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UAMS to Host Feb. 23 Lecture on Advances in Neuroscience

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will host a free, public lecture, “Cerebrovascular and Skull Base Surgery: Behold the Inseparable Twins,” on Feb. 23.

Presented by Jacques J. Morcos, M.D., president-elect of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), the lecture is part of the M. Gazi and Dianne C.H. Yasargil Lectureship, “Advances in Neuroscience,” which began in 2008 to honor the then-UAMS professor and his wife.

Morcos is a professor and chair of the Vivian L. Smith Department of Neurosurgery at the McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston, where he is also director of cerebrovascular and skull base neurosurgery and co-director of neurosciences.

The lecture begins at 5 p.m. on the 12th floor of the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute at 501 Jack Stephens Drive on the UAMS campus. A reception will follow.

Free parking will be available in UAMS Parking Deck 3 at 4000 W. Capitol Ave., and the event will be livestreamed via Zoom.

Morcos is a renowned, double fellowship-trained neurosurgeon whose expertise spans cardiovascular lesions and complex brain tumors. He is a native of Lebanon who earned his medical degree at the American University of Beirut, completed his residency in neurological surgery at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinics and completed fellowships in cerebrovascular surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine and in cerebrovascular and skull base surgery at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix.

M. Gazi Yasargil, originally from Turkey, joined the UAMS faculty in 1994 and took professor emeritus status in 2013. He was a microneurosurgery pioneer and was named

“Man of the Century 1950-1999” by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons for his extraordinary body of work, including the development of several tools used in microneurosurgery.

His wife, Dianne, was a nurse who developed a method of organizing surgical instruments into sets for different types of neurosurgeries and later founded the European Association of Neurosciences Nurses.

Continuing education credit is available for physicians. For more information and to register or obtain a Zoom link, please visit: medicine.uams.edu/neurosurgery/yasargil-lectureship.

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