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'Most Wired' award reflects medical support – not gadgets

For the second consecutive year, The University of Kansas Hospital has been named one of America's 100 Most Wired hospitals.

The award, from the American Hospital Association's *Hospital's & Health Networks* magazine, is not about data clouds, social media and the latest uber-gadgets from Silicon Valley. The study instead analyzes the way hospitals use information technology to help physicians, nurses and others improve patient outcomes.

"It's not a geek rating," said **Michael Nix**, director of the hospital's Information Technology Services.

"It's not about the technology you have. It's really about how the hospital uses technology to improve the treatment of patients."

The O₂ push has been an important factor in the hospital's climb into the Most Wired ranks. Another important measure is the hospital's standardization of patient data between sites –

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The PhysDoc rollout in May was one factor in the hospital's Most Wired award (top left). **Cat Schunke, RN** (from left), MICU, **Rajesh Mathew, MD**, Infectious Diseases, and **Munira Meghjani, RN**, MICU, put PhysDoc to use during its go-live.



Among those participating in Unit 53's unique contest are **Angie Donham, RN** (from left), **Barno Mirsagatova, RN**, and **Wendy Williamson, RN**.

Unit 53 chases excellence in 'Amazing Race'

Just like contestants on the TV show "The Amazing Race," staff members on Unit 53 are pitting themselves against each other in a journey to improve patient care.

It's called the Amazing Race to Unit Excellence. During the three-month game, four teams use clues to complete tasks and earn merit miles. So far, each team member has completed a self-directed study about the Practice Council and been invited to attend a council meeting.

Beyond racking up merit miles, the goal is to create and sustain measurable improvements in patient care. Each

team includes nurses, support staff and a team leader from within the unit.

The game is part of the 16-month Clinical Scene Investigators project, funded by a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant. Each Unit 53 team works with a mentor investigator: **Leah Dickter, RN**, Unit 66; **Amanda Gartner, RN**, CICU/CTR; **Akiko Kubo, RN**, Department of Nursing; and **Elisa Van Daalen, RN**, Labor and Delivery.

Liz Carlton, RN, director of quality, safety and regulatory compliance, Department of Nursing, mentors the investigators.

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Magnet open house to introduce new model

The Department of Nursing will celebrate its Magnet Redesignation kick-off at an open house Monday, July 20. All employees at The University of Kansas Hospital are invited 6:30-9 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon, 2-4 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. The meetings are in the hospital's Nursing

Resource Center, 4467.

At the open house, a new Magnet "Component" model will be unveiled. When the hospital first pursued Magnet Designation from 2002-06, organizers followed "14 Forces of Magnetism." In the new model, those 14 forces have been embedded in

"5 Components of Magnetism."

"It's important that nurses and others understand and participate in the redesignation process," said **Suzanne Shaffer, RN**, Department of Nursing assistant director. Staff at the open house will have an opportunity to sign up for a Component committee,

become a Magnet Champion and share Magnet stories.

"Magnet designation is the highest honor for nursing excellence," Shaffer said. "Magnet provides consumers with the ultimate benchmark to measure the quality of care they can expect."

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from the main campus to KU MedWest, for example, or from Radiology to a clinical lab.

Automation in patient rooms is vital as well. For instance, a reminder to check a patient's central line in the first 48 hours is integrated into an automated checklist. The hospital's comprehensive use of technology was a key factor in winning the award.

More than 1,300 hospitals vied for the honor; the hospital is the only one in Kansas and one of only two in the Kansas City area to make the top 100. Nix said the award reflects the hard work by the entire 157-person technology team that works for **Chris Hansen**, hospital chief information officer.

Read more at hnmag.com.

KUMC, Lawrence launch tech deal

While the hospital is winning Most Wired kudos, the University of Kansas Medical Center also is stepping up its information infrastructure.

KUMC and the KU-Lawrence campus on July 13 announced a three-year, \$2.8 million contract with Oracle. The agreement – the first such intercampus deal – is projected to enable savings of nearly 90 percent in related hardware costs, reduce administrative management costs and provide enhanced operating efficiencies for database administrators on both campuses.

"A universitywide agreement such as this is an excellent example of what can be achieved when all parties truly work together," said **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, KUMC executive vice chancellor and interim KU chancellor.

"KU may have more than one campus, but we all have the same mission of providing the best possible teaching and research," she added. "I commend all who have played a part in improving the university's technological resources and efficiency, which play no small role in helping reach our full potential."



Wellness crusaders

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City has turned to two experts – **Jennifer Klemp, PhD** (left), Breast Cancer Prevention Center, and **Brian Weiford, MD**, Cardiology – to discuss the importance of wellness. They were interviewed July 9 by former Channel 5 health reporter **Anne Peterson**. The interviews will be part of "Health ProSpective," a video feature on the new Blue Cross Blue Shield website that rolls out next month.

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Friday, July 17

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

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

"LOOK GOOD – FEEL BETTER"
Cancer Patient Support Group:
1-3 p.m., Atrium Conference
Room, Westwood Campus.
Register: 8-1227.

MOVIE NIGHT at the Landon
Center on Aging: *Fly Me to the
Moon*, 6-8 p.m., 200 Landon
Center. Information: Hallie Kates-
Calloway, 8-0606.

Wednesday, July 22

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for
Older Adults: "Prevention of
Foodborne Illnesses and MRSA,"
Biago Pagano, noon-1 p.m., 200
Landon Center on Aging.
Reservations: Matt Chandler,
8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

HEAD AND NECK Cancer
Support: Second and fourth
Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.,

Executive Conference Room 1,
Westwood Campus. Information:
8-1227.

CENTRAL PLAINS Geriatric
Education Center Seminar:
"Ethical Decision-Making in
Geriatrics: Ethics and Goals at
End-of-Life in Long-Term Care,"
Rosemary Flanigan, PhD, and
Helen Emmott, RN, 4-7 p.m.,
200 Landon Center on Aging.
Register: [coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/
upcomingprograms.htm](http://coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/upcomingprograms.htm).

Thursday, July 23

BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS
Seminar: "Translational Bioinfor-
matics for Genome Medicine," Jake
Chen, PhD, noon-1 p.m., B012
School of Nursing. Lunch provided
for first 25 attendees.

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

Send calendar items to
centerexpress@kumc.edu.
Items must be received by
noon on the Monday prior
to publication.

Friday, July 24

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY
Grand Rounds: "Frontal Lobe
Epilepsies," Srinivas Bandi, MD,
6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

eXpress reminder

2009 Excellence Awards in
Hospital Operations Support
Nomination Deadline: 5 p.m.,
Friday, July 24. Information:
Jennifer Peavler, 8-7817.

Race for the Cure deadline is July 26

The deadline is fast approaching to register for the Race for the Cure. Participants must sign up by Sunday, July 26, for the Aug. 9 race, which is a fundraiser for breast cancer research.

This year, four campus entities – The University of Kansas Hospital, the University of Kansas Medical Center, KU Endowment and The University of Kansas Cancer Center – will participate as The University of Kansas Cancer Center team and will sponsor the Survivor Pavilion at the race.

In addition to the event, employees are urged to wear pink on Tuesday, July 21, to show their support for the Race for the Cure and the cancer center's Race for the Cure efforts.

The team hopes to recruit 400 walkers campuswide. The 5K and 1-mile activities start at 7:30 a.m. at Union Station, followed by a survivor recognition and parade at 9:15 a.m.

Register at komenkansascity.org. Registration starts at \$20 online. You'll receive a team shirt and Susan G. Komen shirt.

For information or to donate: **Paula Baum** at 8-1017, or **Ally Moore**, 5-5248.

State employees: Free health screenings

There's still time to sign up for the 2009 free health screenings offered by the State of Kansas Employee Health Plan. Eligible employees who are enrolled in the health plan or who have waived coverage can participate, in addition to retirees, spouses and dependents (age 18 and over) who are enrolled in the state health plan.

Screenings at the University of Kansas Medical Center will be July 30 and Aug. 12 in the Stoland Lounge. There are other screening locations in the Kansas City area.

An important change: No walk-ins will be accepted this year. For information or to make an appointment online, go to [khpa.ks.gov/healthquest/
screenings.html](http://khpa.ks.gov/healthquest/screenings.html). Or make an appointment by calling 888-275-1205, and select option 0.

Those who complete the screening and fill out an online assessment form will receive a \$50 gift card, which is taxable. If you don't want the card, you must opt out before you complete the assessment. To opt out: **Julie Faust**, julie.faust@khpa.ks.gov or 785-296-5624.

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**Jared
Grantham,
MD**, University
Distinguished
Professor,
Nephrology
and Hyper-

tension, has received the Jean
Hamburger Award, considered the
highest honor in the field of neph-
rology. The award recognizes out-
standing research in nephrology

with a clinical emphasis. He
received it May 26 at the World
Congress of Nephrology in Milan.

Grantham's work has centered
on understanding and treating
polycystic kidney disease, which
affects 600,000 people in the
U.S. and more than 10 million
worldwide. Considered by many to
be the father of modern PKD
research, he is a co-founder of the
Polycystic Kidney Disease
Foundation (PKDcure.org), head-
quartered in Kansas City.

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Vehicles

2001 FORD EXPLORER Sport, approximately 120K, white, \$2,000 OBO. 913-526-8172.

For Sale

COOGI SHORTS, black, boys size 24 months, new with tags, \$50. 816-277-4527.

DOONEY & BOURKE backpack, tan all-weather leather, about 10" tall x 13" wide, \$175. 816-419-8263.

1-QUART CANNING jars, wide mouth and regular jars with bands, \$8/dozen. 913-706-8291.

HILD ANTIQUE floor polisher/scrubber, \$10. 913-706-8291.

17" VIEWSONIC CRT monitor, purchased for \$100 on Craigslist 6 months ago, cash only, photos. 816-699-1218.

AUTO ACCESSORIES: 2008 Chevy Tahoe Genuine GM chrome running boards, 3 months old, paid \$1,300, asking \$500; vinyl cargo liner, \$50. 913-486-3965.

LEAPFROG LeapPad learning system, very good condition, not used much, cash only, photos. 816-699-1218.

TOY FORD F-150 truck, plays "We Will Rock You;" toy YMCA van, also moves, plays "YMCA;" perfect condition, buy separately or together, cash only, photos. 816-699-1218.

1998 KAWASAKI Jet Ski, 750cc 3-person model, low hours, stored on lift, 40 mph-plus, will pull tube or light skier, includes trailer, \$1,600 OBO. 913-962-0171.

PRINTER TONER cartridges: 5 HP 75 tri-color; 5 HP 74 black; 1 HP 74XL black high yield; new in boxes, paid \$210, asking \$100. 913-909-5038.

Garage Sale

INDEPENDENCE MULTI-FAMILY Sale: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. July 23-25, 14505 E. 37th St., clothing, furniture, kids items, housewares, and more. 816-461-1288.

Carpool

HARRISONVILLE, PLEASANT Hill, Lone Jack area to KUMC main campus or Westwood, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., live near Holden, flexible meeting location. 816-694-4399.

Please send classified ads to centerexpress@kumc.edu or post online at 24/7. Items must be 25 words or less and received by noon Monday. Ads run on a space-available basis.

Pets

HEALTHY KITTENS, need responsible home. 816-690-6378.

Housing

• FOR SALE

BRICK RANCH in Independence, 3 BR, 1 large BA, 1,100 sq. ft., clean, well maintained, new roof/gutters, fenced yard, original hardwoods, partially finished basement, \$118,500. 816-223-3652.

REMODELED HOME, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 2 finished rooms in basement, hardwoods, new windows/roof/kitchen/bath/appliances/paint, large yard, deck, borders greenway, 11414 Myrtle, off Red Bridge Rd. 816-521-0502.

• FOR RENT

APARTMENT, 2 BR, 2 BA, hardwoods, Overland Park, new and remodeled, discount for nurses. 913-636-7888.

1 BR HOUSE, 1 mile west of KUMC, no pets, \$400/month, plus utilities. 913-403-9943.

Wanted

AFFORDABLE FLAT-SCREEN TV for college student, will consider any size. 913-713-9354.

BUNK BED and anything that goes with a Spiderman theme, reasonably priced. 913-709-9809.

BABYSITTER in Lee's Summit area to watch 8-month-old twins 6 a.m.-mid afternoon Tuesdays in our home. 816-519-9084.

PHOTOSHOP HELP to create a 5-generation picture for 94-year-old grandfather, will need to combine multiple photos into 1, willing to pay. 816-986-0694.

WOODEN BUFFET table. 330-715-5808.

FEMALE ROOMMATE to share house close to KUMC, 3 BR, 2 BA, new appliances, fireplace, garage, 3 levels, quiet cul-de-sac, \$325/month, plus utilities, move in July 31. 214-991-9524

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

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Unit 53 was selected as the pilot for several reasons. The unit is one of several not taking full advantage of its Practice Council. "Practice Councils provide the means for units to make meaningful change," Dickter said. "The Amazing Race to Unit Excellence is symbolic of how Unit 53 and other units can learn to foster a Practice Council."

A survey of the unit's staff also identified a need for

more communication within teams. "With this project, we hope to establish a toolkit so other units can learn how to make changes for more effective communication," Dickter added.

However, she noted, it's not about having an exact protocol for changing processes. "Every unit is different," she said. "It's rather about learning how to put processes in place – processes specific to one's own unit – for

making change."

While Unit 53 staff members are more good-natured than their TV counterparts, they are still in the game to win. "All of our staff are showing their competitive spirit as we start the Amazing Race to Excellence," said **Danel Cupps, RN**, Unit 53 nurse manager. "Everyone is focused on having their team win each leg of the race in a fun and enthusiastic way as we continue to grow as a unit."

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