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## O<sub>2</sub> launch set for cancer center, patient team communication expands

O<sub>2</sub> is coming soon to The University of Kansas Cancer Center exam areas, moving The University of Kansas Hospital ever closer to its goal of “one patient, one record.”

After a smaller go-live in March, the electronic medical record system expands at the cancer center Monday, Sept. 21 – the date of the go-live for scheduling rep order entry – and continues throughout October with a four-week staggered rollout of the physician exam visit and documentation.

For physicians and others at the cancer center, com-

posing notes in O<sub>2</sub> will mean better, faster communication with patient care teams at the hospital, said **Darlene Timmerman, RN**, the center’s oncology project manager. “All providers on the patient care teams – whether they’re in the spine center, Dermatology or the cancer center – will have the opportunity to see documentation in O<sub>2</sub>,” she said.

The comprehensive training and at-the-elbow support that helped hospital staff transition smoothly to O<sub>2</sub> will be the prescription for the cancer center as well.

## One of the best places to work



As **Mary Burkhart, RN**, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, can attest, The University of Kansas Hospital is a positive work environment. And now it's official: The hospital is among *Modern Healthcare's* 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare. The list recognizes outstanding health care employers – organizations that help employees excel so they can provide the best possible care. The magazine will reveal details of its rankings Oct. 27.

## KUMC teams with minority leaders on health disparities

A new organization in the University of Kansas Medical Center is reaching out to the region’s minority communities in an effort to address their unique health care needs.

The new group, the Health Disparities Community Advisory Board, was established by the Center for Outcomes Research & Education (CORE), Department of Internal Medicine. It's led by **Sunita Dodani, MD, PhD**, who joined

KUMC in March.

The advisory board's goals: foster relationships among KUMC researchers and ethnic communities, promote understanding, work toward improved health for community members and reduce health disparities.

At the board's first meeting, 65 participants – including KUMC faculty and representatives from five different ethnic communities – gathered Aug. 19 on campus to discuss

health disparities within the area's minority groups.

For example, African Americans face higher incidences of diabetes and stroke. Childhood obesity and smoking are at elevated levels among Hispanics. Vietnamese cope with limited access to health care, especially finding providers who speak their language. The region's Jewish population hopes to find more testing on genetic issues

such as Tay-Sachs disease.

“This was an important first step for us to reach out to community leaders, form strong partnerships with them and work as a team,” Dodani said.

In the next steps, about a dozen KUMC researchers will develop specific programs and line up grants. Then research teams, working with community leaders and funding organizations, will put the

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## Lace up your walking shoes for autumn's fundraisers

With autumn's approach, employees are gearing up for a bounty of health walks. Here's the rundown.

**What: Walk for PKD**, a 2-mile fundraiser to find a cure for PKD (polycystic kidney disease). PKD affects more than 12 million people worldwide. **Details:** 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Theis Park at the Country Club Plaza. Information: [kansascitywalk.org](http://kansascitywalk.org).

**Campus connection:** The walk is sponsored by the PKD Foundation, which was co-founded by **Jared Grantham, MD**, a University Distinguished Professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

KUMC scientists and nephrologists will be at the walk to answer patient questions. What's more, two teams from KUMC's Kidney Institute are competing this

year. So far they've reached \$6,500 combined.

To contribute to the scientists/researchers team (the ExorCysts @ KU): [pkdcure.org/pkdresearch](http://pkdcure.org/pkdresearch). To contribute to the nephrologists/clinicians team (the KU Cyst Busters): [pkdcure.org/cystbusters](http://pkdcure.org/cystbusters).

**What: Light the Night Walk**, a 3-mile walk benefiting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. **Details:** Friday, Sept. 25, Corporate Woods in Overland Park (Building 40). Registration and carnival are at 6 p.m., with the walk starting at 8 p.m. Information: [lightthenight.org](http://lightthenight.org).

**Campus connection:** **Micia Amos**, team captain for the Cancer Lancers for the third year, is a former blood and marrow transplant patient at The University of Kansas Cancer Center and was an



**Micia Amos** (in bandana, holding sign) is a former blood and marrow transplant patient. She's also a second-year nursing student and a nursing associate in the cancer center.

honored patient at Treads & Threads. She's also a second-year student in the KU School of Nursing and a nursing associate in the cancer center.

Her team is at [pages.lightthenight.org/mid/KSCity09/ma mos3](http://pages.lightthenight.org/mid/KSCity09/ma mos3). **Sunil Abhyankar, MD**, Hematology/Oncology, also has registered a team, The Fighting Lymphocytes, [pages.lightthenight.org/mid/KSCity09/TheFightingLymphocytes](http://pages.lightthenight.org/mid/KSCity09/TheFightingLymphocytes).

**What: Walk Now for Autism**, a 1.5-mile walk benefiting Autism Speaks. Autism spectrum disorders are diagnosed in one in 150 children in the

United States. The prevalence of autism has increased tenfold in the last decade; its cause and cure remain unknown.

**Details:** 10 a.m. Oct. 10, at the Kansas Speedway. Information: [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org) (click on *Walk Now for Autism Speaks*, bottom of page).

**Campus connection:** KUMC's Center for Child Health Development is known statewide for its diagnostic assessment of children with autism. A CCHD team will have a booth at the walk and is raising funds at [walknowforautism.org/kansascity/cchd](http://walknowforautism.org/kansascity/cchd).

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## Now on board

Sept. 8 marked the first official meeting for **Bernadette Gray-Little, PhD**, chancellor of the University of Kansas, as a member of The University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board. She chatted with **Bob Page**, hospital president and CEO, during a break at the Westwood Campus.

# eXtracurricular

## Thursday, Sept. 10

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.

LIFE IN THE USA Series for the International Community: "American Football, Rules of the Game," Mike Miller and Jeff Sygman, noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr-Major.

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

## Monday, Sept. 14

CAR SEAT CHECK, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., hospital Emergency Department entrance. Hosted by Trauma Services. By appointment only: 5-6933.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Seminar: "i-Clickers (and Web-Clickers) Demo – More Than Just Polling Tools," Liz Tassell, i-Clicker rep, noon-1 p.m., 1014 Orr-Major. Register: [www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining](http://www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining). Appointments 9-11:30 a.m. by contacting [mgunion@kumc.edu](mailto:mgunion@kumc.edu).

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## Tuesday, Sept. 15

DYKES LIBRARY Open Science Presentation: "A Conversation about Science Commons," John Wilbanks, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Lied Auditorium. Refreshments 8:30-9:30 a.m. Informal conversation with Wilbanks will follow, 10:30-11 a.m. Register: [www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining](http://www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining).

HOSPITAL HR Training and Development Seminar: "Interviewing Skills," 1-3 p.m., 1005 Student Center.

CENTRAL PLAINS Geriatric Education Center Seminar: "Heart Failure: Early Intervention and Treatment in Geriatric Populations," Jon Welsh, MD, 5-7 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Register: [coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/upcoming\\_programs.htm](http://coa.kumc.edu/cpgec/upcoming_programs.htm).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUPERIOR BUICK Cadillac Annual Golf Outing. Event is Oct. 19 at the Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate, Overland Park. Event benefits KUMC cardiovascular research. Information/Registration: Peggy Person 8-5441.

## Wednesday, Sept. 16

INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: "Mysteries of Medicine," James Bergin, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Timeless Face," J. David Kriet, MD, and Clint Humphrey, MD, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or [mchandler@kumc.edu](mailto:mchandler@kumc.edu).

KANSAS PUBLIC Health Grand Rounds: "Yard Waste and the Upcoming Solid Waste Problem in the KC Metro Area," Julie Coon, Johnson County Environmental Department, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

HOSPITAL HR Training and Development Seminar: "Conflict Management," 1-3 p.m., 2023 Wescoe.

## Cambridge power will be out Sept. 13

Electricity to the Cambridge Parking Facility will be out 6-7 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Garage elevators won't work during the brief outage. The electricity is being shut off for a construction project.

## Evidenced-Based Practice seminar Sept. 24

As a Magnet hospital, The University of Kansas Hospital's Nursing Research Council will present "Evidence-Based Practice: Healthy Communication," 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, in the KU School of Nursing, G013. Speakers will provide an overview of the components of evidence-based practice (EBP) and display a variety of quality improvement research and EBP projects.

All nurses – students through advanced degrees – interested in learning the aspects of developing an evidence-based practice should attend. The all-day program includes five contact hours applicable toward RN/LPN relicensure. No partial credits will be given. Information: **Sindy English, RN**, 8-1822.

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health-improvement efforts in place.

What kind of projects might be launched? One that's already being tested involves a Kansas City Baptist church whose membership is primarily African American.

The pilot program's goal is to help members lower their risk of hypertension through dietary changes. If successful, the program might be rolled out through other African American churches in the area.

For information: [www2.kumc.edu/internalmedicine/core/](http://www2.kumc.edu/internalmedicine/core/)



**Sunita Dodani, MD, PhD** (second from right), is leading KUMC's new Health Disparities Community Advisory Board. The board includes more than 45 ethnic community leaders and KUMC faculty, such as (from left) **Michael Mayberry**, Wyandotte County's Community Health Council; **Rev. Emanuel Cleaver III**, St. James United Methodist Church; **Jimmy Brown**, Swope Healthcare; **Steve Stites, MD**, Internal Medicine chair; and **Rev. Michael Brooks**, Zion Grove Baptist Church.

# eXchange

## Vehicles

1993 CADILLAC FLEETWOOD, rear-wheel drive, 350 engine, very clean, gray interior/exterior. 816-606-9557.

1992 HONDA CIVIC LX, 150K, power windows/locks, keyless entry, CD player, never wrecked, clean interior, \$2,500. 816-436-5727.

## For Sale

4 TICKETS for Leonard Cohen concert Nov. 9 at the Midland, 2 tickets in row 16, \$350, and 2 tickets in row 24, \$200, all face value. 913-961-0375.

SONY PLAYSTATION 3, 60 GB, 1 wireless controller, 2 games, \$150. 580-917-0979.

INVERSION TABLE for flexibility and back pain relief, gently used, like new, \$100. 573-529-1630.

SOFA AND LOVESEAT, dark blue, good cond., \$150. 573-529-1630.

1959 KOHLER & CAMPBELL upright piano, excellent cond., \$900 OBO. 913-706-8291.

ANTIQUe DINING set: table with 3 leaves, 6 chairs and pads, buffet, China cabinet, \$800 OBO. 913-706-8291.

DINING SET, white and light wood, seats 6, 1 chair missing, good cond., \$100. 913-832-7801.

KU FOOTBALL single-game tickets for Sept. 19, Sept. 26 and Oct. 10, \$50, and Nov. 14, \$90, all face value. 816-277-4671.

GE SMOOTH-TOP electric stove, black, good cond., used 1 year, \$300. 816-332-8047.

BUMBO seat for babies, pink, gently used, \$15; Bright Starts "Pretty in Pink" bouncer seat, soothing vibration, music, 3 toys, gently used, \$15. 305-401-8892.

BOYS CLOTHING, sizes 7-8, name brand, good condition. 913-575-7444.

HANDS-FREE speakerphone device, fits any cell phone, clip-on holder, easy use, in box, \$12; Spirit men's cologne by Antonio Banderas, in box, \$14. 816-363-8696.

DAY BED, white cast iron with mattress, photos, \$175 firm. 913-888-3605.

FISH TANKS, 55- and 75-gallons, filters, protein skimmers, rocks, sand, lights, stands, \$400 each or \$750 both. 816-391-8716.

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## Housing For Sale

LEE'S SUMMIT home, 3 BR, 2 BA, new kitchen cabinets, stainless steel appliances, recent interior/exterior paint, new carpet, 1549 NE Tawny Dr., move-in ready, \$159,950. 816-522-3768.

## For Rent

2 BR, 1 BA with hardwoods, 5 blocks from KUMC, washer/dryer central AC/heat, lots of storage, pets OK with deposit, available mid-Oct., \$895/month. 816-509-7792.

## Garage Sale

OVERLAND PARK Sale: 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 10-12, kids clothing, sizes 6X-14, lawn mower, toys, booster seats, books, 9224 Wedd St. 913-244-7683.

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY Sale: 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 12, 5413 Martindale, Shawnee, includes books, clothing, costumes, dance gear, household items, toys, baked goods, more.

## Pets

JACK THE CAT, jet black, declawed front, fixed, cute, litter box, cat litter, food. 913-789-8680.

4 ADORABLE KITTENS, 2 gray/black striped, 2 black with blue eyes, 6 weeks old, weaned, photos. 918-232-2332.

3 LITTLE KITTENS, 2 males, tan with dark brown/gray, 1 female, white with black spots, 7 weeks old, shots current, wormed, flea treated, photos. 913-378-4192.

BLACK LAB mix, female, 1 year old, healthy, spayed, housebroken, crate trained, walks well on leash, playful, good with kids and pets. 816-876-1788.

## Wanted

SMALL DESK for studying, reasonably priced, moderate cond. OK, will pick up and pay cash. 785-925-6441.

T-MOBILE PHONE with charger for 17-year-old son, prefer flip phone but OK with any decent one. 816-419-8263.

WASHER & DRYER in good working cond., prefer to buy set, prefer photos. 816-986-0616.

WOMEN'S BICYCLE, used, 24"-26," up to \$40, any brand in good cond. 816-741-2423.

NANNY to care for 3-month-old daughter and 3-year-old son, beginning mid-Dec., 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Wed.-Thurs., Mission Hills. 773-501-9355.

## exceptional

Recently funded by National Institutes of Health, **Randy Nudo, PhD** and his collaborators in the University of Kansas schools of Medicine and Allied Health are spearheading a unique pre-doctoral training program focusing on multidisciplinary approaches to neurological rehabilitation.



The program, which will be featured at a Fall Retreat Oct. 12, incorporates students from various disciplines, as well as mentors in basic and clinical research to broaden trainees' translational research skills.

During the program's first summer session, a physical therapy student worked with a medical student steeped in basic science. "We learned as much from each other as we did from the patients and the project," the PT student wrote. "I am beyond grateful to

have had this opportunity and feel that it has truly enriched my budding career."

The program is unique in its three-pronged approach to research training: Basic mechanisms, pathology characterization and therapeutic intervention. Full-time trainees receive specialized courses, have both research and clinical mentors to bring additional dimensions to their research, and couple clinical shadowing rotations with basic research.

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