

Paul David Mozley, MD, FACOG, FACS, FAPA

Founder of Obstetrics Fellowships in the United States

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Dr. Paul David Mozley, MD, FACOG, FACS, FAPA, founded the Obstetrics Fellowships in the United States in 1980 at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, now the oldest Obstetrics Fellowship Training Program in the country. This program has been the model for other programs not only in the United States but internationally as well. Dr. Mozley is being

recognized as the founder of this subspecialty by the American Board of Family Medicine Obstetrics and the American Board of Physician Specialties.

Paul David Mozley was born in Decatur, Alabama in 1928. He completed a B.A. Degree at the University of Alabama in 1950. He then attended graduate school in Parasitology in 1950 at the University of Alabama and Abnormal Psychology at the University of Georgia in 1951. During 1951 Dr. Mozley served as a Research Serology Laboratory technician and Communicable Disease Investigator for the U.S. Department of Public Health in Georgia. Dr. Mozley completed an M.D. degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1955, during which time he worked as a research assistant in the Department of Cellular Physiology. After completing a Rotating Surgery Internship at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda in 1956, he completed an OB/GYN Residency at the Naval Hospitals in Corona and San Diego, California, in 1959. Dr. Mozley completed a Psychiatry Residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and U.S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia in 1970.

Dr. Mozley's academic appointments are many, including Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Eastern Virginia Medi-

cal School in Norfolk, Virginia, as well as Interim Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences there in 1976-1977. Dr. Mozley was promoted to Full Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences with tenure at Eastern Virginia in 1977. He served as Professor with tenure and Director of Undergraduate Education at East Carolina University School of Medicine from 1979 to 1984. Dr. Mozley came to the University of Alabama School of Medicine as Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Tuscaloosa and Associate Chairman in Birmingham in 1984, a position he held until retirement from this institution in 1999. Dr. Mozley was Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and of Psychiatry. In 2000, he was awarded the rank of Professor Emeritus by the President of the University of Alabama. Dr. Mozley is Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Association of Psychiatrists.

In 1969, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists awarded Dr. Mozley the Chairman's Award for Clinical Research for Outstanding Contributions to the Knowledge of OB/GYN. He was awarded the President of the United States Meritorious Service Award for Excellence both in 1973 and 1975. In 1975, he received the Surgeon General's Merit Award for Outstanding Service to the Medical Department in Recognition of a Distinguished Career in Service to his Country. He was advanced to Life Fellowship by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Psychiatric Association in 1975. In 1999, Dr. Mozley received the Award of Excellence and appointment of Chairman Emeritus from DCH Regional Medical Center. Dr. Mozley is one of the few physicians to chair more than one academic department of a medical school.

Dr. Mozley has been very active nationally in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, serving as Program Chairman of the Annual Clinical Meetings and Founding Member of the American Society of Psychosomatic Medicine. Since retirement from the University of Alabama, Dr. Mozley has continued to practice surgical gy-

necology in Sylacauga, Fairhope, and Point Clear, Alabama, as well as supervise obstetrical care at Baldwin Clinic in Foley, Alabama, for Hispanic patients. Dr. Mozley's publications are extensive and his national presentations many. In 2005 he became one of the founding members of the Task Force on Certification of Family Medicine Physicians Practicing Obstetrics and a Founding Member, Question Writer, and Written and Oral Examiner of the American Board of Family Medicine Obstetrics in Tampa.

A gentleman, a scholar, an inventor, a visionary, a mentor, a colleague and a friend, it has been a pleasure to work with and know him. Truly my mentor for all time, Dr. Mozley has probably forgotten more than I ever learned! The fields

of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Psychiatry and Family Medicine Obstetrics will be forever indebted to this man, his work, and his devotion to others, especially the women and children of this State of Alabama.

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