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**J. Paul Mounsey, M.D., Ph.D., Joins UAMS as  
Director of Cardiovascular Program**

LITTLE ROCK — J. Paul Mounsey, M.D., Ph.D., a nationally recognized leader in the treatment of heart rhythm disturbances (cardiac electrophysiology) has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as director of its cardiovascular program.

Mounsey is also director of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine in the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine.

He previously served as professor of medicine and director of cardiac electrophysiology and pacing in the Department of Cardiovascular Sciences at East Carolina University and the East Carolina Heart Institute in Greenville, North Carolina.

Mounsey received his doctorate in physiology, with an emphasis in cardiac muscle biophysics, from St. Thomas Hospital Medical School in London, U.K., in 1983 and his medical degree from the University of Oxford Medical School in 1987. He completed his internship and residency in medicine at Oxford. Mounsey continued his training with a cardiology fellowship at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in the U.K. and a cardiac electrophysiology fellowship at the University of Virginia.

Mounsey began his career in academic medicine as a lecturer in cardiology at Oxford and then as a senior lecturer in cardiology at the University of Birmingham in the U.K. He returned to the United States in 1996 and served on the faculty of the University of Virginia until 2007, when he was recruited to the University of North Carolina. He was a professor of medicine and director of cardiac electrophysiology and pacing at UNC until 2012, when he was named Cecil Sewell Endowed Distinguished Professor of Medicine. Mounsey was recruited to East Carolina University in August 2017.

In addition to publishing extensively, Mounsey has served on the editorial boards of Heart Rhythm, the Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology, and the Journal of Electrocardiography. He has also been an ad hoc reviewer for numerous journals, including Circulation and the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

Mounsey is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, the American College of Cardiologists and the American Heart Association. Among numerous honors, he received the University of Virginia Department of Internal Medicine Clinical Excellence Award and the University of Virginia Dean's Award for Clinical Excellence in 2001. He received the Leonard S. Gettes Faculty Teaching Award in the UNC Division of Cardiology in 2008, and was named outstanding faculty teacher at East Carolina University in 2017.

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

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