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**Rampy Foundation Relays \$65,000 Donation  
to UAMS Department of Neurology for MS Research**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Department of Neurology in the College of Medicine received \$65,000 for multiple sclerosis research from the Rampy MS Research Foundation during a ceremony today.

This is the third year the Rampy MS Research Foundation has conducted the run. Jo and Scott Rampy, along with other runners and walkers, relayed a check from Bentonville to Little Rock. The run was organized as part of the foundation’s Giving Tuesday fundraising efforts. The foundation made an initial pledge of \$30,000 to UAMS, with donations made during the run added to the total amount.

“The Rampy Check Run is quickly becoming a favorite tradition at UAMS because it truly is inspiring to see all the participants give it their all every year for such a noble cause,” said Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, UAMS chancellor and CEO of UAMS Health. “I am very thankful for all the advocates who shine a light on MS and help support the doctors and researchers tackling this problem.”

The check was presented to Patterson and Rohit Dhall, M.D., chair of the Department of Neurology.

“Thanks to organizations like the Rampy Foundation, UAMS’ Center for Comprehensive MS Care has support in areas such as clinical care, education, research and outreach that are critical to our mission,” said Dhall. “We are very thankful for the Rampys’ commitment to ending MS and honored that we can always count on their generosity and passion to continually push us that extra mile.”

It was Jo Rampy’s diagnosis with MS that was the catalyst for the couple’s advocacy for MS research and the creation of the Rampy MS Research Foundation in 2012. The foundation organizes several fundraisers, including its premier event Trifest for MS, an annual triathlon in Bentonville. In addition to UAMS, the foundation has donated to

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Northwestern University in Chicago and University of California, San Francisco. Since its creation, the foundation has raised close to \$900,000.

“Each year, after completing this long run from Bentonville, we are always thrilled and honored to be greeted by all the amazing people at UAMS, many of whom are the very people who will use these funds to advance MS research and treatment,” said Scott Rampy, president and chief advancement officer for the Rampy MS Research Foundation. “We are very proud to be part of this team that is making the difference in the lives of people, such as my wife Jo, who suffer from MS.”

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](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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