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KUMC opens Institute of Neurological Disorders

“There are too many neurological disorders – and too few cures.”

– **Richard Barohn, MD**,
chair, Neurology

Countless reasons exist to explain the need to establish the University of Kansas Medical Center’s Institute of Neurological Disorders. But it all boils down to this: too many neurological disorders, too few cures.

Statistically, more than one in every three Americans will suffer from some

type of neurological disorder during his lifetime. The full spectrum of these conditions ranges from insomnia, anxiety and tics to Alzheimer’s disease, traumatic brain injury, chronic pain, deafness and autism.

Launched earlier this month, the virtual institute will advance the understanding of neurological diseases and lead to the development of new treatments, drugs and technologies. The IND’s goal is to translate research discovery into medical

advances that will prevent and cure nervous system diseases.

IND brings together some 130 neuroscience researchers and physicians in the Kansas City area to fight neurological diseases. To focus efforts where the greatest impact can be made, the IND has organized clinical research teams into six divisions:

- Brain injury and repair (stroke, epilepsy and traumatic brain injury)
- Cognitive and brain

health (ranging from Down syndrome and autism to compulsive overeating, addiction and impulsive behaviors)

- Female pain disorders (including migraines, pelvic pain and fibromyalgia)
- Hearing and equilibrium disorders (such as hearing loss, tinnitus and loss of balance)
- Neurodegenerative disorders (such as Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease and diabetic neuropathy)
- Neuromuscular disorders (including ALS, Parkinson’s disease and others)

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Invest in area arts through ArtsKC Fund

Art enriches a community, and by donating to the ArtsKC Fund, you can support arts programs in the Kansas City area.



The ArtsKC Fund

The ArtsKC Fund, managed by the Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City, raises money to support a range of arts organizations and programs. Donate to the fund during the hospital’s 2009 ArtsKC campaign Monday, March 23, through Friday, March 27.

Giving made easy

In the past two years, the ArtsKC Fund, thanks to donations, granted \$1 million to area arts programs. To donate, download a payroll deduction form from 24/7.

Go to Hospital/Community Involvement/ArtsKC. You also can pick up a form from Human Resources at the Westwood Campus or the hospital.

Place forms in a donation drop box by 5 p.m., Friday, March 27. Look for drop boxes at the hospital by Jazzman’s, outside the cafeteria and in HR. At the Westwood Campus, drop boxes are outside HR, suite 305, and by the mailboxes on the main floor. Donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, contact **Ally Moore**, Marketing, 5-5248.

ArtsKC event offers student art show

The hospital’s 2009 ArtsKC campaign week kicks off with an art show featuring works by 17 students from the Sumner Academy of Arts and Science, Kansas City, Kan. View their work – from two-dimensional to sculpture – at a reception 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the Westwood Campus Atrium.

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“Neurological diseases provide exceptional challenges that require extraordinary strategies,” said **Peter Smith, PhD**, internationally recognized neuroscientist and director of the IND. “We are uniquely positioned to make significant gains in battling some of the most ravaging neurological disorders.” Smith also directs the Kansas Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center.

Barohn serves as the IND’s associate director. He is also director of the Heartland Institute for Clinical and Translational Research and program director of the General Clinical Research Center.

After neuroscience was identified among KUMC’s

greatest strengths, it was slated for substantial expansion as part of the medical center’s 10-year strategic plan, unveiled in 2007.

KUMC HR promotes learning

Human Resources at the University of Kansas Medical Center has overhauled its training department and given it a new name: Learning & Development.

L&D offers KUMC state employees the opportunity to learn, develop and practice new skills that enhance their productivity, performance and morale. A significant addition is “eLearning,” with training modules in career advancement,

MRI, ITS teams earn free lunches

Two teams at The University of Kansas Hospital have earned free catered lunches after all staff members completed annual courses on the Learning Management System (LMS).

The MRI team earned the honor for January, and Information Technology Services won in February. Each month through April, departments/units that have completed the annual courses will be entered in a drawing to win lunch. The deadline for all hospital employees to finish courses is Thursday, April 30.

To access the 2009 LMS courses, click the Hospital Links icon on your desktop or on 24/7. Log in with your six-digit employee ID number (your Kronos number, located on your paycheck stub). Contact your department Kronos manager if you need your number.

communication, diversity, management/leadership, policies and procedures and professional development. Go to www2.kumc.edu/hr/learninganddevelopment/index.html for the modules.

In addition to online learning, L&D services include:

- Career transition counseling

- In-person classes
- New employee orientation
- Resource library of DVDs and books
- Tuition reimbursement
- Workplace coaching/mentoring

For more information, contact L&D specialists **Lisa Kern**, 8-5050, or **Carolyn Darby**, 8-5099.



Cancer team answers questions during local TV call-in event

Nurses, physicians and staff from The University of Kansas Cancer Center team fielded more than 300 calls during a local TV event with **Elizabeth Alex** at NBC Action News March 12. Among volunteers staffing the phones were (from left) **Jennifer Klemp, PhD**; **Madelyn Rudd, RN**; **Leslie King, RN**; and **Kathey Huey, RN**. Other participants (not shown) included **Kizzy Allen, RN**; **Mary Dinges, RN**; **Gary Doolittle, MD**; **Cathy Glennon, RN**; **George Guilbeaux, RN**; **Victoria Liston, RN**; **Yvonne Ward, RN**; and **Stephen Williamson, MD**.

Send calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu or contact Marli Murphy at 5-5192. Items must be received by noon Monday.

eXtracurricular

Thursday, March 19

US, TOO, Prostate Cancer Support Group: Third Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., Rieke Auditorium.

Friday, March 20

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Controversies in Stroke Management," Frank Yatsu, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS: "The Blessing and 'Curse' of Botollos' Foramen," Leone Mattioli, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

CLINICAL ONCOLOGY Journal Club: Heather Male, MD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds: "In the Blink of an Eye: Implications for Sensorimotor Gating Research in Clinical Psychiatry," Albert (Buddy) Poje, PhD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

"LOOK GOOD, FEEL BETTER" Cancer Patient Support Group: 1 p.m., Westwood Atrium Conference Room. Register: 8-1227.

Saturday, March 21

BRAIN DISCOVERY FAIR: Free workshop-based activity for students and parents. View real human brains and brain and nervous tissue, meet neuroscientists and more, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Beller Conference Center. Information: www2.kumc.edu/sfnkc.

Monday, March 23

MOLECULAR & INTEGRATIVE Physiology Seminar: "An Anatomist's View of Peripheral Nerve Disease," Doug Wright, PhD, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

Tuesday, March 24

AIG RETIREMENT Information Table: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., outside cafeteria.

Wednesday, March 25

INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: "Cutaneous Signs of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder," Thelda Kestenbaum, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY Seminar: "Mechanistic Studies of Migraine: Molecular Changes in a Rodent Behavioral Model," Nicholas Stucky, 8-9 a.m., Beller Conference Center.

LONDON CENTER ON AGING Event: "Ethics and Medicine: Elder Abuse," discussion between community members and health care professionals, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

WELLNESS PROGRAM: "Food Talk: Nutrition and Cancer," Melinda Pine, RD, 1-2 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Register: 8-1227.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH at Westwood Campus: Screenings, 2-5 p.m., Conference Room H.

Thursday, March 26

CANCER & DEVELOPMENTAL Biology Seminar: "The Role of Notch in Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transformation," Aly Karsan, MD, 8:45-9:45 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

ANATOMY & CELL Biology Seminar: "Anatomy of the Helper T Lymphocyte Response to Foreign Antigen," Marc Jenkins, PhD, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

LUNG CANCER SUPPORT Group: Second and fourth Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, March 27

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Exercise and Alzheimer's Disease" and "DBS Mechanisms of Action," Erwin Montgomery Jr., MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS: "Legal Issues in Clinical Practice," Thomas Whittaker, JD, MD; John Brady and Thomas Clark, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds: "Update on Tourette Syndrome: What Makes Them Tic?" Cathy Budman, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

Learn about heart-healthy eating

Clinical Nutrition at The University of Kansas Hospital will host "Eat Right" activities at an information table outside the cafeteria 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.

The department has teamed up with the American Dietetic Association for the 2009 "Eat Right" campaign and has chosen the message: "Eat Right for Heart." At the celebration you can:

- Taste heart-healthy recipes from tropical smoothies to apple salad and pasta/bean casserole.
- Learn your waist circumference and waist-to-hip (WHR) ratio.
- Take a heart-healthy quiz for the chance to win a prize.

Celebrate Certified Nurses Day

Nursing's Professionalism Council will celebrate Certified Nurses Day with a reception 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at 5003 hospital.

Certified Nurses Day recognizes board-certified nurses' contributions toward the advancement of nursing professionalism, higher standards and better outcomes in patient health.

Interested in becoming a certified nurse? Attend the reception to learn more, or contact **Mary Bianchi, MSN**, director, Women's/Child's Health, mbianchi@kumc.edu.

eXtra: For information on Certified Nurses Day, visit certifiednursesday.org.

Workshops focus on geriatric issues

The Central Plains Geriatric Education Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center is offering training programs focusing on different geriatric issues this spring.

All programs are at the Landon Center on Aging. Course titles, times and dates are:

- "Implications of Physiological Aging," 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 25
- "Dementia, Delirium, Depression: How to Distinguish the Difference," 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1
- "Dementia: Overview of Emerging Research, Treatment and Care," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 21
- "Therapeutic Lifestyle Change Approach for Depression," 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19

For course descriptions, faculty and registration fees, visit coa.kumc.edu/cpgec or call 8-1464.

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Vehicles

2002 FORD EXPLORER Sport, 105K, silver, 2WD, excellent condition, 1 owner, well maintained, \$6,500 OBO. 913-207-1073.

2000 LAND ROVER, Disco II, 109K, silver with smoke gray leather interior, power everything, excellent condition inside and out, \$4,750. 816-830-1912.

For Sale

CAR BATTERY, 2 1/2 months old, from Advance Auto Parts, size Group 24, fits Hondas, Toyotas, Nissans, Mitsubishis, with sales receipt, \$25. 816-591-1011.

TWIN BED, massages, head and foot lifts and adjusts for comfort, remote control, excellent condition, rarely used, \$200. 816-830-2476.

WHIRLPOOL ELECTRIC RANGE, 30", freestanding, white, 7 months old, clean, like new, under warranty, retails for \$330, asking \$150, you pick up. 816-220-0289.

JACK LALANNE juicer, junior size, \$40. 816-591-1011.

WASHER AND DRYER, 1 year old, excellent condition, \$500/pair. 913-660-3995.

SONY PLAYSTATION 3, 40 GB, lightly used, Blu-ray, wireless game controller, controller charger cable, RCA/Ethernet/power cables, manuals, original box, "Talladega Nights" movie, \$325 OBO. 816-668-5538.

2 TABLE LAMPS, black metal, gently used, removable off-white/cream lampshades, \$7 each or \$12/pair. 913-544-5547.

2 CHIEFS SEASON TICKETS for 2009 schedule (10 games), section 325, row 17, seats 14 and 15, face value \$1,090, asking \$940, parking not included. 913-397-6458.

COUCH in Shawnee, \$70 OBO. 918-961-8649.

KENMORE DRYER, basic model, good condition. 918-961-8649.

MICHAEL KORS Saratoga (authentic) tote, whiskey brown leather, bold hardware, roomy, retail \$398, asking \$165. 816-419-8263.

SLEEP NUMBER bed, queen size, dual controls, pristine condition, \$1,850 OBO. 816-589-2875.

NIKE AIR JORDAN shoes, retro #4, never worn, still in box, size 7, white/black/red/gray, \$70. 816-861-2527.

Nominate an excellent nurse for recognition

Nominations are open for the 2009 Nursing Excellence Awards, which recognize the outstanding accomplishments of The University of Kansas Hospital's nurses.

These awards are given annually to nurses who

demonstrate excellence in the following categories:

- Patient/family advocate
- Patient/family educator
- Nurse mentor
- Nurse preceptor
- Expert clinical nurse, non-traditional role
- Expert clinical nurse
- Expert nurse leader
- Outstanding new nurse graduate

Nomination forms and guidelines are available in

Classified ads

Email your ad, 25 words or less, to centerexpress@kumc.edu or submit to 24/7 at intranet.kumc.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.

DESIGNER PURSES: including pink Coach purse, new, \$250; black Coach purse, gently used, \$100; Gucci bag, excellent condition, \$500 OBO. 816-516-9566.

Housing

• FOR SALE

BRICK RANCH in Independence, 3 BR, 1 large BA, 1,100 sq. ft., hardwoods, partially finished basement, new roof/gutters, fenced yard, mature trees, landscaping, fresh paint, \$118,500. 816-223-3652.

• FOR RENT

TOWNHOME, 2813 Eaton St., 3 BR, 2 BA, close to KUMC, \$700/month plus deposit. 816-665-4550.

2 HOMES in Grandview: 4 BR, 2 BA, \$800/month; 2 BR, 1 BA, \$450/month; security deposits and good rental history required, Section 8 OK. 913-568-3795.

Pets

CASSIE the lovable "people dog," Doberman/German Shepherd mix, 6 years old, playful, spayed, good with dogs and cats. 816-728-3003.

Wanted

SOMEONE TO HEM pants. 573-587-9831.

SPHINX CAT, any age, healthy. 913-961-0375.

FEMALE ROOMMATE, non-smoker, for North Kansas City location, 15 minutes from KUMC. 913-620-5514.

eXtra: Find these and other classifieds on the hospital intranet, 24/7, intranet.kumc.com.



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the Department of Nursing and on 24/7. The deadline for nominations is 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 1. Email completed forms to **Kira Marlow**, kmarlow@kumc.edu, or send them through departmental mail to the Department of Nursing Central, 2nd floor Wescoe.

Award recipients will be announced during National Nurses Week, May 6-12.