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Urogynecologist Jun Song, M.D., Joins UAMS, Specializes in Female Pelvic Floor Disorders

LITTLE ROCK — Jun Song, M.D., a fellowship-trained urogynecologist and reconstructive pelvic surgeon who specializes in the treatment of female pelvic floor disorders, has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Department of Urology.

"Dr. Song's expertise will enable the UAMS departments of urology and obstetrics/gynecology to join forces to meet the complex needs of patients with pelvic floor disorders, incontinence and overactive bladder," said Timothy Langford, M.D., chair of the Department of Urology.

"We are so excited for our patients to have comprehensive care for urinary incontinence and other pelvic-floor related issues, all under the UAMS umbrella," added Nirvana Manning, M.D., chair of the UAMS Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, who worked with Langford to recruit Song.

The collaborative effort between the two UAMS College of Medicine departments will address an overwhelming need in Arkansas for services that combine elements of urology and gynecology, Langford and Manning said.

"Pelvic floor disorders such as prolapse and incontinence are conditions that many women suffer in silence, but they don't have to," Song said. "Many think that these conditions are just a normal, unavoidable part of aging. Whether it's due to shame or just lack of knowledge, patients often don't bring it up to their PCPs and don't know where to turn for help, and as a result, their quality of life suffers. I want to provide hope for the women of Arkansas and help them be able to live their lives to the fullest."

The pelvic floor includes the muscles, ligaments and connective tissue that support the bladder, uterus, rectum and vagina, which when weakened or damaged can lead to

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conditions such as urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, fecal incontinence and chronic pelvic pain.

Song joins UAMS from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, where he recently completed a fellowship in urogynecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery, which included advanced training in treating female pelvic floor disorders.

Earlier, he completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at UT-San Antonio, after earning his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. Before medical school, Song earned a bachelor's degree in molecular and cellular biology from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Song is an assistant professor of urogynecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery at UAMS and is treating new patients at the UAMS Health Urology Clinic in the Premier Medical Plaza at 10915 N. Rodney Parham Road in Little Rock. To make an appointment, please call 501-686-6324.

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