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**Edward T.H. Yeh, M.D.**

## Message from the Chairman

I came to Little Rock last October when the leaves were beginning to change color. We were in the throes of the pandemic, waiting for vaccination, and caring for the surge of COVID patients in the hospital.

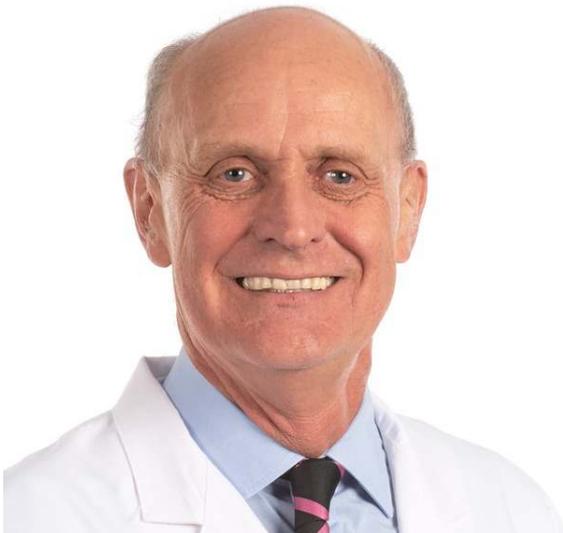
One year later, we have started to see the light shining through the tunnel. I am looking forward to the days when I can see your smile.

In this issue, Dr. Paul Mounsey introduces the new cardiovascular service line, which will change the delivery of cardiac care in UAMS and beyond.

And we are all so proud of Dr. Omar Atiq for his nomination to the Presidency of the American College of Physicians, the first Arkansan to assume this very prestigious position.

The department has added over 50 new faculty and staff within the last year and they will be introduced in this newsletter throughout the year.

More interesting stories herein, please read on.



**John Paul Mounsey, M.D., Ph.D.**

## Dr. Paul Mounsey Introduces the Cardiovascular Service Line

The cardiovascular service line, headed by Dr. Paul Mounsey, has united all of the heart and vascular services at UAMS in one place, with cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, cardiac intensive care, intrathoracic organ failure and transplantation all connected in a cohesive unit.

With everything managed under one service line, these spheres of cardiovascular medicine will overlap with each other to benefit both the patient experience at UAMS, research, and the education of all personnel involved in the service line.

New additions to the array of services offered to UAMS patients include a structural heart disease program and several other critical patient treatments.

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**Omar T. Atiq, M.D.**

## **Dr. Omar Atiq Nominated as President-Elect of the American College of Physicians**

Dr. Omar Atiq has been involved with the American College of Physicians (ACP) for more than 30 years since his internal medicine residency.

Having served as the governor of the Arkansas chapter, the chairman of the Board of Governors, as well as other leadership positions with the Executive Committee of Board of Regents and the Health and Public Policy Committee, Dr. Atiq continues his professional connection to the ACP organization with this nomination as the President-Elect, which could very well lead to four years of representative service.

He considers it a professional home for himself and so many other internists and sub-specialists.

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**Nishank Jain, M.D.**

## **USRDS Publication Spotlight**

Nishank Jain, M.D., published a study on "Comparative Effectiveness and Safety of Oral P2Y12 Inhibitors in Patients on Chronic Dialysis" and it was recently featured by the United States Renal Data System.

According to Dr. Jain, patients on chronic dialysis were systematically excluded from the landmark drug trials in cardiovascular diseases, so this was an opportunity to compare the effectiveness and safety of commonly prescribed antiplatelet medications in patients receiving chronic dialysis treatments.

The work accomplished in the study should hopefully lay the groundwork for future clinical trials that investigate the use of these drugs in patients on dialysis.

Read through the study and its findings [here](#) on PubMed.



**Tommy Martin, M.D.**

## **Dr. Tommy Martin on "Maximizing Your Message"**

During the recent World Health Organization panel and in coordination with Operation Fides, Dr. Tommy Martin of the Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency delivered a presentation on social media and its benefits in maximizing essential health messages.

For the past nine months, Dr. Martin has been involved with Operation Fides, an initiative designed to stop the spread of misinformation and increase evidence-based medicine.

As a content creator and social media influencer, Dr. Martin has over 2 million followers on TikTok and other platforms. His mission as a doctor directly translates to how he approaches social media and its ability to help amplify the right kinds of information.

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## **Brooke Shaw Appointed To Division Administrator**

Brooke began working full-time at UAMS in 2019 and has progressively moved into new administrative roles over the last two years. Now, she is the Division Administrator in charge of Gastroenterology, Rheumatology, Hospital Medicine, and General Internal Medicine.

She manages the day-to-day operations of those four divisions and works closely with the faculty members, chief administrators, and other top administrative staff in Internal Medicine.

Brooke expects her first child, a baby girl, in early November, so the Internal Medicine family will be growing by one!

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## Natalie Moore Appointed To Executive Faculty Program Manager And Executive Assistant To Dr. Yeh

Natalie started at UAMS in early 2021 and she has quickly become indispensable as a part of Internal Medicine administration. Among other responsibilities, Natalie is the assistant to both the Chair, Dr. Yeh, and the Department Administrator, Kelley Suskie.

She also works closely with all Internal Medicine faculty and staff. It's easier to list what she doesn't do rather than what she does. Natalie has never met a stranger and enjoys being active in her community, so if you need help with something or just want to chat, then Natalie may have the answer you're looking for!

Thank you to our lovely staff who make everything run smoothly in Internal Medicine!

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## 2020-2021 New Faculty

### Cardiology



Ashim K. Bagchi, Ph.D.



Tushar Tarun, M.D.

### Gastroenterology



Jinendra Satiya, M.D.



Felix Tellez-Avila, M.D., Ph.D.

### Hematology Oncology

### Infectious Diseases



**Jaskirat Sethi, M.D.**



**Michael Lowry, M.D.**

## **Nephrology**

## **Palliative Medicine**

## **Pulmonary**



**Hunter Holthoff, M.D., Ph.D.**



**John Kincaid, M.D.**



**Krishna Kakkera, M.D.**

The Department of Internal Medicine is the largest department in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The department is home to approximately 150 full-time faculty members, 81 residents, and 68 fellows serving two residency programs and twelve fellowship programs. Dr. Edward T.H. Yeh, a cardiologist and physician/scientist, is a pioneer in the field of onco-cardiology.

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