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**Stephen Mette Named UAMS Executive Associate Dean  
for Clinical Affairs**

LITTLE ROCK — Stephen “Steppe” Mette, M.D., has been named executive associate dean for clinical affairs in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

Mette will also continue his role as chief clinical officer for UAMS Medical Center.

“Dr. Mette will facilitate goals and initiatives across our clinical departments,” said UAMS Executive Vice Chancellor and College of Medicine Dean Pope L. Moseley, M.D. “He has done an outstanding job since joining UAMS in April 2015 as chief clinical officer, a new post that combined multiple important clinical roles during a time of change as we implemented our new clinical service line structure. Dr. Mette rose to the challenges of that position and will no doubt do the same with his new responsibilities.”

In the clinical affairs role, Mette will oversee all aspects of the College of Medicine’s clinical mission and work closely with UAMS Medical Center leadership. In his chief clinical officer role, Mette has oversight of the hospital’s new service line structure, which groups related clinical care services, such as the various specialties and services related to women’s health, within a single clinical organization to improve coordination of services for the patient.

Mette is a professor in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care in the Department of Internal Medicine in the College of Medicine. He came to UAMS from the Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine, where he was chief of the Department of Critical Care for six years and chair of Critical Care Services for nine years. Earlier posts at Maine Medical Center included president of the medical staff, director of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care and medical director for Respiratory Care.

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Mette also served as an associate professor in the Department of Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston and, prior to that, as a clinical associate professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Vermont School of Medicine.

He received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in New York and completed his residency in internal medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where he served as chief resident. Mette also completed clinical and research fellowships in the Cardiovascular-Pulmonary Division of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he went on to serve as a clinical assistant professor.

Mette replaces Richard Turnage, M.D., who left the clinical affairs position Dec. 1 when he was appointed CEO of UAMS Medical Center and senior vice chancellor for Clinical Programs.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, 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 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS and its regional campuses throughout the state, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit [www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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