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**Geriatrics and Long-Term Care Update
to be Held Sept. 22-24 at UAMS**

LITTLE ROCK — Physicians, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, long-term care administrators, social workers and the public are invited to the 17th annual Geriatrics and Long-Term Care Update from Sept. 22- 24 at the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging on the campus of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

Registration closes Sept. 9. The conference is sponsored by the Arkansas Geriatric Education Center at UAMS. For more information or to register, go to:
ce.uams.edu/gltc/registration/

The Geriatrics and Long-Term Care Update has been supported annually by Jeanne Wei, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Institute on Aging, to provide the latest information to physicians and other health professionals, as well as caregivers to the aging population.

Among the speakers at the conference are Malaz Boustani, M.D., professor of aging research and professor of medicine at Indiana University; and Penny Kris-Etherton, Ph.D., R.D., distinguished professor of nutrition in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania.

Boustani also is center scientist for the Indiana University Center for Aging Research in Indianapolis. His research focuses on the rapid translation of scientific discoveries into health care by using medical information and public health epidemiology.

Kris-Etherton's research focuses on the effects of diet on established and emerging risk factors for cardiovascular disease. She also is a former chair and member of the American Society for Nutrition's Medical Nutrition Council.

"We are especially excited to have the participation of Dr. Boustani and Dr. Kris-Etherton at this year's update," said Wei. "After 16 years, it has a well-established

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reputation for communicating the latest findings and best practices in geriatrics. Their respected work and expertise in their fields is in keeping with what is now an established tradition of excellence.”

In other sessions and presentations at the update, some of the topics speakers will cover include interprofessional management of geriatric patients, nutrition and aging, the aging ear and eye, fall prevention, new cardiac drugs, and legal and social issues in geriatric care.

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