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Prostate cancer program among 13 Centers of Excellence in U.S.

A leading national medical magazine, *Urology Times*, recently named The University of Kansas Cancer Center's prostate cancer program one of 13 "Clinical Centers of Excellence" in the country.

No other prostate cancer program in Kansas or the Kansas City area received the honor.

"Our program has outstanding and innovative

physicians, nurses and other key staff who are absolutely committed to using every tool possible to provide the best quality of life for men with prostate cancer," said **Brantley Thrasher, MD**, who leads the prostate cancer program. "We know we have an array of techniques and technologies to find the right approach to each individual patient's

situation." Thrasher is a professor and the William L. Valk Chair of the University of Kansas Medical Center's Department of Urology.

Through The University of Kansas Hospital, which is the patient care arm of The University of Kansas Cancer Center, the prostate cancer program offers the most advanced methods for the detection and diagnosis of prostate

cancer. It boasts three urologists who are fellowship-trained in urologic oncology and robotics: Thrasher, **David Duchene, MD**, and **Jeffrey Holzbeierlein, MD**. A national expert in prostate cancer, Thrasher is one of the few urologic oncologists in the U.S. who performs radical perineal and robot-assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy. Both approaches for prostate removal have been shown to result in less pain and blood loss.

The prostate cancer program's radiation oncologists

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Organ donations at hospital save or improve 668 lives

In 2008, patients at The University of Kansas Hospital gave "the gift of life" through organ, tissue and eye donations – saving the lives or improving the health of more than 668 people.

April is National Donate Life Month.

- Nationally, nearly 100,000 people need life-saving organ transplants.
- A name is added to the national organ transplant waiting list every 12 minutes.
- About 18 people waiting for transplant organs die each day.

Signing a donor card or driver's license may not meet your state's requirements for organ donation. Visit donatelife.net to learn how to better ensure your commitment to "donate life" will be honored.



6	Patients received heart transplants
8	Patients received lung transplants
21	Patients received kidney transplants
11	Patients received liver transplants
6	Patients received pancreas transplants
8	Burn patients received skin grafts
4	Damaged heart valves were replaced
32	Abdominal aortic aneurysms were repaired
272	Sports injuries were repaired
300+	Patients received spine, neck or dental bone
49	Patients received corneas

668+ People have improved quality of life!

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offer the latest techniques in radiation, including intensity modulated radiotherapy and brachytherapy (radioactive seed implantation into the prostate). These techniques provide cancer control while minimizing the side effects of treatment.

The program also has three active federally-funded basic science research labs dedicated to advanced prostate cancer.

The magazine based its rankings on patient outcomes, quality improvement initiatives, patient satisfaction, research, referrals, key opinion leaders' comments and a survey of *Urology Times* readers. According to the magazine, the rankings are "designed to provide physicians with a valuable tool when considering where to refer challenging cases."

Tax withholding: Is yours adequate?

The Internal Revenue Service recently implemented new federal income tax withholding tables.

The new tables were first reflected in the March 13 paychecks at The University of Kansas Physicians Group and the March 20 paychecks at The University of Kansas Hospital and the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The new tables generally decrease federal income tax withholdings. This most likely will affect married couples with both spouses earning wages, individuals working multiple jobs and individuals claimed as dependents on other people's tax returns.

Helpful resources, including W-4 forms, are at kumc.edu. Click Faculty and Staff on the left side, then click

Payroll. Or check out irs.gov.

To adjust or change your income tax withholding amounts, you must complete a new federal Form W-4.

Here's how:

- **Get a form.**

Go to irs.gov. Click Form W-4 on the left side under Most Requested Forms and Publications. Hospital and physicians group employees also can request forms from Human Resources.

- **Submit your completed form.**

- Hospital: Turn in the form to Human Resources.
- University: Fax the form to 913-588-5228 or return it to 120-R Support Services, Mail Stop 2010.
- Physicians group: Return the form to Human Resources, 4th floor Delp.

Consult a tax advisor if you have additional questions.

KU budget forum is April 24 in Lied

University of Kansas Chancellor **Robert Hemenway, PhD**, will host a brown bag legislative forum to discuss the state budget situation and ramifications for KU at noon Friday, April 24. The event will be broadcast live into Lied Auditorium at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Last week, Kansas Gov. **Kathleen Sebelius** signed the fiscal year 2010 budget, which cut KU's budget by just over 7 percent. Unfunded mandates push the figure to more than 8 percent. Under the current budget scenario, KU and KUMC receive \$23 million less in FY 2010 than originally appropriated.

Submit questions for the forum to chancellor@ku.edu.

Novalis Tx debuts at open house

A major high-tech weapon in the fight against cancer is the Novalis Tx, which was recently on display during an open house in the Richard and Annette Bloch Radiation Oncology Pavilion. Among those attending were (from left) **Douglas Girod, MD**, Otolaryngology; **Stacey Hus, RT**, and **Fen Wang, MD, PhD**, Radiation Oncology; **Roy Jensen, MD**, and **Karen Kelly, MD**, The University of Kansas Cancer Center; **Ania Pollack, MD**, Neurosurgery; and **Rajeev Badkul, DABR**, Radiation Oncology.



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

FINANCIAL WELLNESS Program:
"Student Financial Aid: Buying a Home," Laurie Arnold, realtor, noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr-Major. Lunch provided for the first 30 attendees.

Wednesday, April 29

MD/PhD STUDENT COUNCIL
Physician Scientist Lecture:
"Transcription Factors as Cellular Architects: How Mist1 and Xbp1 Turn Stem Cells into Secretory Machines," Jason Mills, MD, PhD, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing Auditorium. Lunch provided for the first 150 attendees.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES for Older Adults: "Longevity: Do You Want to Live Forever?" Myra Hyatt, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

WOMEN IN MEDICINE & Science Seminar: "Fiscal Awareness, Pay Equity and Lilly Ledbetter," Jessica Hellings, MD, noon-1 p.m., Clendenning Auditorium. Pre-register for lunch: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

Thursday, April 30

CANCER & DEVELOPMENTAL Biology Seminar: "Transcriptional Regulation in Mammary Gland Development and Breast Cancer," Rong Li, PhD, 8:45-9:45 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

Friday, May 1

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Molecular Details of Anthrax Toxins," Mark Fisher, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

UNIVERSITY COMPUTER Equipment Drop-off: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. Information: 8-1081.

BIOCHEMISTRY AND Molecular Biology Seminar: "Transcriptional Control of Erythro-Megakaryocytic Differentiation," Mitchell Weiss, PhD, 11 a.m.-noon, B018 School of Nursing.

Thursday, April 23

ANATOMY & CELL Biology Seminar: "Regulation of Human Fibroid Smooth Muscle Cell Proliferation," John Castellot, PhD, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

LUNG CANCER Support Group: Second and fourth Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, April 24

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Trauma and Violence in Young Adults," Michael Moncure, MD, and "A Better KCK: Reversing the Trend of Youth and Gang Violence," Mary Beth Gentry, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

KUMC DIVERSITY EVENT: Award-winning documentary, "The Beauty Academy of Kabul," noon-1:15 p.m., School of Nursing Auditorium. Lunch provided for the first 30 attendees.

LANDON CENTER ON AGING Research Seminar: "Incident Oral/Pharyngeal Cancer from Medicare Claims," Jonathan Mahnken, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

Monday, April 27

KUMCIO INTERNATIONAL Luncheon: All-you-can-eat food from area restaurants, \$5, noon-1 p.m., Hixson Atrium. Proceeds benefit KUMC International Outreach's "Girls in China" scholarship program.

Tuesday, April 28

LANDON CENTER ON AGING Special Event: "It's About Time: Time Management for Older Adults," Maril Crabtree and Deborah Shouse, noon-2 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

Deadline nears for O₂ 'PhysDoc' training

Friday, May 1, is the deadline for physicians to complete required physician documentation ("PhysDoc") training before the next O₂ go-live in the wee hours of Tuesday, May 12. At that time, physicians will start entering virtually all inpatient documentation into O₂.

E-learning modules

Training includes e-learning modules and classroom training. The five e-modules, which take no more than 40 minutes, must be completed before you attend classroom training. To access the e-modules:

1. Type si.netlearning.us/kuhosp into the Internet Explorer browser address bar to go to the student log-in page.
2. Enter your Novell user ID, e.g., jsmith, for Employee ID.
3. Use a computer with speakers or headphones, as the e-modules contain audio.

Classroom training

PhysDoc/HIM classes last two hours. Register with **Rachel Jones**, physician liaison, at 8-1022 or rjones@kumc.edu.

Research day showcases postdoctoral work

The Offices of Academic and Postdoctoral Affairs will host the first Postdoctoral Research Day 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, in 4016 and 4024 Varnes Center, KU School of Nursing.

Postdoctoral scholars will present original research to fellow postdocs, faculty, students and a panel of judges. Poster presentations will be 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the School of Nursing Atrium.

To learn more, visit www2.kumc.edu/aa/pa/htdocs/postdocresearchday.htm or contact **Kelly Magaha**, kmagaha@kumc.edu.

Donate blood April 27 in Stoland Lounge

The University of Kansas Medical Center will host a Community Blood Center blood drive 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 27, in Stoland Lounge.

To make an appointment, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code kumedicalcenter. Walk-ins also are welcome. Drink plenty of fluid before you donate and bring a photo ID. For medical eligibility questions, contact **James Ramey**, 913-383-6812 or ljr@cbckc.org.

April 30 is deadline for completing mandatory courses

The countdown is on for The University of Kansas Hospital employees. You have until midnight Thursday, April 30, to complete mandatory training courses through LMS.

To access the courses, click the LMS icon on your PC desktop or on 24/7. Log in with your six-digit employee ID number (your Kronos number) and follow instructions. If you no longer have your ID number, contact your Kronos manager.

When everyone in your department has completed all courses, your group will be entered into a drawing for a free catered lunch. Physiological Monitoring and Instrumentation earned the prize in March.

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Vehicles

2007 NISSAN VERSA sedan, 20K, white, automatic, excellent condition, garaged, factory warranty, non-smoker, no accidents, photos. 305-389-1587.

2000 CHRYSLER TOWN and Country LXi, 107K, silver, leather/ heated seats, gray interior, CD player, new brakes, new front tires/battery/belts, photos, \$4,600. 816-822-2741.

1998 MAZDA 626, 142K, salvage title, transmission rebuilt in January 2008, 27-30 mpg, burns oil, "as is," \$1,000 OBO. 913-568-9226.

1997 NISSAN SENTRA, 137K, runs like new, \$2,500 OBO. 816-337-6802.

For Sale

OLIVE GREEN SOFA, oversized chair and ottoman, \$295. 913-915-0620.

COACH HANDBAG, authentic, optic pattern in lilac, matching mini skinny wallet, dust cover and hangtag, great condition, photos, \$100. 913-636-6744.

GOLD-TONE MIRROR, classic style. 816-616-4229.

4 INDYCAR SERIES tickets for Sunday, April 26, Kansas Speedway, section 119, row 10, seats 5-8, \$50 each. 913-369-3250.

4 DODGE WHEELS, 17" 5-lug wheels with 265/70/17 tires from a 2002 Dodge Ram, wheels in excellent condition, 2 tires in good condition. 816-726-4540.

LEATHER COUCH, Merlot color, 4 years old, from Nebraska Furniture Mart, good shape, some scratches on the arms, non-smoking home, \$350 OBO, you pick up. 816-419-8974.

2 JET SKIS: 1996 KAWASAKI ZXI 1100, 2-seater; 1990 Kawasaki 650 stand-up with tow-and-go trailer and toolbox, \$5,000 for all. 785-766-2368.

CHARCOAL BARREL GRILL, portable, converts from tailgate to table top, fits standard trailer hitch, size 19 x 19 x 29, still in box, retailed for \$65, asking \$30. 816-363-8696.

RICE COOKER/STEAMER, never used, still in plastic, \$20. 816-569-1375.

Classified ads

Send classified ads to centerexpress@kumc.edu or post online at 24/7. Items must be received by noon Monday and will run on a space-available basis.

OUTDOOR PLAYSET, wooden, 2 swings, bar with rings, 2 slides, baby glider (never opened) \$200, you pick up in west Shawnee area, photos. 816-726-1489.

6 DARLINGTON RACEWAY NASCAR tickets for Friday, May 8, in Darlington, S.C. 913-400-3191.

2 INDYCAR SERIES tickets for Sunday, April 26, Kansas Speedway, section 239, row 35, seats 4-5, \$70/pair. 913-907-9950.

4 NASCAR BRISTOL Food City 250 tickets for Friday, Aug. 21, Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn., seats in Kulwicki Terrace, section J, (actual seats, not bleacher seats), face value \$67 each. 816-591-2842.

DANCE SHOES for teen girl, Bloch red/black sneaker, size 6.5; Bloch pink/black sneaker and black Capezio Mary Janes, size 8; Leo's black split-sole tap and black split-sole jazz, size 7.5; best offer. 816-452-5903.

WEDDING DRESS, beaded ivory with long train and bustle, size 14, \$150. 913-384-6571.

Housing • FOR RENT

ROOMMATE WANTED for house 2 blocks from KU, upstairs has large BR, private BA, big walk-in closet, additional living space, \$600/month plus half utilities. 913-449-8909.

Pets

LOVING INDOOR CAT, 9-month-old male. 816-929-1676.

2 MALE CATS, 3 years old, neutered, declawed, very affectionate, photos. 913-845-3374.

Wanted

TREADMILL OR ELLIPTICAL machine, fairly new. 816-716-1418.

1 TIRE, size 175/70 R13, do not need wheel. 913-209-2106.

NINTENDO DS, gently used. 913-547-2256.

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

Learn lessons from a guide dog and his master

Campuswide Leadership Series 2009 presents "Out of the Ashes of 9/11: Lessons from a Guide Dog and his Master," noon to 1 p.m., Friday, May 1, KU School of Nursing Auditorium.

Join **Michael Hingson** for the compelling story of how Roselle, his guide dog, saved his life on 9/11. She led Hingson, who is blind, to safety from the 78th floor of one of the World Trade

Center towers just before it collapsed. Hingson challenges audiences to use trust, teamwork, risk-taking and creativity to navigate changes in their lives. As Roselle is retired, attendees will meet his current guide dog, Africa.

The event is open to all campus employees. Register at www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining. CME and CNE credits are available, and lunch will be provided to the first 125 attendees.

Auxiliary event

The University of Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary will host Hingson and Africa for a special presentation, "Is This the Choice that Will Change Your Life?" The event is 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in the University Room, Murphy Hall. Make reservations with **Carrie Slattery**, Cash Office, 5-5641 or cslatter@kumc.edu.

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