

# THE MONITOR



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## A NEW ERA BEGINS

### Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology



Michael P. Diamond, MD will begin as Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Georgia Regents University in February 2013. He will also serve the enterprise as the inaugural Vice President for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Associate Dean for Research of the Medical College of Georgia.

Prior to accepting this position, Dr. Diamond was Kamran S. Moghissi Professor and Associate Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Assistant Dean for Clinical and Translational Research at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. He is an internationally renowned clinical and translational investigator, who is recognized for many scientific contributions, especially within the field of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. His contributions include publication of over 400 peer reviewed manuscripts, 130 book chapters, and 700 abstracts. Additionally he has edited or co-edited over 20 books

and journal issues, and has given over 750 scientific presentations.

Dr. Diamond completed undergraduate studies at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, followed by medical school at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he also completed his internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He completed his fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

As Chair, Diamond will help enhance consultative services for physicians and patients, developing, for example, optimally efficient multidisciplinary clinics in areas such as high-risk pregnancy and dysfunctional uterine bleeding; support a parallel expansion of research that includes recruitment of basic and translational scientists with a successful track record of clinician collaboration; and support research, epidemiology and community outreach development in medical student and resident education. As Vice President, he will help Senior Vice President for Research, Mark Hamrick, PhD, expand clinical research and direct a General Clinical Research Center.

We welcome Dr. Diamond and his family to Augusta and to our family at Georgia Regents University. We also thank Dr. Michael Macfee for his excellent leadership over the past several years. Without his guidance and support, our recent growth and success would not be possible.

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# CONSOLIDATION



Georgia Health  
Sciences University



The consolidation of Augusta State and Georgia Health Sciences University became official in January 2013 following approval by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. Georgia Regents University, a comprehensive research university, was born with a clear mission, to provide leadership and excellence in teaching, discovery, clinical care, and service as a student-centered comprehensive research university and academic health center with a wide range of programs from learning assistance through postdoctoral studies.



*"I am thankful for the trust the regents have placed in us and the partnership, support and active engagement exhibited by our faculty, staff, students, alumni, volunteers and friends throughout this consolidation process."*

*Dr. Ricardo Azziz  
GRU President*

The new university includes nine colleges, nearly 10,000 students, more than 650 acres of campus, nearly 150 buildings, more than 1,000 full-time faculty, approximately 5,600 staff, an integrated health system and a growing intercollegiate athletics program. Its economic impact will be nearly \$1.3 billion. The inaugural class of GRU will enroll in this fall.

The Boards of Directors of Georgia Health Sciences Health System and Georgia Health Sciences Medical Center voted on January 24, 2013 to change the names of the clinical entities associated with Georgia Regents University. The adult hospital became Georgia Regents Medical Center and the Children's Medical Center became Children's Hospital of Georgia, both under the clinical enterprise of Georgia Regents Health System.

The 478-bed Georgia Regents Medical Center, which houses Georgia's first Level I Trauma Center, treated nearly 16,000 inpatients and 357,000 outpatients last year. In addition, there were more than 83,000 emergency room visits, and the hospital provided about \$35 million in indigent care. Founded as the first children's hospital in the South, the 154-bed Children's Hospital of Georgia is the second largest in the state. The hospital cares for the most vulnerable newborns in its Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the most acutely ill kids in its Level I Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.



*Special thanks to Dr. Walter Moore and the GRU Graduate Medical Education Committee for supporting resident education through innovation in information technology. Residents in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology were provided new Apple® iPad mini mobile devices to improve efficiency in our ever expanding mobile age.*

