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**Jaleesa Jackson, M.D., Anesthesiologist**

**Specializing in Cancer Pain, Joins UAMS Health**

LITTLE ROCK — Jaleesa A. Jackson, M.D., a chronic pain medicine fellowship-trained anesthesiologist, is now seeing patients at the UAMS Health Pain Clinic in the Jackson T. Stephens Spine and Neuroscience Institute at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

An assistant professor in anesthesiology, she specializes in helping cancer patients manage severe pain through the use of fluoroscopic injections, nerve blocks and medical management. Her other clinical interests include holistic, patient-centered care and treatment for chronic pain from sickle cell disease.

Jackson attended medical school at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, interned at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, and completed her residency in anesthesiology and chronic pain medicine fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Johnathan H. Goree, M.D., director of the UAMS’ Chronic Pain Division, said UAMS is excited to have Jackson on staff because “there is a gap in the use of novel, minimally invasive, opioid-sparing treatments for cancer patients in Arkansas. Dr. Jackson has extensive training in this field and helps to fill this gap, improving cancer therapy for patients across our state.”

He said Jackson “has a passion for research with expertise that will further our mission in growing knowledge surrounding high quality pain care in our state.”

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 — COPD, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery.UAMS has 2,876 students, 898 medical residents and four 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](https://www.facebook.com/UAMShealth), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/uamshealth), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/UAMSHealth) or [Instagram](https://instagram.com/uamshealth/).

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