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**Gaurav Dhar, M.D., Joins UAMS Health
As Director of Interventional Cardiology**

LITTLE ROCK — Gaurav Dhar, M.D., has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) to establish and grow the Structural Heart Program within the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine.

As the director of interventional cardiology, a subspecialty of cardiology, Dhar diagnoses and treats conditions and diseases of the heart and blood vessels using nonsurgical, catheter-based procedures and specialized imaging techniques.

“We were very fortunate to recruit Dr. Dhar, a nationally recognized expert in structural heart disease, to initiate our program at UAMS Health,” said John P. Mounsey, M.D., director of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine within the UAMS College of Medicine’s Department of Internal Medicine.

“Under his guidance, we have begun left atrial occlusion procedures to prevent strokes in patients with atrial fibrillation who can’t take anticoagulants. We have also begun to perform aortic and mitral valve operations through catheters inserted into blood vessels,” Mounsey said. “Formerly, these procedures would have required open heart surgery. I am very excited that we can now offer these state-of-the-art surgeries to our patients at UAMS.”

Dhar comes to Arkansas from Michigan State University in East Lansing, where he was a professor of medicine and was named Teacher of the Year three times. He was also the medical director of the Structural Cardiac Interventional Program for the Sparrow Healthcare System in Lansing, as well as the associate program director for the Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Program at Michigan State.

Previously, he was an assistant professor of medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit.

In Chicago, he was a fellow in interventional cardiology at the University of Chicago Medical Center and in cardiology at the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. He

completed his residency at the University of Chicago/Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital, following medical school in India.

To make an appointment with Dhar, please call (501) 686-5311.

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