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**Hematologist Ankur Varma, M.D., Joins
UAMS Stem Cell Transplant, Cellular Therapy Team**

LITTLE ROCK — Ankur Varma, M.D.,MPH, has joined the [Stem Cell Transplant and Cellular Therapy Team](#) in the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), where he is treating patients with blood cancer.

Board certified in internal medicine, hematology and medical oncology, Varma joins Arkansas' only adult stem cell transplant and cellular therapy program at the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. It also is the first and only hospital in Arkansas approved to provide CAR T-cell therapy, a revolutionary new therapy for certain types of lymphoma.

“Dr. Varma is a great addition to our growing stem cell and cellular therapy transplant team at UAMS,” said Michael Birrer, the Cancer Institute’s director and UAMS vice chancellor. “He is impeccably trained at MD Anderson and Baylor and joins a very experienced team that sees about 300 new patients per year.”

Varma is accepting new patients. To make an appointment, please call (501) 296-1200.

In addition to treating patients with blood cancer, Varma is trained in the treatment of bone marrow disorders, genetic diseases, bleeding disorders and solid tumors. He also serves associate professor in the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine.

Before joining UAMS, Varma was an assistant professor of bone marrow transplant and cellular therapy at Rush University in Chicago. He completed a fellowship in stem cell transplant and cellular therapy at MD Anderson Cancer Center and hematology/oncology at Baylor College of Medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Texas (UT) Health Sciences Center and a Master of Public Health at the

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UT School of Public Health. Varma received bachelor's degrees in medicine and surgery at West Bengal University of Health Sciences in Kolkaka, India.

In 2018, Baylor College of Medicine named Varma an Outstanding Oncology Fellow.

Varma is a member of the American Society of Transplantation and Cellular Therapy, the American College of Physicians and the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology. He serves on the editorial board of the *World Journal of Transplantation* and is a journal reviewer for *Blood Advances*, the *Biology of Blood and Bone Marrow Transplantation Journal*, *European Journal of Hematology*, *Oncotargets and Therapy*. He has published extensively and is a well-known researcher in the field of hematological malignancy, stem cell transplant and cellular therapy. He has been a principal investigator for both investigator-initiated and industry-sponsored clinical trials.

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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