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Hospital Earns Gold Level Status for High Standards in Stroke Care

The University of Kansas Hospital earned a Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) 2008 Gold Sustained Performance Award by maintaining high standards of stroke care for two years.

To achieve the award, the hospital had to reach at least 85 percent compliance in each of seven core measures for treating stroke patients – and sustain that performance level for 24 consecutive months. The standards are outlined by the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, which bestow the GWTG awards.

The hospital also received a GWTG Bronze Initial Performance Award for coronary artery disease treatment and care. This honor recognizes the hospital's compliance with GWTG-Coronary Artery Disease standards at least 85 percent of the time for 90 consecutive days.

The hospital's Primary Stroke Center provides a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the Emergency Department. This includes brain imaging scans, patient evaluations conducted by

neurologists and clot-busting medications (when appropriate), according to

Gary Gronseth, MD, medical director, Primary Stroke Center.

"The secret to the success of our stroke program has been teamwork," he said.

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Stroke Claims 150,000 Lives Annually

Stroke is a type of cardiovascular disease affecting the arteries within and leading to the brain. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel carrying oxygen and nutrients to the brain either bursts or is blocked by a clot. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood

and oxygen it needs, so it starts to die. According to the American Stroke Association, approximately 780,000 Americans suffer a stroke annually; a stroke occurs every four seconds. Stroke is the third-leading cause of death in the U.S., killing more than 150,000 each year.

eXtra: To learn more about preventing stroke and coronary artery disease, visit americanheart.org.

8-5656 When someone suffers a stroke, every minute counts. Call 8-5656 from any campus phone to activate the Acute Stroke Response Team if you suspect a patient, co-worker or visitor is having a stroke.

KUMC Welcomes Class of 2012

Getting into the KU School of Medicine is tough. In fact, only 8.5 percent of this year's

Natalie Nadine Casagrande (foreground), Class of 2012, receives her first physician's coat from **David Robbins, MD**, professor, Endocrinology, Metabolism and Genetics, during the KU School of Medicine's White Coat Ceremony.

applicants were accepted into the Class of 2012.

The medical school

received 2,047 applications for 175 coveted spots. In the spirit of "try, try again,"

38 percent of those accepted were re-applicants.

As is typical, the vast majority of first-year medical students – 88 percent – are Kansas residents. The class is 12 percent minority. The average age is 23, and only eight students are 29 or older.

Nationally, more women than men enter the medical profession, although not so of KU's incoming class: 90 men



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and 85 women. The incoming class in 2007 made history when women outnumbered men for the first time in the school's 100-plus years.

After a week of orientation, the incoming medical school students received their first white coats from faculty and staff Aug. 1. The students' coats are shorter than those worn by physicians. The White Coat Ceremony symbolizes entry into the medical profession and membership in the medical community.

Hospital Team Prepares to Race for the Cure

A record-breaking number of staff, family and friends of The University of Kansas Hospital and the KU Cancer Center will join the fight against breast cancer in the Komen Kansas City Race for the Cure Sunday, Aug. 10.

The hospital team includes

223 people, which is 52 more than were registered in 2007. The 5K (3.1 miles) run/walk near Union Station in Kansas City, Mo., supports the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Remaining race day packets must be picked up in Marketing, Suite 303, Westwood Campus, by end of day Friday, Aug. 8, or at the hospital's booth on race day. It contains a Race for the Cure T-shirt, kiwi green Together for a Cure hospital team T-shirt, walker number and other information.

The event occurs rain or shine. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to find parking.

The hospital/KU Cancer Center team photo is at 6:50 a.m. east of the main stage on the south side of Pershing Road. Participants should wear their hospital team shirts.

Race Day Schedule

- 6 a.m. Late registration
- 6:50 a.m. Hospital team photo

- 7 a.m. Warm-up
- 7:30 a.m. 5K competitive run
- 7:45 a.m. 5K noncompetitive/1-mile
- 9 a.m. Survivor recognition and awards ceremony
- 9:15 a.m. Survivor parade and photo

Team registration and online registration are closed. For information on late registration, visit komenkansascity.org. The Komen Race for the Cure is the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world.

KUMC Is Long-Time Supporter of ALS Fight

The University of Kansas Medical Center is a new, major sponsor of the ninth annual Walk to Defeat ALS. Yet its fight against ALS is long-standing.

KUMC's ALS Association Center of Excellence in the Landon Center on Aging is one of only 32 certified centers in the country. Its doors opened in August 2001 as a partnership

Walk to Defeat ALS Sept. 20

The University of Kansas Medical Center is gearing up for the Walk to Defeat ALS at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Corporate Woods, Overland Park. **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, KUMC's executive vice chancellor, is the 2008 Corporate Recruitment Chair for the walk. Campus organizers hope to raise \$30,000 and recruit at least 100 participants for the 3-mile walk. To register or to donate, visit alsa-midwest.org. For more information, contact **Paula Baum**, manager, Community Affairs, 8-1017, pbaum@kumc.edu.

with the ALS Association's Keith Worthington Chapter. In seven years, the ALS clinic has grown from 75 to 325 visits.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, often called Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease affecting nerve cells in the brain

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Nurse Academy Helps Teenagers Explore Nursing

Shirley Verbenec, RN (right), unit coordinator, Cardiovascular Operating Room, was among several nurses lending expertise during the Nurse Academy 2008 on July 28 and July 30. Learning how to perform a laparoscopy was just one of the behind-the-scenes opportunities afforded high school students. The University of Kansas Hospital's annual event drew 24 participants. They toured clinical areas and took part in hands-on workshops to discover the variety of options within the nursing profession.

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eXtracurricular

Friday, Aug. 8

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "MS Triumphs and Tragedies: The Big Leagues of Immunotherapeutics," Elliot Frohman, MD, PhD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

ONCOLOGY JOURNAL Club: Srin Reddy, MD, and Sarah Taylor, MD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

Monday, Aug. 11

CURRENT CONCEPTS in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery: 7-8 a.m., G420 Hospital.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

ROUND TABLE SEMINAR: "Past, Present and Future: Advances in Instrumentation, Labels and Analysis Will Drive Translational Research," David Lynch, PhD, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Lied Auditorium. Sponsor: Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute.

PHARMACOLOGY, TOXICOLOGY and Therapeutics Seminar: "CellTech-BioReactor: Development of New Techniques in Biochemical Monitoring Using Primary Hepatocytes," Peggy Stock, PhD, Martin-Luther-University School of Medicine, Germany, 4-5 p.m., 1001 Beller Conference Center, Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center.

BURN SURVIVORS Support Group: Second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., Hurlbut Recovery Pavilion, Burnett Burn Center. Information: 8-1227.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: Endocrinology, "Diabetes in the Later Decades of Life," David Robbins, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler.

HEAD/NECK CANCER Support Group: Second and fourth Wednesday, 4-5 p.m., Conference Room I, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Thursday, Aug. 14

HEMATOLOGY JOURNAL Club: Stephanie Schutt, MD, 8 a.m., Boley Conference Room.

CANCER AND DEVELOPMENTAL Biology Seminar: "A Transcriptional Code for Vascular Development," Brian Black, PhD, University of California-San Francisco, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE and Memory Disorders Caregiver Support: Phyllis Switzer, 2-3:30 p.m., 145 Landon Center on Aging. Information: 8-1227.

LUNG CANCER Support Group: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Brandmeyer Patient Resource Center, Cancer Center and Medical Pavilion, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, Aug. 15

ONCOLOGY JOURNAL CLUB: Brian Petroff, PhD, DVM, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Paraneoplastic Neurological Syndrome," Farhan Ahmed, MD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

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and spinal cord. Over time, patients lose muscle control and become disabled and unable to care for themselves. Every 90 minutes, a person is diagnosed with ALS and another person dies of ALS.

The ALS clinic's neurologists, **April McVey, MD**, and **Richard Barohn, MD**, chair, Neurology, are nationally known experts in the field of ALS. McVey directs the clinic.

The clinic offers neurological diagnostics and imaging,

as well as licensed and certified ancillary services from a multi-disciplinary team. The center features a rehabilitation facility for examination

and treatment.

The ALS center also is actively involved in a number of clinical research and drug trials.

Sweet Treats Aug. 7 to Benefit Pediatrics

When is a blizzard a good thing for the University of Kansas Medical Center Pediatrics?

Answer: On Thursday, Aug. 7, when the blizzard isn't weather-related, but a yummy sweet for the Third Annual Miracle Treat Day. The event benefits Children's Miracle Network (CMN), which is headquartered at KUMC.

Participating Dairy Queens will donate proceeds from Blizzards sold Aug. 7 to CMN, a network of 170 hospitals dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children. In the Kansas City metro area, CMN will contribute those funds to KUMC Pediatrics and Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics. For more information or participating locations, visit MiracleTreatDay.com.

KUMC Alumni Weekend Is Oct. 3-4

The University of Kansas Medical Center's Alumni Weekend 2008 will be Friday, Oct. 3, and Saturday, Oct. 4.

The weekend will include an awards luncheon, lecture, class events, campus tours and an Alumni Gala with a salute to the 1950s.

Classes to be honored for their anniversaries include 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978 and 1983. Clinical Laboratory Sciences will celebrate its 75th anniversary during the event.

For more information, visit kumc.edu/alumni, or contact **Pamela Ojini**, 8-1255, pojini@kumc.edu.

Mentoring Awards Deadline Approaches

The deadline for nominations for the KU School of Medicine's annual Executive Dean's Distinguished Mentoring Awards is Friday, Aug. 29.

Awards to be given:

- **Lifetime Achievement in Mentoring Award, The Jayhawk:** For professors with 20+ years at the medical school
- **Excellence in Mentoring Award:** For professors or associate professors on faculty at least five years
- **Honorary Mentoring Award:** A new award honoring professors, associate professors or non-academic professionals who are not on the medical school faculty

For nomination information, visit kumc.edu/som/facaffairs/mentoringawards.html.

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

Vehicles

2003 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 HD, 56K, white, extended cab, 4x4, toolbox, new tires and dual Flowmaster exhaust, great condition, \$18,000. 316-304-5019.

2002 CHEVY SILVERADO, 145K, extended cab, white, 4x4, good condition, with 3 toolboxes and ladder rack (if you want them), photos available, \$8,000. 816-679-3142.

2002 YAMAHA FZ1, 10K, new high-performance clutches and tires, includes 2 XL helmets, 1 XL First Gear riding jacket, all match bike, photos available. 785-925-3556.

2001 HONDA CR-V, 105K, automatic, black, tinted windows, cruise, power, CD, comfortably seats 5 adults plus luggage, 22 mpg (city), 25 mpg (highway). Photos available. \$7,500 OBO. 913-620-1202.

2001 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, 130K, silver, good condition, \$4,000. 763-567-1506.

1999 FORD WINDSTAR VAN LX, 181K, V6 3.8L, 7 passenger, new transmission, brakes, shocks, struts, heater/AC; ABS, power steering/windows/door locks, roof rack, excellent condition, \$2,800. 913-402-9508.

1996 MERCEDES SL 600 soft-top convertible, 32K, V12, detachable wind screen, AMG wheels, good condition. 913-766-3615.

1996 JEEP CHEROKEE, 190K, black, body damage, \$500 OBO. 816-726-1343.

For Sale

QUEEN MATTRESS and box spring set, new, \$300 OBO. 816-726-1343.

HARDBACK BOOKS: James Patterson, Dean Koontz, Sandra Brown, Nora Roberts, great condition, \$6 each. 816-966-0136.

FENDER ELECTRIC GUITAR, signed by the Deftones, never used, paid \$300, asking \$200. 785-342-1399.

MEN'S WOHLER WATCH, black leather band, sapphire crystal lens, silver bezel, \$300 OBO. 913-980-8085.

OAK KITCHEN CABINETS with brass pulls, sink, Formica counter, stove and microwave, \$1,500 for all or will consider selling separately. 816-560-5060.

X-BOX GAMES, used, \$10 each, will make deal if multiple games purchased. 913-568-9226

KITCHEN TABLE, white with brown wood, four matching chairs, photos available, \$75. 913-568-9226.

GARAGE SALE, 15+ houses, Saturday, Aug. 9, 67th and Stearns, (east of 67th and Nieman).

MOVING SALE, bookcase, Oriental rugs, Halogen lamp, 5 CD changer with tape and radio, kitchen wares, office supplies, Shoji screen, computer

monitor, linens, Casio keyboard, telescope and more. 505-920-0342.

Housing

• FOR SALE

SHAWNEE MISSION HOME, 2 BR, 2 BA, updated kitchen, bath and windows, sunroom, patio, deck, garden, close to KUMC, \$145,950 for sale or \$1,200/month rent. 913-515-2533.

HOME WITH APARTMENT attached, 2812 Puckett Road, 1 BR, 1 BA, 10 minutes to KUMC, \$124,000. 913-406-4302.

BELTON HOME on 5 acres, 4 BR, 4 BA, eat-in kitchen, dining room, unfinished basement, 2-car attached garage, 3-car detached garage with workshop, 20 miles to KUMC, \$299,500. 816-892-3501.

• FOR RENT

PRAIRIE VILLAGE HOME, 4 BR, 2 BA, laundry, yard, deck, newly painted basement, updated appliances and carpet, walk to Shawnee Mission East High School, \$1,350/month. 816-506-2652.

HOUSE, 2 BR, 1 BA, large kitchen, laundry room with washer and dryer, central AC/heat, off-street parking, near KUMC, \$500 plus utilities. 913-558-8602.

Wanted

BAR TABLE, round or square, good condition, with 2 or 4 chairs, willing to pay up to \$100. 816-309-2018.

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"The fantastic cooperation and dedication of nursing, neurosciences, interventional radiology, emergency services and our rehabilitation disciplines has had a strongly positive impact on stroke patient care."

The goal of GWTG, a voluntary initiative, is to save lives by helping hospital care teams ensure patient treatment and care for stroke, heart failure and coronary artery disease are aligned with the latest evidence-based guidelines.

The Performance Awards recognize a hospital's commitment to improving quality of care and outcomes for patients with stroke and heart disease.

The awards will be presented in a ceremony later this summer.

BOY'S BABY CLOTHES, gently used, 18 months to 2T. 816-519-4424.

USED DRESSERS, need 2, inexpensive, prefer brown color. 816-719-8767.

Carpools

LAWRENCE to KUMC, work hours 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. 785-841-8412.

Pets

YELLOW LABRADOR, 5 months old, shots up to date, neutered, great with people and pets. 913-636-5681.

ADORABLE KITTENS, black with white markings, 4 available, born June 22, ready to leave momma in a few weeks, need to be indoor pets. 913-972-6802.

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