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**First-ever Virtual UAMS Family Medicine Update
Set for Oct. 20-23**

LITTLE ROCK — The 24th annual Family Medicine Update at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will offer up to 16 hours of online continuing education Oct. 20-23 for family physicians, Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine, advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, physical therapists, respiratory therapists and certified health educators.

The conference is completely virtual. Courses are offered in two-hour blocks, twice daily, at \$25 per block. Attend all three days at a discounted price of \$130. The Tobacco & Disease Symposium on Oct. 23 is free.

To register, call 501-686-6626 or visit cme.uams.edu.

Topics include women and infants, diabetes, colorectal cancer, COVID-19, coaching patients through adversity, improving the health of your practice, and opioids, pain addiction for special populations. Friday's Tobacco & Disease Symposium will cover lung health, tobacco and vaping.

Featured speakers include Don Teater, M.D., of Meridian Behavioral Health Services and Mountain Area Recovery Center in North Carolina and Jose Romero, M.D., secretary of the Arkansas Department of Health.

Teater is a family physician with a focus on pain, opioids and addiction. He was a facilitator for the expert panel during the development of the Centers for Disease

Infectious Diseases at UAMS and Arkansas Children's Hospital and as the director of Clinical Trials Research at Arkansas Children's Research Institute.

The Family Medicine Update is provided by the Community Health and Education Division of the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Family and Preventive Medicine and is an annual opportunity for health care professionals to learn about the latest advances and information impacting family medicine.

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 Discovery 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 or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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