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Curtis Klaassen, PhD (left), savors the moment. Gary Doolittle, MD, gets a congratulatory hug.

Kemper 'surprise patrols' strike

Two renowned professors at the University of Kansas Medical Center, **Gary Doolittle, MD**, and **Curtis Klaassen, PhD**, received a \$5,000 William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence.

The Kemper fellowships recognize outstanding teachers and advisers at KU's Lawrence and Kansas City campuses as determined by a seven-member

selection committee.

This is the 14th year for the Kemper "surprise patrols," in which a group of KU and KUMC leaders drop in on the unsuspecting teachers in their classrooms. In all, 20 professors will be honored this year, four of them at KUMC.

Doolittle is associate director for Clinical Affairs, Division of Hematology/Oncology. He is a graduate of the KU School of

Medicine and completed his residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at KUMC. He joined the SOM faculty in 1991.

Klaassen is a University Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics. He obtained his MS and PhD degrees from the University of Iowa and joined the KUMC faculty in 1968.

Cancer program growth reflects expert patient care

The numbers may not tell the whole story, but they make a strong statement: More patients than ever are choosing The University of Kansas Cancer Center for their care and treatment.

In fiscal year 2009, the cancer program saw significant growth in all major areas:

- Patient treatment visits up 15.6 percent
 - Patient exams up 19.8 percent
 - Patient Radiation Oncology treatments up 20.6 percent
- The increases are part of a trend, one that reflects the cancer program's dedication

to being the best. To measure this growth, it helps to look at the number of newly diagnosed cancer cases each year. In 2008, cancer physicians saw 1,960 new cases – a more-than 90 percent increase from 2001.

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Company Store open for business

Just in time for early holiday shopping, The University of Kansas Hospital has rolled out a Company Store.

Employees can go to the online site (co-store.com/kumed) and order promotional items sporting the hospital logo.

"It's very exciting that employees will now have the ability to order hospital-logo items," said Jenny Inghram, Marketing. "We work for a great organization, and this will give employees the opportunity to show their pride."

The new Company Store's logo-adorned items include:

- Translucent blue or solid white acrylic mugs
- Blue and black lunch sacks or coolers
- Red coffee mugs
- Notepads
- Black leather pad folios
- Post-it cubes
- Three types of pens

Sample products will be on display 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, outside the hospital cafeteria.

The new Company Store is separate from the site where employees can order hospital-logo apparel. That site is on 24/7.



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ment to the outstanding care our patients receive from the moment they walk through the door,” said **Jeff Wright**, executive director of Cancer Services at The University of Kansas Hospital.

The center’s growth also was a recurring theme during the second annual State of the Cancer Center presentation Aug. 25.

“We are working hard to translate discoveries made in our labs into new therapeutic options for our patients,” said **Roy Jensen, MD**, center director. “Offering cutting-edge clinical trials like Nanotax, which was launched last year, will complement the extraordinary care patients receive at our cancer center.”

Leading the center’s growth this past year is the Blood and Marrow Transplant

program. Now the largest BMT program in the region, patient volume has increased 194 percent since 2006. This explosive growth led to the opening of an expanded outpatient BMT area in Westwood in February, and patient volume continues to climb.

Proceeds from Treads & Threads 2009 will grow the program a bit more by expanding the BMT Apheresis Unit, which provides lifesaving treatments to patients with lymphoma, leukemia and other blood cancers.

Wright cites the availability of unique investigator-initiated clinical trials, the state-of-the-art Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion and the pursuit of National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation as important factors in the cancer center’s growth.

Jensen outlines top priorities

They’re coming off a vigorous year, but don’t think employees at The University of Kansas Cancer Center are taking a breather.

During his second annual State of the Cancer Center address Aug. 25, Director **Roy Jensen, MD**, outlined the top priorities for the cancer center as it prepares to apply for National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation in two years. Among them:



Roy Jensen, MD

- Grow NCI funding to \$11 million.
- Recruit 25 cancer scientists and scholars – a “critical mass” of researchers to drive the discovery process.
- Develop more state-of-the-art research facilities, including a renovation of the Wahl/Hixon research complex.

Jensen pointed to a number of factors in the cancer center’s corner: Last fall’s \$20 million donation from **Annette Bloch**, Johnson County voter approval of a 1/8-cent sales tax in November that will send \$5 million a year to the Phase I clinical trial program, and staunch support from campus leadership.

The economic downturn makes the going tougher: There’s less state and philanthropic funding to recruit scientists and renovate facilities. Even so, he said, “We are committed and focused.”

“The community is recognizing the difference in academic medicine,” Wright said. “Patients can come here and see physicians who

specialize in particular types of cancer at a leading-edge facility, and they feel confident they’re getting the best care possible.”



exposure

Legislative checkup

Health care innovation was the topic of the day for a group of key lawmakers who toured The University of Kansas Hospital Aug. 31.

U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback (left, in photo at left) and state legislators including **Sen. Karin Brownlee** and **Rep. Bob Bethell** learned about the hospital’s innovative sepsis program from **Steven Simpson, MD** (right), Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. **Lowell Tilzer, MD** (left, in photo above), Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, explained automated lab operations to Brownback, who spearheaded the tour.

eXtracurricular

Thursday, Sept. 3

BLOOD DRIVE, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Westwood Campus Multipurpose Room. Walk-ins welcome.

PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY 13th Annual John Doull Symposium: David Eaton, PhD, Curtis Omiecinski, PhD, and Gunter Oberdorster, PhD, 1:30-5 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

Friday, Sept. 4

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Talking About Health and Self-Care with Older Spouse Caregivers: Two RCTs," Cynthia Teel, RN, PhD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Therapeutic Intervention with Ras Signaling Pathway for Treatment of Human Malignancies," Faris Farassati, PhD, PharmD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

UNIVERSITY COMPUTER Equipment Drop-Off: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. Information: 8-1081.

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8

2010 STUDENT RESEARCH Forum Planning Meeting: 1-2 p.m., Calkins Resource Center. RSVP to srf@kumc.edu by noon, Monday, Sept. 7.

RESEARCH SEMINAR Series on Aging, Health and Dementia: "Sleep Promotes Motor Learning in Individuals with Stroke," Catherine Siengsukon, PhD, 4-5 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing. Register: coa.kumc.edu/cpgec.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY Support: Second Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wyandotte Room. Information: Dolly Wood, 8-6945 or dwood@kumc.edu.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Living Independently," Wilma Christensen, RN, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

KANSAS PUBLIC Health Grand Rounds: "Update on School of Public Health," Glenn Cox, MD, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

Thursday, Sept. 10

CANCER & DEVELOPMENTAL Biology Seminar: "Adult Neural Stem Cells: From Basic Science to Therapeutic Applications," Samuel Weiss, PhD, 8:45-9:45 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

VISITING SCHOLAR Lecture: "SASIR Is an Oocyte Specific Oolemmal Metalloprotease Receptor for Sperm Intra-Acrosomal Ligand SLLP1," John Herr, PhD, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

Friday, Sept. 11

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Is There a Role for Curcumin in the Management of Acute Spinal Cord Injury?" Hamid Shah, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Pediatrics: Past Successes and Future Challenges," Cheng Cho, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

BOHAN LECTURE: "From Discovery to Product," John Herr, PhD, noon-1 p.m., G013 School of Nursing Auditorium. Lunch for first 100 attendees. Sponsored by the Bohan Fund, the HLA-G Program Project Grant, the Department of

'Open science' at Dykes Library

Scientific collaboration and the roles of Web-powered research and public access to scientific data will be the topics of an upcoming presentation sponsored by the Dykes Library. **John Wilbanks** will share "A Conversation about Science Commons," 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, in Lied Auditorium.

The presentation will focus on how open science can transform the way medical research is shared and developed. Refreshments served 8:30-9:30 a.m. An informal conversation with Wilbanks will follow, 10:30-11 a.m. Register at www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

School of Medicine retreat is Sept. 18

The annual KU School of Medicine Faculty Retreat will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 18 in the KU School of Nursing Auditorium. **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, executive vice chancellor, University of Kansas Medical Center and executive dean of the KU School of Medicine, will deliver the State of the School of Medicine address.

Nursing competency fairs rolling out

Department of Nursing competency fairs kick off this month. The annual fairs, which attract about 1,000 participants, give nurses an opportunity to handle specialized equipment, validate their skills and learn advanced techniques from educators, advanced practice nurses and staff nurses who perform these tasks daily.

The Critical Care Competency Fair will be 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 21; 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 22; and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 29. All will be in Unit 45.

The Acute/Progressive Care Competency Fair will be 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 4; 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 5; and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 6. All will be in Battenfeld Auditorium and Francisco Lounge.

Details are being finalized for the Maternal/Baby Competency Fair, which will be in December. Information: **Marci Walker, MSN**, 8-1063, or mwalker4@kumc.edu.

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PAIN CHAMPION nomination deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Access nomination forms at tinyurl.com/painchampions or contact **Jennifer Surprise, RN**, at 8-4470 or jsurprise@kumc.edu. Fax completed forms to 8-8005.

Anatomy and Cell Biology, and the U54 Interdisciplinary Center for Male Contraceptive Research & Drug Development.

8th ANNUAL TREADS & Threads: 6 p.m. sponsor/patron pre-party, 7:30 p.m. general admission, Kansas Speedway. Information: treadsandthreads.org.

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

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Vehicles

2007 JAYCO Octane T-26 camper, holds 4 small bikes or 3 motorcycles, dual electric bunks, master BR, full kitchen/bath, 26" TV, AC/furnace, excellent cond., \$18,500. 913-342-5237.

2002 FORD EXPLORER Sport, 70K, automatic, 4WD, cloth interior, cruise, keyless entry, \$8,000. 816-807-9807.

2001 CHEVY PRISM, 92K, light brown, 4-door, VVIT 4-cylinder, good cond., excellent mpg, must sell. 913-287-1067.

1998 FORD EXPEDITION Eddie Bauer, 186K (all highway), V8, 5.4L, tow package, heavy-duty hitch, 4WD, heated/leather seats, great shape, new battery, \$3,500 cash only. 816-896-1855.

For Sale

10K WHITE GOLD ball stud earrings, authentic, classy, suitable for first or second earring holes, \$20. 816-419-8263.

HEWLETT PACKARD inkjet printer and Compaq PC, 17" flat screen, all new, \$425; hi-speed USB 2.0 cable, never opened, \$15. 913-375-3703.

PHILLIPS 54" TV, \$250; tan suede couch and loveseat, \$300; wooden coffee table, \$40; all 4

items \$500, all excellent cond., you pick up. 913-963-0013.

2 KU FOOTBALL tickets for Okla., Duke and S. Miss. games, 15 yard-line, 27th row, face value \$190, asking \$140/ticket. 785-424-4404.

BLACK DRESSER with mirror, purchased from JCP, 10 drawers with silver knobs, good cond. 620-875-1398.

REEL LAWN MOWER, "old fashioned" model, \$20. 913-722-1981.

EXERCISE WEIGHT set, includes barbells and dumbbells, \$50, 1 mile from KUMC. 913-722-1981.

PLAYSTATION 3, 60 GB, wireless controllers, remote, HD/Internet cables, several games, \$350 OBO, will sell items separately. 785-760-2390.

DOGLOO dog house, good cond., for medium-large dog, \$30 cash only, you pick up. 913-579-4843.

22" RIMS, great cond., and 20" rims, need 2 tires for the 20" rims. 913-387-6839.

PICKUP COVER, fits '92 GMC Sierra club cab, \$50, you pick up. 816-529-9023.

LITTLE TIKES basketball set, indoor/outdoor, adjustable height, ages 18 months-5 years, sells for \$35, asking \$12. 816-363-8696.

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.

NORDICTRACK ski machine, older model, great cond., \$30. 816-838-4250.

Housing

For Sale

CONDO, 2 BR, 2 BA, gated community, pool, exercise room, party room, 4057 Walnut, Unit 1, in KCMO. 913-832-7587.

PRAIRIE VILLAGE ranch, 5706 W. 77th Terrace., 3 BR, 2 BA, finished basement, 2-car garage, fireplace, fenced yard, new windows, hardwoods, \$214,950. 913-638-2447.

GROUND-FLOOR condo, 2 BR, 2 BA, east Independence close to I-70, \$112,000. 816-838-4250.

For Rent

BEAUTIFUL HOME, 2 BR, 1 BA, fenced backyard, large porch, quiet neighborhood, walk to KUMC, 3550 Wyoming St. in KCMO, \$850/month, available Oct. 1. 913-685-3777.

2 BR, 1 BA in KCK, living room, dining room, off-street parking, 10 minutes from KUMC, \$525/month, available Oct. 1. 913-299-9068.

1 BR CONDO, \$650. 816-868-7594.

1 BR of a 2 BR, 1 BA condo, gated, quiet area, reserved parking, 809 W. 40th St., walk to KUMC, \$450/month. 816-824-3259.

Pets

2 FEMALE CATS need loving homes, 6 years old, 1 orange tabby, 1 beautiful gray, both spayed/litter trained. 816-797-7318.

BLACK POMERANIAN, tiny (5 pounds), 5-year-old male, fixed, shots current, treated for heartworms/ticks/fleas, sweet, good with kids/other pets. 913-787-4656.

BLACK LAB found at Spring Hill Lake, about 1 year old, fixed, shots current, treated for heartworms, sits, lies down, shakes hands. 913-787-4656.

BOSTON TERRIER, 2-year-old male, housebroken, doesn't bark, loves kids/other pets, enjoys walks/cuddling, fixed, shots current, needs loving permanent home. 913-652-9422.

SUNSHINE the Yorkie Poo needs good home, 1 year old, loving pet, great with kids, shots current, with kennel. 816-519-5400.

ADORABLE KITTENS, 7 weeks old, 3 white, 1 tan, and mother cat (about 1 year old), abandoned, need loving permanent home. 913-206-1524.

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Chad Cannon, MD,

will present at the opening ceremony of

the Fifth Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress, Monday, Sept. 14, in Valencia, Spain.

Cannon, an Emergency Medicine physician at The University of Kansas Hospital, was named to the

prestigious position after his abstract, "Improving Outcomes in Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: Results of a Prospective Multicenter Collaborative," scored in the top three of more than 1,000 submissions to the American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

Cannon will present to more than 1,500 emergency medicine physicians from around the globe.

The study showed a greater-than 10 percent

absolute risk reduction in mortality following implementation of a sepsis initiative, based on the Surviving Sepsis Campaign and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

Cannon noted this type of achievement would not have been possible without the help of the hospital's interdisciplinary sepsis team and support from physicians and nurses in the Emergency Department and the intensive care units.

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