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**UAMS' Ear, Nose & Throat Department  
Ranked Among Top 50 in Nation for Third Consecutive Year**

LITTLE ROCK — For the third year in a row, the ear, nose and throat (ENT) department at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has been [ranked among the top 50 nationwide](#) by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The digital news and information company that is the global leader in quality rankings also recognized [UAMS as a Best Hospital](#) for 2021-22 and named five areas as high performing: colon cancer surgery, diabetes, hip replacement, knee replacement and stroke.

UAMS' ENT program is the only one at any hospital in Arkansas to achieve national ranking status.

“It is an honor to be recognized yet again for our top-notch Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, which year after year remains dedicated to improving the lives of Arkansans by working as a team to share expertise and find innovative solutions,” said UAMS Chancellor Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, and CEO of UAMS Health.

During *U.S. News'* evaluation of more than 4,750 medical centers across the country, Ear, Nose & Throat was one of 15 medical specialties ranked. Just 175 of the evaluated hospitals made the rankings in at least one specialty.

John Dornhoffer, M.D., chair of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, applauded his ENT team.

“Our teaching lab is one of the best in the world, and I'm sure that contributes to our ranking,” he said. “We cover all the subspecialties in our field, and our faculty are fellowship-trained and respected for their expertise. They publish textbooks and dozens of peer-reviewed manuscripts each year and lecture internationally. They also consistently receive high marks on patient satisfaction surveys.”

In addition to the specialty ranking, UAMS was ranked No. 1 overall among hospitals in Little Rock, and its colon cancer surgery, diabetes treatment, hip replacement, knee replacement and stroke services were recognized as high performing.

“The skills and professionalism of our doctors, nurses and support staff in many disciplines is no secret at UAMS,” Patterson said.

The annual Best Hospitals rankings, now in their 32<sup>nd</sup> year, are designed to assist patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care for challenging health conditions or for common elective procedures.

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

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