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Urologic Oncologist Marcelo Bigarella, M.D., Joins UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

LITTLE ROCK — Fellowship-trained urologic oncologist Marcelo Bigarella, M.D., has joined the Division of Urology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, where he specializes in the diagnosis and management of urologic cancers, such as prostate, kidney, testicular, bladder, penile and adrenal cancer.

Bigarella joined UAMS after completing a fellowship in urologic oncology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, one of only 40 fellowship programs in the U.S. accredited by the Society of Urologic Oncology. He has advanced expertise in open, laparoscopic and robotic surgery and is certified in DaVinci Intuitive Robotic Surgery.

"Dr. Bigarella's passion for patient care along with his expertise in cutting-edge treatments for urological cancer will greatly benefit our patients at UAMS," said Tim Langford, M.D., chief of the Division of Urology in the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine. "I am delighted to welcome Dr. Bigarella to our team as he will be a tremendous asset in elevating all aspects of our mission."

He also serves as an assistant professor in the Division of Urology in the UAMS College of Medicine.

Bigarella is accepting new patients; please call (501) 296-1200 for an appointment.

Bigarella earned his medical degree from the University of Sao Paulo Medical School in Sao Paulo, Brazil, during which he completed a one-year research exchange at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. He completed a general surgery residency, followed by urology and kidney transplant residencies at the University of Sao Paulo, where he had international rotations at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York and the University of Vienna in Austria. He completed an additional one-year fellowship in robotic urologic surgery at the Albert Einstein Jewish Hospital in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Bigarella's research in next-generation imaging for prostate cancer won him a Best Poster Award at the 2024 American Urological Association Meeting. In 2023, he was invited to attend the Prostate Cancer Foundation meeting at the University of California in Los Angeles as a thought leader of the future. He has presented his research and given lectures in the most important urological meetings.

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 3,485 students, 915 medical residents and fellows, and seven dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 11,000 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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