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**BAPTIST HEALTH – UAMS MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM RECEIVES  
ACCREDITATION APPROVAL FOR RESIDENCY PROGRAMS**

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (Oct. 29, 2018)** – The Baptist Health – University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Medical Education Program is now recruiting residents for two residency programs set to launch next summer in Internal Medicine and Family Medicine.

The three-year programs, which train up to 12 residents per year in each as part of a partnership between Baptist Health and UAMS, were granted accreditation approval in October by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

“This collaborative effort enriches the health care scope at Baptist Health and UAMS, providing additional opportunities for education and the ability to serve more communities,” said Troy Wells, president and CEO of Baptist Health. “Those priorities fall directly in line with our organization’s mission of providing quality health education and responding to the changing needs of Arkansas residents.”

Each residency option, mindful of the national shortage of primary care physicians, allows students to be educated by experienced, distinguished academic faculty on the Baptist Health Medical Center-North Little Rock campus. These first programs will begin resident training in July 2019.

“The Baptist Health – UAMS Medical Education Program extends our commitment to providing residents with a culture of excellence through high-quality, superior leading examples,” said Cam Patterson, M.D., M.B.A., UAMS Chancellor. “These residency training programs will be embedded in a community hospital with academic medical support that

provides an environment much like the one where they will one day practice. By providing residents with a notable community training program we have a better chance of retaining them as generalists, a need prevalent in small to mid-size communities.”

Expanded teaching areas include sports medicine, women’s health, geriatrics, wound care and electives to complement each resident’s specific interest. The methods with which residents are trained will help them be life-long learners after they graduate with the skills they learn to use in residency.

Reflecting the continued vision of the Baptist Health – UAMS Accountable Care Alliance, which was announced in August 2017, the program is intended to strengthen the two institutions’ ability to improve population health and care delivery.

For more information about the Baptist Health – UAMS Medical Education Program, including the application process, visit [baptisthealth-uams-gme.org](http://baptisthealth-uams-gme.org) or call (501) 202-4831.

**About Baptist Health:** Baptist Health is an Arkansas-based, locally owned and managed, not-for-profit, and faith-based health-care organization. Baptist Health is also Arkansas’ most comprehensive health-care organization with more than 9,300 employees operating nine hospitals. For more information, call Baptist Health HealthLine at 1-888-BAPTIST or visit the website at [baptist-health.com](http://baptist-health.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#).

**About UAMS:** 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 [uams.edu](http://uams.edu) or [uamshealth.com](http://uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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