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**Sara Shalin, M.D., Ph.D., named Chair**

**of UAMS Department of Dermatology**

LITTLE ROCK — Sara Copeland Shalin, M.D., Ph.D., has been appointed as chair of the Department of Dermatology in the UAMS College of Medicine.

“Dr. Shalin has done an exceptional job as interim chair of Dermatology since last March, advancing the department’s efforts in clinical care, research and education, while providing excellent support for her faculty and residents,” said Christopher Westfall, M.D., dean of the college. “She will continue to bring great energy and conscientious leadership to the department in the years ahead.”

A graduate of the M.D./Ph.D. program at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Shalin received her doctorate in neuroscience in 2006 and her medical degree in 2007. She completed her residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Baylor College of Medicine and her fellowship in Boston in the Harvard Hospitals Combined Dermatopathology Program.

Shalin joined UAMS in 2012 as a faculty member in the Departments of Dermatology and Pathology. She has held several leadership roles within the Department of Pathology. Since 2017, she has served as the director of the UAMS M.D./Ph.D. combined degree program.

She is involved in collaborative research in melanoma pathogenesis and biology, and her other research interests include the pathology of inflammatory diseases of the skin and other cutaneous malignancies. She serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Cutaneous Pathology*, one of the leading journals in her subspecialty.

“It’s an honor to lead this dynamic department,” Shalin said. “The future for UAMS Dermatology is bright, and I am excited to be part of cultivating and maintaining excellence in the care we provide to patients and in the future generation of dermatologists we are training.”

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