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UAMS, Baptist Health Announce Leadership Promotions to Support Growing Cancer Network

LITTLE ROCK — The Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) appointed two UAMS oncologists to new leadership positions to support the growth of UAMS Baptist Health Cancer Centers planned across the state.

The cancer centers are part of the UAMS Baptist Health Cancer network, a collaboration between the two health care organizations to bring the expertise of the state's only academic cancer research and treatment center to Baptist Health locations across the state, increasing access to leading-edge cancer treatments for more Arkansans.

[Sanjay Maraboyina, M.D.](#), radiation oncologist and associate professor in the UAMS Department of Radiation Oncology, has been named clinical director of radiation oncology for the UAMS Baptist Health Cancer network. He will be responsible for leading network development for radiation services.

[Santanu Samanta, M.D.](#), radiation oncologist, will be the onsite radiation oncology director at the UAMS Baptist Health Cancer Center at the Baptist Health Springhill Medical Plaza in North Little Rock. In addition to radiation oncology, the center offers medical oncology and infusion services for most cancer types. More complex cancer treatments, including surgery, are referred to UAMS for treatment.

Maraboyina joined UAMS in 2015 in the UAMS Department of Radiation Oncology. He earned his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and completed his residency in radiation oncology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He is board-certified in radiation oncology and a member of the American Society of Radiation Oncology.

Samanta, who also serves as assistant professor in the UAMS Department of Radiation Oncology, completed his residency in radiation oncology at the University of Maryland Medical Center and Maryland Proton Center and a fellowship at Maryland's Department of Radiation Oncology, Division of Translational Radiation Sciences. He earned his medical degree from the University of Calcutta in West Bengal, India. He is certified in proton beam radiation therapy.

“These two leadership positions will be critical for our emerging cancer network with Baptist Health and ensure the very best in radiation oncology care for our patients,” said Michael Birrer, M.D., Ph.D., director of the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute and UAMS vice chancellor.

About Baptist Health

For more than a century, Baptist Health has delivered All Our Best in health care through Christian compassion and innovative services. Baptist Health is Arkansas' most comprehensive health care organization with more than 250 points of access that include 11 hospitals; urgent care centers; a senior living community; over 100 primary and specialty care clinics; a college with studies in nursing and allied health; a graduate residency program; and access to virtual care anytime, anywhere. It is also the largest private not-for-profit health care organization based in Arkansas, providing care through the support of approximately 11,000 employees, groundbreaking treatments, renowned physicians and community outreach programs. For more information about Baptist Health, visit [**Baptist-Health.com**](http://Baptist-Health.com), call Baptist Health HealthLine at **1-888-BAPTIST** or download the [**myBaptistHealth app**](#).

About UAMS

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](#).