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Krishna Nalleballe, M.D., Joins UAMS as a Stroke Neurologist

LITTLE ROCK — Krishna Nalleballe, M.D., has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) as a stroke neurologist, providing comprehensive stroke care from the initial emergency contact to outpatient recovery care.

In addition, Nalleballe will serve as a consulting neurologist with the Arkansas Stroke Assistance through Virtual Emergency Support (AR SAVES) network, which is hosted at UAMS. In this role, Nalleballe will assist doctors across the state via two-way video as they make potentially life-altering treatment decisions in the first few hours after a stroke. He will also serve as an assistant professor in the Department of Neurology in the College of Medicine, conducting research and training future neurology doctors.

“Dr. Nalleballe is joining a team of talented health professionals who work together to provide the best in complete stroke care,” said Robert L. “Lee” Archer, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Neurology. “Whether he’s working with neuroradiologists and neurosurgeons here at UAMS after determining that a stroke patient needs surgery, or working with an AR SAVES partner hospital to assess a patient many miles away from Little Rock, his expertise is invaluable.”

Nalleballe will see emergency stroke patients who come to the UAMS Medical Center and continue to work with patients as they recover through the [Stroke Services Clinic](#).

“Any stroke neurologist will tell you ‘time is brain’ because the most dramatic interventions available have the biggest impact if they are administered in the first few hours after a stroke, so it’s important for people to get help quickly,” Nalleballe said. “I also provide follow-up care for patients – everything from identifying potential causes for the stroke to setting up physical therapy.”

Nalleballe comes to UAMS from Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in New York, where he was a neurologist and director of neurological research, and the New York Institute of

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Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, New York, where he was an assistant professor. Previously, he also served as an assistant professor in the Department of Neurology at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine in Bronx, New York.

Nalleballe earned his medical degree from Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad, India. He completed internships at Osmania General and allied hospitals in India and North Shore Medical Center in Salem, Massachusetts. He was chief resident during his neurology residency at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia and completed a vascular neurology fellowship at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine.

UAMS is nationally certified by The Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center. UAMS has the only comprehensive stroke treatment team in Arkansas, with one of the few stroke neurologists in the state. The stroke team includes Nalleballe, interventional neuroradiologists, who provide catheter-based treatments of the brain, vascular neurosurgeons, and a neurocritical care specialist.

The AR SAVES telestroke program links 53 hospitals throughout the state. AR SAVES enables a stroke neurologist to view brain images from a distant location. Neurologists can act quickly to interact with and examine a patient to determine whether the stroke is the type that can be treated by a special clot-busting drug that must be administered within the first few hours from stroke onset.

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 six 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 or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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