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**Justin Hire, M.D., Joins UAMS
as Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon**

LITTLE ROCK — Justin Michael Hire, M.D., a decorated U.S. Army veteran who is fellowship-trained in pediatric orthopaedics, has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon.

An assistant professor in the UAMS College of Medicine's Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Hire sees patients exclusively at Arkansas Children's Northwest in Springdale.

"I am so excited for Justin Hire to join our growing team of orthopedic and sports medicine specialists at Arkansas Children's Northwest," said Brant Sachleben, M.D., chief of pediatric orthopedics at Arkansas Children's and an associate professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at UAMS. "He is a welcome addition and will complement Dr. Adrienne Koder quite well. Together, they are an awesome team to help take care of the children of Northwest Arkansas, and I couldn't be more excited."

Koder, D.O., a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon, joined UAMS last fall and also sees patients at Arkansas Children's Northwest.

Hire is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons and was most recently an assistant professor of clinical orthopaedic surgery in the Pediatrics Department at Women and Children's Hospital at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, and the Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, Missouri. Previously, he served at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, as an orthopaedic staff surgeon and chief of the Orthopaedics and Podiatry Department.

Hire received his medical degree in 2011 from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He then completed an internship in orthopaedic surgery, followed by a residency in orthopaedic surgery, at the Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Fort Gordon, Georgia. He went on to complete a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedics from Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Hire was deployed with the Army's 541st Forward Surgical Team as part of Operation Inherent Resolve in Ash Shaddadi, Syria, in 2017, and was a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon volunteer for CURE International, a Christian nonprofit organization providing

medical care to children experiencing primarily orthopedic and neurological conditions, in Malawi in 2020.

Among his service awards are a commendation medal earned during combat, an achievement medal, a combat medical badge, a service medal and a national defense service medal.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a 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. 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 3,047 students, 873 medical residents and fellows, 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 or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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