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UAMS Medical Center Ranked No. 1 in State by *U.S. News & World Report*

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as having the best hospital in the state, and its ear, nose and throat (ENT) department was ranked among the top 50 nationwide.

“The world now knows what we know — wonderful things are happening here at UAMS thanks to the dedicated work of our health care professionals and support staff, their innovative approach to care, and their commitment to elevating the health of all Arkansans,” said UAMS Chancellor Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA. “I congratulate each and every member of Team UAMS for this accomplishment.”

The UAMS ENT department was ranked 42nd in the nation on the 2019-20 list, which was released today.

“I attribute this honor to my excellent team of faculty, fellows, residents and nurses,” said John L. Dornhoffer, M.D., who leads the ENT program and is chair of the Department of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery. “We cover all the subspecialties in our field, and our faculty are fellowship trained and respected for their expertise. They publish textbooks and dozens of peer-reviewed manuscripts each year and lecture internationally. Equally as important, they are consistently rated well on patient satisfaction surveys.”

Other UAMS services and procedures singled out as “high performing” include:

National Recognition

- Cancer services at the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Regional Recognition

- Colon cancer surgery
- Heart failure
- Hip replacement
- Knee replacement
- Lung cancer surgery

“Each of these programs is an asset to UAMS and the state,” said Stephen A. Mette, M.D., interim vice chancellor for clinical programs and interim UAMS Medical Center CEO. “Recognition like this is a reflection of the hard work going on day in, day out across campus, where our dedicated professionals work to serve patients, train future health leaders, and set a course for a brighter future for health care in the state.”

The Best Hospitals ranking indicates quality complex care for challenging health conditions and for common elective procedures. “High performing” ratings designate specialty care that is significantly better than the national average, as measured by factors such as patient outcomes, volume, quality of nursing and other care-related indicators. These rankings are designed to assist patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care for common conditions and elective procedures.

For the 2019-20 ratings, *U.S. News* evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in nine procedures and conditions. Fewer than a third of all hospitals received any high-performing rating, and only 57 earned this rating in all nine procedures and conditions. The state rankings recognize hospitals that received high performing ratings across multiple areas of care.

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UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven 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, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 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, 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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