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**Rangaswamy Govindarajan, M.D., Named Chief
of UAMS Hematology and Oncology Division**

LITTLE ROCK — [Rangaswamy Govindarajan, M.D.](#), hematologist and oncologist at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, has been appointed chief of the Division of Hematology and Oncology at the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute.

Govindarajan, who is also a professor in the division, will lead a growing team of physicians treating patients with benign and malignant hematological disorders, multiple myeloma and solid tumors. He will help the faculty develop investigator initiated clinical trials, including translational research.

The UAMS Hematology and Oncology Division, part of the Department of Internal Medicine in the College of Medicine, includes the state's only stem cell, bone marrow transplant and cellular therapy program.

“Dr. Govindarajan is the ideal person for this key leadership role at a dynamic time as we introduce cutting edge new treatments, expand our care teams, create a cancer network with Baptist Health and pursue NCI designation,” said Michael Birrer, director of the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute and UAMS vice chancellor.

Govindarajan joined UAMS in 1998 after completing his medical training at UAMS, including a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in hematology and oncology. He is board certified in internal medicine and hematology and oncology, and a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the National Board of Internal Medicine.

Govindarajan received his medical degree from Mysore Medical College, University of Mysore in Mysore, India. He is also a member of the Royal College of physicians, United Kingdom.

“With more than 25 years at UAMS, Dr. Govindarjan is highly respected and universally liked by his peers. He has contributed significantly to the academic environment at UAMS, including educating residents and fellows. He has also contributed to clinical trials and translational research on gastrointestinal cancers and sarcoma,” said Birrer.

Govindarajan also holds the position of section chief of Hematology/Oncology at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.

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 3,240 students, 913 medical residents and fellows, and five 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](#).

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