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**UAMS Presents Virtual Family Medicine Conference,
Tobacco & Disease Symposium Oct. 24–27**

LITTLE ROCK — The 27th Annual Family Medicine Update with Tobacco & Disease Symposium at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will offer up to 18 hours of online continuing education Oct. 24–27 for primary care physicians, doctors of osteopathic medicine, advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, physical therapists, respiratory therapists 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 Friday, Oct. 27, at no cost. Friday’s session offers three, two-hour blocks of content.

To register, visit <https://cvent.me/nRD900> or call 501-686-6626 by Oct. 23.

Talks on cardiovascular issues will feature Andre Ramdon, M.D., a vascular surgeon at UAMS who will speak on peripheral arterial disease and aortic aneurysms, and UAMS College of Pharmacy associate professor Pilar Murphy, Pharm.D., MPH, who will discuss pharmacology and heart failure.

Lester Matlock, CFP, a certified financial planner with Natural State Private Wealth Group, will offer practice tips for providers with his “Work Until You Drop” talk, and UAMS physical therapist Andy Glidewell will give practical physical therapy pointers that providers can use in their practice.

Two experts will speak on opioid issues. Michael Mancino, M.D., professor at the UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute and program director for the Center for Addiction

Services and Treatment, will discuss treating opioid use disorder in primary care. Karen Burks, M.D., a family physician with the Baptist/UAMS Family Medicine Residency Program, will speak about opioid use and prescribing.

The block on “Cravings to Consequences” will feature a talk on eating disorders with Laura Jones, APRN, who works with adolescents at Arkansas Children’s, and Elizabeth Cleveland, Ph.D., associate director of Partners for Inclusive Communities, will discuss fetal alcohol syndrome disorder.

Other topics include maternal depression with Shashank Kraleti, M.D., chair of the UAMS Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, and Nikki Edge, Ph.D., a professor in the department, and young onset colorectal cancer with Smita Krishnamurthi, M.D., with the Cleveland Clinic’s Department of Hematology and Oncology.

Friday will be dedicated to the Tobacco & Disease Symposium with sessions centered on tobacco cessation strategies, talking to patients about quitting tobacco and how tobacco/nicotine products are engineered to be more addictive.

Symposium speakers include Emily Einstein, Ph.D., chief of science policy at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, who will talk on topics for teens regarding tobacco, alcohol and drug use; Aaron Weiner, Ph.D., owner of Bridge Forward Group; and Angela Criswell, MA, director for GO2 for Lung Cancer, whose talk will focus on lung cancer screening as part of tobacco cessation.

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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