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Dr. Robert M. Abrams, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, has been named chief of the department's maternal fetal medicine division at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. As SIU's division chief, he also was named director of the Springfield Perinatal Center based at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

SIU's material fetal medicine division has three physician specialists who care for women with high risk pregnancies. The South-Central Illinois Perinatal Center cares for women with high-risk pregnancies and their babies throughout a 34-county area in central Illinois. It also provides patient services, education and training, and outcome evaluations for hospitals in the region.

Abrams joined SIU's faculty in 2007 after completing a three-year fellowship in maternal/fetal medicine at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood (2007). Previously, he was in private practice in Chicago for two years.

He completed his obstetrics and gynecology residency at the University of Illinois (UI) Chicago Medical Center (2002). He earned his medical degree at Rush Medical College (1997) and his bachelor's from UI Urbana-Champaign (1993).

Abrams is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and in maternal-fetal medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

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Note to media: A portrait (jpg format) of Abrams is available on our [News/Info](#) Web site or upon request via phone or publicaffaris@siumed.edu.