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**Cardiac Surgeon John Streitman, M.D., Joins**

**UAMS, to Lead Cardiovascular Surgery Program**

LITTLE ROCK — John Emory Streitman, M.D., a board-certified cardiac surgeon with a special interest in complex cardiovascular cases, joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as an associate professor in the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Surgery.

He will lead the cardiovascular surgery program.

“Dr. Streitman is a highly experienced cardiac surgeon who brings a wealth of expertise to all forms of cardiac and vascular surgery,” said J. Paul Mounsey, M.D., Ph.D., professor and director of the College of Medicine Division of Cardiovascular Medicine and director of UAMS’ cardiovascular services. “With him at the helm, I see a bright future for our cardiovascular surgery program.”

“I am thrilled to have Dr. Streitman join our department and our institution,” said Ronald D. Robertson, M.D., chair of the College of Medicine Department of Surgery. “He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our cardiovascular surgery program. We look forward to the change in culture and growth the program will experience over the coming years.”

Streitman came to UAMS from Methodist Le Bonheur Germantown Hospital in Memphis. He was recruited to Le Bonheur in 2022 to stabilize and grow a cardiac surgery program as its medical director. Previously, he was chief medical director of cardiac surgery at Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida, part of HCA Healthcare, for which he also directed its West Florida Division of Cardiovascular Surgery and its structural heart program.

Previously, Streitman co-directed cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Lakeland, Florida, served as chief medical director of cardiac surgery for Baptist Health System in San Antonio, Texas, and worked as a cardiovascular surgeon in Dothan, Alabama, and Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Streitman obtained his medical degree in 1999 from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. He completed a thoracic and cardiovascular surgery residency at University of Florida Health in Gainesville, Florida, and a general surgery residency at Scott and White Memorial Hospital at the Texas A&M Health Science Center in Temple, Texas.

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