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Rodney Davis, M.D., Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from Arkansas Urologic Society

LITTLE ROCK — Rodney Davis, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Urology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), has received the Headstream Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Arkansas Urologic Society.

Davis is an internationally recognized expert in minimally invasive techniques to treat urologic malignancies. He has made innumerable contributions since his recruitment to UAMS from Vanderbilt University and Meharry Medical College in Nashville in 2012, both in Arkansas and nationally. A Malvern native, Davis also earned many honors for his service in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve, from which he retired with the rank of colonel.

Davis holds the Robert Woods Bass Chair in Genitourinary Oncology at UAMS.

“Dr. Headstream is a native Arkansan who understood the importance of a urology training and started the residency department at UAMS where Dr. Davis is the chairman,” said Mark Jackson, M.D., immediate past president of the society. “Like Dr. Davis, he served in the U.S. Army and lead a distinguished career to the level of colonel. However, above the dedication to education and service to their country, they are both known as great guys who care about their patients and do the right thing. Dr. Davis has lived and practice every aspect of this award through his long and decorated career.”

Davis graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. He attended UAMS in 1978 and graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans in 1982. Davis completed a residency in urology at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash., and later completed a fellowship in urology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

From 1996 to 2007, Davis was on the faculty of Tulane University’s Section of Urological Oncology, while also serving as chief of Urology at the Veteran’s
Administration Medical Center in New Orleans. He was recruited to Vanderbilt, Meharry and the VA system in Nashville in 2007.

Davis has served in numerous active and reserve military posts and medical leadership positions. His assignments have included Madigan Army Medical Center, the 47th Combat Support Hospital in the Persian Gulf in 1990-91, and the Task Force 399th Hospital in Al Asad, Iraq, in 2007. Among many military honors, he received the Army Meritorious Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal in 2007.

Davis specializes in minimally invasive techniques, including laparoscopy and robotics in the treatment of urologic malignancies. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Urological Association (AUA) Advisory Committee to the American College of Surgeons, and chairman of the AUA Guideline Panel for Microscopic Hematuria. He is a director for the African Medical Research Foundation U.S. and has been active in bench and clinical prostate cancer research.

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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