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UAMS Virtual Family Medicine Spring Review Set for April 24-26

LITTLE ROCK — The 2024 Family Medicine Spring Review at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will offer up to 14.5 hours of online continuing education April 24–26 for family physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, physical therapists, social workers 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. To register, visit <https://cvent.me/Rw3P30> or call 501-686-6626.

Experts will discuss a variety of topics important for family medicine providers.

Leslye McGrath, M.D., recently named president of the Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians, will speak on “Family Medicine with Intention.”

Presenting “Recruiting and Retaining Family Medicine Doctors for Rural Arkansas” will be Ronald Brimberry, M.D., professor at the UAMS Northwest Regional Campus and medical director for the UAMS Family Medical Centers in Fayetteville and Springdale; Brad Walsh, M.D., program director for the UAMS Rural Track Program Family Medicine Residency in Crossett; and Donya Watson, M.D., with the South Arkansas Women’s Clinic in El Dorado.

Kristin Martin, D.O., and Patty Gibson, M.D., will co-present their efforts to integrate behavioral health at River Valley Medical Wellness in Russellville and across the state. Their talk will be woven in with the video “Integrated Care: The Weave of Addiction Recovery” produced by the UAMS Department of Family and Preventive Medicine Community Health and Education Division in partnership with UALR Midsouth.

Two talks related to skin issues will feature Angela Driskill, M.D., wound care specialist with Baptist Health who will present best practices in treating bacterial skin infections, and Vivian Shi, M.D., who will discuss hidradenitis suppurativa management.

Skip Hoggard, a licensed therapist with Arkansas Children's Hospital Center for Safe and Healthy Children, will talk about eating disorders.

Other talks include "Opioid Stewardship" with Jana Pearison, Pharm.D., and "Helping PCPs Help Patients and the Impact of Oral Health on Primary Care" with Ashley McMillan, D.D.S, associate professor at the UAMS Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation Oral Health Clinic.

Friday will feature national experts discussing the latest in tobacco use, e-cigarettes, cannabis, mindfulness-based interventions for smoking cessation, lung cancer screening and identifying tobacco-related inequities.

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 eight 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, Institute for Digital Health & Innovation and the Institute for Community 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 3,275 students, 890 medical residents and fellows, and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 12,000 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](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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