New UAMS Baptist Health Cancer Center Opens in North Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK — The first UAMS Baptist Health Cancer Center is now open on the campus of Baptist Health Medical Center in North Little Rock, bringing the full spectrum of cancer research, diagnostic and treatment services available at UAMS’ Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute to more Arkansans.

“This collaboration benefits the people of Arkansas by bringing the most advanced cancer care in the state closer to where people live,” said Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, UAMS chancellor and CEO of UAMS Health. “Building on our longstanding relationship, UAMS and Baptist Health are taking steps to expand the innovative and unique oncological care found at UAMS’ Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute into all corners of the state.”

“The opening of UAMS Baptist Health Cancer Center on our Baptist Health Medical Center North Little Rock campus is just the beginning of our cancer partnership and another example of our shared commitment to bring the best health care to the people of Arkansas,” said Troy Wells, president and CEO of Baptist Health. “Uniting together against cancer, this partnership will leverage our network of 11 hospitals and 100 clinics to bridge the gaps in state-of-the-art cancer care where patients need these services most across the state.”

The UAMS Baptist Health Cancer Center in North Little Rock is staffed by a team of oncologists, nurses and radiation therapists from UAMS.

The center includes two clinics, both located at 3401 Springhill Drive in the Baptist Health Springhill Medical Plaza:

UAMS Baptist Health Medical Oncology and Infusion Clinic staffed by:

- Konstantinos Arnaoutakis, M.D.
- Rangaswamy Govindarajan, M.D.
- Saira Hassan, M.D.
- Sindu Malapati, M.D.
- Christina Porter, APRN
- Crystal Huddleston, RN
For appointments and referrals, call 501-296-1200.

COVID restrictions remain in place. Only one visitor can accompany patients to appointments. Masks are required.

UAMS Baptist Health Radiation Therapy Center staffed by:

- Leslie Harrell, D.O.
- Richard Crownover, M.D., Ph.D.
- Gary Lewis, M.D.
- Sanjay Maraboyina, M.D.
- Paige Sapp, RT

For appointments and referrals, call 501-214-2460.

“This is the start of a statewide cancer network that will allow us to provide cancer services throughout Arkansas,” said Michael J. Birrer, M.D., Ph.D., UAMS vice chancellor and director of the Cancer Institute.

The center will provide medical oncology, infusion and radiation therapy services for most cancer types with the exception of brain/spine, full body therapy and brachytherapy. More complex cancer treatments, including surgery, will be referred to UAMS for treatment.

With more than 90 oncologists, surgeons and cancer specialists, UAMS provides the most advanced diagnostic testing and treatment for 35 cancer types, including CAR T-cell therapy, immunotherapy, stem cell transplantation, advanced breast imaging and breast tissue realignment, in addition to chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. A new proton therapy center is under construction that will provide less invasive treatment of hard-to-reach solid tumors in adults and children. UAMS cancer patients have access to hundreds of clinical trials not available elsewhere in the state.

About Baptist Health

For 100 years, Baptist Health has delivered All Our Best in health care through Christian compassion and innovative services. Baptist Health is Arkansas’ most comprehensive health care organization with more than 250 points of access that include 11 hospitals; urgent care centers; a senior living community; over 100 primary and specialty care clinics; a college with studies in nursing and allied health; a graduate residency program; and access to virtual care anytime, anywhere. It is also the largest private not-for-profit health care organization based in Arkansas, providing care through the support of approximately 11,000 employees, groundbreaking treatments, renowned physicians and community outreach programs. For more information, visit baptist-health.com, call Baptist Health HealthLine at 1-888-BAPTIST or download the myBaptistHealth app. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

About UAMS

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* recognized UAMS Medical Center as a Best Hospital for 2021-22; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide for the third year; and named five areas as high performing — colon cancer surgery, diabetes, hip replacement, knee replacement and stroke. *Forbes* magazine ranked UAMS as seventh in the nation on its Best Employers for Diversity list. UAMS also ranked in the top 30% nationwide on *Forbes’* Best Employers for Women list and was the only Arkansas employer included. UAMS has 2,876 students, 898 medical residents and six 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, 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), [You Tube](http://YouTube) or [Instagram](http://Instagram).

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