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**Jennifer Laudadio, M.D., Named Chair  
of Department of Pathology**

LITTLE ROCK — Jennifer Laudadio, M.D., has been named chair of the Department of Pathology in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine.

Laudadio, a professor of pathology, had been interim chair since Aug. 1.

“Dr. Laudadio has earned praise for her commitment to quality and safety, and her work in graduate medical education, and she will provide strong leadership for one of our most complex departments,” said UAMS Executive Vice Chancellor and College of Medicine Dean Christopher T. Westfall, M.D.

Laudadio joined UAMS in 2013 as associate professor and medical director of molecular pathology. She became vice chair for clinical operations and medical director for the Laboratory/Pathology Service Line in 2015. She was Pathology Residency Program director from 2014 to 2019 and CLIA Laboratory director from 2015 to 2020.

Among the numerous department and college committees on which Laudadio has served are the Graduate Medical Education Committee and the Clinical Learning and Environment Review Subcommittee, which she chaired for three years.

Laudadio received the College of Medicine Residency Educator Award in 2016 and the inaugural Clinical Excellence Award for Quality and Safety this year.

Her national honors include the Pathology Advancement Award from the College of American Pathologists in 2018. She has been elected to serve on a variety of committees for the Association for Molecular Pathology and serves on two Test Development Advisory Committees for the American Board of Pathology. She is a Molecular Pathology Section editor on the Editorial Board for *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*.

A graduate of the Medical College of Georgia, Laudadio completed her residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at the Medical University of South Carolina and her fellowship in molecular genetic pathology at Oregon Health & Science University.

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