



# Espey named OB-GYN chair for UNM School of Medicine

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The University of New Mexico School of Medicine announced today that Dr. Eve Espey has been appointed chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB-GYN), effective March 15. Espey joined the department as a faculty member in 1997 after serving six years as a staff physician and chief of staff at the Gallup Indian Medical Center in Gallup, NM.

“We’re very fortunate to have such a highly qualified and dedicated physician who has shown her leadership capabilities and professionalism in her 17-year tenure at UNM,” remarked UNM Chancellor for Health Sciences and School of Medicine Dean Dr. Paul Roth. “Her vision and determination to provide the highest quality care will continue to help us serve all of the people of New Mexico.”

In her 17 years with UNM, Espey has served in a number of roles, including staff physician, clerkship director, block chair, associate dean of students, division director for Family Planning and more. “My passion for women’s health has led to my involvement in education and training in family planning, and advocacy for other issues important to women’s health,” Espey said. “I’m honored to accept a more prominent role in mentoring our medical students, residents, fellows and faculty.”

As OB-GYN chair, Espey will further advance the department’s premier programs in women's health care, medical education and research that enrich the quality of life for New Mexico women and their families. She will direct the department in providing quality patient care in a compassionate manner and being an active education resource to medical students, resident physicians, faculty colleagues and private practitioners.

In addition to her UNM roles, Espey has held leadership roles with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, the Society of Family Planning and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

Espey has been awarded many national and international accolades, including the Gold Humanism Honor Society, which honors medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.”

Espey, who specializes in reproductive health and family planning, earned her medical degree at the University of California, San Diego, and performed her residency at the University of California, Irvine, College of Medicine. She also holds a Master’s Degree in Public Health from the University of Washington School of Medicine. She is certified through the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

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