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UAMS Family Medicine Update Set for Oct. 25-27

LITTLE ROCK — The 22nd annual Family Medicine Update at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will offer continuing education for physicians, nurses and pharmacists Oct. 25-27, including a half-day emphasis on ear, nose and throat topics.

A discounted early registration price of $330 for three days or $250 for two days is available through Oct. 5. To register, call 501-686-6626 or visit cme.uams.edu.

Standard registration is $390 for the full conference or $290 for two days. Single-day pricing is also available. After Oct. 5, the standard fee will be discounted 25 percent if three or more register at the same time. Registrants must call to get this rate.

The Family Medicine Update is provided by the UAMS College of Medicine and is an annual opportunity for health care professionals to learn about the latest advances and information impacting family medicine.

Topics on the first day will include how to assess patient risk for substance abuse disorder by Ashley Acheson, Ph.D.; a pharmacology update by Kaci Thiessen, Pharm.D.; information on reflux disease from Benjamin Tharian, M.D.; and tips for improving patient compliance for colon cancer screening by Shashank Garg, M.D.

The second day will feature Rebecca Cantone, M.D., a family physician from Oregon, who will share her clinic’s success in tackling opioid addiction. UAMS’ Lindsey Dayer, Pharm.D., will speak about opioid use and naloxone. UAMS’ Rohit Dhall, M.D., will show how to identify essential tremor and how to manage the condition.

The final day will feature the UAMS Department of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery offering ear, nose and throat topics for family medicine. The agenda includes: “Swallowing and the Voice” by Ozlem Ugur-Tulunay, M.D.; “ENT for Peds” by Adam Johnson, M.D.; and “Nose and Sinuses” with Alissa Kanaan, M.D.

Sessions will include diabetic foot care, a panel discussion on colorectal cancer and a hands-on workshop on wound care and dressings.
UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; northwest Arkansas regional campus; statewide network of regional centers; and six institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and Translational Research Institute. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,727 students, 822 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses throughout the state, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram.

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