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Spine Surgeon Wayne Bruffett, M.D., Joins UAMS

LITTLE ROCK — Little Rock spine surgeon, Wayne L. Bruffett, M.D., has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as an assistant professor in the UAMS College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Bruffett is a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopaedic spine surgeon specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of spinal conditions and injuries, including adult degenerative disorders of the cervical, thoracic and lumbar regions. He sees patients at The Orthopaedic & Spine Hospital’s Specialty Clinic and the UAMS Health Orthopaedic & Spine Clinic in North Little Rock.

“I have known Wayne for over 20 years,” said C. Lowry Barnes, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. “He is a highly skilled surgeon who brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our program. He is well respected in the medical community and dedicated to the health and well-being of his patients. His addition enables us to increase access to orthopaedic subspecialty care and better serve our community population with spinal problems.”

Bruffett obtained his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He earned his medical degree from the Baylor College of Medicine at the Texas Medical Center in Houston and completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at UAMS. He continued his training with an orthopaedic spine fellowship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. Bruffett has been practicing in Little Rock for 25 years.

“UAMS gave me the education and training I needed to start my career as a young spine surgeon,” Bruffett said. “I am excited to be able to come back and be a part of something really special here at UAMS. Lowry has put together a talented group of surgeons who love what they do and are committed to providing the very best care to patients. What a great opportunity it is to work in a brand-new hospital dedicated to serving the orthopaedic and spine care needs of our community.”

Bruffett is a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) and the Arkansas Orthopaedic Society.

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