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**UAMS Names Sanjaya Viswamitra, M.D.,
as Chair of Department of Radiology**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine has named Sanjaya Viswamitra, M.D., as chair of the Department of Radiology.

A professor and chief of Emergency Radiology, Viswamitra has served as interim chair since August 2024.

“Dr. Viswamitra has done a great job leading our Radiology programs for the past eight months, following more than 23 years of previous service in the department,” said Steven A. Webber, M.D., dean of the College of Medicine and UAMS executive vice chancellor. “Widely recognized for his expertise in cardiac imaging and his longtime work in body and musculoskeletal MRI and nuclear medicine, Dr. Viswamitra has been instrumental in building our clinical and educational endeavors in emergency radiology.”

Viswamitra joined UAMS in 2001 as an assistant professor in the Nuclear Medicine and Body Imaging divisions. He was promoted to associate professor in 2012 and to professor in 2020. He served as inaugural division chief of Body and Musculoskeletal MRI from 2002 to 2007. In 2023, he was named the inaugural chief of the Division of Emergency Radiology.

He received his medical degree at Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research in India. He completed his fellowship in nuclear medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and continued his training with a residency in diagnostic radiology at St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center and Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York, followed by a fellowship in body imaging at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. He is board certified by both the American Board of Radiology and the American Board of Neurophysiologic Monitoring.

Viswamitra is active nationally and internationally in professional organizations including the Radiological Society of North America and the American Roentgen Ray Society, which have recognized him for his excellence and extensive service as a reviewer for the journals *Radiology* and *American Journal of Roentgenology*, respectively. He served as secretary and subsequently as president of the Indian Association of Cardiac Imaging, and he continues to serve as executive chair of the organization. Viswamitra also has served as an executive committee member of the Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging. He has authored more than 60 articles, book chapters and other publications.

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