

FAST FACTS

The College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has educated and trained more than 10,000 physicians since 1879. As part of the state's only health sciences university, the college prepares clinicians and scientists to make their mark around the world. Our faculty physicians provide highly specialized, patient and family-centered care at UAMS Medical Center's state-of-the-art hospital, clinics and patient care and research institutes, Arkansas Children's, the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, UAMS regional centers and clinics throughout the state.

OUR MISSION

To improve health and increase knowledge through innovative teaching, groundbreaking research, state-of-the-art patient care and outstanding service to Arkansas, the nation and the world.

CLINICAL DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS

Anesthesiology	Ophthalmology
Dermatology	Orthopaedic Surgery
Geriatrics	Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery
Emergency Medicine	Pathology
Family & Preventive Medicine	Pediatrics (25 divisions)
Genetics	Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Internal Medicine	Psychiatry
Cardiovascular Medicine	Radiation Oncology
Endocrinology	Radiology
Gastroenterology/Hepatology	Surgery
General Internal Medicine	Urology
Hematology	
Hospital Medicine	
Infectious Diseases	
Medical Oncology	
Nephrology	
Palliative Medicine	
Pulmonary & Critical Care	
Rheumatology	
Medical Humanities & Bioethics	
Neurology	
Neurosurgery	
Obstetrics and Gynecology	

BASIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Biomedical Informatics
Biostatistics
Microbiology and Immunology
Neurobiology/Developmental Sciences
Pharmacology and Toxicology
Physiology and Biophysics

DR. CHRISTOPHER WESTFALL DEAN

Christopher T. Westfall, M.D., FACS, was named Dean of the College of Medicine in September 2018 after serving in many leadership roles during his 21 years on the faculty, including six months as Interim Dean. Previous posts included Professor and Chair of the



Department of Ophthalmology since 2009, Director of the Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Institute and Director of the Surgical Services Service Line. He was invested in 2008 as the inaugural holder of the Pat Walker Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology.

Dr. Westfall received his undergraduate degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and his medical degree at the Ohio State University. He completed a residency in general surgery at Keesler Medical Center, was certified by the American Board of Surgery and awarded fellowship in the American College of Surgeons (FACS). He went on to complete a residency in ophthalmology at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center and a two-year fellowship in ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Harvard Medical School. He is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Westfall served as Department Chair and Ophthalmology Residency Director at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center. He retired from the military at the rank of Colonel, as Chief Consultant in Ophthalmology to the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General.

EDUCATION

- 700 medical students (freshman enrollment is 174)
- Student-centered active learning curriculum fosters critical thinking
- Seven “Academic Houses” provide academic and career advising and support, peer mentoring and a greater sense of community for students
- Interprofessional education helps future physicians learn to work in highly effective teams for improved patient care
- 18 juniors and 19 seniors are completing clinical rotations at Fayetteville-based UAMS-Northwest with faculty including local practicing physicians
- 61 physician residency and fellowship programs with 682 residents/fellows within COM (136 other family medicine residents and one sports medicine fellow train with adjunct COM faculty at 6 UAMS regional centers)
- Helping hospitals across Arkansas establish additional, much-needed residency programs to build Arkansas’ physician workforce
- 1,900 faculty members (1,300 full-time) - 66% hold MDs; 19% hold PhDs

PATIENT CARE

- At UAMS in FY 2018, faculty physicians oversaw:
 - 27,996 inpatients
 - 495,329 outpatient visits
 - 19,245 surgical cases
 - 60,559 Emergency Department cases
 - 161,746 patients at UAMS Regional Centers
- College of Medicine faculty physicians also staff Arkansas Children’s, Arkansas State Hospital and much of the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System

CORE VALUES



Integrity ■ Respect
Teamwork ■ Creativity
Excellence ■ Diversity
■ Safety

RESEARCH

- Innovative research in many areas, including:
 - Biomedical informatics
 - Microbial pathogenesis and immunology
 - Childhood obesity and other drivers of child health
 - Osteoporosis and bone disorders
 - Myeloma and other cancers
 - Nanomedicine
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - ALS and other neurological disorders
 - Alzheimer’s disease and aging
 - Substance abuse and addiction
 - Trauma
- The UAMS Translational Research Institute, established in 2009 and supported by a Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) from the National Institutes of Health, accelerates research that improves health and health care
- Institutional member and administrative home of the Arkansas Biosciences Institute

STATEWIDE REACH

- UAMS Continuing Medical Education Office is the state’s only nationally accredited provider of CME credits that Arkansas physicians must have to maintain licensure; joint accreditation by the premier national certifying organizations ensures high-quality interprofessional learning activities to enhance collaborative health care practices
- Center for Distance Health’s stroke diagnosis and treatment network (Arkansas SAVES) connects more than 50 rural hospitals with stroke neurologists, while ANGELS telemedicine program provides high-risk pregnancy consultation with the state’s only board-certified maternal-fetal medicine specialists
- Eight regional Centers on Aging, overseen by the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, provide education, specialized care and other services for older Arkansans and their families
- In what became a national model, 11 Kids First sites throughout Arkansas provide multidisciplinary daytime care for children with special health care needs
- Nine Head Start sites in Pulaski County serve 760 children ages 3-5; four Early Head Start sites serve 128 infants and toddlers; and three child care partners serve 40 additional Early Head Start children