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**UAMS's Barnes Becomes President of
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons**

LITTLE ROCK – C. Lowry Barnes, M.D., chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), took office as the 30th president of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons during its board of directors video conference March 25.

The meeting was to be held during the annual American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons conference but was moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have tough issues to face this year, and we’ll do our best to carry on,” Barnes said at the meeting.

Barnes holds the Carl L. Nelson, M.D., Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery. He graduated with honors from the UAMS College of Medicine in 1986 and completed his internship and residency in orthopaedic surgery at UAMS. He completed a fellowship in adult reconstruction surgery and arthritis surgery at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston.

Barnes lectures nationally and internationally on total joint replacement surgery and has been active in research focusing on the hip and knee. He established HipKnee Arkansas Foundation, a nonprofit research foundation and motion detection laboratory to further study patients with arthritis.

He holds four patents for orthopaedic surgery devices he developed and has designed numerous hip and knee implants. Barnes is also known nationally for his expertise in health care quality, efficiency and new payment structures that were ushered in with health system reform.

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