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**Understanding Opioids Presentation  
to be Held Sept. 26 in Hot Springs Village**

LITTLE ROCK – The public is invited to a free educational event Sept. 26 in Hot Springs Village for those who would like to learn about opioids and non-opioid pain management alternatives in the older population.

The presentation will be held 10 -11:30 a.m. at the McAuley Senior Center, 5010 Arkansas 7. For more information or to register, please call Kellie Chacon at 501-984-5594. Space is limited.

The program is presented by Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). The collaborative is funded by a Health Resources and Services Administration grant of \$3.7 million for a Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program.

UAMS' Laura Spradley will discuss how pain works, examples of opioids, non-opioid pain alternatives, state and local resources, and provide a comprehensive take home book.

In the United States, over 1,000 people are treated daily in emergency rooms for misusing prescription opioids. As of 2014, one out of every eight Americans who seek treatment for substance abuse is over 50 years of age.

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,

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

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