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The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is working to raise \$30 million dollars as part of its effort to be designated a national cancer institute. Today (Wed) UAMS announced that thanks to a \$1 million dollar donation, it has surpassed the halfway point in its fundraising goal. Chancellor Dr. Cam Patterson said nationwide only 70 cancer treatment facilities have achieved the designation. He's says having UAMS' Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute being named one would be a boon for the state.

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In addition to fundraising, Patterson says the needed clinical trials to be eligible are about halfway complete. He's hopeful that UAMS will be ready to begin writing the application for the designation within the next two to three years. Achieving it would bring better healthcare services, Patterson said, while creating additional jobs and boosting the state's economy.

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The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences has surpassed the halfway point of a fundraising goal as it seeks to be designated a national cancer institute. Dr. Michael Birrer (beer-er), director of UAMS' Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, announced today (Wed) that more than \$15 million dollars has been raised so far. A donation of \$1 million dollars pushed the total past the halfway mark. It came from Chris Fowler of Jonesboro in appreciation of the physician who treated him a decade ago for throat cancer. Dr. Birrer thanked Fowler and his wife at a press conference...

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Only 70 medical facilities nationwide have achieved the designation, which officials say would lead to better healthcare treatments, additional jobs and a boost to the area's economy.