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**Cardiologist Srikanth Vallurupalli, M.D.,
Named UAMS Director of Cardiovascular Medicine**

LITTLE ROCK — Srikanth Vallurupalli, M.D., a nationally recognized cardiologist and multimodality cardiac imager, has been named the director of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and associate director of UAMS’ cardiovascular clinical services.

Vallurupalli is an associate professor in the division, which is part of the Department of Internal Medicine. Since 2020, he has directed the UAMS cardiovascular medicine fellowship program and the UAMS noninvasive cardiac laboratory. He helped launch and is the inaugural program director of the UAMS structural imaging fellowship, which is enrolling its first fellow this year. Prior to 2020, he established the valve disease program and served as the medical director of the Little Rock VA noninvasive lab and its home-based cardiac rehab program.

“Dr. Vallurupalli brings an outstanding record of clinical excellence, academic leadership, and service to this role,” said Jorge Saucedo, M.D., MBA, chair of the Department of Internal Medicine in the UAMS College of Medicine. “Since joining UAMS as a fellow in 2015, he has made transformative contributions across clinical care, education, research, and community engagement. In 2020, he played a key role in launching the structural echocardiography program at UAMS, providing advanced imaging evaluation and procedural guidance for state-of-the-art transcatheter cardiac interventions.

“Dr. Vallurupalli has also been instrumental in expanding cardiology and echocardiography outreach programs and in improving access to high-quality cardiovascular care for patients across rural Arkansas,” Saucedo continued. “He is, in short, a great clinician, a fantastic educator and is liked by everybody. He understands the needs of the community and will help elevate cardiovascular medicine in Arkansas.”

Vallurupalli received his medical degree in 2001 from the Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research in Pondicherry, India. He completed his

residency in internal medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, serving as chief medical resident. He then served as an assistant professor of internal medicine at Southern Illinois University in Springfield, Illinois. He completed his fellowship in cardiovascular diseases at UAMS in 2015, serving as chief cardiology fellow.

Vallurupalli is board-certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, nuclear medicine and echocardiography. He has published or contributed to more than 130 articles related to heart failure and other cardiovascular issues and has been a part of several grant-funded research projects on topics such as patient centered outcomes, rural health innovations, and specific heart issues. He has won numerous teaching awards and mentored several cardiologists who practice in Arkansas. He serves as the president of the Board of Directors of the Central Arkansas American Heart Association.

He replaces Paul Mounsey, M.D., Ph.D., as the division chair. Mounsey, a nationally recognized leader in electrophysiology, continues to see patients at UAMS.

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