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

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, Director of the Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Institute and Director of the Surgical Services Service Line. In 2008 he was invested 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 College of Medicine. He completed a residency in general surgery at Keesler USAF 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

- 693 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
- 62 physician residency and fellowship programs with 682 residents/fellows within COM (136 other family medicine residents and one sports medicine fellow train at 6 UAMS Regional Centers, where the faculty have COM appointments)
- Helping hospitals across Arkansas establish additional, much-needed residency programs to build Arkansas’ physician workforce
- 1,500 faculty members - approximately 66% hold MDs; 19% hold PhDs; plus an additional 500 adjunct faculty

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
- Seven 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

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