From its humble origins as a small medical school in 1879 to its place as a modern academic health center, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has focused on improving health and health care in the state.

Our mission – our overarching purpose – is to improve the health and health care of Arkansans. We do this through educating health professionals, discovering new knowledge through research that is translated into improvements in health and economic development, providing advanced care, and implementing programs that stretch across the state expanding access to health care and health education for the young and old.

UAMS educational programs include colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Related Professions, Public Health and a Graduate School. Clinical care is provided through the hospital, outpatient center, a network of eight Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) around Arkansas, and our physician faculty who also provide care at Arkansas Children’s Hospital and the VA Medical Center. The quality of our medical programs attracts patients from every county in Arkansas, across the nation and around the world.

Our centers of excellence, which combine clinical care, education and research around a central focus, include the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, the Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy, the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, the Psychiatric Research Institute and the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging. A new Center for Clinical and Translational Research seeks to take our basic science research and shorten the time required to safely translate it into new medical advances.

In recent years, the campus and programs have undergone tremendous growth. Each step of the way, we have been guided by one singular mission: better health for the populations that we serve.

Our students are the critical ingredient in our success. We seek to make available the latest thinking in medicine – from new medical technology to new understanding of health and disease processes. Our students gain hands-on experience alongside some of the world’s foremost clinicians and researchers without leaving the state. Our facilities and faculty serve as resources in equipping students with the knowledge and skills that will help them help their patients in the years ahead.

We are where medicine lives.

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