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**Fenghuang (Frank) Zhan, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Joins UAMS Myeloma Center**

LITTLE ROCK — Myeloma expert Fenghuang “Frank” Zhan, M.D., Ph.D., has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as research director of the Myeloma Center.

Zhan was most recently a professor of medicine at the University of Iowa and an adjunct professor with the University of Iowa’s College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics.

Zhan, who is also a professor of medicine in the UAMS College of Medicine, was previously at the UAMS Myeloma Center from 2002 to 2008, as an assistant professor in the College of Medicine.

“We are excited to also now have Dr. Zhan back in our fold,” said Frits van Rhee, M.D., Ph.D., clinical director of the Myeloma Center. “Dr. Zhan brings with him great expertise regarding the molecular genetics and the biology of myeloma, as well as drug resistance to therapy”

After leaving UAMS in 2008, he joined former UAMS colleague Guido J.K. Tricot at the Utah Blood and Marrow Transplant and Myeloma Program at the University of Utah’s Huntsman Cancer Institute. The two later worked together at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa Health Care in Iowa City, Iowa.

Zhan received his medical degree and Ph.D in cancer molecular genetics from Hunan Medical University in Changsha, P.R., China. He received his dental degree from West China Medical University in Chengdu, P.R., China.

Zhan’s ability to identify and target myeloma stem cells and the genomic classification of the disease will be an immense asset to UAMS, van Rhee said.

“He will greatly help us in furthering the innovative treatment we have offered for more than 30 years now.”

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. 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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