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UAMS to Host Feb. 19 Lecture on Brain Cancer in Children

LITTLE ROCK — A free, public lecture entitled “Discoveries Impacting on Survival of Children with Brain Cancer” will be held Feb. 19 at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

The lecture by pediatric neurosurgeon James T. Rutka, M.D., Ph.D., a professor at the University of Toronto, will begin at 5 p.m. on the 12th floor of the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute on the UAMS campus. A reception will follow.

Rutka’s primary research and clinical interests relate to the science and surgery of brain tumors and epilepsy. He is a former president of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the World Academy of Neurological Surgery and the American Academy of Neurological Surgery, as well as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

The lecture is part of the M. Gazi and Dianne C.H. Yaşargil Lectureship, “Advances in Neuroscience,” which began in 2008 to honor the then-UAMS professor who was known as the “Father of Modern Microneurosurgery,” and his wife, Dianne, a former UAMS researcher and nurse.

M. Gazi Yaşargil, M.D., died June 11, 2025, less than a month before his 100th birthday, in Switzerland.

Parking is available at Parking 3 at 4030 W. Capitol Ave. The lecture will also be livestreamed through Zoom.

For more information and to register, please visit medicine.uams.edu/neurosurgery/yasargil-lectureship.

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