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Transplant program celebrates growth, important milestones

These are special times for the hospital's organ transplant program. January marked the 40th anniversary of the facility's first kidney transplant and the 20th anniversary of its first liver transplant.

Besides those milestones, the hospital finished 2009 having conducted 203 solid organ transplants, a record number of procedures for the program. The hospital also provides pancreas transplants.

"It's been such a rewarding time for all of us – not only being part of the growth, but recognizing the number of lives we've saved and enhanced," said **Tham Hoffman, RN**, Transplant program manager.

The program is the largest



The hospital's transplant program (from left) includes **Tamer Malik, MD**; **Atta Nawabi, MD**; **Kathleen Marzluf, MD**; and **Dusti Wilson, RN**.

in the region, encompassing a staff of approximately 60, including four surgeons, three hepatologists and five nephrologists.

Its growth and reputation stem from many factors. One of those is a close partnership

with Midwest Transplant Network (www.mwtn.org). The organization, which works with organ donors and their families to supply six transplant programs in Kansas and Missouri, recorded a

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Hospital gears up for O₂ discharge summary launch

Discharge summary is the latest addition to the O₂ electronic medical record system. Starting March 1, care providers who manage a patient's transition of care will complete an electronic discharge summary in the discharge process.

A discharge summary is the primary communication of a patient's care plan to the post-hospital care team.

Optimizing the overall process, O₂'s discharge summary helps providers deliver improved outcomes by:

- anticipating next steps, including prioritizing goals for patient care.
- preparing the patient for the next phase of care after discharge.
- communicating with the patient and caregivers, including the primary care physician, nurses or case workers.

The O₂ discharge summary is already used successfully in the hospital's NICU.

Prabhu Parimi, MD, Neonatology chief, predicts his colleagues throughout the hospital will welcome the change.

"They will have more time to spend talking with patients, caring for patients," he said.

A discharge summary can still be completed using dictation, although Parimi notes the O₂ discharge summary

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KUMC testing telemedicine for smoking cessation



Leah Lambart, MPH, and **Alex Perez-Estrada** (on the computer screen), both with KUMC's Preventive Medicine and Public Health, are studying innovative methods to bring smoking cessation treatment to rural smokers.

KUMC is trying to find new ways to help people kick the habit.

Called Connect2Quit, the program tests the effectiveness of telemedicine-delivered counseling for smoking cessation in rural areas of Kansas.

In the study, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health, patients are randomly assigned to receive four sessions of counseling – either through standard telephone "quit-lines" at their homes or through computer connections at their physicians' offices.

"It's important to find ways to assist doctors in helping their patients quit smoking without

placing extra burden on busy rural practices," said **Leah Lambart, MPH**, Preventive Medicine and Public Health and the study's project director.

Ten clinics across the state are collaborating in the Connect2Quit program. The University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and TeleHealth also is participating.

If successful, Lambart said, the project will establish an effective way of delivering services to patients in their homes to treat obesity, diabetes, and other chronic and difficult-to-treat conditions.

New chair 'a dream come true' toward **NCI** quest

The University of Kansas Cancer Center has recruited **Parvesh Kumar, MD**, to serve as the **Joe and Jean Brandmeyer** Chair and Professor of Radiation Oncology, as well as serve as the cancer center interim deputy director.

The move underscores the center's strategy to fill key leadership roles needed to apply for National Cancer Institute designation.

An alum of the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kumar previously was with

the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine. He has extensive experience leading academic programs in radiation oncology, having served as chair at USC and at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey.

He also served as associate cancer center director for radiation oncology at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"Our success in recruiting and building a world-class



Parvesh Kumar, MD

cancer center is working, and people are recognizing that we are creating something special here. They want to be a part of that," said **Roy Jensen, MD**, director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center.

"Filling the radiation oncology chair position is crucial in applying for NCI designation, and the opportunity to recruit Dr. Kumar back to Kansas with his

exceptional experience in the field of radiation oncology is a dream come true."

The Joe and Jean Brandmeyer chair was announced in December as part of a \$10 million gift from the Brandmeyers; their contribution will also support other cancer patient care and research priorities.

"We are excited about Dr. Kumar's leadership and expect him to build on the tradition of leading-edge care in that department," said **Bob Page**, hospital president and CEO.

Joint venture for dialysis services

The hospital reached an agreement to enter into a joint venture with Renal Advantage Inc. to provide outpatient dialysis services for our patients. RAI is one of the largest providers of outpatient dialysis services in the U.S. The arrangement becomes effective March 1.

"Joining with RAI, we are committed to providing the same excellent care our dialysis patients have come to know," said **Bob Page**, hospital president and CEO.

RAI will manage daily operations. The University of Kansas Physicians will continue to care for dialysis patients. Staff working at the Dialysis Center will have the opportunity to apply for positions with RAI or positions at the hospital.

Outpatient dialysis services will continue to be delivered at the current location near 47th and Rainbow in Kansas City, Kan.

Return those wayward scrubs during amnesty day

Have you "acquired" hospital Operating Room scrubs in recent months? Here's your chance to clear your conscience.

The hospital will host a series of scrubs amnesty days, in which you can turn in these wayward garments, no questions asked. The hospital will return them to circulation.

Amnesty days are Friday, Feb. 12; Tuesday, Feb. 16; and Thursday, Feb. 18. Times on those days are 5-7:30 a.m., 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Return the scrubs to the Operating Room main lounge, on the second floor.

The amnesty days target only those scrubs distributed by the hospital through the OR or Laundry and Linen.

The scrubs amnesty days are part of the hospital's switch to a new proximity card-reader system for OR scrubs distribution. Slated to start Feb. 22, the new system will have little impact on staff but should help the hospital better control scrub usage.

A beautiful staff

Some of the hospital's Emergency Department staff and relatives had a hair-raising incident – they got their heads shaved. Six of them faced the wrath of the razor Feb. 1 in support of colleague **Angela Buisch, RN** (third from left), who is undergoing cancer treatments. The newly shorn (from left) include **Barb Nelson, RN**; **Evan Guilbeau** (son of **Wilma Guilbeau, RN**); **Bob Stockdale, RN**; **Brian Selig, RN**; and spouse **Chris Evans** and **Sarah Evans-Simpson, RN**. Inset photo: Evans-Simpson horses around with her ex-pigtails.



eXtracurricular

Friday, February 5

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Aggression, Self-Injury and Impulsivity in Autism and Intellectual Disabilities," Jessica Hellings, MD, 8-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Pediatrics Ethics – Past Cases and Hot Topics," Beth Pitts, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

UNIVERSITY COMPUTER Equipment Drop-Off: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. Dispose of university-owned computers and computer-related equipment. Information: 8-1081 or www2.kumc.edu/safety.

2010 CAMPUSWIDE LEADERSHIP Series: "How to Lead and Mentor a Bunch of Wildcats," Bill Snyder, head football coach, Kansas State University, noon-1 p.m., G013 School of Nursing Auditorium. Lunch for first 125 attendees. Series continues first Friday of each month. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

Tuesday, February 9

RESEARCH SEMINAR Series on Aging, Health and Dementia: "Aging and the Musical Brain," Brenda Hanna-Pladdy, PhD, 4-5 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium. Register: coa.kumc.edu/cpgec.

Wednesday, February 10

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Understanding the Benefits of a Life Care Community," Cathy Borgman, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

KANSAS PUBLIC Health Grand Rounds: "Public Health Code of Ethics," Ruth Bernheim, JD, and Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, noon-1 p.m., 1025 Orr-Major.

Thursday, February 11

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE and Memory Disorders for Caregivers: Second Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m., 145 Landon Center on Aging.

Friday, February 12

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Special Problems of Women with Epilepsy," Nancy Hammond, MD, 8-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Sleepy Adolescents," Lore Nelson, MD, Clinical, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

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

Employees complete annual courses in a hurry

No procrastinators in this bunch: During January, a whopping 52 percent of hospital employees completed the annual courses on the Learning Management System.

That's months ahead of the April 30 deadline to complete the 12 online courses.

Meantime, these departments can boast 100 percent completion by their employees in January:

- CTR for Diagnostic Imaging
- Breast Imaging at Westwood and KU MedWest

- Data-Based Marketing
- Hyperbaric
- Interpreter Services
- KU MedWest Administration (Environmental Services)
- KU MedWest Radiology
- Nursing Education
- Parkway Café at Westwood
- Radiology Sonography
- Interventional Radiology (Special Procedures)
- Westwood Radiology

Those departments were entered in a drawing for a free lunch. The winner: Data-Based Marketing.

Presentation shares Negro Leagues baseball history

Raymond Doswell from the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum will present "Kansas City's Negro League Baseball Museum 20th Anniversary," 11 a.m.-noon Friday, Feb. 5, in Clendenen Auditorium.

He'll focus on highlights from the museum's first two decades as well as stories and milestones from the league's history.

The presentation – followed by the opening of an exhibit of museum artwork – is sponsored by KUMC's Diversity Initiative. To register, visit www2.kumc.edu/HRLD. Information: **Charles Romero**, 8-8011 or cromero@kumc.edu.

JayDoc concert set for Feb. 12

A benefit concert for the JayDoc Free Clinic will be 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Uptown Theater in Kansas City. The concert, "JayRock 5," will feature The Generationals. Tickets and information: <http://jayrockconcert.org/>.

'Notes' of love on Valentine's Day

Doctor's Notes, a group of singing medical students at KUMC, is tuning up for Valentine's Day.

On Friday, Feb. 12, the musicians will deliver singing valentines to that special someone on campus – or simply a beloved co-worker. This is the first time the group has performed singing valentines.

For \$10 the group will serenade your valentine and present them with a red carnation, card and package of candies. (\$15 gets you an extra song.)

The group is accepting orders noon-1 p.m. through Friday, Feb. 5, in Stoland Lounge.

Doctors' Notes bills itself as KUMC's "first, last, and premier a cappella group." They're at [facebook.com/pages/Doctors-Notes/193556242952](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Doctors-Notes/193556242952). Information: **Molly Lindquist**, docnotes@kumc.edu.

KUMC alumni to discuss LGBT issues

Charles Sturgis, MD, a 1992 KUMC alum, will discuss his experience in medical school and how being an advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues is important to health care.

His presentation, "Perspectives on the Past, Hope for the Future; An LGBT Perspective," will be noon-1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, in School of Nursing G013. The presentation is sponsored by the KUMC Diversity Initiative and the Students Educating and Advocating for Diversity.

Sturgis, a pathologist at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett, Wash., was instrumental in providing resources for a fall 2009 education series on LGBT health care issues at the medical center. Information: **Charles Romero**, 8-8011 or cromero@kumc.edu.

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CHANCELLOR'S DISTINGUISHED Teaching Award Nomination deadline: Friday, Feb. 5. Send nominations to **Allen Rawitch, PhD**, Academic Affairs, 5015 Wescoe, mail-stop 1040. Information: **Valarie Biscanin**, 8-1258 or vbiscani@kumc.edu.

exchange

Vehicles

2005 TOYOTA COROLLA LE, 40K, silver, cruise, ABS, airbag, clean inside, non-smoking owner, \$11,000 OBO. 913-387-7671.

2002 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE Ltd., 126K, silver, charcoal leather interior, 4.7L, V8, 4WD, 4-door, roof rack, sunroof, heated seats, power everything, \$6,400. 913-927-5466.

For Sale

MICHAEL KORS authentic sneakers, size 9, "Roxanne" series, dark tan, lace-up style, jacquard type fabric, large logo, leather trim, rubber soles, \$20. 816-419-8263.

SEALY POSTUREPEDIC king-size mattress, about 4 years old, very good cond., low-profile box springs, pillowtop/Eurotop, paid \$3,000 new, asking \$1,000 OBO, you pick up. 913-548-2483.

ED HARDY LAPTOP backpack, black with gray tiger head in front, \$50 cash. 913-206-6394.

BODYBUGG ARMBAND and watch, calories burned, timed workouts, pedometer, more, like new, requires purchase of online

program (\$10/month), \$200 new, asking \$50. 913-548-6933.

EVENFLO BIG KID booster seat, washable cloth pad, for children 30-100 pounds up to 57", converts to booster, gently used, paid \$50, asking \$20. 305-401-8892.

T-MOBILE BLACKBERRY Flip, red, used 4 months, no cosmetic/functional problems, original box and cords/software, \$125. 816-699-1218.

VALENTINE'S DAY trip for two to Breckenridge, Colo., Feb. 13-18, Park Avenue Loft hotel, rental car, ski equipment, lift ticket, \$1,200. 785-865-6601.

ANN TAYLOR Loft, brand new, size 2 petite, curvy holiday trouser, \$12 cash. 205-566-4950.

42U RACK-MOUNT server cabinet. 816-309-1463.

ELECTRIC GUITAR, red, brand new, paid \$250, asking \$175. 816-309-1463.

Housing

For Sale

RANCH HOME in Independence, 3 BR, 1 BA, remodeled kitchen/

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 run on a space-available basis.

bath, refinished hardwoods, vaulted living room ceiling, loads of new items, 1-year-old roof/gutters, 3612 S. Liberty, \$94,500. 816-521-0502.

DOWNTOWN CONDO, cherry cabinets, granite counters, black appliances, 15' ceilings, large windows, downtown view, rooftop deck, laundry, 25 years left on full tax abatement. 913-439-7799.

Lost

LIBRARY BOOK, "The Shipping News," lost near Cambridge Café. 913-314-1984.

Wanted

TWIN/FULL bed with headboard, rails, mattress, for 3-year-old, cheap, in good cond. 913-271-9784.

2 BASKETBALL TICKETS to the Feb. 27 K-State vs. Missouri game. 913-226-3182.

BEDROOM DRESSER with mirror. 816-582-4646.

13" LAPTOP CASE/SLEEVE, neoprene material. 816-716-1418.

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avoids the wait for the dictation transcription, eliminates transcription errors and can be a time-saver. Plus, the timeliness of the summary is better for patients and their ongoing care.

"There are a number of advantages: efficiency, patient safety, patient satisfaction and improved collaboration with the physician community," he said. "But most of all, it helps the patient and patient outcomes."

Training begins Feb. 8

Interactive eLearning training modules, which are mandatory for all providers who discharge patients, will be available beginning Monday, Feb. 8. The two modules should take about 30 minutes.

Go to <https://sis.netlearning.com/kuhosp> to take the mandatory e-modules. Or, if you're on a hospital computer, you can use the "Hospital Links" icon on 24/7 to get to LMS.

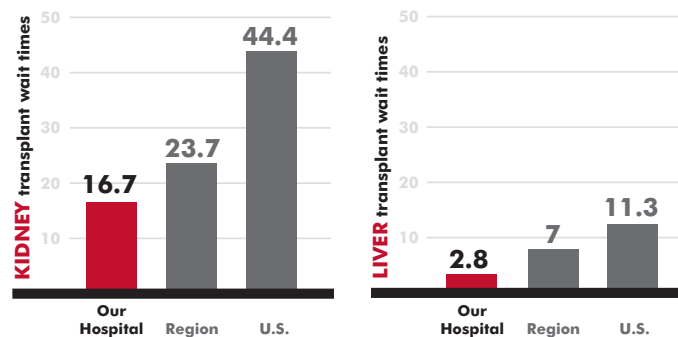
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record number of organ donations in 2009.

Most of the hospital's transplant patients hail from Kansas and Missouri. However, patients increasingly journey from East and West coasts after researching waiting times in their regions and discovering the short wait lists here and consistently high success rates.

And the contribution of other departments can't be overlooked, from Infectious Diseases and Gastroenterology to Radiology and Pulmonary and Critical Care.

Median wait times in months for organ transplants at our hospital are significantly shorter than at other facilities.



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Source: Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (ustransplant.org)

"Transplants are very complex. We consult with a lot of people to bring patients through the

process," Hoffman said. "We couldn't do it without everyone's involvement at the hospital."

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