UAMS Neurologist Named Vice Chair for Clinical Research in College of Medicine’s Department of Neurology

LITTLE ROCK — Rohit Dhall, M.D., MSPH, CPE, a professor of neurology who is director of neurodegenerative disorders at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), has been named the first-ever vice chair for clinical research in the College of Medicine’s Department of Neurology.

Dhall was recruited to UAMS in 2016 from the Parkinson’s Institute in California, where he was their director of clinical research and the director of the institute’s National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence. He is also a former director of the National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence at the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center in Phoenix, Arizona, and is working to help UAMS attain Center of Excellence status.

“He has extensive experience in not just running clinical trials but also in designing them,” said Robert L. Archer, M.D., professor and chair of the department who, along with UAMS Executive Vice Chancellor and College of Medicine Dean Susan Smyth, M.D., Ph.D., named Dhall to the new position.

“He is sought after by pharmaceutical companies and other institutions, like Stanford, to help with their research designs in the area of Parkinson’s disease treatment,” Archer said. He added that Dhall also serves as medical director for UAMS’ Translational Research Institute.

“Dhall also receives rave reviews for his teaching from students and residents, and patients laud his kind and thoughtful approach to their care,” Archer said. “He does not hesitate to help others with their clinical research, so naming him to this position recognizes all the work he has already done to help us move forward in this area.”

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](http://Facebook), [Twitter](http://Twitter), [YouTube](http://YouTube) or [Instagram](http://Instagram).

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