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UAMS' Simon Mears Inducted into Prestigious Hip Society

LITTLE ROCK – Simon Mears, M.D., Ph.D., an orthopaedic surgeon and professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine, has been inducted into The Hip Society, a national organization dedicated to the advancement of knowledge relating to the hip joint.

“I am grateful for this tremendous honor and am proud to represent both Arkansas and UAMS,” said Mears. “The Hip Society represents the nation’s thought leaders when it comes to disorders that affect the hip and hip surgery, and to be among their company will be a great benefit to me in providing the best care possible for my patients.”

Mears will be inducted into the Hip Society in March in Orlando, Florida, at the 2020 annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Mears joins C. Lowry Barnes, M.D., chair of the UAMS Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, as a member of The Hip Society. They are the only current members from Arkansas, marking the first time the state has had two members in the society at the same time. Barnes’ predecessor as department chair, the late Carl. L. Nelson, M.D., was also a member.

“I’m very happy to welcome Dr. Mears to The Hip Society,” said Barnes. “To have two physicians from our department working with this organization is a rare gift for our patients and for all Arkansans.”

Mears earned his medical degree and a doctoral degree in neurobiology from the University of Pittsburgh. He completed his orthopaedic residency at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He completed a fellowship in orthopaedic traumatology at the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland, as well as a second fellowship in hip and knee replacement at the Mayo Clinic.

Mears has won the prestigious Jahnigen Award in geriatric medicine. He practiced at the Johns Hopkins University for 10 years and served as chairman of orthopaedic surgery at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center.

Mears specializes in hip and knee replacement including both primary and revision surgery. His research interests include the clinical outcomes of geriatric patients and the biomechanics of fixation in osteoporotic bone. He is vice president of the International Geriatric Fracture Society and deputy editor for the Journal Geriatric Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation.

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