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**UAMS Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging
to Host Conference on Geriatric Care, Sept. 28-30**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will host its 2023 Geriatrics Updates from Sept. 28-30 at the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging.

This year’s conference combines two of the institute’s annual events: the Geriatrics Medicine Highlights and the Cognitive Impairment and Memory Disorders Update. The goal is to provide health professionals, patients, caregivers and members of the community with information on the latest evidence-based standards and research in geriatric care.

“By combining these updates into a single conference, we can offer a comprehensive look at the important resources and research that are improving outcomes for geriatric patients,” said Jeanne Wei, M.D., Ph.D., executive director of the Institute on Aging.

The first two days of the conference will focus on diagnosis, medical treatment and prevention of illnesses in geriatric patients, including gastrointestinal and endocrine disorders; cardiovascular and renal challenges; cancer; and neurocognitive impairment. The final day will examine caregiver and patient support strategies, including how to cope with anxiety and depression and how to utilize community assistance resources.

Guest lecturers include Esther Oh, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of medicine, psychiatry and behavioral sciences and pathology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Her lecture, supported by the UAMS Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative, will focus on the topic of delirium.

Ron Petersen, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Mayo Clinic’s Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, will talk about research on biomarkers and therapies for Alzheimer’s. His lecture is supported by the Arkansas Medical Society.

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The conference is free for members of the public, who can attend either in-person or virtually. The registration deadline is Sept. 21.

For more information or to register, visit [UAMS.Health/GeriatricsUpdate](https://uamshealth.com/geriatricsupdate). Those with questions about the conference can also contact the UAMS Office of Continuing Education at 501-661-7962 or cmeconf@uams.edu.

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