Hospital Prepares for JCAHO Visit

A four-person survey team from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) will conduct its on-site visit at The University of Kansas Hospital May 3-6.

The team will consist of a physician, a nurse and a hospital administrator. In addition, a life safety engineer will spend one day touring the hospital and reviewing life safety awareness and compliance, including fire safety and interim life safety measures (ILSM) that are implemented during construction.

Surveyors will trace the care that 10-12 patients receive throughout the hospital. They will also talk with staff about how they care for patients each day. However, surveyors may stop any employee or volunteer at any time and ask for information.

All hospital employees, physicians, residents and volunteers are expected to know the hospital’s mission and values, as well as how employees are oriented and how job competency is evaluated. In addition, employees are expected to have basic knowledge about patient rights, patient safety, smooth and continuous care of the patient, environment of care, infection control and improving organizational performance.

University Employees

University employees are not expected to participate in the JCAHO survey. If a survey team member asks a question, university employees may respond by saying, “I’m sorry, but I am not a hospital employee. I work for the University of Kansas Medical Center.” However, they may choose to answer questions that deal with safety issues affecting the entire campus, such as calling 911 to respond to an emergency or remembering RACCE (Remove, Alarm, Call 911, Contain, Extinguish, Evacuate) in case of fire.

KUMC Focuses on Uninsured

The plight of the uninsured and how the general public and policy makers can work to find solutions will be the focus of activities planned by students, faculty and staff at KU Medical Center during Cover the Uninsured Week, May 2-10.

• Monday, May 2: 10 a.m. press conference at the JayDoc Free Clinic, Southwest and Rainbow Boulevards. A KUMC student and faculty member will be among the speakers.
• Monday, May 2: 9 p.m. candlelight vigil on the steps of Murphy Hall.
• Friday, May 6: 11:45 a.m. public forum in Battenfeld Auditorium. Rep. Dale Swenson, R-Wichita, and Ashley Robbins, KUMC Medical Student Chapter, Physicians for a National Health Plan, will discuss “Health Insurance for All Kansans: How Do We Get There?”
• Monday, May 9, and Tuesday, May 10: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., outside the cafeteteria. Representatives from safety net clinics (not-for-profit primary care facilities in medically underserved areas) will staff an informational table.

Drawings for donated goods and services from community businesses and health facilities will also take place throughout the week. Proceeds go toward operating expenses for Kansas City safety net clinics.

Student Leaders Honored

The Division of Student Services recognized KUMC leaders at its annual Student Leader Reception April 20.

The following received awards for their contributions to the campus and community.

• Student Leader Award: Michele Bennett, third-year medical student
• Student Diversity Award: Sheila Hegde, second-year medical student
Program winner will be announced at 5:45 p.m. The event is eligible for one presentation passport stamp. 

**eXtra:** For more information, contact Theresa Brown at tbrown4@kumc.edu or Whitney Little at wlittle@kumc.edu.

**Employees Recognized**

KUMC’s Department of Internal Medicine recognized support staff employees for their outstanding contributions to health care during an April 22 ceremony.

The program featured remarks from Sue Pingleton, MD, Peter T. Bohan professor and chair, Internal Medicine; Broderick Crawford, medical assistant, Infectious Diseases, and chair, Employee Incentive Committee; and Bill McBride, administrator, Clinical Affairs. The ceremony culminated in the presentation of the Linda Scharf Excellence Award to Kathy Ramsey, administrative assistant, General and Geriatric Medicine, in recognition of her exceptional performance and productivity. This peer recognition award is named in honor of Linda Scharf, an Internal Medicine employee who passed away in the summer of 2004.

Ramsey received the award from Natalie Key, MD, assistant professor and interim director, General and Geriatric Medicine.

Crawford and Judy Farrar, LPN, General Medicine, received gift certificates from the Scharf-Lurie family.

**Tuition Aid Deadline Nears**

The deadline for state employees to apply for tuition assistance for the Summer 2005 semester is Friday, May 13. For information about the program or to print an application, visit www2.kumc.edu/hr/training/tuition.html.

Completed applications should be returned to the University Benefits Office, 1044 Delp.

**Hospital Hosts Tour de Heart**

Mid-America Cardiology (MAC) teams will host the first annual Tour de Heart, a fundraiser for the American Heart Association Heart Walk May 10.

Twelve cardiologists are vying for the chance to compete in the event, which is a thrilling tricycle race. Their pictures are featured on money containers in the Cardiology office located off the hospital lobby and in MAC clinics throughout the Kansas City area. The cardiologists who collect the most money in their containers will compete in the event.
Thursday, April 28

RESEARCH SEMINAR Series in Cancer and Developmental Biology: “The Mammalian AP-2 Transcription Factor Family: Key Regulators of Developmental and Tumor Suppression,” Trevor Williams, PhD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., School of Nursing B018.

MICROBIOLOGY/MOLECULAR Genetics/Immunology Seminar: “Kaposi’s Sarcoma Associated Herpesvirus (KSHV-HHV-8) Infection of Primary Cells: An Inside Look at the Early Events,” H.H. Krishnan, PhD, 10:45 a.m.-noon, Orr-Major 1023.

STUDENT WELLNESS Program: “Discovering Balance: Health Insurance,” Gerald Minns, MD, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing 1050. Lunch provided for first 30 students.

WILLIAM ROOT Lecture: “Stem Cells and Cancer Stem Cells: Biology, Medicine and Political Ethics” Irving Weissman, MD, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing G013. Presentation sponsored by KU School of Medicine and Kansas Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

ANATOMY/CELL Biology Seminar: “Diabetic Nephropathy: Putting the Brakes on a Runaway Train Using PPAR-g Agonists,” Kevin McCarthy, PhD, 4-5 p.m., Orr-Major 1025.

Friday, April 29

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: “Epilepsy Surgery: Is It Still a Last Resort?” Kore Liow, MD, 7-9 a.m., Hospital 1563a.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Update on Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Early Identification and Intervention for Hearing Loss,” Sandy Keener, MA, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds: “Medical/Legal Issues Involved in the Prescribing of Antipsychotics,” Seth Cohen, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sudler Auditorium.

HEART WALK Fundraiser: Breakfast items, including muffins, burritos, donuts. Proceeds benefit Electronic Image Data Service Center team.


EVC LEADERSHIP Lecture Series: “Balancing Work and Life: Leadership Wellness Fair,” noon-3 p.m., School of Nursing Atrium. Healthy foods, chair massages and door prizes provided, as well as delicacies from local chefs and paintings/sculptures from local galleries. Open to university and hospital administrative leaders and faculty.

Saturday, April 30

UROLOGY GRAND Rounds: “Voiding Dysfunction After Incontinence Surgery,” Roger Dmochowski, MD, 7:30 a.m. registration and breakfast; 8:30-11:35 a.m. program, Lied Auditorium, $15 registration fee. For more information, contact 8-7571.

SATURDAY MORNING at KU Med Series: “Advances in Cancer – Prevention and Treatment,” Roy Jensen, MD; Lynn Marzinski, RN; Jennifer Klemp, MPH, MA; and Chung-Tsen Hsuie, MD, PhD; 7:30 a.m. registration/breakfast; 8:30 a.m.-noon program. Cancer Center tour will follow. Advance registration requested at 8-1227.

Monday, May 2

PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY Medicine Grand Rounds: “Mechanism and Therapy of Simian Human Immunodeficiency Virus Encephalitis in Macaques,” Shilpa Buch, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

STUDENT WELLNESS Program: “Discovering Balance: Bridge Program,” Monica Sierra-Mayberry, BSW, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing 1050. Lunch provided for first 30 students.

Tuesday, May 3

MD/PhD SEMINAR: “Pharmacogenomics: Inheritance and Variation in Drug Response,” Richard Weinishboum, MD, noon-1 p.m., Rieke Auditorium.

GI GRAND Rounds: “Endoscopic Treatment of the Upper GI Bleeding,” Daniel Buckles, MD; “Vascular Ectasia Disorders,” Elena Sidorenko, MD; and “KU Cases,” Jyotisna Talapaneni, MD, 5-6:30 p.m., School of Nursing B018. Food provided.

Wednesday, May 4


STUDENT FINANCIAL Aid Program: “Buying a Home,” US Bank, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing G013. Lunch provided for first 30 students.

Thursday, May 5

HISTORY OF MEDICINE Robert P. Hudson Lecture: “Yellow Fever: A Problem in Research,” Robert Joy, MD, 4:45 p.m. reception, 5:30 p.m. lecture, Clendening Auditorium.

Friday, May 6

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Depression,” Bob Batterson, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE and Memory Disorders Caregiver Support Group: Phyllis Switzer, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Landon Center 145.


LONDON CENTER Research Seminar Series: “Predictors of Newer Versus Older Medication Use Among Older Adults,” Sally Rigler, MD, noon-1 p.m., Wahl West Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 30 attendees.

ETHICAL ANALYSIS Seminar: noon, Clendening Auditorium. Lunch provided with RSVP to sscott5@kumc.edu.

FIRST ANNUAL Resident Dinner and Dance: 6-11 p.m., Indian Hills Country Club, 6847 Tomahawk Road, Mission Hills, Kan.

Wednesday, May 11

CENTRAL PLAINS Geriatric Education Center Spring Series: Please send news, classified ads and calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu or contact Laura Coffey at 8-0446. Items must be received by noon on the Thursday prior to publication.

“Linking Your Assessments to Today’s Reimbursement Systems,” Carol Job, RN, RAC-C, and Kay Jenista, RN, MSN, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Hospital G572. For more information or to enroll, call 8-1464.

HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS Grand Rounds: “Connecting The Healthcare Marketplace: National And Regional Trends In HCIT Interoperability,” Jeff Townsend, chief of staff, Cerner Corporation, Inc.; “The National Center for Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS): The National Agenda,” Judith Warren, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI, 4 p.m. registration: 4:30-6 p.m. program. Refreshments served. For more information, contact Linda Deneke at 8-1614 or ldeneke@kumc.edu.


Thursday, May 12

RESEARCH SEMINAR Series in Cancer and Developmental Biology: “Neural Crest Cells: Patterning of an Embryonic Stem Cell-like Population During Normal and Abnormal Craniofacial Development,” Paul Trainer, PhD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., School of Nursing B018.

MICROBIOLOGY/MOLECULAR Genetics/Immunology Seminar: “Kaposi’s Sarcoma-Associated Herpesvirus (KSHV-HHV-8) Mediated Signaling Crosstalk: Interactions Between Viral Glycoproteins and Target Cells,” Neelam Walia, PhD, 10:45 a.m.-noon, Orr-Major 1023.

CULTURAL COMPETENCE Training Web Cast: “Cultural Competence in Health-Professions Training: Considerations for Implementation,” 1-3 p.m., Wahl West Auditorium. For more information, contact Tone Mendoza at 8-0106 or temendoza@kumc.edu.

NURSING/ALLIED Health Graduate Celebration: 5:30 p.m., Kauffman Stadium. Make reservations at 8-1255.
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2002 DODGE Dakota sport-loaded truck, V8, extended cab, black, tow package, 16" wheels, 2-wheel drive, 30K miles, $12,400. 913-831-0135.
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52" MAGNAVOX big-screen, rear projection TV, works great, 4 years old, $500. 913-851-5209.

Landon Center Celebrates
The Landon Center on Aging invites KUMC campus and community members to its first annual “Senior Celebration,” Saturday, May 7.

The event will take place from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Landon Center parking lot and will offer entertainment and health information to seniors and those involved in the lives of older adults.

Buck O’Neil, former Kansas City Monarchs player/manager and chairman of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, will provide the keynote address at noon.

The day will also include a flag dedication, the announcement of the “Images of Aging” photo contest winners and a proclamation by Joe Reardon, mayor and chief executive officer, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan.

Throughout the day, the following activities will be offered:
• Guided tours of the Landon Center
• Health screenings
• Craft and quilting demonstrations
• Plant sale
• Food vendors
• Senior art show
• Informational booths and classes
• Live music performances from local artists
• Games and activities for children

The “Senior Celebration” is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Hallie Calloway at 8-0606 or visit www2.kumc.edu/coa.

Where to send ads
Send or bring your ad, 30 words or less, to Bldg. 48, Room 1070, fax to 8-0241, or e-mail centerexpress@kumc.edu by noon Thursday of the week before it is to run. Ads run free of charge for employees, students and volunteers. All ads must include the advertiser’s name and work extension (or student box number) for verification. Only home phone numbers – no pager numbers or work extensions – will be published. Please 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 a week if space is limited.

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