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Gohar Azhar, M.D.

Dr. Gohar Azhar is a Professor of Geriatrics at the UAMS Reynolds Institute on Aging, Director of Clinical Research, Director of the Pat Walker Memory Clinic and Research Center and Co-Director of the Cardiovascular Aging Program. Dr. Azhar received her medical degree in Pakistan and completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh. Before joining UAMS in 2002, Dr. Azhar trained as a geriatrician, physician-scientist and taught at Harvard Medical School, in Boston.



Jeffrey Balkenbush, MD

Dr. Jeffrey Balkenbush is a PGY-3 resident at the UAMS Little Rock Family Medicine program. He is originally from Edmond, Oklahoma and attended medical school at the American University of Antigua.



Kaci Boehmer, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDE

Dr. Kaci Boehmer graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2014. She then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency and a PGY2 in Ambulatory Care and Academia. She is an Assistant Professor in the UAMS College of Pharmacy and practices in the UAMS Family Medical Center.



Doshia Cummins, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Doshia Cummins graduated from Millsaps College with a BS in Biology and went on to receive a Doctor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Mississippi. She completed an ASHP Primary Care Pharmacy Practice residency at the University Medical Center and has been credentialed by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties as a Pharmacotherapy Specialist since 1999. She completed the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Health Policy fellowship program in 2019. She currently serves as Chair of Basic Science for the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University. She was previously a faculty member for the UAMS Northeast Medical Sciences Family Medicine Residency in Jonesboro.



Amanda Deel, DO

Dr. Amanda Deel earned her undergraduate degree in biology from Arkansas State University and her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. She completed a graduate transitional internship at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in Portsmouth, Va. and served as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy for five years following medical school achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. She then completed her family medicine residency at the UAMS Area Health Education Center-Northeast in Jonesboro. Upon completion of her residency, she worked as an assistant professor and assistant program director for the UAMS AHEC-NE Family Medicine Residency. She is now the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University, and practices family medicine and obstetrics at AR Care and St. Bernards Medical Center in Jonesboro. She is board certified in Family Medicine and an AAFP Fellow.

Amrutha Denduluri, M.D., MPH



Dr. Amrutha Denduluri is a PGY 3 resident with the UAMS Little Rock Family Medicine program. She earned her medical degree in India and a Master of Public Health in Quantitative methods from Harvard University.



Matthew Deneke, M.D.

Dr. Matthew Deneke is the program Director for the UAMS Gastroenterology Fellowship Program, part of the UAMS Liver Transplant team, and operates the UAMS Fatty Liver Disease Clinic. He graduated from UAMS medical school, residency at the University of Alabama and a fellowship at Mayo Clinic. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.



Scott Dinehart, M.D.

Dr. Scott Dinehart is a dermatologist and Mohs surgeon in Little Rock who specializes in the treatment of skin cancer. He is a graduate of Baylor University and graduated with honors from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX. After completing his dermatology residency and a Mohs Surgery Fellowship at Duke University, he then moved to Little Rock and founded Arkansas

Dermatology.



Dustin Doty

Dr. Dustin Doty is a trial lawyer with Wright Lindsey & Jennings with a wide range of litigation experience, having handled matters ranging from domestic relations issues to complex commercial disputes. He has a focus on personal injury defense and professional liability cases and regularly represents doctors, hospitals, nurses, clinics, and other healthcare providers with pre-lawsuit matters and in the courtroom.



Angela Driskill, M.D.

Dr. Angela Driskill graduated from UAMS and completed her residency training at AHEC Pine Bluff. She became interested in Wound Care and has been practicing in that arena since 2005. She maintains a certificate of Wound Care Certification for Physicians, is board certified in Underseas and Hyperbaric Medicine and Family Medicine. She has worked as Core Faculty of the Baptist Health UAMS Family Medicine Residency since July 2019 but is transitioning to build a Wound Care Fellowship with the goal of expanding wound care in Arkansas and training Doctors in Family Medicine to provide state of the art care for chronic wounds.



Paul Edwards, M.D.

Dr. Paul K. Edwards is in private practice at Bowen Hefley Orthopedics. He received a biology degree from the University of Arkansas, a master's degree in physiology from the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, and his medical degree from UAMS. He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of South Florida in Tampa and a Hip and Knee Joint Replacement Fellowship at the OrthoCarolina Hip & Knee Institute in Charlotte. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons.



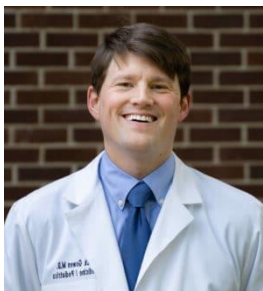
Meghan Gibson, D.O.

Dr. Gibson is a PGY-3 resident at the UAMS Little Rock Family Medicine program. She is originally from Oklahoma and attended medical school at Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Smith.



Patty Gibson, M.D.

Dr. Patty Gibson is board certified in Psychiatry, Addiction Medicine, and Anesthesiology. She is co-founder and Chief Medical Officer for the non-profit organization, Arkansas Behavioral Health Integration whose mission is to meet the challenges of integrating healthcare by building relationships, sharing resources, providing education, training, and advocacy for all. Dr. Gibson is a regular contributor to the Arkansas Family Physician journal.



Nicholas Gowen, M.D.

Dr. Nicholas Gowen is the Associate Program Director of Internal Medicine Residency, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, and the VA Site Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at UAMS. Dr Gowen completed his Medical school and Residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics from UAMS. He was recently awarded the UAMS Gold Sash Teaching Award.



Franklin John Gray, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Franklin John Gray Jr. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine in the Division of Hospital Medicine. Dr. Gray received his medical degree from UAMS in 2010. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the UAMS Northeast Regional Campus in Jonesboro. Dr. Gray practiced as a hospitalist at Baxter Regional Medical Center in Mountain Home, Arkansas, until 2016, when he accepted a position at Baptist Health Medical Center in Conway.



Jonathon Henderson, M.D.

Dr. Jonathon Henderson obtained a Bachelor of Science degree at LSU and medical degree from LSU Medical Center in Shreveport where he also completed his internship and residency in Urology. Dr. Henderson practiced in Alabama and Shreveport before joining Arkansas Urology. His practice focus is primarily robotic surgeries and the treatment of prostate cancer. He is certified by the American Board of Urology.



Joseph Henske, M.D.

Dr. Joe Henske is Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Endocrinology and Metabolism division and the director of the diabetes program at UAMS Health. He received his medical degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, internship and residency at Northwestern and a fellowship in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at Vanderbilt.



Tochi Iroku-Malize, M.D., MPH MBA

Dr. Tochi Iroku-Malize is the current President of the American Academy of Family Physicians, serves as founding chair and professor of family medicine for the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell in Hempstead, New York, and senior vice president and chair of the family medicine service line for Northwell Health.

A member of the AAFP since 1999, Iroku-Malize served as a New York State alternate delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates from 2016 to 2017, and New York State delegate to the National Conference of Special Constituencies from 2006 to 2009. She served on the Commission on Membership and Member Services and the Commission on Continuing Professional Development, for which she chaired the Subcommittee on Continuing Credit and Accreditation. She served as the chair of the Maternal Morbidity & Mortality task force led by the AAFP.

Iroku-Malize earned her combined bachelor's and medical degrees from the University of Nigeria College of Medicine and Dentistry in Enugu. She completed an internship at Port of Spain General Hospital in Trinidad and Tobago and completed residency training in family medicine at Southside Hospital. She earned her Master of Public Health in health policy and management from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health in New York City. She earned her Master of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

She is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, certified in hospice and palliative medicine and an AAFP Fellow.



Caroline Kim, D.O., M.S.

Dr. Kim is a PGY3 resident from the UAMS Little Rock Family Medicine program. Originally from Florida, she received her medical degree from the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Smith.



Sonam Kiwalkar, M.D.

Sonam Kiwalkar earned her medical degree in Pune, India, completed her residency and chief residency in internal medicine at Rochester General Hospital in Rochester, New York, and a rheumatology fellowship at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon. She is a rheumatologist at the Vancouver Clinic in Vancouver WA and is the Associate Program Director for Legacy Salmon Creek internal medicine residency program.



Andrea Kleinhenz

Andrea Kleinhenz serves as a trial attorney at Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, focusing on medical malpractice, personal injury defense, premises liability and construction litigation. Based in Rogers, she represents clients both in Northwest Arkansas and across the state. Andrea represents healthcare providers, including doctors, hospitals, nurses, CRNAs, dentists, veterinarians, and clinics. She represents clients in a variety of healthcare law areas including compliance and board complaints. Andrea provides clients with comprehensive discovery and deposition tactics through client and witness preparation, tailored defense strategies and liability assessment.



Gary LeRoy, M.D.

Dr. Gary LeRoy became the Senior Vice President for Diplomate Experience of the American Board of Family Medicine in November of 2022. He previously served as the President of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Medical Director of the federally qualified East Dayton Health Center and faculty of Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine where he served as Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions for 14 years.

Dr. LeRoy received his medical degree at Wright State University in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio. He then completed residency at Dayton's Miami Valley Hospital and a fellowship at Michigan State University. He is also an AAFP Fellow.



Scott Lucchese, M.D.

Dr. Scott Lucchese is an associate professor in the Department of Neurology at UAMS. He is board certified by the Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and The United Counsel for Neurologic Subspecialties in Headache Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American Headache Society. Dr. Lucchese graduated from the University of Missouri—Columbia School of Medicine and completed a Preliminary Internal Medicine followed and Neurology Residency Program at the University of Missouri—Columbia School of Medicine in Columbia, Missouri.



Heather Moore, M.D.

Heather Moore, MD, is a staff physician in the Palliative Care Section at Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System in Little Rock. She has a dual appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Palliative Medicine at UAMS where she is the program director of the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship.

She graduated from the UAMS College of Medicine and completed residency and chief residency in the Department of Internal Medicine followed by a Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship at UAMS.



Chad Rodgers, M.D.

Chad Rodgers is Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care and a pediatrician at Little Rock Pediatric Clinic. He attended Baylor University and then returned to the University of Arkansas for Medical Science for medical school. He completed his pediatric residency at Arkansas Children's Hospital where he served as Chief Resident. He is board certified in pediatrics.



Viridiana Saenz, M.D.

Dr. Saenz is a PGY-2 resident at UAMS Little Rock Family Medicine program. Originally from the El Paso-Juarez, US-Mexico border region she received her medical degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, John Sealy School of Medicine.



Joy Skaug, M.D.

Joy Skaug, M.D., is board-certified in Family Medicine, attended medical school at UAMS and completed her residency in Family Medicine at UAMS Northeast in Jonesboro. Dr. Skaug worked full-time as an outpatient family physician in Jonesboro prior to joining NYITCOM's clinical medicine department. Currently a faculty member of the osteopathic manipulative medicine department, she also serves as the third-year clinical course coordinator for the Arkansas campus and faculty advisor for the Emergency Medicine Registered Student Organization.



Sheri Smith, FACMPE, SHRM-CP

Sheri Smith is a Senior Medical Practice Consultant at SVMIC. In this role, she advises physicians and their staff on topics related to Human Resource, Electronic Medical Records, Security Risk Analysis, Closing/Opening Practices, Harassment/Diversity, OSHA, and HIPAA. Her background includes over 25+ years in the medical industry, is a Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives and is a certified professional through the Society of Human Resource Management, SHRM.



Sidarth Wakhlu, M.D.

Dr. Wakhlu is the Associate Chief of the Addiction Division in the Department of Psychiatry at UT Southwestern and the Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship Director. He earned his medical degree at University of Delhi/Maulana Azad Medical College in India. He completed a residency in psychiatry at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine and received advanced training in addiction psychiatry through a fellowship at UT Southwestern. He is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in addiction psychiatry.



Brianne Wehner, D.O.

Brianne Wehner attended Truman State University and received an Exercise Science, B.S., followed by a B.S. degree in Nursing from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She received her medical degree from AT Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she completed a scholar program with an emphasis in academic medicine. After graduating, she simultaneously completed two residencies in family medicine and neuromusculoskeletal medicine. Formally with NYIT in Jonesboro, Dr. Wehner recently became the OMM Division Chief for the proposed Duquesne School of Osteopathic Medicine in Pittsburgh, PA and will be responsible for developing and implementing the OMM curriculum for this school.



Alexis White, M.D.

Dr. White is an Arkansas native, who graduated from UAMS Medical School and an OBGYN residency from the University of Missouri in Kansas City. She returned to UAMS as faculty and is now the Director of the Vulvar Clinic and a member of the International Society for the Study of Vulvo-Vaginal Disorders and National Certified Menopause Provider.