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Most Wired: We're a three- peat winner

The hospital again has been named one of America's 100 Most Wired hospitals, the third consecutive year to receive the prestigious technology award.

Produced by the *Hospitals & Health Networks* magazine (hhnmag.com), the list honors health care facilities that do the best job using information technology to help physicians, nurses and others to improve patient outcomes. This year 99 hospitals were named to the list from more than 550 that entered the competition.

With three straight wins, Information Technology Services Director **Mike Nix** acknowledged some might think the award has become routine. "Not true!" he said. "It's still a very big deal for us."

He pointed out that no other hospital in Kansas, and only three in Missouri and just one other hospital in the metro were named Most Wired this year. The award reflects the hard work by the entire hospital IT department.

Factors in our hospital's climb into the Most Wired ranks include automation in patient rooms, the O₂ rollout and standardization of data between sites from the main campus.

The IT group has continued to grow, adding sites with The University of Kansas Cancer Center operations and Mid-America Cardiology, as well as new applications such as multi-disciplinary care plans, Cardiant and physician documentation.

With building topped out, dreams are within reach

Construction of the Medical Office Building is at the midway point, allowing campus leaders to see years of dreams and discussions move closer to reality.

During a ceremony July 19, executives from the hospital, KUMC and The University of Kansas Physicians celebrated the \$85 million building's "topping out." Along with construction workers and dozens more from campus, they signed a gleaming white beam that was quickly hoisted into place atop the six-story structure.

"We're closer to the future than we once imagined," declared **Kirk Benson, MD**, president of the physicians group.

The building's groundbreaking was a year ago this week. Its ribbon-cutting is



As part of the topping out ceremony, a white steel beam was signed by construction workers, dignitaries and campus leaders, including (from left) Turner Construction's **Paul Neidelein**; KUMC's **Barbara Atkinson, MD**; **Bob Page**, hospital president and CEO; Sen. **Sam Brownback**; **Bob Honse**, hospital board chairman; and **Kirk Benson, MD**, The University of Kansas Physicians.

slated for little more than a year from now – late summer 2011.

Speakers emphasized the collaboration among the

hospital, KUMC and physicians group as the key to moving the project along.

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Clinic chic: Consistency is all the rage in UKP



Staff at The University of Kansas Physicians Pediatrics clinic are sporting a stylish new look.

About 35 of the employees last week began wearing the scrubs – all Galaxy blue, adorned with The University of Kansas Physicians logo.

Internal Medicine and Plastic Surgery clinics are expected to follow suit and begin wearing the new standard in scrubs in the next few months.

The new scrubs are at a discount at the campus bookstore through the end of the year.

UKP Pediatrics staff showing off their consistent new look include (from left) **Dianna Garland**; **Maritsa Gutierrez**; **Miguel Gonzalez**; **Ronette Jimenez**; **Tranisha Cothran**; **Stephen Lauer, MD, PhD**; **Lisa Hale, LPN**; **Toni Booker, RN**; and **Eduardo Garcia-Cortez**.

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213,000-square-foot facility, which will include more than 180 exam rooms. KUMC will pay the physicians' rent and build a 600-car garage for patients.

"We are celebrating more than just a milestone of a



Signed and decorated with flags and a good luck tree – as is construction tradition – the topping-out beam was put into place atop the six-story structure.

much-needed building," said **Bob Page**, hospital president and chief executive officer. "We also are celebrating a spirit of cooperation and collaboration. It is a spirit that not only united this campus but also extended to

the halls of Congress in Washington."

The building, which will house 17 specialties, turns the spotlight on patient convenience and care. It will include laboratory and imaging services, easy access to the main hospital via a concourse, and a skyway over Olathe Boulevard connecting the parking garage to the building.

"This has been a dream for many of us for many years," said **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, KUMC's executive vice chancellor. "It's really something our physicians and patients deserve."

She pointed out a handful of other major campus expansions under way: a new KU

Endowment facility just south on Rainbow Boulevard, renovation of Wahl Hall for cancer research, transformation of the Breidenthal Building for biosciences start-up companies, and plans by private developers

for a hotel and other retail businesses across Rainbow.

Bob Honse, chairman of The University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board, suggested the Medical Office Building's topping out ceremony could have been called "topping off" instead, because it topped off a huge news week for the hospital.

Just six days earlier, on July 13, the board approved a \$50 million plan to construct three new patient care floors onto the hospital's Center for Advanced Heart Care. Two days later, July 15, came word that a record six of the hospital's programs were named to *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Hospitals list.

U.S. Sen. **Sam Brownback**, who helped push through a federal grant that will be used to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment for the building, acknowledged the array of activities and big news on campus are cause for celebration.

"KU is hot!" he said, a not-so-subtle play on the day's sweltering temperatures. Growth in the metro demands what we're providing – "a top-flight hospital and medical center," he said.

Scooter madness, the sequel, July 28



Returning from last year's competition will be **Omar Aljitawi, MD** (from left); **Sid Ganguly, MD**; **Joseph McGuirk, DO**; and **Sunil Abhyankar, MD**.

A second annual scooter race, a benefit for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Westwood Campus Atrium.

Organized by Outpatient Blood and Marrow Transplants, the race pits pediatric and adult physicians from The University of Kansas Cancer Center against each other in a ferocious test of scooter stamina.

This year's racers are **Mukta Kumar, MD, MPH**; **Sunil Abhyankar, MD** (last year's winner); **Joseph McGuirk, DO**; **Omar Aljitawi, MD**; and **Sid Ganguly, MD**. To raise additional funds for the society, staff again will sell books and baked goods the day of the race in the atrium.

Two groups from the cancer center – BMT and the Institute for Advancing Medical Innovation (IAMI) – will sponsor a team for this year's Light the Night Walk.

Called the KU Cancer Team, their T-shirts will be based on a patient's Tiles of Hope artwork. Voting by staff and patients to choose the artwork will take place the day of the scooter race in the atrium.

Join the team at LightTheNight.org/mid. The walk is 6 p.m. Sept. 24 in Overland Park's Corporate Woods. Information: **Tammy Thompson**, 9-9033, or **Gerrie Nowack**, 8-6029.

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Hands-on training

Nurse Academy was last week, in which several dozen high school students participated in two days of workshops. On July 13 in the KU School of Nursing Skills Lab, Unit 15's **Jamie Klamm, RN**, (top of bed, left), and Education and Development's **Marta Lawson, RN** (right), showed students how to change sheets with a patient still in the bed. This was the hospital's sixth year to host the Nurse Academy.



eXtracurricular

Thursday, July 22

“STRAIGHT FROM the Heart”
Cardiac Recovery Support:
Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30-
4:30 p.m., White Heart Learning
and Resource Center Conference
Room, Center for Advanced Heart
Care. Talk with a heart health
expert. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, July 23

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY
Grand Rounds: “Epilepsy in the
Elderly,” Timothy Welty, MA,
PharmD, FCCP, 8-9 a.m., Lied
Auditorium.

Monday, July 26

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
Quality and Safety Investigator
Presentations: 10 a.m.-noon, School
of Nursing Atrium. Information:
Amanda Gartner, RN, 8-4435.

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
Culture of Excellence Webinar:
“Leadership that Inspires Change,”
2:30-4 p.m., 1025 Orr-Major.
Register in LMS. Information:
Marc Walker, 8-1063.

Wednesday, July 28

CENTRAL PLAINS Geriatric
Education Center Program:
“Enhancing Communication with the
Elderly,” Kristine Williams, PhD, RN,
4-6 p.m., 200 Landon Center on
Aging. Register at coa.kumc.edu/cpgec
and select “upcoming programs.”
Information: Wujeong Duncan,
8-1464.

HEAD AND NECK Cancer
Support: Second and fourth
Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.,
Executive Dining Room, Westwood
Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, July 30

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY
Grand Rounds: “Incidental
Findings in Neuroradiology: What
Should We Tell the Patient?” John
Lantos, MD, 8-9 a.m., Lied
Auditorium.

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

Register for Komen Race for the Cure by Sunday

Sunday, July 25, is the final day to register for the campus team participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, an annual fundraiser for breast cancer research treatment and prevention. This year's race is Aug. 8 at Union Station. Organizers expect about 28,000 participants from throughout the metro.

Walkers from the entire campus again can participate as a single team called The University of Kansas Cancer Center. Registration is \$25 for non-timed walkers and \$30 for timed runners. All participants receive The University of Kansas Cancer Center team T-shirt and a Komen T-shirt.

The cancer center's goal is to register 400 participants. The cancer center again will sponsor the Survivor Pavilion.

Register online at komenkansascity.org. Click “Komen Race for the Cure/Register,” then “Join a Team.” Type “The University of Kansas Cancer Center,” and follow the instructions.

If you walked last year but have trouble using your old user name and password, create a new account. Questions: **Ally Moore**, Marketing, 5-5248.

VALIC seminar explores Social Security

Nearing retirement? Hospital employees can check out an informative seminar designed to help them understand Social Security benefits.

Hosted by VALIC Retirement Services Co., which provides financial planning services for hospital employees, the seminar features speaker **Sandra McKinzie** from the Kansas City, Kan., Social Security office.

She educates the community about little known facts of Social Security and how they affect us. She'll provide general information about Social Security, including eligibility for retirement benefits, working while receiving benefits, Medicare enrollment and the Windfall Elimination Provision.

There are two presentations:

- 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 3, hospital Wyandotte Room (in the cafeteria). Refreshments provided.
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Westwood Campus Multipurpose Room. Lunch provided.

Spouses are welcome. RSVP before July 31 at <https://myvalic.com/seminars/>. Enter the registration code UOKKAN11AA. Or call the retirement office at 5-5475.

More patient safety sessions added for leadership

The hospital's Culture of Safety Education program is adding a required new class for leadership, including managers, coordinators, educators, etc.

Called “A Leader's Role: Empowering Accountability, Investigating System Breakdowns,” the class focuses on handling difficult interpersonal communication, investigation and analysis of incidents, and connecting the relationship between culture and safety.

The new sessions, which last about three hours, are Aug. 3-Sept. 14. Register on LMS.

The classes are part of a broad educational effort launched in May to reinforce the hospital's culture of patient safety. Any employee who has direct patient

contact or provides patient services is required to attend a four-hour education class.

If you haven't attended, go to LMS for details and to register. Final class is Aug. 12.

Not sure if you need to attend? Ask your supervisor. Starting next month, the course will be incorporated into orientation for new employees.

As of July 19, 1,746 employees had attended a class. The course has earned high marks so far: On a five-point scale (five being excellent), employees overall have rated the course 4.5 to 4.7 in general satisfaction and learning objectives.

Information: **Joann Lacy**, 8-5912.

eXpress reminders

BOOK DRIVE for Pediatric Oncology: Deadline to donate new books for patients ages 0-18 is Friday, July 30. Bring book donations to Unit 45. Information: **Emily Hernandez**, 5-6605.

ABSTRACT DEADLINE for nurses participating in the hospital's annual Science Symposium: Friday, July 30. Event is Sept. 24 in the KU School of Nursing. Information and abstract guidelines: **Sindy English, RN**, 8-1822, or **Lynn Marzinski, RN**, 8-0130.

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Vehicles

2006 TOMOS ARROW moped, 214 miles, mint cond., purchased new in 2007, front/back turn signals, storage pod, Prairie Village, \$1,000. 913-648-8035.

1997 FORD RANGER XLT, 158K, bed liner, runs great, looks almost new, \$1,700 OBO. 816-304-5275.

For Sale

CANNONDALE MOUNTAIN bike, small men's frame, \$225. 913-481-9502.

FURNACE BLOWER motor and wheel, purchased new last winter for about \$250, used less than 1 month, \$100. 816-519-3874.

RIDE-ON mower, Yardman, 3 years old, double bagger, good cond., regular service, 46" deck, 20hp, \$525. 913-745-6031.

GYM-QUALITY TREADMILL, chair-style exercise bike, photos. 816-200-4442.

PSP GAMES, Hot Shots Golf, MVP Baseball, Metal Gear Acid, Tiger Woods PGA Tour '06, Namco Museum Battle Collection with/Pac-Man, \$10 each. 816-309-2018.

GE ELECTRIC DRYER, photos, \$75. 913-745-5274.

FULL-SIZE CELLO, soft-sided case, good cond., includes bow, rockstop, photos, \$1,800; full-size violin, case, excellent cond., includes new bow, chin rest, photos, \$700. 913-209-9052.

OAK COMPUTER desk, hidden compartments for printer, keyboard, computer tower, built-in power strip and light, immaculate, \$500. 913-660-6829.

BUNK BED with trundle, purchased in '08, photos, paid \$650, asking \$400 OBO, you pick up in Kearney. 816-686-5145.

Housing

For Sale

LENEXA TOWNHOME, I-35 and 95th, huge backyard, 3 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, 1-car garage, hardwoods, tile in BA and kitchen, photos. 620-338-6438.

WALDO AREA home, 1 BR, 1 BA, ranch, AC, appliances, large garage, 115 W. 78th Terr., \$78,000. 816-361-9357.

For Rent

IN-HOME apartment in Shawnee, 7 minutes to KUMC, all utilities paid. 913-248-1661.

HOUSE, 3 blocks from KUMC, 3 BR, office/study, hardwoods, front/back porches, updated kitchen and BA, great cond., no big dogs or multiple small pets, 4205 Booth. 913-908-2772.

Garage Sale

MULTI-HOUSEHOLD SALE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., July 23- July 25, furniture, baby clothing, 2224 Girard Ave. in Leavenworth. 913-302-1712.

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 are for staff and students only. You cannot promote personal businesses or commercial ventures. Ads run on a space-available basis.

Pets

JACK RUSSELL, 6-year-old female, well-mannered, energetic, needs loving home, white/brown wire hair, good with kids and other dogs. 913-638-5968.

Lost/Found

LOST: Ray-Ban prescription sunglasses with black earpieces, chrome eyepieces, lost on Eaton Street between Emergency Department and 36th Street. 913-940-2279.

FOUND: MP3 player, YouthFront lot, identify manufacturer info, make, serial no., etc. 816-588-5111.

Wanted

T-MOBILE CELL phone, reasonably priced. 816-861-2527.

ZUMBA FITNESS DVD set, willing to pay \$30. 913-387-9312.

SOMEONE to dress as Princess Tiana from "Princess and the Frog" for daughter's 5th birthday party, early Aug. 313-415-3996.

MATCHING COUCH and loveseat, prefer black or tan/cream colors, open to options. 913-226-3182.

LAPTOP COMPUTER, good cond., reasonably priced. 816-520-6929.

Shuttle changes

Starting Sunday, Aug. 1, the shuttle no longer will stop at YouthFront parking lot when traveling from Westwood to the hospital, unless requested by an employee to stop. The change is being made to shorten travel times.

Shuttles traveling from the hospital to Westwood will continue to stop at YouthFront as part of the regular schedule. If you are at YouthFront and need to travel to the hospital, use the blue phone to request a ride. Information: 269-3393.

Operations Support Excellence Awards

Nominations are due Aug. 16 for the second annual Excellence Awards in Hospital Operations Support.

The awards recognize employees in Operations Support who exhibit the hospital's Five Star performances – Service, People, Quality, Cost and Growth. An additional award for "Exceeding Excellence" will be awarded to one full- or part-time employee from the same areas.

Nomination forms and other details are on 24/7. Information: **Jennifer Peavler**, 8-7817.

eXceptional

Susan Pingleton, MD, professor of Medicine, has received the Joy McCann Professorship for Women in Medicine and Science. The award recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding leadership and mentor-

ing of students, residents and fellow faculty.



Pingleton

the School of Medicine that supports the careers of Women in

The award is given for a period of three years and is renewable for a maximum of six years. It is the only professorship in

Medicine and Science.

Seventy-five percent of the award must be used to develop and fund women's programs that increase the visibility of women, integrate women at all levels of the faculty and enhance collaboration among women and various programs at the School of Medicine.

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