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**UAMS' Eric Peterson, Ph.D., Named
Executive Vice President of BioVentures LLC**

LITTLE ROCK — Eric Peterson, Ph.D., has been named executive vice president of BioVentures LLC at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

Peterson is chair of the UAMS Patent and Copyright Committee and is an associate professor in the College of Medicine Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

As executive vice president, he will oversee technology development in collaboration and partnership with the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

“Dr. Peterson has unique expertise in technology development and has already streamlined some of our processes, so we’re really excited to have him in this expanded leadership role,” said Kevin Sexton, M.D., president of BioVentures.

Peterson’s primary research focus has been the design of antibody nanotechnology and gene therapy technologies that could reduce or block the rewarding effects of methamphetamine use disorder. He is listed as an inventor on three patents for his contributions to immunotherapies for drug use disorder treatment.

He has served on the UAMS Patent and Copyright Committee since 2014 and has served as chair since February 2021.

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

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