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TUPELO, Miss.— Participating in North Mississippi Medical Center's recent Physician Shadowing Program were (front row, from left) Rae Quigley of Biloxi, a student at Mississippi State University; Stefanie Vamenta of Carthage, MSU; Megan Pike of Tupelo, University of Alabama; (back row, second from left) Bryan Estill of Starkville, MSU; and Charles Emrick of Natchez; MSU. The Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi funds the program through the P.K. Thomas Jr., M.D., Endowed Scholarship Fund. Coordinating the program were (back left) Dean Hancock, HCF president, and Rosalyn Campbell of NMMC's Employment Services Department (back right). Students in the Physician Shadowing Program must have completed their second year of college in pursuit of a medical career. During the program, they spend time with family physicians, surgeons, radiologists, cardiologists and emergency physicians. Each student receives hourly compensation, a lab coat and support materials. For more information, call (662) 377-3245 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).