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\$26.4 million recommended for cancer research space at KUMC

The University of Kansas Cancer Center got a major boost toward its goal of achieving National Cancer Institute designation – to the tune of a potential \$26.4 million.

Earlier this month, the Kansas Bioscience Authority Investment Committee recommended the University of Kansas Medical Center receive \$26.4 million over 10 years to help finance renovation of the Wahl Hall/Hixson Research Complex. The

estimated \$50 million project would renovate 170,000 square feet of research space for 30 to 40 cancer researchers and their teams.

Renovation of the complex would occur in three stages. Construction could begin this year if funding is approved. The first phase could be completed by June 2010.

According to **Roy Jensen, MD**, director, The University of Kansas Cancer Center, achieving NCI designation hinges in part on recruiting more top cancer researchers

who can help increase total NCI funding. Such researchers expect high quality lab space, he noted, and both the Lawrence campus and KUMC are tapped out. Some available labs date to the 1950s and 1960s, he said.

“Receiving support from the Kansas Bioscience Authority is incredibly beneficial in helping us meet our most immediate need, which is space,” said Jensen. “We must have space to recruit world-class researchers, and this funding helps us achieve a critical success

factor in our quest for NCI designation.”

In March, the full KBA board will consider this and other recommendations involving The University of Kansas Cancer Center. These include funding approval for two projects through the KBA’s Collaborative Cancer Research Initiative. These projects involve collaboration with researchers at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research and the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University.

KUMC has been approved to submit its application for NCI designation on Sept. 25, 2011.

Latest falls campaign gets results

“Great Teams Prevent Falls” is more than just a catchy slogan for The University of Kansas Hospital’s latest fall prevention awareness campaign. It’s a concept that’s getting impressive results.

For example:

- Units 64 and 53 ranked below the benchmark for patient falls from July

through December 2008.

- Inpatient Rehabilitation was below the benchmark for November and December 2008.
- Units 41/42 met the benchmark for the past two months.
- Unit 43 was below the benchmark for December 2008.

And Unit 66 received a special holiday surprise. For December, staff achieved the ultimate goal of zero falls.

“This new campaign is

about changing our culture to one of zero tolerance for falls,” explained **Karen Wray, RN**, nursing director,



Acute Care. “We’ve got to take each fall personally and remember there’s a person involved, not a statistic. Even one fall is too

many if the person who fell is your grandmother.”

To keep fall prevention top-of-mind for staff, fall bulletin boards in the units display the latest fall data. Nursing unit practice councils have been charged with developing unit-specific strategies to further reduce the number of falls.

A newly created “high-risk fall bundle and care plan” has been added to standard fall reduction interventions. For patients at high risk for falling, extra measures

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include identifying the patient with a yellow wristband and yellow socks and communicating to staff that the patient is high-risk. Hourly safety rounds are conducted, and the patient is encouraged to call for assistance.

The slogan reflects renewed focus on a team approach in falls prevention, Wray noted. "One person simply cannot prevent falls. It takes the team, working together."

The Falls Prevention Task Force goals for 2009:

- Eliminate unassisted/unwitnessed falls.
- Reduce the number of falls related to toileting.
- Achieve zero fall-related injuries.

AED program goes live; 170 now trained

The University of Kansas Medical Center has certified 170 faculty, staff

and students as Volunteer Rescuers in its automated external defibrillator program that went live Feb. 10.

AEDs are portable electronic devices used in conjunction with cardiopulmonary resuscitation to save the lives of those who are in certain types of cardiac arrest. More than 70 AEDs are installed in university buildings and campus police vehicles. Visit kumc.edu/aed and click on Campus AED locations. KUMC's emergency exit maps soon will be updated to indicate AED sites, as well.

Volunteer Rescuers have been trained and certified in CPR and the proper use of the Zoll AED Plus units installed across campus. Training sessions will be conducted periodically throughout the year for new volunteers.

"Our Volunteer Rescuers are the key to the success of this program," said **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, executive vice chancellor, KUMC. "Having access to and knowing how

to use an AED may help save a life, as heart disease is the leading cause of death in this country. Thanks to those who completed training, our medical center will be a safer place to work, learn and visit."

eXtra: For a full description of the AED program or information on becoming a Volunteer Rescuer, visit kumc.edu/aed.

Student Research Forum set for April 9

Plans are under way for the University of Kansas Medical Center's 31st Student Research Forum Thursday, April 9, in the Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center. A workshop, banquet and awards ceremony are Friday, April 10, at the Liberty Memorial.

Organizers seek student research abstracts, which must be submitted online by 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 3.

Visit studentresearchforum.org for instructions and a sample abstract.

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Council, SRF gives students from the KU Schools of Allied Health, Medicine and Nursing the opportunity to organize and present their research through oral and poster presentations.

A highlight of the SRF is the A.L. Chapman Research Lecture. **Martin Pera, PhD**, a pioneer in stem cell research, will present "Isolation and Characterization of Pluripotent Human Stem Cells." He is a professor of Cell and Neurobiology at the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He is also director of the Eli and Edythe Broad Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research.

Watch *Center eXpress* for the 2009 SRF schedule, information on workshops and further details.



Outpatient BMT expands space at Westwood Campus

Employees got a first look at the newly expanded outpatient Blood and Marrow Transplant area at the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion during a recent open house. Rapid growth in the BMT program led to the need for additional space, which will open to patients Monday, Feb. 16. Those on hand were (from left) **Sunil Abhyankar, MD**, Hematology/Oncology; **Mary Perrin, RN**, BMT program; **Joseph McGuirk, DO**, and **Omar Aljitawi, MD**, Hematology/Oncology.

Please send calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu or contact Marli Murphy at 5-5192. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

eXtracurricular

Friday, Feb. 13

LAST CHANCE TO WIN in the hospital lobby Gift Shop: Correctly guess the number of candies in the jar and win a \$30 gift certificate for the shop from the KUMC Auxiliary. Winner announced at 2 p.m.

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy," Kevin Flanigan, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Chromosome 2q11.2 Deletion and DiGeorge Syndrome – Still Teaching Us," Kathleen Sullivan, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

BIostatistics SEMINAR: "Analysis of Count Data: An Example of Mammary Duct Lesion Counts in a Mouse Model," Henry Yeh, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Clendening Auditorium. Lunch provided for the first 20 attendees.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES for Older Adults: "What Is a Geriatrician?" James Birch, MD, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES for Older Adults: "Custom-Made Walking Sticks," Brad Hirni, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

JOINT FACULTY LECTURE Series, School of Allied Health and School of Nursing: "CRIS (Comprehensive Research Information System): The Future of the Enterprise Research," Riyadh Naser, noon-1 p.m., G013 School of Nursing Auditorium.

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH Grand Rounds: "Medical Home," Barbara Langner, KHPA, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

ROUNDTABLE SEMINAR, Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute:

"A New Strategy for Drug Delivery: Synthetic Molecules that Catch and Release a Specific Membrane-Trafficking Pathway," Blake Peterson, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Lied Auditorium. Lunch provided for the first 35 attendees.

CENTRAL PLAINS GERIATRIC Education Center Series: "End of Life Care: Pain and Symptom Management," Lynne Kallenbach, MD, 5-7 p.m., Landon Center on Aging. Registration is \$25, 8-1464.

Thursday, Feb. 19

RESEARCH INSTITUTE SEMINAR: "Current Cases in Conflicts of Interest," Thomas Field, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium. Lunch provided with preregistration: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

BLOOD AND MARROW Transplant Support: First and third Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

US, TOO, PROSTATE CANCER Support: "Prostate Cancer Staging and Treatment," Sandra Koo, MD, 7 p.m., Rieke Auditorium. Group meets third Thursday of each month. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, Feb. 20

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Novel Therapies for Lysosomal Storage Disorders with Neurological Manifestations," Majed Dasouki, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Health Reform in Kansas: The Patient-centered Medical Home," Michael Kennedy, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

UROLOGY GRAND Rounds: "Clinical Trials of Immunotherapy for Prostate Cancer," David Lubaroff, PhD, 8-10 a.m., 1050 School of Nursing. Register with Cathy Hightower, 8-7571 or chightower@kumc.edu.

LIFE IN THE USA Series for the International Community: "Abraham Lincoln Today: Impact on African American History and American Society," Fred Krebs, noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr-Major. Lunch provided for the first 30 attendees.

Jayhawk basketball helps fight breast cancer

Be among the Jayhawks for a Cure at the University of Kansas women's basketball game against Iowa State University at noon Sunday, Feb. 22, in Lawrence. It's a 2009 Women's Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone event to fight breast cancer.

Kansas Athletics will donate \$1 for each attendee. Coach **Bonnie Henrickson** will contribute another \$1 for each KU student who attends. Proceeds will be split between The University of Kansas Cancer Center and Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

The first 5,000 fans will get a free pink T-shirt. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth (5 to 17). Call 800-344-2957 or buy online at kuathletics.com.

WBCA Pink Zone was formerly WBCA Think Pink. For more information, visit wbca.org/pinkzone.asp.

Auxiliary to host Ten Thousand Villages

The vision and mission of Ten Thousand Villages in Overland Park is the program topic for the University of Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary's next meeting. The presentation with boxed lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in Beller Conference Center, Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center.

The store markets handicrafts made by Third World artisans, providing income for those who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed. Some items will be for sale at the meeting.

Call **Carrie Slattery**, Cash Office, 5-5641, to choose and reserve your lunch selection for \$7.25. Payment is required at the event.

Program to focus on cancer clinical trials

You can learn about the development of new cancer drugs at "Hope for the Future: Clinical Trials," 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus.

Lynn Marzinski, RN, coordinator, Brandmeyer Patient Resource Center, will present the wellness program, sponsored by The University of Kansas Hospital. Call 8-1227 to register for the free event.

Regeneration is Emerging Trends topic

The Emerging Trends series will feature "Regeneration: No Longer Just Sci-Fi" noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, in 1027 Orr-Major.

Ming Xiaoming Zhang, PhD, assistant professor, Anatomy and Cell Biology, is the presenter. Emerging Trends features nationally recognized experts from the University of Kansas Medical Center. Sponsored by the KU School of Nursing and Kansas Health Partners Inc., the series is designed to inspire faculty, staff and students to incorporate cutting-edge knowledge into their clinical and organizational practices.

To register or for more information, visit continuinged.ku.edu/kumc.

eXchange

Vehicles

2001 DODGE RAM 1500 truck, 4x4, V8, air induction, 4WD, 5.9L, runs like new, well maintained, new tires, rebuilt transmission, 4-door quad cab, burgundy, \$6,500. 816-668-5538.

2000 CHEVY IMPALA LS, 48K, 3.8L, leather/heated seats, dual climate control, fully loaded, very clean, \$6,995. 913-894-6438.

1996 HONDA DEL SOL hard-top convertible, 125K, automatic, 2 10" Jensen subwoofers in band-pass box, CD, amplifier, custom 16" wheels, power/tinted windows, great condition. 816-213-4401.

1982 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Shovel-head with complete touring package, low miles, cobalt blue, extra trunk, radio/CB, photos, \$5,500. 913-299-4677.

HONDA TRX 450R 4-wheeler, \$3,300 OBO. 913-400-1859.

For Sale

2 TICKETS to Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, 8 p.m., Saturday, April 18, Folly Theater, right orchestra

seats, face value, \$49.50 per ticket. 913-649-3871.

GPS NAVIGATOR, Garmin Nüvi 880, speech recognition, preloaded maps, hands-free calling, MP3 player, photo viewer, FM radio transmitter and more. 816-743-0223.

TABLES: dining table with 4 chairs, \$50; cocktail table, rectangular, glass top, wooden legs, \$50; cocktail table, round, glass top, dark wooden legs, \$75, photos. 913-636-1845.

PFALTZGRAFF HERITAGE pattern covered butter dish, gravy boat, plate, no chips; Gibson Dinnerware, Roseland pattern, many replacement pieces. 816-674-9325.

PANTRY CABINET, oak, 6' x 3', 4 shelves, assembled, never used, photos, \$50, you pick up. 913-669-2943.

BABY ITEMS, including vibrating bouncer seat, \$15; 2 headrests, \$2; Medela manual breast pump, \$20; light/sound crib toy, \$15; Moses basket, \$10; shoulder sling, \$20; 2 sets hats/scarves/gloves, \$5. 913-485-3185.

Classified ads

E-mail your ad, 25 words or less, to centerexpress@kumc.edu or submit online at 24/7 at intranet.kumed.com by noon Monday. Or send or bring ad to Administration Building, Suite 100, 2330 Shawnee Mission Pkwy., Westwood, KS, 66205. Ads are free for employees, students and volunteers. Include your name and work extension (or student box number) for verification. Only personal phone numbers – no pager numbers or work extensions – will be published. Include area code. No ads for commercial services or pets for sale will be accepted. Ads will not be taken by telephone. Ads may be held if space is limited.

TABLE AND 2 BAR STOOLS, oak with tile top, 3' x 2', about 3 1/2' tall, like new, photos, \$150 OBO, you pick up. 913-669-2943.

COACH watercolor hobo handbag, approximately 15" x 10.5" x 2", authentic, with large matching wristlet and dust bag, photos, \$150. 913-636-6744.

LARGE TRAMPOLINE, replaced mat in 2007, needs safety net, purchased at Sam's Club for \$500, asking \$100; microwave ovens, black and white, \$15 each. 913-322-3985.

Housing

• FOR SALE

DOWNTOWN CONDO, 1 BR, 1 BA, 580 sq. ft., slate and hardwood floors, Silestone counter, high wood ceiling, extra storage, great amenities, \$159,900. 913-375-7245.

HOUSE, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1,800 sq. ft., built in 2006, great decks, central vacuum, hardwood floors, fireplace, security system, sprinkler system, near KUMC. 913-523-3491.

• FOR RENT

TOWNHOME, 1941 Lawrence Ct., 1 mile north of KUMC, 2 BR, 1 BA, new kitchen appliances/cabinets, new carpet, remodeled bathrooms, energy-saving windows, garage, \$700/month. 913-432-2602.

Pet

ORPHANED TABBY CAT, owners died within weeks of each other, yellow short-haired adult male, neutered, declawed, litter-box trained, shots current, shy but sweet, must be kept indoors. 816-809-5488.

eXtra: Find these and other classifieds on the hospital intranet, 24/7, <http://intranet.kumed.com>.

Diagnostic Vascular Lab re-accredited

The Kansas University Physicians, Inc. Diagnostic Vascular Laboratory recently received a three-year re-accreditation from the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories.

Located in the Sutherland Institute within the Department of Surgery clinics, the laboratory received its initial voluntary accreditation from ICAVL in 2005.

Accreditation is renewed every three years, which maintains a long-term commitment to quality standards for patient health care and accuracy in comprehensive noninvasive testing modalities.

KUPI's registered vascular technologists include **James Thomas, MD**, professor and chair, Surgery, and chief, General/Vascular Surgery; **Karthik Vamanan, MD**, assistant professor, Vascular/General Surgery; and **Sharon Apel, RN**, supervisor, Vascular Lab, Vascular/General Surgery.

RN recognition survey deadline is Feb. 13

The University of Kansas Hospital's Nursing Professionalism Council is asking registered nurses for input about recognition programs for National Nurses Week in May.

The council created an eight-question survey online at 24/7 to find out which types of programs will be most meaningful for RNs. Complete the survey by Friday, Feb. 13.

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