmacist at Fort Polk, La., from 1976-1979 and as Mississippi Army National Guard Medical Corps physician, with the rank of Major, from 1983-1992.

A native Mississippian, Dr. Mitchell was reared in Oxford. He is married to the former Elaine Brummett, and they have a son, Jeffrey Michael Mitchell, and a grandson, James Henry Mitchell.

The MAFP represents more than 1,000 family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students. Family physicians are medical specialists trained to treat the majority of medical problems for people of all ages. The Academy celebrated its 61st anniversary this year.