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**UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute
to Hold Oct. 27 Proton Symposium**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute will host the state’s first symposium on proton therapy, Oct. 27.

The free event, entitled “Proton Therapy: The Forefront of Cancer Treatment,” will run from 8 a.m. to noon in the Walton Auditorium on the 10th floor of the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. Guest speakers include James Metz, M.D., chair of Radiation Oncology at the Abramson Comprehensive Cancer Center, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and Nancy Mendenhall, M.D., radiation oncologist at the University of Florida Health Proton Center.

The symposium includes breakfast and lunch. Guests will have the option of touring the [Proton Center of Arkansas](#) in the afternoon. The Proton Center of Arkansas is a collaboration between UAMS, Arkansas Children’s, Baptist Health and Proton International.

To register or to learn more about continuing education credits, visit [UAMS.Health/ProtonSymposium](#). The symposium will also be livestreamed on Zoom with the link sent to those who preregister for the event.

Proton therapy is an advanced form of radiation therapy to treat solid tumors in children and adults. The UAMS Radiation Oncology Center, part of the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, is home to the state’s first proton therapy center, which opened Sept. 27.

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.

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