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Hospital Earns Praise from Joint Commission

Dust had barely settled on the end of spring break when surveyors from The Joint Commission (TJC) walked into The University of Kansas Hospital executive offices Monday, March 24.

Although the executive team had “guesstimated” TJC’s site visit would occur later – in April or May – staff members were ready hospital-wide. Throughout the survey team’s five-day tour, employees successfully demonstrated their knowledge and their dedication to providing safe, high quality patient care.

“The Joint Commission’s

unannounced site visit gave our hospital the opportunity to show how committed we are to providing outstanding



patient care 24 hours a day, each and every day,” said **Bob Page**, president and chief executive officer. “I’m pleased, but not surprised, at all the praise our staff

received from the surveyors.”

The survey team followed patients’ care from admission through discharge. Staff members were questioned about everything from emergency procedures to documentation on a patient’s chart.

Tammy Peterman, RN, MS, executive vice president, chief nursing officer and chief operating officer, said surveyors relayed that “this organization understands stewardship, but it’s really about quality, service and the people.”

Other surveyors’ comments praised the interdisciplinary plan, data management (among the best seen

anywhere), the Surgical Intensive Care Unit’s hand-washing initiative and how the hospital’s culture of service and quality starts at the top.

Time and again, surveyors noted staff teamwork and commented on how caring staff members are. “It is a team, and they’re all proud to be here,” a surveyor remarked.

After visiting nearly every hospital unit, Westwood Campus and KU MedWest, surveyors awarded the hospital full accreditation and presented only 12 recommendations for improvement. Teams are busy

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KU Medical Center **Third Among Top** Locations for Postdoctoral Research

A national life sciences publication recently ranked the University of Kansas Medical Center third in the nation among academic medical centers for postdoctoral fellows to work.

Ranked against all medical schools and research centers surveyed, KUMC was 21st

overall. This is the highest ranking in its history, putting it ahead of Duke University, Washington University and the National Institutes of Health, among others.

The Scientist magazine surveyed more than 3,000 non-tenured life scientists and ranked more than 80 schools and research centers.

“The ranking is indicative of the emphasis and importance we place on our postdoctoral fellows,” said **Allen Rawitch, PhD**, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and dean of Graduate Studies. “We are always striving to make the medical center a top location for the nation’s most promising researchers.”

As competition for funding and grants increases, institutions rely on other factors to attract top candidates, Rawitch explained. In

this year’s survey, respondents rated the “family life” category as one of the most important factors in choosing an institution. *The Scientist* noted KUMC’s particular strengths in the benefits and family life categories.

“The postdoc experience is about more than just lab work,” he said. “We make a concerted effort to construct an outstanding overall experience for postdoctoral fellows, both personally and professionally.”

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working on action plans to address these issues, which must be submitted to TJC by Monday, May 12.

Peterman noted the hospital will remain in a constant state of conformance with current and future TJC standards. The next TJC visit can occur in 18 to 39 months.

Student Research Forum Marks 30 Years

The 30th annual Student Research Forum (SRF) will be Thursday, April 10, in the Beller Conference Center, Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center, and Friday, April 11, at Liberty Memorial.

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Council, SRF showcases research conducted by students from the schools of medicine, nursing, allied health and graduate studies. Student presentations are from

8 to 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Beller. A poster session and reception will follow from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Beller foyer.

The highlight of the annual event is the A.L. Chapman Research Lecture. **Hugo Bellen, DVM, PhD**, will present "Lou Gehrig, Flies, Worms, and Ephrin Receptors: Pathogenesis of ALS," at a luncheon, noon to 1:30 p.m., Rieke Auditorium. A professor

at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Bellen is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator and director of the Program in Developmental Biology, March of Dimes chair in developmental biology.

The Liberty Memorial, including the observation tower, will be open to KUMC affiliates (with ID cards) from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The

In Memoriam

George "Ned" Burket Jr., MD, 95, a former faculty member in Family Medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center, died Friday, March 28.

Burket was instrumental in obtaining American Medical Association recognition for Family Medicine as a specialty, and he was a co-founder of the American Board of Family Practice. He received numerous national honors for his contributions to family medicine. He became an associate professor on the KUMC campus in Kansas City, Kan., after 33 years in private practice. He and his wife were longtime benefactors of the KU School of Medicine-Wichita.

Following a private service and burial, the family will host a reception, 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, April 4, at Larksfield Place, 7373 E. 29th St. N., Wichita.

awards ceremony will be at 8 p.m. The event is free for SRF students, mentors, judges and volunteers and \$5 for guests. Contact **Janice Fletcher**, jfletcher@kumc.edu, by Monday, April 7, to reserve guest seating.

eXtra: Visit kumc.edu/student/GSC/SRF/srfhome.html for SRF details.

Contribute to Employee Campaign

The University of Kansas Hospital staff members who donate to the Employee Campaign can contribute to one of more than 50 funds covering various hospital departments and programs.

To donate and for a list of funds, visit the hospital intranet, 24/7, at <http://intranet.kumed.com>. Under Community/Fundraisers, click on Employee Campaign.



Doctor's Day Honors Dedicated Physicians

The University of Kansas Hospital's executive team hosted the Doctor's Day Luncheon Celebration Friday, March 28, in the KU School of Nursing. The annual event honors the physicians' commitment to quality health care and exceptional patient care. Standing, from left, are hospital executives **Scott Helt**, vice president, Health System Contracting and Procurement; and **Bill Marting**, vice president, Financial Operations. Seated, from left, are **Erik Wetter, MD**; **Shane Schutt, MD**; **Michael Tilley, MD**; and **Caroline Moazzam, MD**, from Orthopedic Surgery.

eXposure

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eXtracurricular

Thursday, April 3

KUMC AUXILIARY Spring Sale: Jewelry, handbags and books, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., hospital lobby. A larger sale is scheduled Friday.

MUSCULOSKELETAL INSTITUTE SEMINAR: "Matrix Vesicles: From Discovery to Recognition of New, Non-mineralization-related Functions," Clarke Anderson, MD, 4-5 p.m., 6016 Wahl Hall East.

Friday, April 4

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Current Cerebrovascular Techniques: What I Learned at the University of Michigan," Joshua Anderson, MD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

OB-GYN GRAND ROUNDS: "Hormone Therapy and Cardiovascular Disease: The Estrogen Paradox," Gautam Chaudhuri, MD, PhD, University of California-Los Angeles, 2-3 p.m., Clendenning Auditorium.

KUMC AUXILIARY Spring Sale: Bedding plants, baked goods, Tupperware, fashion jewelry, handbags, books and more, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., hospital lobby and Auxiliary Garden.

PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS: "Improving Adherence to Pediatric Medical Regimens: An Update and Recommendations for Clinicians," Michael Rapoff, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

INTERNAL MEDICINE STUDENT Interest Group Meeting: "Gastroenterology," Scott Grisolano, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium. Lunch provided for the first 40 attendees.

Saturday, April 5

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE (NICU) REUNION for patients and families: 2-4 p.m., Francisco Lounge. Information: Melissa Tanner, RN, 8-6350.

Monday, April 7

DEADLINE FOR NURSING Excellence Awards nominations: E-mail Kira Marlow, kmarlow@kumc.edu,

by 4 p.m. Nomination forms: <http://intranet.kumed.com>, under 24/7 Headlines, click on Nominate Nurses for Excellence.

JAYDOC LUNCH AND LEARN: "Feedback to 3rd Year Medical Students from Direct Observation," Scott Moser, MD, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.

CANCER CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group: 1-2 p.m., Westwood Campus Atrium Conference Room.

Tuesday, April 8

LYMPHOMA AND MYELOMA Conference: 8-9 a.m., Radiation Oncology Conference Room.

GI GRAND ROUNDS: "Management of Functional Upper GI Symptoms," Rashmi Tadiparthi, MD; "Gallbladder and Pancreatic Function," Andrew Overhiser, MD; 5-6:30 p.m., B018 School of Nursing.

Wednesday, April 9

INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS: Interdisciplinary Medical Research Conference, "Preliminary Findings: A New Approach for Fertility Preservation in Female Cancer Patients," Brian Petroff, DVM, PhD, and Qamar Khan, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler.

BROWNBAG LUNCH SERIES for Older Adults: "Long-Term Care Planning," noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

D.C. JOHNSON SEMINAR SERIES: "Unraveling Mammalian Fertilization," Roy Jones, PhD, noon-1 p.m., 1001-1003 Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center. Lunch provided for first 50 attendees.

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS: "Small Systems for Public Water Supplies," David Waldo, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr Major.

Thursday, April 10

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE and Memory Disorders Caregiver Support Group: Phyllis Switzer, facilitator, 2-3:30 p.m., 145 Landon Center on Aging.

Street Fair Silent Auction Is April 9-10

The University of Kansas Medical Center Student Governing Council will host a silent auction of gift baskets prior to its ninth annual KUMC Street Fair Saturday, April 12.

Because this year's fair will be off-campus, at the Bethel Neighborhood Center, 14 S. Seventh St., Kansas City, Kan., the silent auction of baskets will be in the Wyandotte Room to give staff the opportunity to bid. Baskets will be displayed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, and Thursday, April 10.

Proceeds from the silent auction typically make up a large percentage of money earned at the Street Fair, which is then donated to charity. This year's proceeds will go to Bethel Neighborhood Center. For more information, contact **Ryan Gove**, director, Student Engagement: rgove@kumc.edu.

FBI Agent Will Discuss Leadership

Jeff Lanza, a special agent for the FBI, will discuss "Leadership Integrity," noon to 1 p.m. Friday, April 4, G013 KU School of Nursing. This is part of the Campus-Wide Leadership Series 2008.

Lanza is media spokesperson for the Kansas City FBI unit and has served as head of internal security there.

Lunch will be provided to the first 125 attendees. No pre-registration is required. For more information, contact **Marty Gunion**, senior coordinator, Professional Development and Faculty Affairs, mgunion@kumc.edu.

Vote for Your Favorite ArtsKC Photos

Nearly 40 photographers from The University of Kansas Hospital staff submitted 100 photographs to the ArtsKC Celebration of the Arts photo contest.

Hospital employees will vote to select the winners. Visit 24/7, the hospital intranet, at <http://intranet.kumed.com>, and click on Vote for Your Favorite Photo. The deadline is 8 a.m. Monday, April 7. Winners will be announced on 24/7 and in *Center eXpress*. Winning photos will be featured in hospital internal publications.

The photo contest and ArtsKC activities promoted participation in the arts and raised awareness of the ArtsKC Fund. The fund provides grants to artists and cultural organizations throughout the metropolitan area.

Hats Off to Hospital Volunteers!

The University of Kansas Hospital's Volunteer Services will host the annual Volunteer Recognition Event from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, April 11, in the Jack Reardon Convention Center, 500 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kan.

The theme is Hats Off to Volunteers. Attendees are encouraged to wear a favorite hat and bring a new hat to donate to the hospital's cancer patients. Make a reservation at 8-6560 by Friday, April 4.

eXchange

Vehicles

2000 HONDA CIVIC EX Coupe, 120K, red, loaded, great condition, \$5,400. 913-782-2055.

1999 FORD F250 XLT, 77K, diesel motor, 8' bed, \$12,000 OBO. 913-269-0095.

1998 HONDA PASSPORT, 4WD, black, CD player, new tension belt. 913-526-2184.

1996 FORD F150 PICKUP, manual transmission, \$3,200 firm. 816-935-2281.

1982 FXR HARLEY motorcycle, 5-speed, wide-glide front end, \$6,500 OBO. 913-269-0095.

For Sale

NEW AIRBED with electric pump, queen size, inflates in 2 minutes, retails for \$35, asking \$15. 816-363-8696.

LIVING AQUARIUM animated ocean lamp, desk or wall mount, full-motion with colorful fish on both sides, retails for \$25, asking \$10. 816-363-8696.

BABY CLOTHES, boys' (birth to 2 years); girls' (birth to 6 months); also bottles, swings, car seat and more. 913-402-8092.

PANASONIC MULTIMEDIA TV, 40" diagonal wide-screen multimedia projection, model #PT-40LC12, used only about 20 hours, \$650. 816-525-9838.

SONY TVs, 1 HD, 52" stand-alone model, 5 feet tall, asking \$500; 1 non-HD, 32", asking \$175; free Hitachi DVD player to first person to buy TV; you pick up. 816-220-9486.

TICKETS TO "WICKED," 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, left-center balcony, row T, seats 1-4, \$72.50 each. 816-668-3101.

Housing

• FOR RENT

WESTPORT HOME blocks from KUMC, 3 BR, 1 BA, large loft bedroom, estate-sized back yard, rent for \$1,200/month, or buy for \$139,900. 816-529-5592.

STUDIO IN LAS VEGAS RESORT, available for 3-, 4- or 7-night stay. 913-636-0552.

HOUSE IN MISSION, 5711 Beverly Lane, 3 BR, 2 BA, appliances, finished basement, 1-car garage, non-smokers only, rent for \$1,300/month or rooms for \$300-\$700/month, utilities included. 913-645-9268.

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VISTA CONDO/APARTMENT, 1 BR, newly remodeled with hardwood floors and stainless steel appliances, across the street from KUMC, \$800/month. 816-679-9689.

TOWNHOME, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, fireplace, eat-in kitchen, washer/dryer, deck, end unit, garage, 5 miles from KUMC, \$950/month. 919-846-4990.

HOUSE NEAR KUMC, 2 BR, 1 BA, wood floors, insulated windows, all appliances, walk to KUMC or Plaza, pets OK, \$1,000/month. 816-590-1073.

• FOR SALE

NEWLY REMODELED HOUSE on Mission Road, 3 BR, 1 BA, redone from roof down; new electric, plumbing, windows, insulation, tile work and appliances, \$115,000. 913-940-0356.

BLUE SPRINGS RANCH HOUSE, 3 BR, 3 BA, extra finished room, open kitchen, breakfast bar, finished walk-out basement with bar and entertainment center, huge lot, sprinkler system. 913-626-5530.

MISSION TOWNHOUSE, 2 BR, 1 BA, new paint, light fixtures,

kitchen sink, appliances, near 51st and Lamar, 10 minutes from KUMC. 913-636-8683

Wanted

TWIN-SIZED MATTRESS and box springs. 913-562-8585.

PET SITTER who can keep my dog for a week at a time when I travel; must love dogs. 913-671-9873.

CAREGIVER/COMPANION for an 85-year-old woman, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday; duties include making breakfast, lunch, snacks, washing dishes, some cleaning; holidays off, references required. 816-803-8564.

USED BRICK or brick pavers, will remove them from your property for free. 913-369-3258.

Pets

MALE CAT, domestic short hair, needs good home; very loving, 6 years old, shots up to date, gets along well with kids and other animals. 816-679-1343.

WHITE CAT, male, 1 year old, loves to cuddle, great with kids, needs new home; not neutered or declawed, will include litter box and toys. 913-375-0547.

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

Hospital Staff: Complete Survey

The deadline has been extended for The University of Kansas Hospital staff to submit completed forms for the 2008 Employee Survey. The new deadline is 11:59 p.m. Friday, April 11.

The survey is on the hospital's intranet, 24/7, at <http://intranet.kumed.com>.

Your department survey ambassador can provide your department's/unit's code and information on paper-based sessions for those without computer access.

Menopause Study Seeks Participants

Women with a history of menopausal symptoms who've entered menopause during the past

seven years are needed for a double-blind research study on natural hormone replacement therapy.

Participants must not have had a hysterectomy. The study requires five visits within a year to the General Clinical Research Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Medication, blood tests, an ultrasound, mammograms and bone density tests will be provided. For more information, call 8-6104.

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