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**UAMS' José R. Romero, M.D., Named Fellow
of the American Association for the Advancement of Science**

LITTLE ROCK — José R. Romero, M.D., of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Election as an AAAS Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers to recognize scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. Romero is one of 442 scientists nationwide receiving the honor for the year 2020. They will be announced in *Science* magazine and recognized Feb. 15 at the AAAS Fellows Forum during the 2020 AAAS Annual Meeting in Seattle.

An internationally known expert on enteroviruses and childhood immunization, Romero is being honored in the Medical Sciences category for his efforts in controlling infectious diseases; particularly enterovirus research and service on national panels that ensure safety and effectiveness of vaccines.

Romero is chief of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Section in the Department of Pediatrics in the UAMS College of Medicine. He is a professor of pediatrics at UAMS and holds the Horace C. Cabe Endowed Chair in Infectious Diseases at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

The AAAS is the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal *Science*, as well as *Science Translational Medicine*; *Science Signaling*; a digital, open-access journal, *Science Advances*; *Science Immunology*; and *Science Robotics*. AAAS was founded in 1848 and includes more than 250 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million people. *Science* has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world.

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. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS 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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