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**UAMS Hosts Free Sickle Cell Disease Symposium Sept. 12**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will host its annual Sickle Cell Symposium on Sept. 12.

The symposium brings together leading researchers, clinicians, patients and community advocates to share the latest advancements in sickle cell disease research and treatment, identify current challenges and gaps, and develop strategies to accelerate progress towards a cure.

The event is free and runs from 1 to 4 p.m. in the 12th floor auditorium of the Jackson T. Stephens Neurosciences & Spine Institute on UAMS' Little Rock campus, but can also be attended virtually through Zoom.

Keynote speakers are:

- Santosh Saraf, M.D., associate professor of medicine and director of translational research for the Sickle Cell Center of the University of Illinois at Chicago
- Shenoy Shalini, M.D., professor of pediatrics at Washington University in St. Louis and director of the Pediatric Stem Cell Transplant Program at St. Louis Children's Hospital
- Muthu Veera Kumaran, M.D., formerly Muthu Veeraputhiran, director of the hematology section and clinical program director for stem cell transplantation and cellular therapy at the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute
- Sunny Singh, M.D., director of the UAMS Adult Sickle Cell Program

There will also be a panel discussion featuring sickle cell patients, as well as a Q&A session with sickle cell experts.

Registration is required to attend in-person or virtually. To register, go to:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-sickle-cell-symposium-tickets-630037698717>.

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