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KUMC Receives \$11 Million Grant to Expand Biomedical Research

The University of Kansas Medical Center is one of three institutions in the nation to receive an \$11 million Institutional Development Award (IDeA) from the National Center for Research Resources, which is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

KUMC's five-year renewable grant will be used to develop a Center of Biomedical Research Excellence to expand research in developmental biology, with a focus on the molecular regulation of cell development and differentiation. These are fundamental processes to

the development of organ systems. Findings from this research may offer insight into repairing damaged organs and tissue.

The IDeA grant will provide research support for up to three years for five junior faculty members. The goal is to help them become funded independent investigators. The researchers selected are all assistant professors.

- **Lane Christensen, PhD**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology
- **Pat Fields, PhD**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

- **Rajendra Kumar, PhD**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology
- **Hiroshi Nishimune, PhD**, Anatomy and Cell Biology
- **Jay Vivian, PhD**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

"The long-range goal of this significant award is to repair damaged tissues by replicating the normal development of cells within those tissues, such as the heart, brain or kidneys," said **Dale Abrahamson, PhD**, principal investigator for the IDeA grant and chair, Anatomy and Cell Biology. He will lead a team

of core facility directors and senior faculty mentors from several departments that will coordinate efforts among the researchers.

This is the third IDeA grant KUMC has received. The IDeA program is designed to strengthen biomedical research capabilities and bolster research infrastructure in states such as Kansas that historically have received minimal NIH research funding.

eXtra: For a full description of KUMC's IDeA Award grant, visit ncrr.nih.gov/news/2007_IDeA_Awards.asp.

Urgent Care Clinic Opens in Westwood

Whether your son twists his ankle playing soccer, your spouse slits open his hand carving a Halloween pumpkin or you develop a nasty sore throat on Saturday, the need for medical care doesn't always occur during weekday business hours.

That's why The University

of Kansas Hospital is opening a third urgent care facility, Westwood Urgent Care, Thursday, Nov. 1, in the new Cancer Center and Medical Pavilion at Shawnee Mission Parkway and Belinder. The walk-in, after-hours clinic in Suite 1104 has its own waiting room and includes about 1,800 square feet on

the lowest floor of the cancer center.

Board-certified family physicians will rotate through the schedule seven days a week. No appointments are necessary.

Weekday hours are 5 to 9 p.m., with weekend hours from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information on holiday hours, call 8-8700.

"The community expressed a strong desire for urgent care services

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when we were developing the Westwood Campus and asking for neighborhood input," said **Carrie Jordan**, who oversees the clinic as

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Flu Shot Schedule

Free flu shots are available for all staff, employees, faculty, students and volunteers of The University of Kansas Hospital and Medical Center and their affiliates.

Occupational Health Clinic, G110 Delp

Nov. 5, 7 & 19, 2-4 p.m.
Nov. 8 & 15, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Nov. 9, 13, 16 & 20, 8-10 a.m.

Nursing Resource Center

Nov. 2, 6, 7, 27 & 29, 7-9 a.m.

Roving Cart

Nov. 2, 6, 7, 27 & 29, 9-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m.

KUMC Student Health Services (students only)

Nov. 5 & 8, 8:15-10 a.m.
Nov. 5, 6, 7 & 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Nov. 5 & 7, 4-5:45 p.m.

KU MedWest: Walk-in clinic, Pod D

Check the hospital intranet at <http://intranet.kumed.com> for additional times, dates and locations.

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chief operating officer, Medical Administrative Services of KU Medical Center. "We feel that having after-hours services available nearby will be a great convenience for our hospital

and medical center employees, as well."

Urgent care is for medical problems that require a doctor's attention, yet are not serious enough for a trip to the emergency room, Jordan noted. Such medical conditions might

include respiratory difficulties associated with asthma and allergies, sore throats, coughs, fever, rashes, minor injuries like cuts and sprains, headaches, vomiting and flu-like symptoms.

Other urgent care clinics:

- **KU MedWest**
7405 Renner Rd.
Shawnee, Kan.
8-8450
Weekdays: 5 to 9 p.m.
Weekends: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Creekwood Urgent Care**
5601 N. Antioch Rd., Ste. 12
Gladstone, Mo.
816-452-8000
Weekdays: 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Weekends: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Faculty Research Day Set for Nov. 8

A record-setting number of research posters – 126 – will be on view Thursday, Nov. 8, when faculty research achievements are honored at the University of Kansas Medical Center's

annual Faculty Research Day.

The event, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the KU School of Nursing Auditorium, will begin with lunch for the first 200 attendees. At noon, **Eva Feldman, MD, PhD**, University of Michigan, will give a keynote address, "Drug Discovery and Drug Targets in Diabetic Neuropathy."

At 1 p.m., **Randy Nudo, PhD**, director, Landon Center on Aging, will present his research, "New Prospects for Repairing the Brain After Stroke." A Molecular and Integrative Physiology professor at KUMC, Nudo is a 2007 recipient of the Chancellor's Club Research Award.

Faculty research presentations and awards will follow.

A reception and poster viewing will conclude the day from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Beller Conference Center of The Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center. For more information, contact **Kelly Robertson**, 8-5436.



Christmas in October Volunteers Repair Homes

Even a torrential downpour couldn't stop the mission of Christmas in October. The rescheduled event drew teams of employees, family and friends from The University of Kansas Hospital and Medical Center to repair seven homes and clean up yards for elderly residents. From left are **Sandy Bugni, Roger and Jolene Cerveney, Joe Bugni, Bill Arnold, Bob Spaniol, Ruth Heaton, RN, Anna Adams, Matt Spaniol, Andy Heinzen, Ken Hensley and Matt Jaynes.**

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Thursday, Nov. 1

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FAIR at KU MedWest: 2-4 p.m., Multipurpose Room.

Friday, Nov. 2

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: "Narcolepsy: Diagnosis, Treatment and its Future," Suzanne Stevens, MD, 7-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Foster Care 2007: A National and State Perspective," Chet Johnson, MD, and Kelley McMahon, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

WINTER COAT DRIVE and Winterization Information Table: Student Wellness event, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Stoland Lounge.

KANSAS MASONIC CANCER Research Institute Round Table Seminar: "Controlling Immune Responses through B7 Family Manipulation," noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 35 attendees.

LONDON CENTER ON AGING Research Seminar Series: "Cognitive Factors of Dementia Associated with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Diseases," David Johnson, Psychology and Gerontology, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

Monday, Nov. 5

COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT Drop-Off: KUMC and KUPI equipment only, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. Disposal form: www2.kumc.edu/safety/computer_equipment_drop_off.html.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

GI GRAND ROUNDS: "Nuts and Bolts of Contract Terminology," guest speaker, Jennifer Marsh; case presentation, Savio Reddymasum, MD, 5-6:30 p.m., B018 School of Nursing.

LONDON CENTER ON AGING Special Event: "Happy Hour: A Celebration of Healthy Humor, Session 3," Mary Pebley, humor therapist, noon-2 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Register: Matt Chandler, 8-3094, mchandle@kumc.edu.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND Rounds: "Uric Acid: A 30-Year Journey," Arnold Chonko, MD, professor, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler.

KANSAS MASONIC CANCER Research Institute Round Table Seminar: "The 'Ying-Yang' of Id Genes in Prostate Cancer," Jaideep Chaudhary, PhD, Clark Atlanta University, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium. Lunch provided for the first 35 attendees.

JAYDOC LUNCH & LEARN SERIES: Writing Workshop, "Effective Professional Writing: Crafting Clear Sentences," Martha Montello, PhD, director, KUMC's Writing Consult Center, noon-1 p.m., Lied Auditorium. Register for lunch and handout: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

Thursday, Nov. 8

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND MEMORY Disorders Caregivers' Support Group: Phyllis Switzer, presenter, 2-3:30 p.m., second Thursday each month, 145 Landon Center on Aging.

Friday, Nov. 9

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Hot Issues in Adolescent Medicine," Eleanor Lisbon, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

Poster Event Marks Allied Health Week

The University of Kansas Hospital and the KU School of Allied Health will celebrate Allied Health & Ancillary Care Professions Week with a poster presentation and reception from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in Hixson Atrium.

Event hosts are **Karen Miller, RN, PhD**, senior vice chancellor and dean, KU School of Allied Health, and **Patricia Sanders-Hall**, vice president, Ancillary Care, hospital.

Allied health includes diverse fields, from rehabilitation therapies to dietetics to health information management and others. Allied health professionals comprise more than 60 percent of the total health care workforce.

Free Health Screenings for Hospital Staff

During November, free health screenings are available for The University of Kansas Hospital employees as part of the *BeHealthy: A Healthier You* new wellness program.

The screening provides numbers for blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, heart rate, height, weight and body mass index (BMI). Visit the hospital's intranet, <http://intranet.kumed.com>, and click on the BeHealthy link to make an appointment.

Employees who complete a confidential online health risk appraisal by Nov. 30 are eligible to save \$120 on 2008 medical insurance premiums.

Benefits Open Enrollment Goes Paperless

The University of Kansas Hospital's benefit enrollment is online this year and virtually paperless. Open enrollment continues through 11 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Step-by-step instructions on how to enroll at bluesenroll.com are available on the hospital intranet, <http://intranet.kumed.com>, and in the *BenefitsConnection 2008 Guide* mailed to hospital employees. In addition, hospital Human Resources staff will be available at the main hospital and Westwood Campus to assist with online enrollment during selected dates in November. Check the intranet for times and locations.

Medical Arts Symphony Concert Is Nov. 10

The Medical Arts Symphony will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in Battenfeld Auditorium.

Merton Shatzkin, music director, will conduct a program by Mozart, Shostakovich and other well-known composers. He will give a pre-concert lecture at 7:20 p.m.

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Vehicles

2007 HONDA CIVIC Si, 10K, \$21,500. 301-471-3942.

2002 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY Minivan, patriot blue, 3.3 V6, quad seating, dual sliding doors, front and rear AC, CD, roof rack, keyless entry, well maintained, \$6,200 OBO. 913-492-8838.

2002 MITSUBISHI GALANT, 108K, silver 4-door sedan, CD, well-maintained, excellent running condition, slight imperfections on exterior, \$3,900. 816-665-9392.

For Sale

ESTATE SALE, dark Italian leather sofas, retail for \$2,000, asking \$500 each; cherry end tables and coffee tables, TVs, stereos, Kenmore washer/dryer and other appliances, lamps and more. 816-665-9392.

BENCH-TOP TABLE SAW, Craftsman, 15 amp, 10", perfect condition, used only once, retails for \$150, asking \$75. 816-914-3164.

MATCHING SOFA SLEEPER and loveseat sleeper, Simmons brand, sofa's queen mattress is still factory sealed, beige fabric with dusty blue, green, tan and mauve stripes, very clean. 913-764-8060.

PRAIRIE VILLAGE HOME, 3 BR, 1 BA, remodeled and updated, basement, deck, fenced yard, \$155,000. 913-638-8383.

JEFF GORDAN HELMET, NASCAR signature, built-in sound system, radio and CD player with remote, movable visor, still in box, retails for \$135, asking \$45. 816-363-8696.

SNOWBOARD, barely used, 58" board, complete with click-in bindings and boots, youth size 5 (fits women size 7), great condition, \$200. 816-587-6407.

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CARHART OVERALLS, insulated, size 34, worn once, \$45. 913-441-2630.

GOODYEAR TIRES AND RIMS, set of 4, 16" for GMC pickup or SUV, good condition, \$200. 913-441-2630.

SAMSUNG FLAT-SCREEN HDTV, 26", 3 years old, \$150. 816-237-1216.

OMAHA BEDDING BRAND MATTRESS, full size, very good condition, \$50. 913-530-1244.

FURNITURE, sofa and chase loveseat, \$400; full-size futon, metal/wood, with mattress, \$45; off-white end tables with gold accents, \$30; table lamps, light beige, shades may need cleaning, \$30; photos available. 816-612-7724.

SPLIT-LEVEL HOUSE near KUMC, 2 BR, 2 BA, AC, rec room, all appliances stay, large deck, fenced back yard, garage, \$115,000 as is. 913-254-1163.

SAMICK UPRIGHT PIANO, great sound board, Royal George felt, accompanying bench, nicely maintained, \$2,000. 913-322-1212.

For Rent

ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE for lease, 1 BR and 1 BA on main floor, upstairs living quarters has 1 BA, hardwood floors, full basement with garage, fenced back yard, pets OK. 816-665-9392.

Pets

PLAYFUL MALE TABBY, 2 years old, needs loving home; neutered, litter-box trained, all vaccinations, owner can no longer care for him. 816-836-1102.

Wanted

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM needs competitive players, 6th-8th grade, practices from 6:15-8 p.m. Mondays, Thornberry Boys & Girls Club. 816-923-3556.

Antenna Aids Mobile Phone Reception

Clinicians, staff and patients alike may notice improved Sprint cell phone coverage in all areas of The University of Kansas Hospital's Westwood Campus.

Sprint recently installed an in-building antenna system like the one installed in the main hospital and the Advanced Center for Heart Care in 2006. This system also provides Nextel coverage throughout the facilities, allowing clinicians to receive and respond to information while on the move.

As part of the hospital's partnership agreement with

Sprint, campus employees are eligible for a 15-percent discount on personal phone plans and hardware. For details regarding Sprint plans and discounts, visit sprintcorporate.com/kumc.

Diversity Event, Exhibit Focus on Gay Veterans

Contributions of gay and lesbian soldiers will be the topic of a KUMC Diversity 2007 event, "Ask and Tell: Gay and Lesbian Veterans Speak Out," from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in Rieke Auditorium.

Steve Estes, associate professor of history, Sonoma State University, California, will discuss his new book, which

chronicles gay and lesbian service in the U.S. military from World War II to the Iraq War. A book signing will follow.

The event will kick off a new exhibit, "Out Ranks: GLTB Military Service from WWII to the Iraq War," in Clendening Library. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays beginning Friday, Nov. 9, through Dec. 31.

Co-commissioned by KUMC's History and Philosophy of Medicine Department and the KUMC Archives, this is the nation's first major traveling exhibit documenting gay, lesbian, trans-sexual and bi-sexual veterans who fought for their country – as well as for justice. The Gay, Lesbian, Trans-sexual, Bi-sexual

Historical Society, San Francisco, is the co-sponsor.

For more information, contact **Charles Romero**, Diversity coordinator, 8-8011.

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