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**JOSEPH SHUMWAY, MD, MPH, FACOG, NAMED PRESIDENT OF
ST. LOUIS OBSTETRICAL & GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Belleville – Joseph Shumway, MD, MPH, FACOG, perinatologist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville and member of HSHS Medical Group, has been named President of the St. Louis Obstetrical and Gynecological Society at their recent meeting on April 26, 2011.

The Society was founded in 1877 and has a rich history, not only locally, but also nationally and internationally. It is the fifth oldest society of obstetrics and gynecology in the United States. The Society promotes advancement of medical science, encourages individual improvement as practitioners, and contributes to the scientific and practical advancement of obstetrics and gynecology in the communities they serve.

Dr. Shumway is Board-Certified in obstetrics and gynecology with special expertise in maternal-fetal medicine. He specializes in high-risk obstetrics at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, which also houses a Level II+ Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - one of only two in Southern Illinois. In his career, he has delivered over 200 sets of triplets, 30 sets of quadruplets and one set of quintuplets.

"I am honored to hold the position of President of the St. Louis Obstetrical and Gynecological Society," Shumway said. "It is a prestigious and historic group

continually at the forefront of technology and innovation in the pursuit of obstetric and gynecological care for our patients.”

Prior to joining HSHS Medical Group and St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in February 2010, Dr. Shumway worked at Washington University, in St. Louis, as Assistant Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and was Director of Perinatal Outreach at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Shumway earned a medical and MPH degree from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons Health Administration in 1988 in New York, NY and completed his OB/GYN residency at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Maryland. He is also a member of several academic societies, including of the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology.

Areas of expertise include maternal fetal medicine, high risk pregnancy, multiple births, preterm labor, cervical incompetence, recurrent pregnancy losses, stillbirth, miscarriage, preeclampsia, pregnancy induced hypertension, prematurity, preterm delivery, placental abruption, diabetes mellitus, thrombophilia, premature rupture of membranes, and other medical disorders of pregnancy.

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