Collins hired as new chair of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at KU Wichita Campus

WICHITA, KAN. – **Tracie Collins, MD, MPH,** started Nov. 15 as the chair of the Preventive Medicine and Public Health (PMPH) Department at the KU School of Medicine–Wichita.

PMPH uses epidemiologic methods for the solution of individual and population health problems. The faculty includes physicians, epidemiologists, social scientists, and research and behavioral scientists.

In addition to leading Wichita’s PMPH department, Dr. Collins will partner with Associate Dean for Medical Sciences Dennis Valenzeno, PhD, and others to incorporate more prevention and public health into Wichita’s four-year medical school curriculum.

Dr. Collins came from the University of Minnesota where she was an associate professor of medicine, co-leader of the Minnesota Primary Care Research Consortium and co-director of the Research Core for the Center for Health Equity. She received her medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and completed her internal medicine residency at the University of Oklahoma. She completed a two-year Clinical and Research Fellowship in Ambulatory Care and General Internal Medicine and earned her Master of Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health. She is board certified in internal medicine and vascular medicine.

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