

UAMS News Bureau

Office of Communications & Marketing
4301 West Markham # 890
Little Rock, AR 72205-7199

uamshealth.com/news



**News Release
July 27, 2022**

Media Contacts:

Leslie W. Taylor, 501-686-8998
Wireless phone: 501-951-7260
leslie@uams.edu

Yavonda Chase, 501-686-8995
Wireless phone: 501-416-0354
Yavonda@uams.edu

**Jessica Snowden, M.D., Appointed Vice Dean
for Research at UAMS College of Medicine**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine appointed Jessica Snowden, M.D., vice dean for research, effective July 1.

A professor and chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases in the college's Department of Pediatrics, Snowden is a nationally recognized expert in pediatric infectious diseases and pediatric clinical and translational research.

"Dr. Snowden brings stellar research experience to her new role," said Susan Smyth, M.D., Ph.D., UAMS' executive vice chancellor and dean of the College of Medicine.

Since she was recruited to UAMS in 2018, Snowden has held numerous leadership roles at UAMS and Arkansas Children's, including vice chair for research in the Department of Pediatrics since 2019 and chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases since 2020. She has also served as an associate director for clinical and translational research in the Arkansas Children's Research Institute since 2019 and is co-director of workforce development in the UAMS Translational Research Institute.

In May 2021, Snowden was invested as the Horace C. Cabe Distinguished Chair for Infectious Diseases at Arkansas Children's.

She received her medical degree in 2002 from Texas A&M College of Medicine, completed her pediatric residency at East Carolina University/University Health Systems and completed a pediatric infectious disease fellowship at UAMS before serving in faculty positions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University.

She succeeds Nancy Rusch, Ph.D., who stepped down from the research post to focus on her other roles as a distinguished professor and chair of the College of Medicine Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and co-director of key training and workforce development programs at the UAMS Translational Research Institute.

Jessica Snowden, M.D., Appointed Vice Dean for Research at UAMS College of Medicine

Page 2

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. 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 11,000 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](#).

Like us, we're social: 