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**Venkat Kalapatapu, M.D., Returns to UAMS
as Chief of Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery**

LITTLE ROCK — Venkat Kalapatapu, M.D., has rejoined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), this time as professor and chief of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery.

Kalapatapu left UAMS in 2010 after completing a two-year fellowship in vascular surgery and serving four years as an assistant professor in the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Surgery, during which he treated patients at UAMS, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, and the Central Arkansas Veteran’s Healthcare System. He then spent 16 years at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where he was an assistant, associate, and then full professor of clinical surgery.

He received his medical degree in 1994 from Kakatiya Medical College in the Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh, India, then completed three years of surgical training at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research in Chandigarh, India.

Kalapatapu completed his surgical residency at Drexel University in Easton, Pennsylvania, followed by a fellowship at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland, before coming to UAMS in 2004 for his vascular surgery fellowship.

“Dr. Venkat Kalapatapu embodies the UAMS mission at its best,” said Lyle Burdine, M.D., Ph.D., interim chair of the Department of Surgery. “A master vascular surgeon with exceptional command of complex aortic and peripheral reconstruction, he combines technical precision with thoughtful clinical judgment that inspires trust in every patient and colleague. His leadership within the UAMS Division of Vascular Surgery — grounded in mentorship, vision, and uncompromising excellence — will shape the future of vascular care in Arkansas.”

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