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## **Two Transplant Surgeons Join UAMS**

LITTLE ROCK — John R. Montgomery, M.D., and Tsukasa Nakamura, M.D., Ph.D., have joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as liver, kidney and pancreas transplant surgeons.

Both will also serve as assistant professors in the College of Medicine Department of Surgery.

Montgomery comes to UAMS from New York City, where he completed a two-year fellowship in abdominal transplant surgery at New York University's Langone Medical Center. Previously, he completed a residency in general surgery at the University of Michigan Medicine, which is a research university in Ann Arbor, and a research fellowship at the University of Michigan's Center for Healthcare Outcomes & Policy (CHOP).

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in religion at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina in 2010; his medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina in 2015; and his Master of Science degree in health and health care research at Rackham Graduate School at the University of Michigan in 2020.

Nakamura joins UAMS from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he completed fellowships in transplant surgery and transplant surgery research, and performed numerous liver and kidney transplant surgeries, including robotic-assisted surgeries.

He received his medical degree from Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine in Kyoto, Japan, in 2008, followed by his doctoral degree, also from the Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine, in 2016. He completed a general surgical residency at the same university, followed by a fellowship in abdominal transplant surgery at Massachusetts General.

"UAMS Health and the Department of Surgery are fortunate to be able to recruit physicians of this caliber to Arkansas as they bring world-class care day in and day out to Arkansans in need," said Lyle Burdine, M.D., Ph.D., director of Organ Transplant in the Department of Surgery.

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“Dr. Nakamura is an outstanding addition to the team with specialty skills in robotic surgery, pediatric transplantation and surgical transplant research models,” Burdine said. “Dr. Montgomery is an accomplished clinical researcher and educator with the ability to perform all organ transplants in adults and pediatrics in complex patient populations.”

Both Montgomery and Nakamura see patients at the main UAMS campus and at the nearby Freeway Medical Clinic. Montgomery also sees patients at the UAMS transplant satellite office in Texarkana on the fourth Friday of every month.

Referrals are required. For information, call 501-686-6640.

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