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UAMS Opens Additional Organ Transplant Clinic in Freeway Medical Tower

LITTLE ROCK — The Multi-Disciplinary Organ Transplant Team at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has expanded to an additional location at Freeway Medical Tower for greater convenience of care.

The clinic is located on the seventh floor, Suite 7-100, of the Freeway Medical Tower, 5800 W. 10th St., just off Interstate 630. It expands the Organ Transplant Team's footprint from the main UAMS campus in Little Rock and the Family Medical Center in Fayetteville.

UAMS is home to Arkansas' only adult kidney transplant program.

Potential organ transplant patients are evaluated at the Freeway Medical Tower location by UAMS' kidney transplant specialists (nephrologists). Patients with prior transplants can be seen at the UAMS Health Family Medical Center in Fayetteville.

Because of advances in the field and more awareness about the life-saving power of organ donation, more people are eligible for kidney and liver transplants than ever before and the UAMS program is growing. Transplants are still the best treatment for end-stage kidney disease.

Transplantation surgery is performed nearby at UAMS Medical Center, 4301 W. Markham St., Little Rock.

Through collaboration with Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery, UAMS has achieved wait times among the shortest in the nation for kidney and liver transplantation, as well as patient outcomes that consistently exceed national benchmarks.

UAMS is expanding its living donor program. Decades of research has firmly established the safety of kidney donation, with no long-term impact on health.

The Multi-Disciplinary Organ Transplant Team includes:

- Nephrologists – Sushma Bhusal, M.D.; Manuel Ernesto Gonzalez, M.D.; Nasir Khan, M.D.; and Aparna Sharma, M.D.
- Transplant surgeons – Gary W. Barone, M.D.; Lyle J. Burdine, M.D., Ph.D.; Emmanouil Giorgakis, M.D.

Transplants began in Arkansas in 1964 when UAMS performed the state's first kidney transplant. UAMS also performed the state's first liver transplant in 2005. The UAMS Organ Transplant team has performed over 1,800 kidney transplants and over 400 liver transplants.

To make an appointment at the either the Fayetteville Family Medical location or Freeway Medical location, call 501-686-6640. For more information, visit Uamshealth.com/expertise/organ-transplant.

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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