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UAMS To Host Girlology Puberty Event Sept. 22

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) is bringing back its popular Girlology puberty session Sept. 22 to help girls face puberty with greater confidence.

Held from 2-4:30 p.m. in the 12th floor auditorium of the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, the event is for girls ages 8-14, accompanied by a parent or other caregiver.

During Girlology, attendees will learn about growth and development; bras and bra shopping; hygiene and hair management; nutrition and growth; menstruation and menstrual hygiene; respect for self and others; moods and emotions; and internet safety and curiosity.

The 2.5-hour course will be taught by UAMS physicians from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology — Nirvana Manning, M.D., department chair and professor; Laura Hollenbach, M.D., associate professor; and Kathryn Stambough, M.D., assistant professor in the department's Division of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology who sees patients at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

“Discussions about puberty can be very daunting for parents and children, so this program is designed to make it easy to start these important conversations,” Manning said. “With Girlology, our goal is to create a safe space for families where physicians provide medically accurate information, create a shared experience, and keep the lines of communication open in the future.”

The cost is \$30, although scholarships are available for those who cannot afford that amount.

For more information or to register for the event, visit uams.health/girlology.

UAMS held its first Girlology session in August 2022. Approximately 220 girls and their accompanying adult attended the inaugural event. Since then, several more sessions have been held and more than 1,000 families have attended.

“We are so excited that the program continues to grow,” said Manning.

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