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CHILDREN'S MERCY NEONATOLOGIST ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MISSOURI STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Gary Pettett, MD, will serve as President of the Missouri State Medical Association

Kansas City, MO – May 4, 2011- [Gary Pettett, MD, Neonatologist](#), and Director, Office of Research Integrity, at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics is the new President of the Missouri State Medical Association through 2012. Dr. Pettett was formally installed in Kansas City during the Missouri State Medical Association 153rd Annual Convention held recently.

The Missouri State Medical Association is the state's largest medical organization, and is the voice more than 6,500 physicians, residents and medical students, who strongly support the need for organized medicine and who strive to protect the future of health care in Missouri.

Dr. Pettett earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He received his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis in 1971. During his third and fourth years of medical school, Dr. Pettett participated in the U.S. Army Early Commissioning and Senior Medical programs. He completed his post-graduate internship and residency in Pediatrics and a fellowship in Neonatal Medicine at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver. Subsequent assignments took Dr. Pettett to Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco, Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, and finally to Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Uniformed Service University of the Health Sciences in Washington, DC. Dr. Pettett retired from military service in the rank of Colonel in 1993.

Following his military retirement, Dr. Pettett joined the faculty at Children's Mercy. Dr. Pettett also serves on the faculty at Truman Medical Center and the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

Dr. Pettett served in various roles with the Missouri State Medical Association before becoming President, he is a member of the American Medical Association and he serves on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Medical Society of Greater Kansas City.

About Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, located in Kansas City, Mo., is one of the nation's top pediatric medical centers. The 314-bed hospital provides care for children from birth through the age of 18, and has been recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with Magnet designation for excellence in nursing services, and ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Children's Hospitals." Its faculty of 600 pediatricians and researchers across more than 40 subspecialties are actively involved in clinical care, pediatric research, and educating the next generation of pediatric subspecialists. For more information about Children's Mercy and its research, visit childrensmercy.org or download our mobile phone app *CMH4YOU* for all phone types. For breaking news and videos, follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

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