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**Raj B. Patel Joins UAMS  
as Fellowship-Trained Kidney, Liver Transplant Surgeon**

LITTLE ROCK — Raj B. Patel, M.D., has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as a fellowship-trained kidney and liver transplant surgeon.

Patel sees patients at the UAMS Health [Kidney Transplant Clinic](#) and [Liver Transplant Clinic](#) in the Outpatient Center on the main UAMS campus in Little Rock.

Patel is also an assistant professor in the UAMS College of Medicine's Department of Surgery. UAMS Health is the only center in Arkansas that offers adult liver and kidney transplants.

Patel obtained a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Baylor University and a degree from the Louisiana State University-Shreveport School of Medicine. He completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Arizona College of Medicine and a fellowship in abdominal transplants at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

The UAMS Health [Multi-Disciplinary Organ Transplant Team](#) is growing. Advances in medicine mean that more people are eligible for transplants, which remain the best treatment for advanced liver and kidney disease. More people are serving as living donors, which saves lives and causes no long-term health disadvantages for the donor.

"If you haven't qualified for a transplant in the past, it's time to ask again," said Dr. Burdine, M.D., director of the UAMS Health transplant program. "More people are

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