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Missouri Quality Award: Prepare for **site visit!**

Eight examiners will visit The University of Kansas Hospital starting Monday, Sept. 28, to evaluate systems and processes against organizational excellence standards.

The three-day site visit is part of the Missouri Quality Award program. It recognizes organizations that can serve as role models to other hospitals and businesses.

“The MQA process is helping us identify our strengths and, most important, areas where we can improve,” said **Terry Rusconi**, director, Organizational Improvement.

Like the Magnet site visit in 2006, MQA examiners will talk with employees about the hospital. “They’ll

likely ask what makes our hospital special, how processes work and how we improve them when needed, and what goals are most important to our organization and how we measure our progress,” he said.

Materials distributed Sept. 23-24 with the candy cart should help employees prepare. The September *Insider* includes a recap of the hospital’s 2009 fiscal year. And refer to the Missouri Quality Award pocket guide for possible questions with answers.

The examiners also will evaluate if hospital systems and processes align with its new vision, mission and

Advanced technique



Competency fairs have kicked off in The University of Kansas Hospital’s Department of Nursing. **Whitney Watson, RN** (left), Unit 63, demonstrated a device that assists in placing small-valve feeding tubes. Her audience included **Amy Blaise, RN** (from left), MICU; **Carissa Helvey, RN**, SICU; and **Jenny Gwaltney, RN**, MICU.

values. The guiding principles are printed on badge buddies being distributed by managers. New wall signs display the vision, mission and values in hospital lobbies and departments.

The hospital chose MQA because it uses the same criteria as the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The MQA also is considered one of the best state programs in the country.

School of Medicine celebrates seven years of **progress**

	2002	2009
NIH ranking among...		
All medical schools	73	65
Public medical schools	42	36
Hospital support	\$10M	\$55.2M
Full-time faculty	451	588
Physician** revenue	\$77.1M	\$159.3M
Students in joint MD/		
PhD program	3	31
Step 1 pass rate	81%*	92%

*2001 **The University of Kansas Physicians

Look just about anywhere in the KU School of Medicine. You’ll see an organization dramatically improved since 2002.

A new curriculum was launched. Hundreds of faculty members have joined, including 23 new chairs. The affiliation agreement with The University of Kansas Hospital was strengthened. Research funding and recruiting at

The University of Kansas Cancer Center have soared.

“It’s been an impressive seven years,” **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, the school’s executive dean and executive vice chancellor in the University of Kansas Medical Center, told faculty colleagues during her State of the School annual address

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Kemper awards surprise faculty again

Two more faculty members at the University of Kansas Medical Center have received Kemper Fellowships for Teaching Excellence.

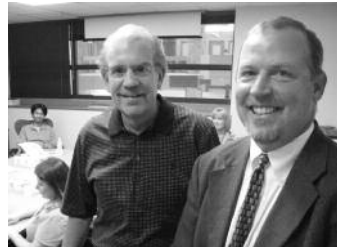
Doug Wright, PhD, associate professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology, received the award Sept. 14.

Janet Pierce, RN, professor of Nursing and adjunct associate professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, was honored Sept. 16.

The Kemper fellowships

recognize outstanding teachers and advisers at the University of Kansas and KUMC as determined by a seven-member selection committee. Winners receive \$5,000 awards. Four KUMC faculty members received Kemper fellowships this year.

Wright joined KUMC in 1997. Besides maintaining a well-funded neuroscience laboratory, he serves as director of Graduate Studies for his department and has



Doug Wright, PhD (right), was nominated by colleague **Dale Abrahamson, PhD**, Anatomy and Cell Biology.

advised numerous undergraduate, graduate, medical and MD/PhD students.

Pierce joined KU School of Nursing in 1991. A captain



Janet Pierce, RN, (right) received the award from **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, KUMC executive vice chancellor.

in the U.S. Navy Reserve, she teaches classes at all levels in the school and is an active collaborator with colleagues in Physiology.

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Sept. 18. "And there are lots of people in this room who made it happen."

She also sees plenty of challenges:

- Funding remains ominous. State funds to KUMC were cut 12 percent this year, and Atkinson expects another 2 to 5 percent will be cut next year.
- The school is ranked high based on National Institutes of Health funding, its historical yardstick. But the Kansas governor is pushing for the school to become a top 50 medical school based on *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. KU School of Medicine is in the middle of the pack in those rankings. Atkinson outlined a number of initiatives for coming years. Among them are strengthen educational programs, grow NIH funding, plan a KUMC-wide capital campaign and develop a funding model for resident students.

Professor's study turns spotlight on smoking bans, heart risk

A study about smoking bans by **David Meyers, MD**, KU School of Medicine, is gaining worldwide attention.

The study, published in the Sept. 29 issue of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, has found that public smoking bans can reduce the



David Meyers, MD

number of heart attacks by as much as 26 percent per year. The risk is lowered particularly among younger individuals and nonsmokers.

Meyers, professor of Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine, served as the study's lead investigator. He and other researchers performed a systematic review and meta-analysis of 10 reports from 11 geographic locations in the United States, Canada and

Europe to compare the rates of heart attacks before and after public smoking bans were instituted.

They project a nationwide ban on public smoking could prevent as many as 154,000 heart attacks each year.

With the study's publication, Meyers has been interviewed by several respected consumer publications and news programs, including the *Wall Street Journal*.

exposure



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Thursday, Sept. 24

"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. Stop by to talk with a heart health expert. Information: 8-1227.

NATIONAL POSTDOCTORAL Appreciation Day: 4-6 p.m., Beller Conference Center. Information: Kelly Magaha, 5-6845 or kmagaha@kumc.edu.

Friday, Sept. 25

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "New Antiepileptic Drugs," William Nowack, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Pediatric Obesity – Current Research and Expert Committee Recommendations," Ann Davis, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

LIGHT THE NIGHT Walk benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: 6 p.m. registration, 8 p.m. walk, Corporate Woods (Building 40), Overland Park. Information: lightthenight.org.

Robotic milestone

Emmanuel Daon, MD (right), Cardiothoracic Surgery, on Sept. 11 successfully performed the first robotic-assisted mitral valve repair at The University of Kansas Hospital. Also pictured is **Mike Kaiser, PA**, Cardiothoracic Surgery. Using the robot meant minimal incisions, which considerably reduced recovery time. The landmark event takes the hospital's cardiothoracic surgery program to new heights.

Monday, Sept 28

INSTITUTE FOR NEUROLOGICAL Disorders Seminar: "Plasticity of Human Motor Cortex: Lessons from a Normal Brain and Stroke," Cathrin Buetefisch, MD, noon-1 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

NURSING CRITICAL Care Competency Fair: 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Unit 45. Information: Marci Walker, MSN, 8-1063, or mwalker4@kumc.edu.

RESEARCH SEMINAR Series on Aging, Health and Dementia: "Fitness and Exercise in Alzheimer's Disease," Jeffrey Burns, MD, 4-5 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Register: coa.kumc.edu/cpgec.

GI GRAND Rounds: 5-6:30 p.m., B018 School of Nursing.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: "Isolated Left Ventricular Non-Compaction," James Vacek, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: "Look What's Inside You," noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094 or mchandler@kumc.edu.

KANSAS PUBLIC Health Grand Rounds: "The Psychosocial Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Persons with Disabilities," Michael Fox, ScD, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

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RN SATISFACTION Survey deadline: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4. Complete survey at nursingquality.org/survey. Information: **Suzanne Shaffer, RN**, 8-4457, or sshaffer@kumc.edu.

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

Thursday, Oct. 1

DIVERSITY AWARENESS Month Presentation: "Becoming American," noon-1 p.m., G013 KU School of Nursing.

BLOOD & MARROW Transplant Support Group: First and third Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

Friday, Oct. 2

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

Saturday, Oct. 3

NEUROLOGY EVENT: "Neurology Update," 8 a.m.-3:40 p.m., Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza. 8 a.m. registration. Topics include: "Stroke: A New Era in Acute Management," "Pattern Recognition Approach to Neuropathies and Neuronopathies," "Neuroprotection and Restoration in MS: Emerging Capabilities," "Epilepsy Update," "Brain Death," "Treatment of Parkinson's Disease," "Dementia Treatment," "Updates in Headache Treatment" and "Neuropathic Pain." Register: 877-404-KUCE or continuinged.ku.edu.

Sept. 30 speaker to address key mistakes of nursing

Jean Turvey, RN, clinical risk specialist from Lockton Cos., will address three key mistakes in nursing: "failure to monitor, failure to rescue, and failure to document." She'll also review how documentation can minimize liability in this high-risk situation.

The presentation will be three times on Wednesday, Sept. 30: 8-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-noon and 2-3 p.m. in Wahl Hall West. Registration: education@kumc.edu. Information: **Carol Larsen, RN**, 8-4432.

Women physicians honored in traveling exhibit

Women doctors are the focus of a national traveling exhibition opening Saturday, Oct. 3, at the University of Kansas Medical Center's Dykes Library. "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians" tells the extraordinary story of how women in America struggled for two centuries to gain access to medical education and careers. The exhibit is here through Nov. 11.

KUMC is one of 61 sites nationwide to host the exhibit. Two other area medical schools helped bring it to Kansas City.

The 2:30 p.m. opening reception will feature speakers and music by the Kansas City Women's Chorus. During its five weeks here, related events and speaker presentations will be offered throughout the city. Information: **Lynn George**, 8-0100, or library.kumc.edu/womeninmedicine.

Discount offered for KUMC alumni weekend

You can get \$10 off registration for the University of Kansas Medical Center's alumni weekend. Register online and use the discount code ALUM09.

Alumni weekend is Oct. 16-17. Registration deadline has been extended to Friday, Oct. 2. Schedule of events and information: kumc.edu/alumni/reunion.

The weekend will feature a presentation by **Nancy Wilson Dickey, MD**, first woman president of the American Medical Association. Her speech, part of the 63rd Annual Peter T. Bohan Lecture, will be 2:30-4 p.m. Oct. 16, School of Nursing Auditorium. Reception to follow. To register for the free lecture: Alumni Relations Office, 8-1255 or alumni@kumc.edu.

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Vehicles

2004 HONDA VTX 1300 motor-cycle, 2K, excellent cond., garaged, aftermarket cruise bars, Zombie mirrors, ISO grips, throttle rocker, helmet lock, Big Shots exhaust, \$6,000. 913-961-4908.

2002 FORD WINDSTAR Limited, 108K, heated leather seats, video player, power sliding doors, tan/dark tan, \$4,800 OBO. 913-406-6955.

1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN, 100K, very clean, runs great, must sell, \$6,999 OBO. 913-226-0499.

1977 HARLEY DAVIDSON, Shovelhead motor, runs great, \$6,500 OBO. 913-226-0499.

For Sale

BLACKBERRY 8830 World Edition Verizon phone, email, Web browser, global capability, music/video, Bluetooth, case, charger, software, manual, original box. 816-786-5751.

WOMEN'S NIKE Shox replica shoes, size 8, white/pink, new, in box, exact quality and appearance of authentic Shox, \$65 cash. 816-699-1218.

CANON PRINTER/copier/fax, works great, \$100. 402-812-5445.

BLOOD GLUCOSE monitor with case, OneTouch UltraMini model, pink/black, never used, includes 100 testing needles, paid \$40, asking \$15. 816-786-8303.

ACID REFLUX pillow for infants, soft Velcro, 20" square, 30-degree angle, adjusts for growing baby, gently used, paid \$75, asking \$40. 305-401-8892.

AIR HOCKEY table, 8'x 4' Competition Pro model, excellent condition, 2 fans, electronic scoreboard, 2 paddles, 8-10 pucks, easy assembly, \$350 OBO. 913-645-4933.

SEWING MACHINES: Brother machine and mini serger, used once, box, manual, \$100 OBO; 1965 white in-cabinet sewing machine, matching chair, great cond., manual, \$50. 402-812-5445.

GE SPACEMAKER over-the-range microwave, white, 1 year old, mint cond., \$100. 913-634-1311.

COFFEE TABLE and end table from Nebraska Furniture Mart, oak, 1 year old, excellent cond., \$200 for both. 913-634-1311.

HALF-SIZE CELLO, excellent cond., bow, rock stop, beginner's book, paid \$936, asking \$400 OBO. 913-961-7652.

EVENFLO HIGHCHAIR, 2 years old, tan/brown plaid with orange accents, excellent cond., manual, photos, paid \$125, asking \$35. 816-547-6860.

52" RCA HDTV, rear projection, nice picture quality, perfect cond., photos, \$500. 816-550-8719.

2 NASCAR TICKETS to Nationwide race Oct. 3, section 248, row 41, \$110/pair (below face value); 1 ticket to Oct. 4 race, same location, \$100. 913-980-0795.

2 KU FOOTBALL tickets for Sept. 26 game vs. S. Miss., 11 a.m., \$70 for both. 913-544-6951.

WOODEN DESK, 52" x 24," and office chair on wheels, photos, \$60. 913-709-4290.

Ophthalmology at the University of Kansas Medical Center, was honored Sept. 12 in San Antonio. This is the first time for the award; it now will be given each year at the Envision Conference.

Before joining KUMC, Timberlake served as an associate scientist at the Schepens Eye Research Institute and Harvard Medical School, where he directed the physiological optics group. He is

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.

Housing

For Sale

PIPER ESTATES home, 4 BR, 5 BA, 3,400+ sq. ft., 3 years old, finished basement, bar, granite countertops, hardwoods, huge deck overlooking lake. \$330,000. 913-226-0499.

ROELAND PARK home, 2 BR, 1 BA, 5306 W. 51st St., updated bath, hardwoods, new AC/heat, new roof, yoga studio, open house each Sunday, \$132,000. 913-742-0572.

2 BR, 1 BA close to Brookside/Plaza, hardwoods, formal living/dining areas, office, multipurpose room, hot tub/pool. 816-729-4348.

For Rent

HOME, 2 BR, 1 BA, large kitchen, living, dining rooms, off-street parking, washer/dryer, walk to KUMC, \$650/month, plus utilities. 913-558-8602.

CUTE HOUSE, 1 BR, garage, lawn care provided, 500/month, plus utilities. 816-863-4263.

ROOM in house 2 blocks from KUMC, large BR, walk-in closet, private BA, added closet space available, \$500/month, plus half utilities. 913-449-8908.

Garage Sales

SHAWNEE NEIGHBORHOOD: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 3, Heather Glen, 51st and Park Hill (between Quivira and Pflumm). 913-268-3305.

HUGE SALE: Sept. 26-Sept. 27, furniture, baby boy and adult clothing, more, 2827 N. 64th St. in KCK (between Parallel and Leavenworth Rd.). 913-908-5343.

Carpool

WESTERN SHAWNEE to Westwood Campus, garage parking, room for 1-2 riders. 913-206-9679.

Pets

8 KITTENS, weaned, 3 rescued, 5 from a domestic litter, need spayed/neutered. 816-872-5486.

TIGER/CALICO CAT needs good home, female, 1 year old, spayed, declawed, litter-trained, great with kids and dogs. 816-308-9431.

3 LITTLE KITTENS, 5 months old, need shots, spayed and neutered. 816-405-2739.

YELLOW TABBY, 1 year old, sweet, gentle; also 2 kittens, 9 weeks, would like to adopt together, all litter-trained. 913-206-1524.

Wanted

YAMAHA B-FLAT silver trumpet for marching band, high school concerts. 816-220-2539.

LIFT CHAIR gently used, price/color negotiable. 913-909-7131.

eXceptional



George Timberlake, PhD, has received the Envision Award for Low Vision

Science and Vision Rehabilitation. Timberlake, research director in

internationally recognized for his contributions to ophthalmic laser technology and low-vision research.

Nearly 400 low-vision research and rehabilitation professionals attended the fourth annual conference, which brings together cross-specialty professionals and specialists with a common goal: addressing a growing crisis in vision loss.

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