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**UAMS Presents Virtual Family Medicine Spring Review
with Tobacco & Disease Symposium April 25-28**

LITTLE ROCK — The 2023 Family Medicine Spring Review with Tobacco & Disease Symposium at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will offer up to 18 hours of online continuing education April 25–28 for primary care physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, physical therapists, respiratory therapists, social workers and certified health educators.

Presented by the UAMS College of Medicine, the annual conference provides an opportunity for health care professionals to learn about the latest advances and information impacting family medicine.

The conference is completely virtual. Courses are offered in two-hour blocks, twice daily, at \$40 per block, with sessions on Friday, April 28, at no cost. Friday's session offers three, two-hour blocks of content.

To register, visit <https://cvent.me/mP2wB1> or call 501-686-6626 by April 24.

Experts will discuss a variety of topics important for family medicine providers. Keith Winfrey, M.D., chief medical officer with New Orleans East Louisiana Community Health Center, will discuss how colorectal cancer is increasing in the younger population and the new guidelines for screening. His clinic has reached an 80% colorectal cancer screening rate and will share how this was possible.

Karen Burks, M.D., who is assistant professor at the Baptist Health-UAMS Family Medicine Residency Program, will devote two hours to substance use disorder, and how to identify and manage it from a primary care perspective.

For men's and women's health, Rebecca Cantu, M.D., an assistant professor in the UAMS Department of Pediatrics who practices at Arkansas Children's Hospital, will address breastfeeding mothers on medications, and David Kelley, M.D., assistant professor with the UAMS Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, will speak on

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maternal death and mortality. Robert Dixon, M.D., professor with UAMS' radiology department, will give an update on prostatic artery embolization.

Other topics include post-COVID symptoms, well-being for family physicians, continuous glucose monitoring for diabetic patients, preventive health care for LGBTQ+ patients, seeing patients beyond the clinical presentation, and antibiotic stewardship. Friday will be dedicated to the Tobacco & Disease Symposium with talks centered on vaping teen tobacco use and smoking cessation.

The symposium speakers include Laura Taylor, MPH, statewide coordinator of Project Prevent Youth Coalition at Arkansas Children's Hospital; Aaron Weiner, Ph.D., owner of the Bridge Forward Group; and Emily Staples, D.O., a family medicine physician in Roanoke, Virginia.

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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