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**UAMS Health Opens Satellite Transplant Clinic in Texarkana**

LITTLE ROCK — A satellite clinic for UAMS Health’s kidney and liver transplant patients in southwest Arkansas opens today at the UAMS Southwest Regional Campus in Texarkana.

Post-transplant follow-up care will be provided at the clinic, located inside the existing UAMS Family Medical Center at 3417 U of A Way, on the fourth Friday of each month. The clinic will also provide pancreatic and cancer evaluation and care; management of disorders of the bile ducts; and care for liver failure and liver dysfunction.

“UAMS brings to our hometown the finest and most up-to-date care for patients requiring organ transplant and post-transplant care,” said Russell Mayo, M.D., director of the regional campus in Texarkana. “Before now, this care was only available to large metropolitan centers.”

Earlier this month, UAMS opened a satellite clinic for transplant patients at its Northeast Regional Campus in Jonesboro. In early 2019, UAMS opened its first satellite clinic for transplant patients on its Northwest Regional Campus in Fayetteville.

“Due to the incredible work of the regional programs, we have been able to better care for patients in their home communities,” said Lyle Burdine, M.D., Ph.D., surgical director for the solid organ transplant program at UAMS. “The Northwest Arkansas clinic has been very successful, and our patients really enjoy being cared for in their community. Patients in the Jonesboro and Texarkana areas have been wanting to be seen in their region for some time, and we are very excited to be able to help them.”

UAMS physicians will travel to the Fayetteville clinic on the first Friday of each month, to Jonesboro every second Friday and to Texarkana every fourth Friday.

UAMS hopes to eventually offer pre-transplant care, such as testing to determine whether a patient is medically suitable for a transplant, at the satellite clinics.

UAMS is the home of the only adult liver and kidney transplant programs in the state. Both programs received high national rankings in January from the Scientific Registry of

Transplant Patients, which evaluates the status of the nation’s solid organ transplant system. The registry gave the kidney transplant program its highest ranking of five bars in two categories – the speed of obtaining donors and patient survivability one year after transplant. UAMS’ liver transplant programs was one of only 10 programs nationwide to which the registry awarded four bars in both categories.

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](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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