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**Radiation Oncologists Hershel Garner, J.D., M.D.,
Uwajah Uzomah, M.D., MPH, Join UAMS**

LITTLE ROCK — Two radiation oncologists, Hershel Garner, M.D., J.D., and Uwajah Uzomah, M.D., MPH, have joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and are seeing patients at the UAMS Health Radiation Oncology Center.

An associate professor, Garner also will serve as interim chair of the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Radiation Oncology, while Uzomah is an assistant professor in the department.

“We are excited to welcome Dr. Garner and Dr. Uzomah to UAMS,” said Ronald Robertson, M.D., dean of the UAMS College of Medicine. “With our commitment to providing state-of-the-art radiation oncology services, their added expertise and experience will help to expand access to advanced treatments like proton therapy.”

Hershel Garner, M.D., J.D.

Garner is a board-certified radiation oncologist with more than 30 years of experience providing cancer care in Arkansas. He specializes in radiation therapy, multidisciplinary cancer treatment, medical ethics, and patient-centered care.

Garner attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he obtained a bachelor’s degree in business administration. He earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law before earning his medical degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). He completed his residency in radiation oncology at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

Previously serving in Northwest Arkansas, Garner has worked for Northwest Arkansas Radiation Oncology Associates at the Northwest Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute, as well as Highlands Oncology Group. He joined UAMS as an assistant professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology in 2015, before returning to Northwest Arkansas in 2017.

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Garner has held positions on various ethics committees and cancer committees, as well as serving on the Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board.

“The opportunity to return to UAMS, where I received my medical education, is an honor,” said Garner. “I look forward to helping guide the continued growth of radiation oncology services for Arkansans here in a department that is committed to advanced treatment technologies, multidisciplinary collaboration, education, and research.”

Uwajah Uzomah, M.D., MPH

Uzomah is a radiation oncologist who specializes in the treatment of genitourinary malignancies, central nervous system malignancies, and sarcomas.

Uzomah earned his medical degree from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria before earning a master’s in public health at the Harvard University Chan School of Public Health. He then pursued a postdoctoral research fellowship at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital and completed residency training in radiation oncology at the University of Iowa.

His research centers on improving therapeutic effects of radiation therapy while reducing side effects with particular interest in developing approaches that maximize tumor control and preserve quality of life.

Uzomah has certifications from the American Board of Radiology in radiation biology and radiation physics.

“I am happy to be joining UAMS where I will have the opportunity to be a part of a collaborative, patient-focused cancer program that is dedicated to advancing cancer care for Arkansans,” said Uzomah.

Both Garner and Uzomah are accepting patients at the [Radiation Oncology Center](#). To make an appointment, call 501-664-4568.

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