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## Hospital Is **Only U.S. Facility** with PROMPT Birth Simulator Training

Medical professionals from across the country soon will make pilgrimages to The University of Kansas Hospital. They'll come to train on the nation's only PROMPT program to save newborns and mothers during birth complications.

An acronym for Practical Obstetric Multi-Professional Training, PROMPT uses life-like birthing mannequins and hands-on training methods. Obstetricians and labor and delivery staffs learn how to work as a team to prepare for uncommon situations that can harm mothers and

babies during delivery. PROMPT makes it easier for medical professionals to learn the "right touch" for how much force to apply as the baby comes through the birth canal – especially when complications arise.

With the PROMPT Birth Simulator, physicians and staff can quickly master skills traditionally learned only through years of delivering babies in various circumstances. For example, participants learn how to handle shoulder dystocia, which means the baby's shoulders won't move past the mother's pelvis. This occurs in

about 5 percent of births. Up to a quarter of those deliveries may result in an injury to the baby's nerves that control arm movement and sensation.

"Every obstetrician is likely to face this circumstance at some point in his or her career," said **Carl Weiner, MD**, professor and chair, Obstetrics and Gynecology. "The longer the baby remains stuck, the higher the risk the baby will suffocate. This training tool allows doctors and nurses to recognize an emergency, take appropriate steps for successful deliveries and

initiate good communication with patients and team members."

About 100 hospital employees – from physicians to nurses to technicians to clerical staff – recently underwent two days of classroom and hands-on training. They were guided by Weiner and **Tim Bennett, MD**, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In Great Britain, PROMPT is shown to reduce maternal and infant mortality during delivery, as well as the frequency of emergency Caesarean sections. It is the only such training proven to reduce the rate of shoulder dystocia damage and brain injury.

## Hospital Rates Among Best Places to Work

For the second consecutive year, The University of Kansas Hospital is a top 10 finalist

among large companies in the Kansas City Business

*Journal's* Best Places to Work awards program.

**Tammy Peterman, RN, MS**, executive vice president, chief operating officer and chief nursing officer, noted 1,285 hospital employees completed the newspaper's online survey.

"From the data collected by the survey, you can see that people from across the hospital, of all ages and lengths of service, took time out of their busy

schedules to let Kansas City know what a great workplace we have," Peterman said. "That, in itself, proves we have the most passionate, energized team of employees anywhere."

The ranking was based on how employees rated these criteria:

- Team effectiveness
- Retention probability
- Alignment with goals
- Trust with coworkers
- Individual contributions

- Manager effectiveness
- Trust in senior leaders
- Feeling valued
- Work engagement
- People practices

The *Kansas City Business Journal* will reveal winners in the categories of small, medium and large companies at an event Tuesday, Sept. 30, and recognize the hospital and other finalists in a special section Friday, Oct. 3. The awards program is in its eighth year.



## Families, Friends Activate Rapid Response Team

In September, The University of Kansas Hospital will begin educating patients' families and friends on how to activate the Rapid Response Team if their loved one's condition deteriorates.

By calling 8-5656, families and friends can page the RRT. The team includes an intensive care nurse, a respiratory therapist, and when needed, an intensive care physician. After more than three years in action, the RRT is considered one of the keys to the hospital's success in achieving its low mortality rate.

Educational flyers on RRT, included in patient admission packets, direct families to first take concerns to the

patient's nurse, nurse manager or a physician. The flyer details three scenarios for activating the RRT:

- The patient's condition is changing or worsening.
- They feel their concerns aren't being adequately addressed.
- They believe the patient needs immediate attention.

The RRT is co-directed by **Carol Cleek, RN**, director, Critical Care, and **Doug Peterson, RN**, nurse manager, Medical Intensive Care. The same number can be used to alert the Acute Stroke Response Team and the Code Blue Team.

## Student Wins National PEO Scholarship

Megan Krause, a fourth-year student at the

## Medical Center Gala to Honor 1950s

The 2008 University of Kansas Medical Center Gala on Saturday, Oct. 4, will be a celebration of all things 1950s.

During the landmark decade, KUMC made tremendous gains in science and education that would serve as the basis for today's life science breakthroughs.

The black-tie optional gala will be in the Hyatt Regency Crown Center Ballroom. The event includes cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony honoring outstanding alumni from the KU Schools of Allied Health, Medicine and Nursing. Two community leaders also will receive inaugural awards for service and leadership.

The reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 12. Single tickets are \$75 for Alumni Association members and \$120 for others. Tables of 10 are \$750 for Alumni Association members and \$1,200 for non-members. For tickets, contact **Kelly Hutsell**, 8-2695, [khutsell@kumc.edu](mailto:khutsell@kumc.edu).

KU School of Medicine, received a \$15,000 Scholar Award from the Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO). The international organization promotes educational opportunities for women.

PEO Chapter FQ, Kansas City, Mo., and **Mark Meyer, MD**, associate dean, Student Affairs, nominated Krause.

She has done extensive research in cancer and birth defects and completed two summer fellowships at the Stowers Institute. In the community, she volunteered at the JayDoc Free Clinic and the Rose Brooks Domestic Violence Shelter. Krause plans to pursue internal medicine.

## Open House Shows Off New Endoscopy Center

The new Endoscopy Center on the main floor of The University of Kansas Hospital was on display – all 10,000 square feet of it – during an open house Aug. 22. **Randi Carney, RN**, GI/Endoscopy, (second from right) detailed features of the 18 private prep/recovery areas to (from left) **Carol Roberts, RN**, **Janet Wehrle, RN**, and **Nina Shik, RN**, manager, all of Infection Control. The unit opened to patients Aug. 25.

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# eXtracurricular

## Thursday, Aug. 28

**ALUMNI RELATIONS ICE CREAM Social:** 2-4 p.m., School of Nursing Atrium. Part of Hawk Week events.

**MUSCULOSKELETAL INSTITUTE Seminar:** "Cartilage Metabolism in Osteoarthritis," Linda Sandell, PhD, 4-5 p.m., 6016 Wahl Hall East.

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

## Friday, Aug. 29

**NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds:** "Neutralizing Antibodies and Multiple Sclerosis," Timothy Lee Vollmer, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

**CLINICAL ONCOLOGY Journal Club:** Heather Male, MD, and Karen Kelly, MD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

**DEADLINE FOR FACULTY Mentoring Awards nominations:** For details, visit [kumc.edu/som/facaffairs/mentoringawards.html](http://kumc.edu/som/facaffairs/mentoringawards.html).

## Monday, Sept. 1

**LABOR DAY:** Administrative offices closed; no classes.

**PAIN CHAMPIONS NOMINATION deadline:** Nominate any staff member for proactive pain management practices. Information: Jennifer Surprise, RN, 8-4470, [jsurprise@kumc.edu](mailto:jsurprise@kumc.edu).

## Men's Basketball Tickets Available

A limited number of University of Kansas 2008-2009 men's basketball game tickets are available for KU benefits-eligible employees and retirees. This includes the

## Tuesday, Sept. 2

**PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY Seminar:** "Hepatobiliary Disposition of Xenobiotics, My B.B. Brodie Award Lecture," Curt Klaassen, PhD, 4-5 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

## Wednesday, Sept. 3

**INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds:** "Bringing Smoking Cessation to the Underserved," Ed Ellerbeck, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

**LIVER TRANSPLANT Support Group:** First Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Wyandotte Room.

## Thursday, Sept. 4

**PREVENTIVE MEDICINE/Public Health/GCRC Seminar:** "Fitness and Exercise in Alzheimer's Disease," Jeff Burns, MD, noon-1 p.m., Clendening Auditorium.

**BLOOD AND MARROW Transplant Support Group:** First and third Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m., Westwood Atrium Conference Room.

**ANATOMY & CELL BIOLOGY Seminar:** "Computational Imaging Reveals Unexpected Embryonic Cell Dynamics: What's 'Really' Moving and Where Is It Going?" Brenda Rongish, PhD, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

## Friday, Sept. 5

**PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds:** "Select Agents and Select Agent Research at KUMC," Michael Parmely, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

University of Kansas Medical Center faculty and staff.

Tickets are sold in full season or pre-selected packages. Eligible employees may purchase up to two tickets. Order tickets at [kuathletics.com](http://kuathletics.com) from Monday, Sept. 1, through Friday, Sept. 5. Use code *KUFS08*.

## Westwood Campus Plans Blood Drive

The University of Kansas Hospital Westwood Campus will host a blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, in the Multipurpose Room.

All donations will benefit local hospital patients. The Community Blood Center must collect 580 pints each day to meet blood supply demands for Missouri and Kansas hospitals.

Appointments aren't necessary. To lessen your wait, however, make an appointment at [esavealifenow.org](http://esavealifenow.org). Use sponsor code *kumedwestwood*. Drink plenty of fluids before donating, and bring a photo ID. All donors receive free T-shirts.

For medical eligibility questions, call 800-245-7035. For information on the blood drive, contact **Lisa Ward**, 8-4416, [lward2@kumc.edu](mailto:lward2@kumc.edu).

## Run to Benefit Parkinson's Research

The Helen Gold 5K/10K Run/Walk to benefit research at the University of Kansas Medical Center's Parkinson's and Movement Disorder Center is 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

The event is at The Fountains shopping center, 119th and Glenwood, Overland Park. Since 2002, the fundraiser has contributed more than \$200,000 to Parkinson's research at KUMC. More than 900 people participated in 2007.

To register and for more information, visit [helengold5K.com](http://helengold5K.com).

## Series Set for International Community

Life in the USA, an ongoing series developed for the University of Kansas Medical Center international community, begins Friday, Aug. 29, for the fall semester.

Guest speakers provide information on various topics related to living in the U.S. Participants are encouraged to bring questions. Events are noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided for the first 30 attendees.

The first program is "Accessing Health Care in America." **Jacque Carpenter, RN, PhD**, KU School of Nursing, will speak in 1023 Orr-Major.

## Enjoy Discounts on Sprint Center Events

The University of Kansas Hospital employees can get discounted tickets for two Sprint Center events: Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus and a pre-season National Hockey League game.

The circus is Thursday, Sept. 11, through Saturday, Sept. 13. The \$4 per ticket discount expires at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1, or while supplies last.

The hockey game is Monday, Sept. 22, between the Los Angeles Kings and the St. Louis Blues. The \$5 to \$15 discount per ticket expires at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, or while supplies last.

See 24/7 for details on purchasing tickets.

# eXchange

## Vehicles

2007 JONWAY SCOOTER, 49cc, only 4 miles on it, yellow-and-black Sleek, 75 mpg, paperwork included, \$1,000. 816-506-5349.

2005 HYUNDAI TIBURON, 43K, 5-speed, AC, CD player, runs and looks great, 26-32 mpg. 913-963-4299.

2002 DODGE DURANGO SXT, 54K, black with black interior, 4-door, 4.7L, automatic, 4WD, great condition, photos available, \$7,000 OBO. 913-486-3317.

2000 TOYOTA TUNDRA, 135K, extended cab, 4-door, 4WD, beige interior/dark green exterior, CD player, Z-Bar bed liner, tow package, photos available, \$7,200. 816-833-2519.

1990 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4X4 SE, 142K, 6-cylinder, AC, power windows/brakes, radio/cassette, new tires, may have transmission or linkage problems, photos available, \$1,259. 816-743-0223.

## For Sale

CIRCUS TICKETS, Nov. 13-16, Municipal Auditorium, general

admission, paid \$10 each, asking \$5, several available, free voucher for child's admission. 913-248-7753.

EXTERIOR DOOR, full glass, oversized, 42" x 80", 2 pre-drilled holes top and bottom for dead-bolt, none for doorknob, photo available, \$30. 913-909-5038.

ETHAN ALLEN entertainment cabinet, solid cherry wood, shelves, large storage drawers, call for measurements, \$400. 913-573-2229.

LAPTOP COMPUTER, 1-year-old Toshiba Satellite A200/A205 series, brown suede carry bag, black protector case, plug-in battery, software, perfect condition, \$650. 816-550-7617.

2005 PONTOON BASS BOAT with trailer, barely used, 10' long, 80 lb. thrust motor, 2 Group 30 deep-cycle batteries, fish finder, front/rear light kit and more, \$1,300 OBO. 913-226-7885.

CAR SEAT/STROLLER COMBO, used 9 months, good condition, neutral colors, \$50 OBO; baby bathtub, great condition, \$15 OBO. 785-925-6441.

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KENMORE DRYER, Energy-Star, 3 years old, like new, large capacity, many features, \$200; Kenmore washer, \$50. 913-206-7151.

2 CHIEFS TICKETS, Thursday, Aug. 28, vs. St. Louis Rams, 2 club level seats, face value \$110 per ticket, asking \$100 for 2. 913-485-4878.

WIRELESS BABY MONITOR, sends/receives crisp video, portable, easy to use, 4 independent channels, 4 video images displayed in sequence, paid \$225, asking \$45. 816-363-8696.

SONY TV, 57" wide-screen, projection, silver, about 3 years old, like new, \$700 OBO. 816-606-9377.

CONTEMPORARY SOFA, 84", and 64" loveseat, white, excellent condition, \$325. 816-560-5060.

MAYTAG WASHER/DRYER, large-capacity washer, electric dryer, barely used, work great, \$200 for pair or \$250 delivered. 816-942-7683.

## Housing

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TOWNHOME, 2 BR, 2 BA, large loft, 1-car garage, Liberty schools, near shopping/I-35/I-435, homes association dues includes lawn and outside maintenance, snow removal and more, \$128,042. 816-429-6107.

NORTH KANSAS CITY, 5 BR, 4 BA, finished walk-out basement, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, full kitchen appliances, for sale or rent. 816-289-2432.

## Carpool

QUIVIRA ROAD and 119th Street to KUMC, work hours somewhat flexible, 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday. 913-642-1837.

## Wanted

MEN'S MOUNTAIN BIKE, good condition. 913-208-2205.

TWIN MATTRESS, new or used, will pick up. 816-898-2024.

PET SITTER to feed and let out 2 friendly female Labs twice a day, Tuesday, Sept. 16-Sunday, Sept. 21, no walks required, half-mile from KUMC, must have references. 785-760-2158.

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

## Study Shows Kansas Leaders Favor Indoor Smoking Ban

A new study by a University of Kansas Medical Center professor indicates 60 percent of community leaders favor Kansas mandating a ban on smoking indoors.

**John Neuberger, DrPH**, professor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, conducted the study.

After surveying city clerks and governing boards in

57 Kansas cities, Neuberger found:

- 64 percent believe cities should implement a smoking ban.
- 63 percent believe the state should implement a smoking ban.
- The majority of those favoring a ban also favor banning smoking in all venues, including bars and restaurants.

"Our findings provide evidence that community leaders want a smoking ban at either the local or state level," said Neuberger.

Cigarette smoking remains the leading preventable cause of death in the U.S., claiming an estimated 438,000 lives each year, according to the National Cancer Institute. An estimated 80 percent of lung cancer cases are attributed to smoking.

Other KUMC faculty members involved in the study were **Ken Davis**, clinical assistant professor, Health Information Management; **Nancy Dunton, PhD**, associate professor, KU School of Nursing; and **Niaman Nazir**, research instructor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health.

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