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**Head and Neck Surgeons Kirsch, Fraley Join
UAMS Department of Otolaryngology
*Pair Will Continue to Practice in Conway***

LITTLE ROCK — Board-certified otolaryngologists Jeffrey P. Kirsch, M.D., and Patrick L. Fraley, M.D. have entered practice with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), effective Aug. 1. The two surgeons will continue practicing in Conway as the UAMS Health Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. They formerly practiced as partners at the Ear, Nose & Throat Center of Conway, a general otolaryngology practice offering specialized expertise in sleep-related issues.

Both Kirsch and Fraley also will assume positions as associate professors in the College of Medicine's Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery.

“We are thrilled to add the expertise and experience of doctors Kirsch and Fraley to our growing team of skilled providers in the Department of Otolaryngology, and look forward to helping our patients obtain extra help for sleep issues,” said John L. Dornhoffer, M.D., department chair.

Kirsch received his medical degree at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He undertook preliminary internship/residency training in general surgery at Baylor University Medical Center Program in Dallas, and then returned to complete his Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery residency at Tulane.

Fraley obtained his medical degree from UAMS. He completed an internship in general surgery and residency in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at Washington University in St. Louis.

The practice, which includes an audiologist, is one of the state's few ENT clinics that focuses on sleep issues. Services offered include sleep studies and sleep endoscopies, multi-level airway surgery for sleep apnea, and the Inspire implant to address sleep apnea. Additionally, the clinic offers conventional endoscopic and balloon sinus surgery, as well as nasal airway surgery. Both physicians also have active practices in general ENT, thyroid disease/surgery, pediatric ENT, and voice/swallowing issues. A full

audiology department offering comprehensive hearing testing and advanced hearing aid options is on-site.

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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