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**MD Anderson Oncologist Shi-Ming Tu, M.D., Joins
UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute**

LITTLE ROCK — [Shi-Ming Tu, M.D.](#), has joined the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as a medical oncologist specializing in the treatment and research of genitourinary cancer.

A fellowship-trained medical oncologist from MD Anderson Cancer Center with 30 years of clinical experience, Tu treats cancers of the urinary system of men and women and the reproductive organs in men. Prostate cancer is the most common genitourinary malignancy and the third highest cancer diagnosis in Arkansas with an estimated 2,680 cases per year.

“Dr. Tu will bolster a growing team of physicians and scientists in the battle against genitourinary malignancies,” said Michael Birrer, Cancer Institute director and UAMS vice chancellor. “He joins a multidisciplinary team of clinicians committed to holistic and patient-centered cancer care, including uro-oncologic surgeons, radiation oncologists specializing in modern treatments of GU tumors and other clinical specialists.”

Before joining UAMS, Tu served for 28 years on the medical oncology faculty at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. There, he conducted clinical and translational research relating to genitourinary cancers, authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed research articles, presented at national and international conferences and developed a highly regarded clinical practice. In addition to clinical work on the main campus, he also conducted specialty clinics at one of MD Anderson’s satellite network sites in the greater Houston area.

After earning his medical degree from Washington University in St. Louis and completing residency at the University of Illinois Hospitals, Tu completed a clinical fellowship in medical oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Tu is accepting new patients. For appointments, call 501-296-1200.

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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