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**David D. Walker, M.D., Joins UAMS as Otologist
Specializing in Ear Conditions, Hearing Loss**

LITTLE ROCK — David D. Walker, M.D., has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as an otologist/neurotologist specializing in disorders of the middle and inner ear and treating hearing loss, including cochlear implantation.

Walker sees patients in the [Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic](#) in UAMS' Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, 501 Jack Stephens Drive, Little Rock. He is an assistant professor in the [Department of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery](#) in the UAMS College of Medicine.

Neurotologists have specialized training in treating hearing loss, dizziness and tumors of the ear, in addition to their training for general ear, nose and throat conditions. They offer medical and surgical treatments for ear conditions and work closely with audiologists in their management.

Walker completed fellowship training in otology, neurotology and skull base surgery at Michigan Ear Institute, Farmington Hills, Michigan. This training also covered neurological ear conditions and the complicated surgical procedures for tumors close to the base of the skull. His specialized training includes the treatment of superior semicircular canal dehiscence, encephaloceles, cerebrospinal leaks and the management of lateral skull base tumors such as acoustic neuromas.

Walker completed his residency in otolaryngology — head and neck surgery and a general surgery internship at the University of Chicago.

UAMS Otolaryngology Department Chairman John Dornhoffer, M.D., has performed most of the cochlear implant surgeries in Arkansas in recent years. He welcomes Walker's addition to UAMS so more patients will have access to advance surgical treatments for hearing loss and other ear conditions.

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“We’re pleased to be able to expand the options for advanced care for hearing loss to more Arkansans,” Dornhoffer said. “UAMS has a rich history as a leader in treating hearing loss in Arkansas, and with the addition of Dr. Walker to our team, we hope to solidify that legacy for future generations. In addition, Dr. Walker brings to the table an advanced skillset in skull base surgery that complements our services, and his commitment to research and education mean he’s a perfect fit for the UAMS mission.”

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. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state’s Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — cancer, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. 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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