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**UAMS to Hold Virtual Family Medicine Conference
for Medical Professionals from April 27-30**
Slate of National Experts to Speak

LITTLE ROCK — The 2021 Virtual Family Medicine Spring Review at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will offer up to 16 hours of online continuing education April 27-30 for primary care physicians, doctors of osteopathic medicine, advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, physical therapists, respiratory therapists and certified health educators.

The conference is completely virtual. Courses are offered in two-hour blocks, twice daily, at \$40 per block. Attend all four days at a discounted price of \$250.

To register, call 501-686-6626 or visit cme.uams.edu.

The conference will kick off with national opioid expert Don Teater, M.D., who will speak on pain addiction treatment. Teater was the lead facilitator for the expert panel during the development of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. He also was the medical adviser at the National Safety Council, leading its effort to reduce opioid abuse and overdose in the community and in the workplace.

Other national speakers include Steven Masley, M.D., who will speak on preventing and reversing cardiovascular disease through lifestyle interventions as well as enhancing cognitive function and preventing memory loss. His PBS program, "30 Days to a Younger Heart," was the most popular health and wellness show on public television and was viewed by millions over three years. He is also a best-selling author of four books.

Kent Corso, Psy.D., will speak on managing suicidal patients in primary care. Corso has researched, developed and evaluated suicide prevention programs across the United States and Canada and has trained and consulted with medical professionals on evidence-based suicide prevention and intervention internationally.

A full day will be dedicated to cancer updates for the primary care provider, including a talk on the big picture of treating cancer patients from Richard Wender, M.D. Wender

was the first primary care clinician to serve on the American Cancer Society National Board and in 2006 became the first primary care physician to be elected national president of the society. He is the chairman of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Pennsylvania.

Other topics for the conference include COVID-19 immunizations and updates from Jose Romero, M.D., and Joe Thompson, M.D., as well as e-scripts, spina bifida, breastfeeding, Parkinson's Disease and the four M's of age-friendly care.

The Family Medicine Spring Review is provided by the UAMS College of Medicine and is an annual opportunity for health care professionals to learn about the latest advances and information impacting family medicine.

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 or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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