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**Vascular Neurosurgeon Deanna Sasaki-Adams, M.D.,
Joins UAMS Department of Neurosurgery**

LITTLE ROCK — Deanna Sasaki-Adams, M.D., a vascular and skull base neurosurgeon experienced in the specialized treatment of aneurysm clipping, recently joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

A professor in the College of Medicine Department of Neurosurgery, Sasaki-Adams comes to UAMS from the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill, where she was section chief of cerebrovascular and skull base neurosurgery for the Department of Neurosurgery.

Sasaki-Adams received her medical degree from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison, Wisconsin. She completed her neurosurgery residency at UNC, serving as chief resident for the final year, and completed two fellowships, one in skull base and open cerebrovascular neurosurgery at Saint Louis University and one at UNC in interventional neuroradiology, before joining the UNC faculty in 2011.

“We are very fortunate to be able to recruit Dr. Sasaki-Adams to UAMS,” said J.D. Day, M.D., chair of the UAMS Department of Neurosurgery. “Her experience in treating neurovascular diseases in general, and in clipping brain aneurysms in particular, adds valuable expertise to our multidisciplinary team.”

The clipping procedure provides a very effective, long-term solution for many patients as an option to aneurysm coiling, which is also performed regularly at UAMS. Patients at UAMS benefit by having both options available by experienced surgeons.

Sasaki-Adams also performs intracranial bypass procedures and treats intracerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, stroke and carotid occlusive disease, as well as skull base tumors. She is skilled in minimally invasive endoscopic endonasal resection of pituitary tumors and treats pathology of the lateral skull base to remove tumors that affect hearing, including vestibular schwannomas and meningiomas.

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She also serves on the advisory board of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Council of Faculty and Academic Societies, a group dedicated to supporting academic faculty nationally. Her research is centered around brain aneurysm pathophysiology and clinical treatments.

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