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**Tackett Named Deputy Director  
of UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute**

LITTLE ROCK — Cancer researcher Alan Tackett, Ph.D., has been named deputy director of the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

Highly regarded for his research in cancer biomarker discovery, Tackett is a professor in the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He previously served as associate director of basic research for the UAMS Cancer Institute and holds the Scharlau Family Endowed Chair in Cancer Research.

Tackett is principal investigator for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (R24) National Resource for Quantitative Proteomics and the NIH (P20) Center of Biomedical Research Excellence in systems biology. His National Cancer Institute-funded research program focuses on the use of cutting-edge systems approaches to identify biomarkers and novel pathways of resistance to cancer therapies.

Tackett will work directly with Michael Birrer, M.D., Ph.D., Cancer Institute director, to expand the research and clinical missions of the Cancer Institute.

“Dr. Tackett’s expertise and insightfulness will be a huge benefit to the Cancer Institute as we continue to grow and move toward our goal of National Cancer Institute Designation,” Birrer said.

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

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