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Home run! Hospital, Royals team up

Starting this season, baseball's Boys in Blue will get their care from our hospital.

The Kansas City Royals said the hospital will become the official medical provider for the team. The announcement was made Tuesday, Jan. 18, by both organizations in a meeting of hospital leadership.

"We feel a nationally recognized academic medical center should be providing the care for our hometown major league baseball team," said **Bob Page**, hospital president and chief executive officer. "Through this partnership, the hospital will provide comprehensive medical care for the players and fans, starting with the club at this year's spring training."



The Royals said it was a chance to combine multiple medical contracts with one quality provider.

"We are an organization that is building for success, and we want the medical treatment our team and fans receive to reflect our commitment to that goal,"

said **Dayton Moore**, Royals general manager.

"We have right here in Kansas City a nationally ranked hospital and medical staff with top orthopedic care," Moore added. "The hospital's desire to be a real partner in medical care also fit our vision for fostering a



Royals General Manager **Dayton Moore** (left) and **Bob Page**, hospital president and CEO, made the announcement during a hospital leadership meeting Jan. 18. Staff celebrated the good news, which includes a range of marketing opportunities for both organizations.

quality environment in the organization."

Under the agreement, the hospital and The University of Kansas Physicians already have begun to provide medical services to the team beginning with player examinations. Our physicians will

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Clinical trial to test unique CoreValve heart procedure

The hospital has been selected to participate in a clinical trial that will evaluate an innovative treatment for a common heart disease.

In the trial, surgeons will use a catheter to guide a prosthetic device to a patient's diseased aortic valve. The device will expand and replace the ailing valve.

The minimally invasive treatment is designed to avoid the need for open-

heart surgery. Called the Medtronic CoreValve System, the procedure was approved for use in Europe in 2007. It's now approved in more than 35 countries.

In the U.S., 40 clinical sites, including our hospital, will assess the treatment on more than 1,200 patients. We're the only hospital in the region testing it.

"We're proud to participate in the CoreValve U.S.

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Speakers slated for Leadership Series

KUMC again is rolling out its Campuswide Leadership Series. The free monthly presentations are open to anyone employed on campus.

Lunch is provided to the first 125 attendees. Register now (and save time when you sign in) at www2.kumc.edu/pdfatraining. EEDS registration "swipe cards" also will be used for easy on-site registration.

All five presentations are noon-1 p.m. G013 School of Nursing Auditorium. Details on the series' first speaker:

Friday, Jan. 28 – "Hospital

Survival during a Natural Disaster: The Story of Greensburg, Kansas" (part I).

Mary Sweet, CEO, Kiowa County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg, faced what we hope to never experience: A tornado in 2007 destroyed her community while she was in charge of the area's only hospital.

She'll share her story – how she coped personally and professionally with the tragedies, suggestions for our campus to "ready ourselves" should we

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Don't fall asleep! **STAR grant** applications due Feb. 7

Does your department have a special need for patients? It's time to speak up.

Applications for STAR Fund



grants are due Feb. 7. Part of the Employee Campaign, the STAR Fund allows employees to contribute directly to staff projects that benefit patients and their families.

Patrick Duncan, RN, sees the value of the STAR Fund every night. His department, Surgical ICU, bought two sleeper chairs for patient rooms, thanks to money from

Beth Allred, RN, displays one of Surgical ICU's new sleeper chairs for patient families. The chairs were bought with STAR Fund donations.

the fund. They go for \$2,200 a pop.

Unlike recliners, sleeper chairs fold out flat like an actual bed, so a family member can spend the night comfortably in the room.

"Patients and families love them," said Duncan, the unit's nurse manager. "With the sleeper chairs, patients can keep families closer to them. Thanks to the STAR Fund, the sleepers are helping us improve patient and family satisfaction."

Last year, 15 departments received STAR funding, allowing them to buy \$21,000 worth of devices and materials to improve their patients' experiences at the hospital.

Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the department or clinical nursing director and price quotes from an approved hospital vendor. To apply, visit 24/7/Employee Resources/Forms. Information: **Courtney Johanning**, 8-4704, or cjohanning@kumc.edu.

CoreValve trial, *continued from page 1*

Clinical Trial to help evaluate the safety and effectiveness of this novel therapy," said **Susie Page, RN**, Mid-America Cardiology, who is coordinating the trial locally. "It's an example of our leadership in studying forward-looking treatments and enhancing our cardiac care offerings to our community."

The hospital will begin enrolling patients in the study this month. Our first procedure is expected in the next few weeks. The treatment

is especially suited for patients with severe aortic stenosis. Their aortic valve narrows, preventing it from properly opening and closing; blood flow from the heart to the rest of the body declines.

Many of these patients are elderly, which means they're high risk or ineligible for open-heart surgery. As many as 50 percent of aortic stenosis patients with severe symptoms may die within two years without appropriate treatment.

More information on the Medtronic trial is at aorticstenosistrial.com.

Royals partnership, *continued from page 1*

be with the team at spring training beginning in February.

Vincent Key, MD, orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist, will serve as primary team physician. He leads a team of physicians providing care ranging from physical assessments at spring training to on-site attendance at every home game.

The hospital and the Royals will conduct three Health Awareness Days at

Kauffman Stadium, as well as VIP Patient Days. The hospital also will provide first aid for fans at every home game, along with other events scheduled at Kauffman Stadium.

In addition, the hospital will have marketing opportunities at the stadium. The Royals will conduct several on-site visits to the hospital featuring players, alumni, Sluggerrr and front office personnel.

Both organizations also will join together in future charitable events.

Knit one, purl two, volunteer three

Dorothy McGregor (front, middle of sign), KU School of Medicine's Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, launched Missions for Newborns in August. Working independently at their own pace, more than 35 volunteers from throughout campus now knit and crochet for newborns at the hospital. So far they've delivered 333 caps, 321 pairs of booties and other items. During a Jan. 18 lunch honoring the group,

Rosa Meagher (left, below), Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, traded crocheting tips with **Shelley Bredin-Oja**, KU School of Allied Health Hearing and Speech. More volunteers are needed. (Can't knit? They need baby yarn.) Information: McGregor, 8-7410.



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Thursday, January 20

KUMC Auxiliary and Women in Medicine and Science (WIMS) "Souper" Social: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Beller Conference Center #1009. Enjoy a hot bowl of soup and learn about these two organizations.

Friday, January 21

NURSING DEPARTMENT'S Education and Development Critical Care Event – Session 2: "Stand Tall! Critical Care Annual Update," 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., G013 School of Nursing. Information: Akiko Kubo, RN, 8-6552.

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Updates in the Anxiety Research Program and an Investigation of Source Memory in OCD," Lisa Hale, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Infant Mortality Trends in Kansas – Can We Do Better?" Gianfranco Pezzino, MD, MPH, 8-9 a.m., Clendening Auditorium.

Wednesday, January 26

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH Grand Rounds: "Blue-Green Algae and the Kansas 2010 Response," Jamie DeMent, MNS, epidemiologist, KDHE, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, noon-1 p.m. Sudler Auditorium.

HEAD AND NECK Cancer Support: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m., Executive Dining Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Thursday, January 27

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE Care Lecture Series: "Palliative Care/Hospice in the Nursing Home," Jessica Kalendar-Rich, MD, 8-9 a.m. No 9 a.m. program this week. Registration fee for each program is \$15. Series continues every Thursday morning. Register and select an ITV viewing site: coa.kumc.edu/cpgcc/palliative.

Friday, January 28

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Updates in Bone

Health: Advances in Osteoporosis," Raj Bhattacharya MD, 8-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "New Age BPD," Vishal Pandey, MD, 8-9 a.m. Clendening Auditorium.

INTERNAL MEDICINE Office of Scholarly, Academic and Research Mentoring Seminar: "The Ease of Publishing from Local Libraries and Regional Historical Libraries and Archives and Influenza in an American Military Hospital in France in 1918," Fredrick Holmes, MD, professor emeritus, noon-1 p.m., B012 School of Nursing. Lunch for first 20 attendees.

LIFE IN THE USA Series for the International Community: "Breast Cancer Awareness (For Women Only)," Stephanie Jernigan, noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr-Major.

LIFE IN THE USA Series for the International Community: "Men's Health Concerns (For Men Only)," Michael Swartzon, MD, noon-1 p.m., 1025 Orr-Major.

2011 CAMPUSWIDE LEADERSHIP Series: "Hospital Survival During a Natural Disaster: The Story of Greensburg, Kansas (Part 1)," Mary Sweet, CEO, Kiowa County Memorial Hospital, noon-1 p.m., G013 School of Nursing Auditorium. Lunch for first 125 attendees. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

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HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE

Financial Checkup Appointment Deadline: Set up a meeting with a VALIC advisor by Monday, Jan. 31. Email wealthcheckup@kumc.edu and provide: Name; phone number; alternate phone number; email; preferred meeting day; preferred meeting location (hospital, Westwood, other)

Send calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

TJC EVER READY TIPS

All staff

The Joint Commission site visit is likely any time now through late March.

Know how:

- You help maintain a patient-safe culture
- You were trained to do your job (such as hospital, department, job orientation; in-services; LMS annual training)
- You support our mission, vision, and Five-Star Performance Goals

Mission

- Deliver world-class patient care to the people we serve
- Ensure the excellence of future patient care through exceptional learning, teaching and research

Vision

To Lead the Nation in Caring, Healing, Teaching and Learning

Five-Star Performance Goals

Service, People, Quality, Cost, Growth

See tips each week to prepare for The Joint Commission.

Water outage scheduled this weekend

Work is scheduled this weekend to replace aging water valves in the campus system. Water will be shut off at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, in the following buildings: Wescoe B & C, Sudler, Eaton, Wahl Annex, Wahl East; Wahl West, Hixon, Hemenway and Dykes.

Water should be turned back on at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. The shutdown will affect all equipment using domestic water, including restrooms, ice machines and sinks. Arrangements have been made to accommodate patients in these buildings. Information: **David Rau**, 8-7974.

Cascone's wine tastings support breast cancer fund

Cascone's Ristoranti Italiani, along with Clos du Bois, Hogue, Blackstone and Robert Mondavi Private Selection wineries, are teaming up to host two fundraisers next month that will benefit The University of Kansas Cancer Center.

The wineries are part of the Constellation Wines U.S. portfolio, a strong supporter of Treads & Threads and exclusive wine sponsor for Girls' Night In.

Both wine-tasting fundraisers are 6-9 p.m. :

- Feb. 1 at Cascone's in Overland Park, 6863 W. 91st Street
- Feb. 28 at its Kansas City North location, 3737 North Oak Trafficway

The evenings include a bounty of Italian food and desserts paired with seven different wines. Tickets are \$50 each or \$75 per couple. Proceeds go to the cancer center's Breast Cancer Patients in Need Fund.

Ticket information: Cascone's, 913-381-6837. Event information: Constellation's **Todd Izzo**, todd.izzo@cwine.com.

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For Sale

WROUGHT IRON items: coffee table and 2 end tables, great cond., \$150; headboard/footboard, \$125; glass-top round table with 4 chairs, small tear on chair cushion, \$200. 913-207-2782.

BUFFET TABLE, real wood, 2 small drawers, paid \$687 several years ago, asking \$50 OBO. 816-809-4124.

DINING TABLE and 4 chairs, matching mirror, coffee table, 2 end tables, 2 lamps, photos, \$375. 816-309-2018.

2 BLACK IPODS: 1 8G, \$75; 1 80G, \$125; first one sold comes with USB cord. 816-309-2018.

FRIGIDAIRE WASHER/DRYER set, \$300 OBO. 913-952-8587.

CANON POWERSHOT SX101S digital camera, 10MP, 20X wide-angle optical image-stabilized zoom, carrying case, \$300. 913-850-9442.

SPRINT BLACKBERRY Curve, GroupWise compatible, battery, charger, CDs, rubber "glove," leather case, computer cord, a few scuffs, works with SIM cards, \$75 OBO. 913-645-4933.

30" SANYO TV, like new, widescreen, rear projection, digital tuner, Energy Star SDTV, excellent cond., purchased 2 years ago for \$300, asking \$175 OBO. 913-645-4933.

MAYTAG WASHER/DRYER, white, \$400; Maytag flat-top stove, black, \$250; Maytag refrigerator, black with ice maker, water dispenser, \$600; all 2 years old, great cond. 913-206-2286.

DVD/CD PLAYER and radio for under cabinet or shelf, \$40 OBO. 913-209-3241.

EXERCISE BIKE, used, good cond., \$30 OBO, you pick up. 913-209-3241.

Greensburg, Kansas" (part II). Guest: **Dan Rockhill**, Distinguished Professor of Architecture from KU.

- April 29 – Topic and guest to be announced.
- May 27 – The "Gail's Harley-Davidson Story." Guest: **Gail Worth**, owner and CEO, Gail's Harley-Davidson. CME and CNE credit are available for attendance at the Campuswide Leadership Series. Slide and videos from 2006-

and presented at the annual conference almost every year for the past nine years.

Thorpe, who joined our hospital a year ago as transfusion safety manager, also authored a chapter about developing a blood management program in the book "Options for Patient Care."



Thorpe

Please send classified ads to centerexpress@kumc.edu or post online at 24/7. Items must be 25 words or less and received by noon Monday. Ads are for staff and students only. You cannot promote personal businesses or commercial ventures. Ads run on a space-available basis.

BABY CRIB, drop sides with mattress, \$125; glider rocking chair, wooden, \$75. 913-205-5324.

Housing

For Sale

ROELAND PARK Cape Cod, 4 BR, 2 BA, hardwoods, fenced yard, sun porch, fireplace, updated kitchen, \$169,000. 913-709-3205.

For Rent

2 BEDROOMS in new 3 BR home, fully furnished, rent includes washer/dryer, water, electricity, parking, Internet, eat-in kitchen, bathroom, never lived in before, 3 minutes from KUMC, request female roommates. 816-462-3801.

ROOM in Prairie Village home, 69th and Roe, fully finished basement (bedroom, living area,

full bath), \$550/month. 913-707-6689.

APARTMENT, 2 BR, 1 BA, close to KUMC, \$425/month. 816-510-6016.

Pets

MISSY the Beagle/Boxer mix, lovable, tan/white, turned 3 in October, good with kids and other animals, timid with men. 816-721-4569.

Lost

CHILDREN'S STOCKING cap, dark purple, lost Jan. 10 while walking along 40th Street from Terrace to KUMC. 816-753-0161.

Wanted

BABY CRIB and possibly a mattress, prefer one that converts to toddler bed. 816-359-8690.

KU chancellor's annual address set for Jan. 27

KU Chancellor **Bernadette Gray-Little, PhD**, will hold her 2011 State of the University address 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in Lawrence. The speech will be streamed live at chancellor.ku.edu.

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Elora Thorpe, RN, has been selected to serve on the board of directors at the Society for the Advancement of Blood Management (SABM).

Thorpe has worked in blood management for 15 years. She has chaired various SABM committees