

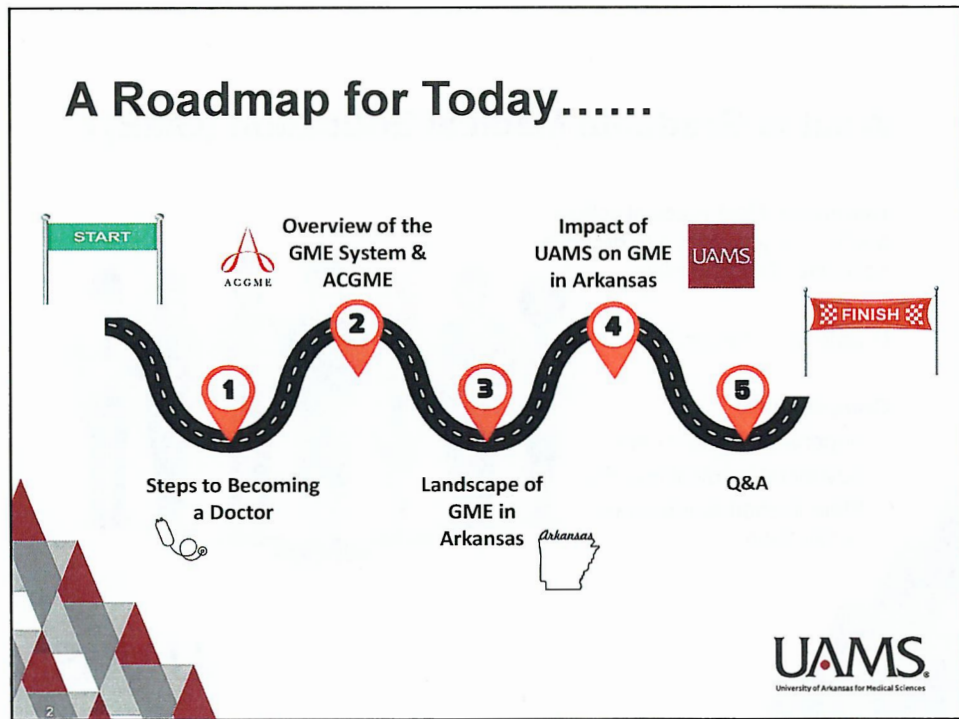
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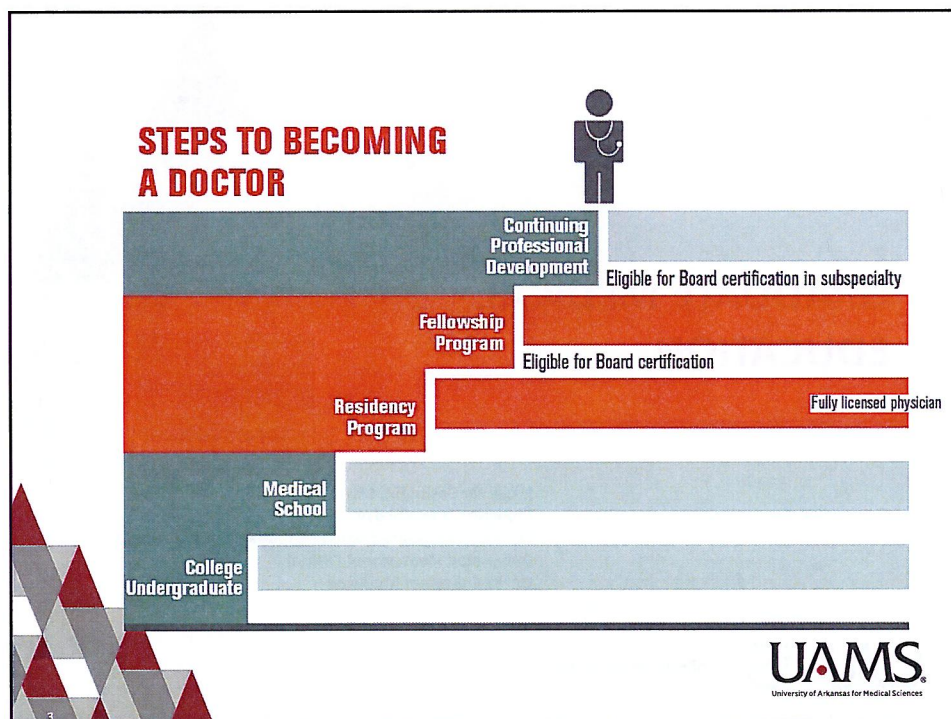
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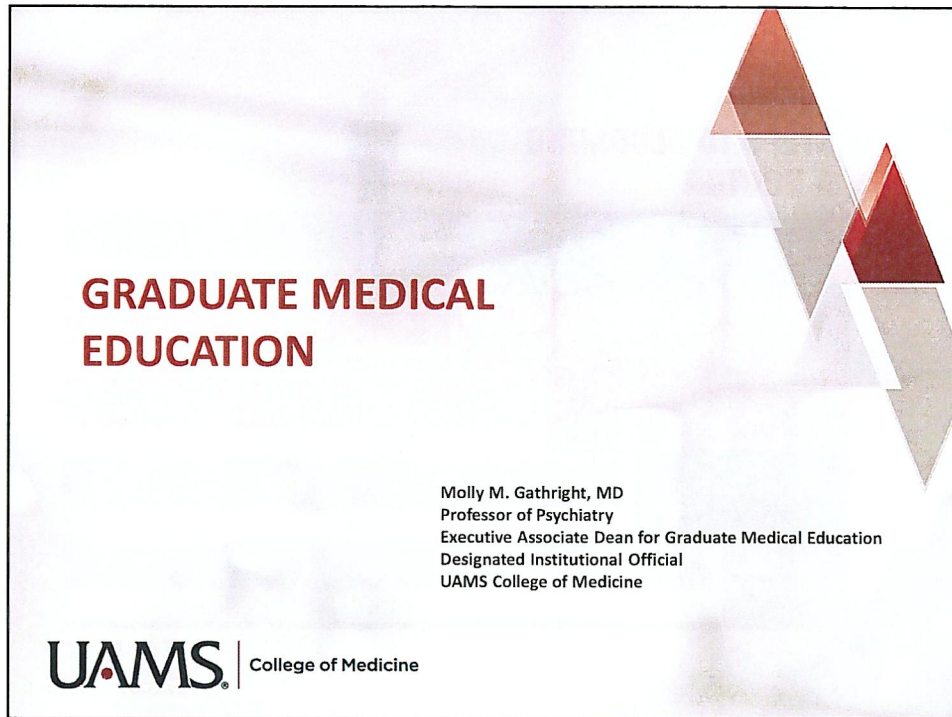
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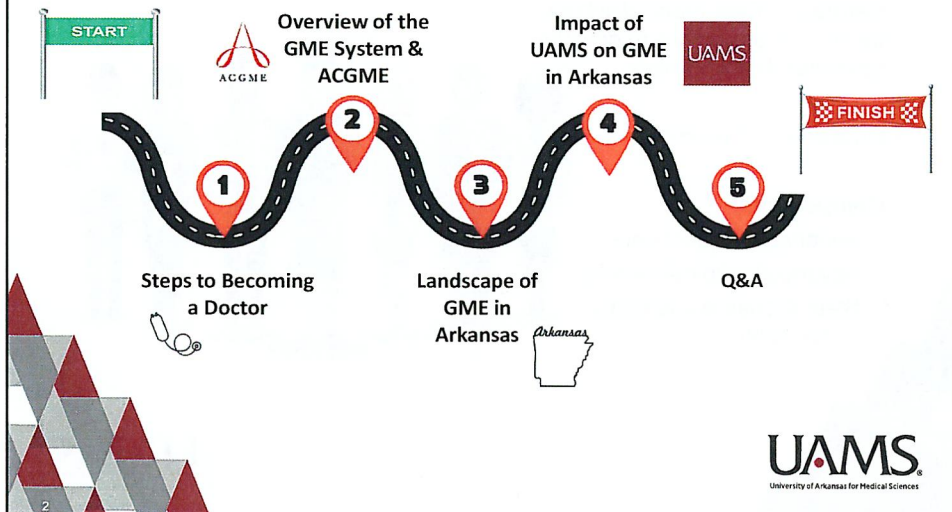
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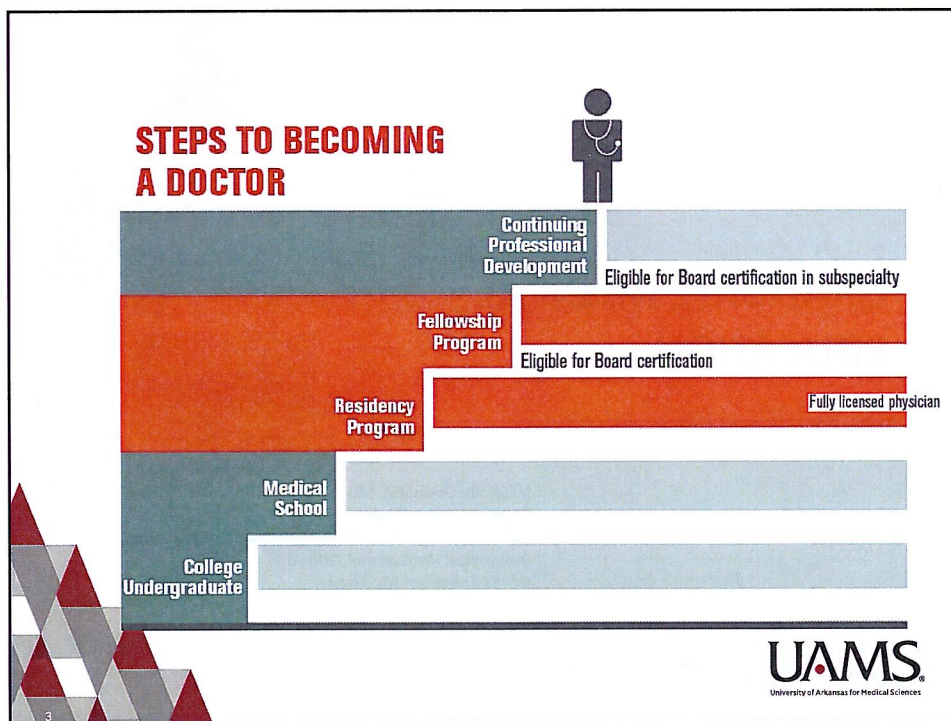
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## Residency vs. Fellowship Programs

	Residency Program	Fellowship Program
<b>Purpose</b>	Broad training	Advanced focused training in subspecialty within the specialty.
<b>Length</b>	1-7 years	1-3 years
<b>Examples</b>	Internal medicine (3 years) Obstetrics-Gynecology (4 years) General Surgery (5 years)	Cardiology (3 years after IM) Maternal Fetal Medicine (1 year after OB-GYN) Pediatric Surgery (2 years after Gen Surgery)
<b>Career Outcome</b>	Prepares for independent practice in general specialty (e.g., general surgeon).	Prepares for sub-specialty practice (e.g., cardiac surgeon).
<b>Licensing</b>	Graduates become board-certified in their chosen specialty after completing residency and passing board exams.	Graduates may earn additional sub-specialty board certification.

## Accreditation: What is the ACGME?



- A **non-profit organization** that accredits Sponsoring Institutions and residency and fellowship programs.
- Ensures programs meet high standards to train skilled, competent, and compassionate physicians.
- **Key Responsibilities**
  - Accreditation
  - Standards Development
  - Continuous Improvement
- **Scope and Impact**
  - Oversees **12,740+** residency and fellowship programs.
  - Encompasses **150+** specialties and subspecialties.
  - Serves over **146,000** resident and fellow physicians annually.
- **Importance of ACGME**
  - Helps ensure **patient safety** and **quality healthcare** by preparing well-trained physicians.
  - Guides programs in adapting to **advances in medicine** and changing healthcare needs.

## What is a Sponsoring Institution (SI)?



### Key Characteristics:

- Governance and Accountability
- Infrastructure and Resources
- Clinical Learning Environment
- Educational Oversight
- Compliance with ACGME Requirements

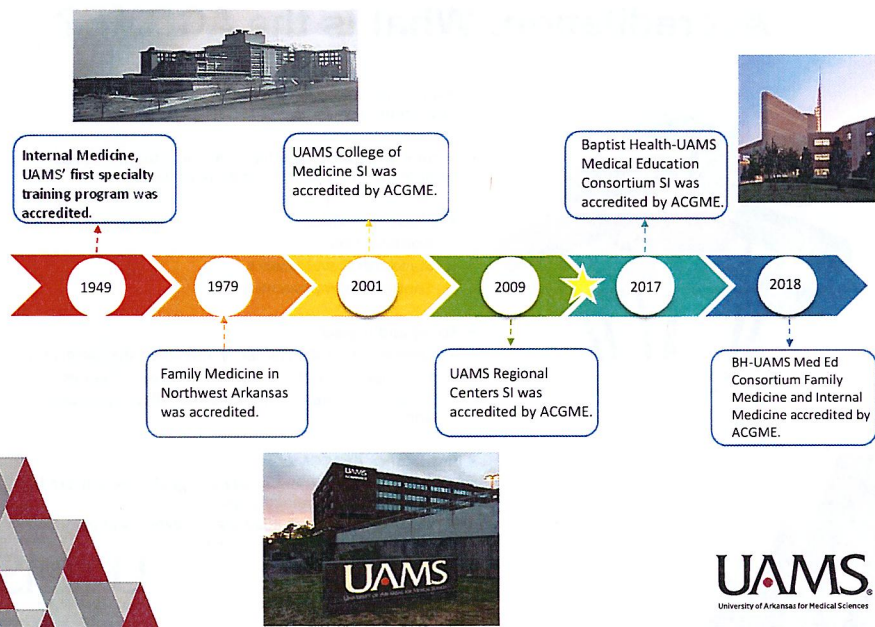
### Examples:

- Academic Medical Centers
- Health Systems
- Consortiums
- Federal or Military Institutions



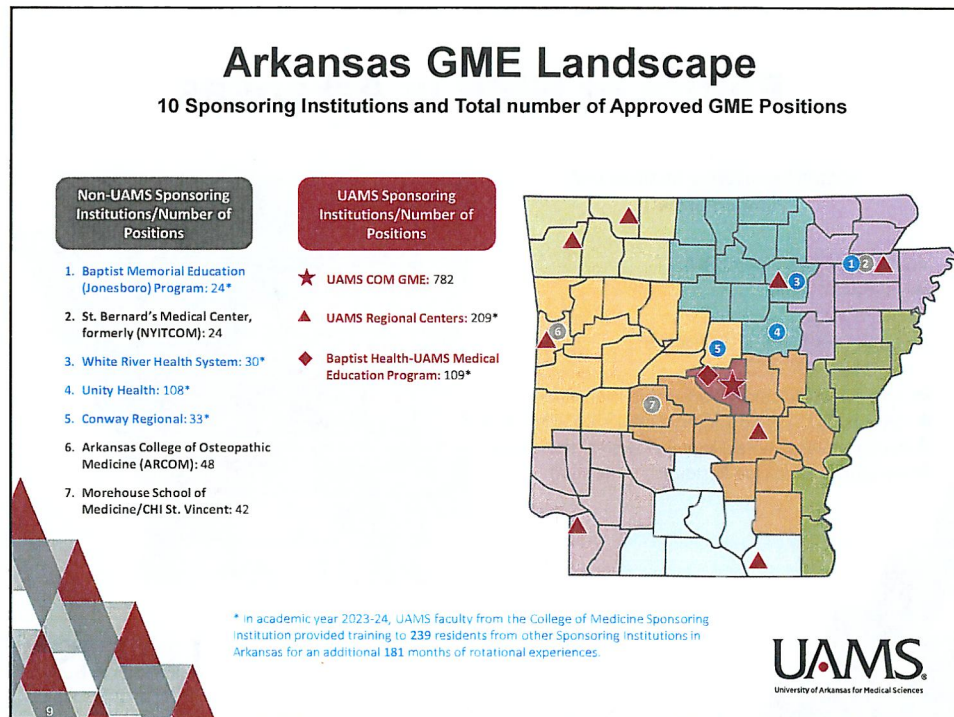
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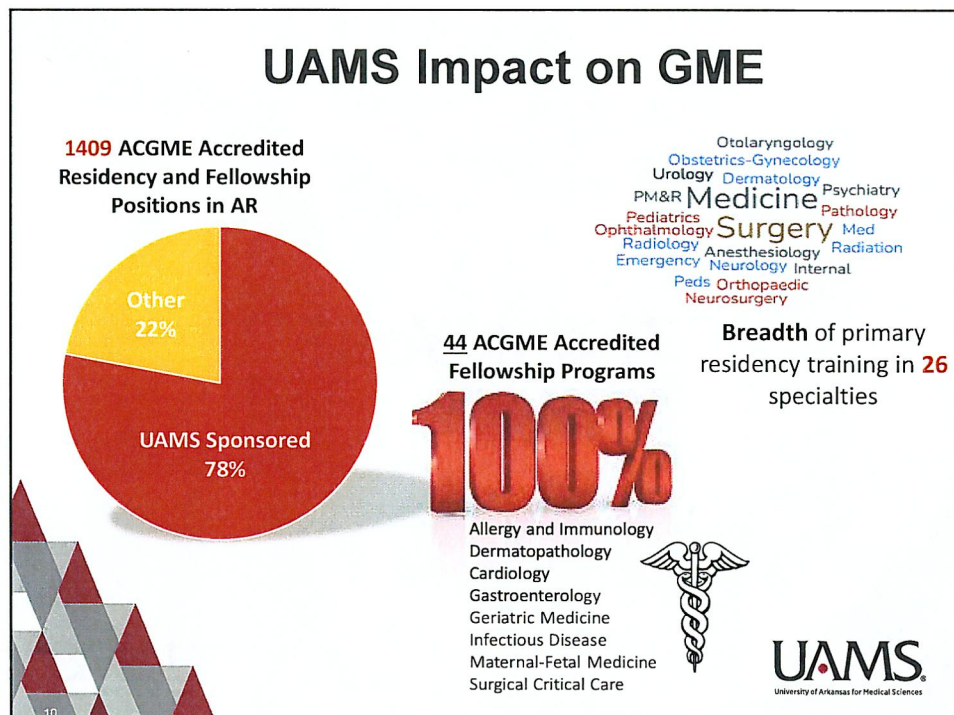


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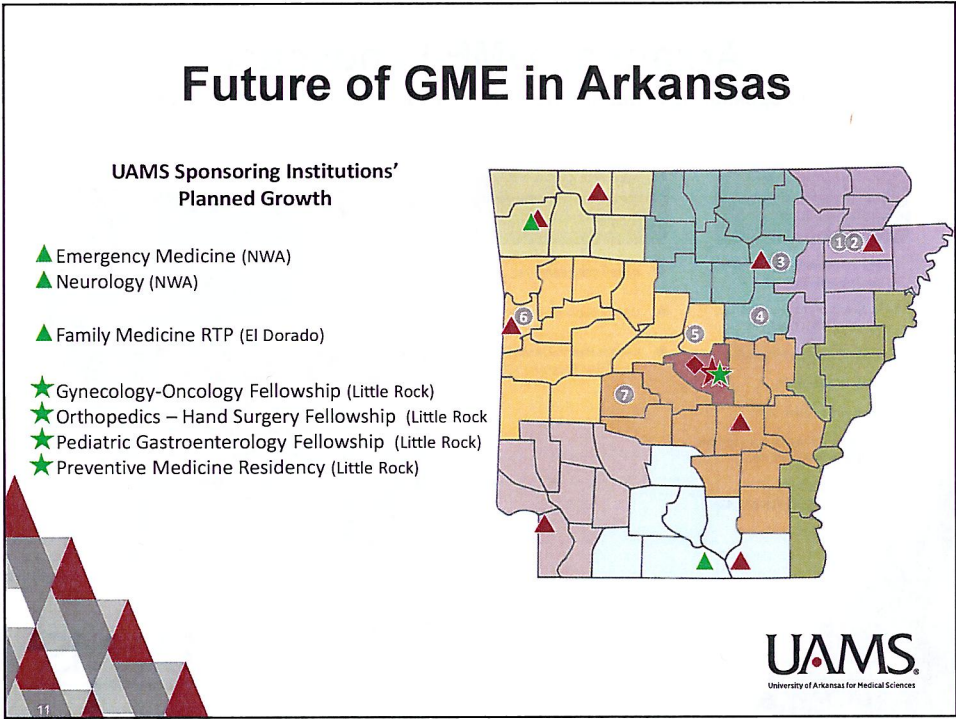




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