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**UAMS Invests Jorge Saucedo, M.D., MBA,
in Nolan Family Distinguished Chair in Internal Medicine**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine invested Jorge Saucedo, M.D., MBA, professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, during an April 7 ceremony.

“An endowed chair is a tremendous honor, but more importantly, it is a great responsibility. It represents stewardship of resources, trust, and mission, and reflects the belief that we can do more for our patients, learners, and more for the future of medicine,” said Saucedo. “I am deeply grateful for our institution — thank you for your trust and support. I would also like to thank my family for their love and support through this journey.”

Saucedo returned to UAMS in 2025 after a national search that began when Edward T.H. Yeh, M.D., chair of the department since 2020, announced his retirement.

“It should be known that the medallion that will be presented to the chairholder, Dr. Saucedo, during this ceremony is a tangible symbol of the civic and philanthropic spirit that allows UAMS to make significant contributions to the field of health care,” said C. Lowry Barnes, M.D., UAMS chancellor. “I want to congratulate Dr. Saucedo for his achievements that have merited this honor. It is certainly a pleasure to celebrate him, and we are excited because we are expecting him to do so much for UAMS and the state of Arkansas.”

An endowed chair is among the highest academic honors a university can bestow on a faculty member. A distinguished chair is established with gifts of at least \$1.5 million, which are invested and the interest proceeds used to support the educational, research and clinical activities of the chair holder. Those named to a chair are among the most highly regarded scientists, physicians and professors in their fields.

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“Endowed chairs have a profound impact on the faculty who hold them as well as on the entirety of our institution. They help us recruit and retain world-class educators, scientists, and clinicians,” said Steven Webber, M.D., dean of the College of Medicine and UAMS executive vice chancellor. “Today we also celebrate the generosity of the Nolan family who made this chair possible.”

The chair was established by William and Theodosia Murphy Nolan in 1991 to honor and support the essential services provided by the Department of Internal Medicine towards the health and well-being of the citizens of Arkansas.

“Today, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Jorge Saucedo into this important position. His accomplishments as a clinician, educator, and leader speak for themselves, but it is his dedication to the mission of academic medicine that makes this moment especially important,” said Ray Nolan, grandson of William and Theodosia Murphy Nolan. “Dr. Saucedo, on behalf of my family, I offer our warmest congratulations and our very best wishes for your success in this chair.”

Saucedo was born in Mexico City and received his medical degree with honors from the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in 1987. He completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at the National Institute of Medical Sciences in Mexico City, followed by fellowships in interventional cardiology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

Saucedo started his career as an assistant professor of internal medicine at UAMS in 1998. He left UAMS in 2002 after being recruited to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, where he spent 11 years and held several leadership positions, including program director for interventional cardiology. In 2013, he was recruited to NorthShore University Health System in Chicago as chief of cardiology and co-director of the Cardiovascular Institute.

In 2018, he became the chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and director of heart and vascular clinical services at Froedtert Health System. Under Saucedo’s leadership, the cardiovascular program recruited more than 40 cardiologists, introduced and expanded services, and was ranked by Premier Inc. in the Top 20 nationwide for three consecutive years. The heart transplant program grew tenfold. Saucedo also directed the division’s academic and research strategy, connecting its clinical research program with the basic science team to enhance translational cardiovascular research.

Saucedo is board certified in cardiovascular disease. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology; the American Heart Association, for which he has served in local, regional and national leadership roles including on its board of directors; and the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions. He has served as principal investigator or site principal investigator for numerous industry-sponsored and federally

funded clinical trials and has authored or co-authored more than 150 peer-reviewed articles, books, chapters, and reviews.

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