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UAMS To Host Girlology Puberty Event March 12

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) is bringing back its popular Girlology puberty session March 12 to help girls face puberty with greater confidence.

Held from 2-4:30 p.m. in the 12th floor auditorium of the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, the event is for girls ages 8-14, accompanied by a parent or other caregiver.

During Girlology, attendees will learn about growth and development; bras and bra shopping; hygiene and hair management; nutrition and growth; menstruation and menstrual hygiene; respect for self and others; moods and emotions; and internet safety and curiosity.

The 2.5-hour course will be taught by UAMS physicians from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology — Nirvana Manning, M.D., chair and associate professor; Laura Hollenbach, M.D., associate professor; and Kathryn Stambough, M.D., assistant professor in the department's Division of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology who sees patients at Arkansas Children's.

“Puberty can be a scary time, and often parents and guardians don't know the best way to talk to their children about it. Our goal is to have physicians provide medically accurate information, create a shared experience and keep the lines of communication open in the future,” said Manning.

The cost is \$30, although scholarships are available for those who cannot afford it.

For more information or to register for the event, visit uams.health/girlology.

UAMS held its first Girlology session in August 2022. Approximately 220 girls and their accompanying adult attended the inaugural event.

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