Hand Surgeon G. Thomas Frazier, M.D., Joins UAMS

LITTLE ROCK — G. Thomas Frazier Jr., M.D., has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as a hand and upper extremity surgeon. He will see patients at the UAMS Orthopaedic Clinic on Shackleford Road.

He is also an assistant professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in the UAMS College of Medicine.

“Dr. Frazier and I have been friends and colleagues for more than 30 years and were founding members of a subspecialty fellowship-trained private practice group. Tom brings welcome expertise to our faculty, widening the scope of what we are able to offer in care for our patients and training for our residents. His status in the medical community of our state and his decision to join our transformation sends a very positive message that we are on the right track,” said C. Lowry Barnes, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Frazier specializes in hand and microsurgery and has a special interest in joint replacement of the hand, wrist and elbow, and joint arthroscopy for the elbow and wrist, minimally invasive surgeries in which a tiny camera is inserted into the joint through a small incision, thereby avoiding traditional open surgery.

Frazier earned his medical degree at UAMS, where he also completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery and a fellowship in hand and microsurgery. He has been practicing in Little Rock for 28 years. He graduated from Hope High School and earned his undergraduate degree from Hendrix College in Conway.

“UAMS gave me the training I needed to get my start as a young doctor, and it is nice to be able to bring that full circle to return to UAMS to help educate the orthopaedic surgeons of tomorrow,” Frazier said. “In the clinic, I look forward to working with the talented hand and upper extremity team that UAMS has assembled. I look forward to
being a part of their tremendous plans to be a true regional referral center for complex hand and upper extremity problems, as well as the more common hand and upper extremity problems such as arthritis, carpal tunnel syndrome and occupational injuries.”

He is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, with a certificate of added qualifications in hand surgery.

Frazier is a member of the Southern Orthopaedic Association, Arkansas Orthopaedic Society, Arkansas Medical Society, Pulaski County Medical Society, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, Arkansas Hand Club, Mid-America Orthopaedic Association and American Society for Surgery of the Hand. UAMS is the state’s only comprehensive academic health center, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a northwest Arkansas regional campus; a statewide network of regional centers; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, the Myeloma Institute, the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, the Psychiatric Research Institute, the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and the Translational Research Institute. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,870 students, 799 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including about 1,000 physicians and other professionals who provide care to patients at UAMS, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and UAMS regional centers throughout the state. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram.

Like us, we’re social: 📣!