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2022 Annual Meetings Held Live

The Annual Membership Meetings for the Pulaski County Medical Society (PCMS) and Pulaski County Medical Exchange (PCME) were held Thursday, December 1, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn West. This was the first live membership meeting since 2019.



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*Dr. Krishnappa Prasad, PCMS President,
welcomes attendees*



*Dr. Ken Singleton, Amber Singleton, Dr. Kelly Burks, Dr. Nicholas Brucker,
and Crystal Brucker*



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During dinner M4 Student Julianne Thomas, 2022 PCMS Board Student Representative, presented the Outstanding Student Award to M2 Student Chase Brazeal.

After the awards presentation the members heard a report from UAMS Students who received PCMS funding for their projects during 2022. Clark Kennedy, M4 Student, reported on her project the Lifestyle Health Committee.

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Julianne Thomas, PCMS Student Representative, Chase Brazeal- PCMS Outstanding Student Award Recipient, and Anna Claire Pilkington, PCMS Social Media Committee Chair



Clark Kennedy, M4 UAMS Student, reports on the Lifestyle Health Committee project funded by the society.



Event Sponsor State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company representatives Melony Hilton, Joe Lebryk, and Sharon Theriot.



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UAMS Medical Student attendees and their Sponsors from SVMIC

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After the student project reports Dr. Steve Magie spoke to the membership about the importance of getting to know their legislators and being involved in the political process. Dr. Magie is a member and past President of PCMS and just won election to his sixth term to the Arkansas State legislature.

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Keynote speaker Dr. Steve Magie spoke to attendees about how to connect with their legislators before the 2023 session begins.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Beginning January 1, 2023 both the Pulaski County Medical Society and Medical Exchange will have a new physical and mailing address. Please make a note of the address below for your records going forward.

**500 S. University Avenue, Suite A-14
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Heart Surgeon Karol Mudy, MD, Joins Baptist Health Cardiothoracic Surgery Clinic in Little Rock



Dr. Karol Mudy

[Baptist Health Cardiothoracic Surgery Clinic](#) in Little Rock recently welcomed heart surgeon [Dr. Karol Mudy](#).

Dr. Mudy, a native of Walbrzych, Poland, received his medical degree from Wroclaw Medical University in Wroclaw, Poland. He completed his residency at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia and a fellowship

at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

As a cardiac surgeon, Dr. Mudy performs many

procedures, including heart transplantation, advanced heart failure surgery, minimally invasive valve surgery, valve repair and more.

For as long as he can remember, Dr. Mudy has dreamt of becoming a heart surgeon.

"This desire cleared and solidified even more during my clinical rotations while at medical school and in residency training," he says. "I believe that no single person is more important than the team, learning starts outside your comfort zone and the single most important trait of a good surgeon is humility."

Dr. Mudy is board certified in general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery.

April Bennett Named President of Baptist Health Medical Center-Conway



April Bennet

Baptist Health has named April Bennett, MSN, CHFP, RN, as the new president of Baptist Health Medical Center-Conway.

Serving as the hospital's chief nursing officer since 2020, Bennett has supported the opening and expansion of multiple specialties including the hospital's inpatient rehabilitation unit, intermediate care unit and medical/surgical

unit as well as the opening of a new intensive care unit and medical/surgical unit. Her successes also include decreasing bedside RN turnover, recruiting and replacing RN travelers with full-time staff and growing the inpatient census by 20 percent.

In addition to her leadership of BHMC-Conway, Bennett also leads the medical/surgical nursing consortium for all 11 of Baptist Health's hospitals.

Earlier this month, the American College of Healthcare Executives Regent's Awards recognized Bennett for her exemplary leadership as an Early Career Healthcare Executive during the Arkansas Hospital Association's Annual Meeting.

In 2020, Bennett joined Baptist Health after working for Freeman Health System in Joplin, Missouri, where she served as the vice president of nursing services for seven years.

Bennett received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Missouri Southern University and Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Bennett is married to her husband, Ryan, and has two sons, Aiden and Alex. She is a member of 2nd Baptist Church in Conway.

When Bennett is not at work, spending time with family or at the baseball field, she also finds time to be actively involved in the Conway community. She has served on the Conway Public Schools Foundation Board and University of Central Arkansas College of Health and Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board as well as the Conway Area Leadership Institute.

Arkansas Urologist celebrated at national conference with first-ever Spirit of Independence Award

Longtime physician honored for career accomplishments and success in health care at LUGPA annual meeting



Dr. Gail Reede Jones

Dr. Gail Reede Jones of Arkansas Urology has been named the inaugural recipient of the Spirit of Independence Award by the Large Urology Group Practice Association (LUGPA), the only nonprofit urology trade association in the United States.

Dr. Jonathan Henderson, a physician colleague at Arkansas Urology and immediate past president of LUGPA, presented Dr. Jones with the award during the organization's annual meeting on Nov. 11. Dr. Jones was celebrated in the meeting for her dedication and service to her patients and the practice of independent urology.

"Arkansas is blessed to have a physician like Dr. Jones, who is genuinely a pioneer and trendsetter," said Arkansas Urology CEO E. Scot Davis. "We have known in the Natural State for quite some time that Dr. Jones is an incredible urologist and person. I'm glad she has now been recognized for her work in front of our colleagues across the nation. I am fortunate to work alongside such an innovator."

Dr. Jones was the first female urologist in the state of Arkansas. After several years of private practice, she joined forces with other Little Rock urologists in 1996 to found Arkansas Urology, now the state's largest and most innovative urology practice. Jones received her bachelor's degree from Hunter College, City University of New York, her medical degree from Meharry Medical College, and she completed her urological surgery residency at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Jones is certified by the American Board of Urology and is a member of the American Medical Association, American

Urological Association, Arkansas Medical Society, Arkansas Urologic Society, Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, and Pulaski County Medical Society. She is on the Medical Board of the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation. Dr. Jones is a general urologist who sees men for vasectomies and prostate, bladder and kidney disease. She also treats women for many urological conditions. She lives in Little Rock with her husband, Jesse Mason.



"This award is about much more than just me. This is a testament to my fellow physician partners at Arkansas Urology, as well as my patients for entrusting their health to me, enabling me to have three decades of urology practice in Little Rock," Dr. Jones said. "They helped me to focus when dealing with the inevitable, although sometimes subtle, signs of gender bias."

"It's been the honor of my lifetime to serve as a founding physician at Arkansas Urology," Dr. Jones said. "I'm proud of the growth, impact and evolution our team has seen through the years as the state's largest independently owned urology practice. It is such a privilege to receive the inaugural Independent Spirit Award from LUGPA, and I share this honor with our entire team."

UAMS, Washington Regional Team Up for New Internal Medicine Residency Program in Northwest Arkansas

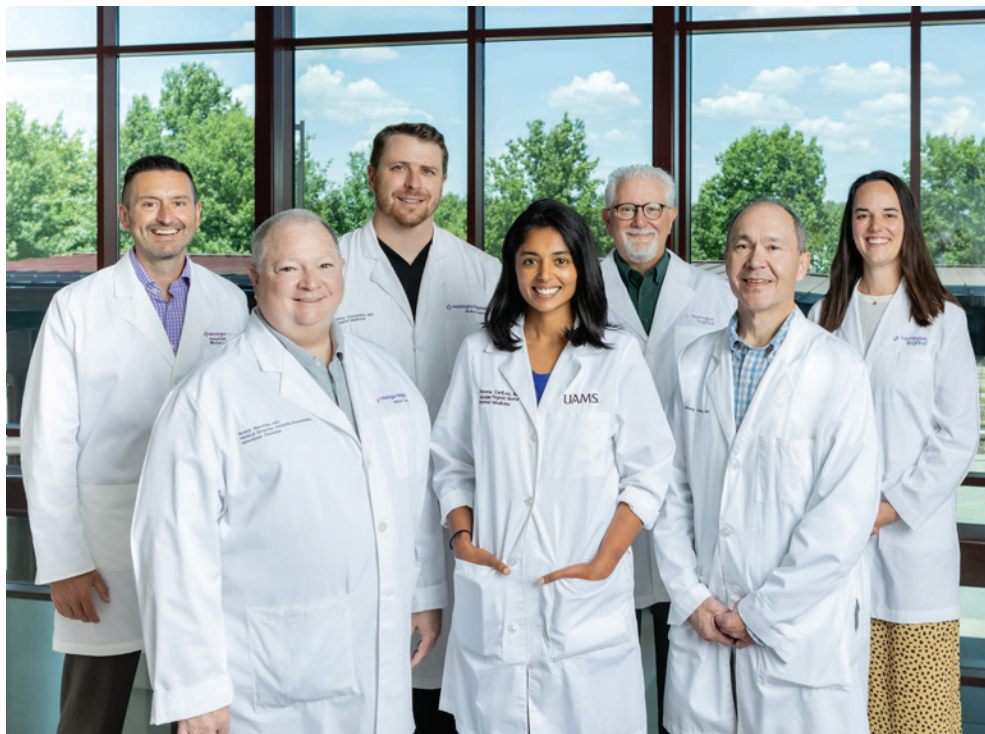
The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and Washington Regional Medical Center launched a new internal medicine residency program that will bring eight new medical residents to Northwest Arkansas each year.

The UAMS-Washington Regional Internal Medicine Program is a community-based, academic-affiliated residency program rooted in training skilled internists. The curriculum consists of clinical experiences at Washington Regional, the region's largest hospital, with access to every internal medicine subspecialty, a dedicated research-training curriculum and a comprehensive didactic curriculum.

The two medical institutions are actively recruiting for the first residency class, which will start in July 2023. The program is accredited through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

The program will train residents in clinical reasoning, critical thinking, teaching, research and health care delivery to diverse and underserved populations in Northwest Arkansas and the surrounding regions, according to Sheena CarlLee, M.D., program director and assistant professor of Internal Medicine in the UAMS College of Medicine.

"We are excited to announce this new internal medicine residency program in Northwest Arkansas," CarlLee said. "The success of our program is essential to meeting the health care needs of Arkansans and aligns with our regional and institutional missions to



Back row (l-r): Michael Bolding, D.O., associate program director; Corey Costantino, M.D., director of quality improvement curriculum; David Ratcliff, M.D., Washington Regional Chief Medical Officer; Anne Montgomery, M.D., associate program director. Front Row (l-r): Buddy Newton, M.D., subspecialty chair of infectious diseases; Sheena CarlLee, M.D., program director; Anthony Williams, M.D., chair of the clinical competency committee.

educate future health care professionals and provide patient-centered primary and specialized care at an academic level not otherwise available in this region."

In preparation for the new residency class, Washington Regional has built a brand new 6,000-square-foot GME Suite for the residents, and is building a 3,000-square-foot continuity clinic on the Washington Regional Campus.

This is the first residency program to be accredited as part of a joint Graduate Medical Education (GME) program that UAMS and Washington Regional announced in June 2021. The program will bring approximately 92 residency slots to Northwest Arkansas by 2030.

Dr. Jeffrey Carfagno and the Carfagno Family Practice in Maumelle Joins CHI St. Vincent Medical Group



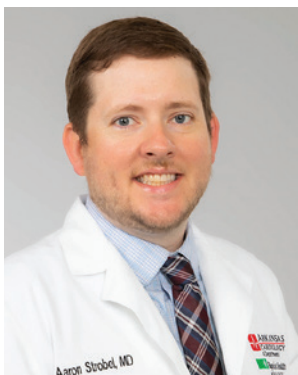
Dr. Jeffrey Carfagno

CHI St. Vincent announced that [Dr. Jeffrey Carfagno](#) and the Carfagno Family Practice in Maumelle has joined the CHI St. Vincent Medical Group and its network of primary care and specialty clinics across Central and Southwest Arkansas. The Carfagno Family Practice, which has served the community since 2007, will

now be known as [CHI St. Vincent Primary Care - Maumelle](#) but remain at the same location at 1900 Club Manor Dr., Suite #105 in Maumelle.

Dr. Carfagno will continue to build on his 34 years of experience and commitment to serving the Maumelle community with now increased access to a broad range of specialty providers in heart care, orthopedics, gastroenterology and more to ensure his patients benefit from a full continuum of care. Dr. Carfagno earned his medical degree and completed his residency in family practice at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Aaron Strobel, MD, Seeing Patients at Baptist Health Heart Institute/ Arkansas Cardiology Clinic-Little Rock



Dr. Aaron Strobel

Dr. Strobel is a native of Little Rock. He attended college at the University of Arkansas, studying biological engineering, and then went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Over the next decade, Dr. Strobel trained at the University of Colorado, where he completed his internal medicine residency, chief

residency year, cardiovascular disease fellowship and was honored to be the chief cardiology fellow. Dr. Strobel stayed at the University of Colorado, completing a two-year interventional cardiology fellowship and concentrating on coronary, peripheral and structural interventions.

Dr. Strobel helps his patients in the decision-making for preventative cardiology, general cardiology, and invasive procedures including coronary stents, peripheral vascular intervention and structural heart disease.

Dr. Strobel is married with two children, and he enjoys hiking, fishing and spending time at the lake with his family. He also loves to cheer on the Arkansas Razorbacks.



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