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## Hospital Sets Records for Patient Volume

If it seems like the hospital is serving more patients than ever before, that's because it is.

The University of Kansas Hospital finished its 10th year as an independent state authority with the highest inpatient and outpatient volumes in its 102-year history. The announcement comes as the hospital releases its fiscal 2008 annual report: "Measuring Up."

Inpatient volume for fiscal

2008 jumped to 22,393, an increase of more than 7 percent over the last fiscal year. Over the past 10 years, patient volume has risen 71 percent.

Outpatient visits climbed to 298,920, an increase of more than 10 percent compared to last year. Outpatient visits are up 117 percent from 1998. Emergency Department visits increased to 43,392, which is a 5 percent increase over fiscal 2007.

The hospital invested nearly \$77 million in capital improvements in fiscal 2008. In 1998, it had spent only \$33 million on capital improvements during the previous five years. Since becoming an independent authority in 1998, the hospital has made more than \$500 million in capital investments to improve and expand facilities and resources to better serve patients.

The hospital increased its

support for the educational and research missions of the University of Kansas Medical Center and the KU School of Medicine faculty from approximately \$30 million in fiscal 2007 to more than \$46 million in fiscal 2008.

The cost of providing uncompensated care climbed to \$34 million for the year, a 4 percent increase.

Patient satisfaction for fiscal 2008, as measured by

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## KU Cancer Center Will Apply for NCI Designation in September 2011

Just over 1,000 days from now – Sept. 25, 2011, to be exact – the University of Kansas Cancer Center will formally apply to become a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center.

The date was announced during a special event hosted by the Midwest Cancer Alliance Partners Advisory Board Nov. 13, "The State of Cancer, Pursuit of National Cancer Institute Designation for the Region." Speakers included Kansas Gov. **Kathleen Sebelius**;

**Gary Sherrer**, chair, MCA Partners Advisory Board; and **Roy Jensen, MD**, director, KU Cancer Center.

NCI-designated cancer centers are institutions recognized for their scientific excellence and extensive resources focused on cancer and cancer-related issues. They are the primary sources of new approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment, and to discoveries of causes of cancer. For patients, these centers offer access to the very latest cancer treatments and

leading-edge clinical trials for cancer-fighting drugs.

Being granted a date to apply is an important milestone in the journey to achieve NCI designation, Jensen noted. Currently, there are 64 NCI-designated cancer centers in the U.S.

While September 2011 seems far away, this is the first date the NCI has available to consider KU's application. The NCI has only three funding cycles each year to consider applications from new and established centers, explained **Linda Weiss, PhD**, chair, NCI Cancer Centers Program. The application process is lengthy and rigorous, Weiss added,

and applications often include a thousand pages of documentation.

Weiss attended the event and toured the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion at The University of Kansas Hospital's Westwood Campus. She also met with KU and hospital leaders.

Weiss said KU should know in May 2012 if its application is approved. Once a cancer center achieves NCI status, it must reapply every five years.

Officials at the cancer center estimate NCI-designation will generate \$1.3 billion in annual economic benefits for the region, including 9,400 jobs.

## United Way Campaigns Top \$197,300

Thanks to an outpouring of generosity from employees and staff across campus, United Way received more than \$197,300 in contributions in separate campaigns.

The University of Kansas Medical Center and Kansas University Physicians, Inc., and The University of Kansas Hospital easily topped their donation figures from last year.

### Hospital

**Lisa Ward**, Human Resources, and **Dorothy McGhee**, Organizational Improvement, presented the hospital's campaign contribution of \$111,915 to United Way. This figure exceeded not only the hospital's goal of \$100,000, but also its "stretch goal" of \$108,000.

This is the third consecutive year the hospital

exceeded its campaign goal. Last year, hospital employees and staff donated more than \$94,800.

### KUMC/KUPI

The KUMC/KUPI campaign raised \$85,400 for United Way through its online campaign. This marks a substantial increase in donations from \$73,590 collected last year during the university's first "paperless" campaign.

Employees and staff (hospital, KUMC and KUPI) who chose to donate through payroll deduction will have that process begin with the first paycheck in January 2009.

## Nearly 4,500 on Campus Get Flu Shots

Nearly 4,500 employees, staff, faculty and students on three campuses have received free flu shots since late October. The flu shot campaign ended Nov. 18, but

free shots still are available while vaccine lasts.

### Free Flu Shot Locations

- **Nursing Units:** Shots are available round the clock, except 7 to 8 a.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Ask for a nurse on one of these units:
  - Unit 15B
  - Unit 46
  - Unit 53
  - CICU
  - CVOR
  - CVPCU
- **Occupational Health:** Call 8-6512 for an appointment.
- **KUMC Student Health Services** (students only): 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **KU MedWest:** Call 8-2200 for an appointment.

### Why Get a Flu Shot?

When you get a flu vaccination, you protect hospital patients who may be especially vulnerable because of age, serious illness or compromised

immune systems. Even if you do not work in direct patient care, patients and visitors may pick up your flu germs while they are at the hospital. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as major medical and nursing organizations, recommend yearly flu vaccinations for *all* employees in health care settings.

Your flu vaccination also protects your co-workers and colleagues so the hospital and medical center have full staff onboard during flu season and throughout the winter. Finally, an annual flu shot protects you, your family members and friends, especially those who are elderly, chronically ill or younger than 6 months old.

According to the CDC, more than 226,000 people are hospitalized each year from flu complications. Influenza kills about 36,000 people annually, most of whom are elderly.

## KUMC Celebrates New Endowed Professorships

The University of Kansas Medical Center recently celebrated three new endowed professorships. **Terry Tsue, MD**, associate dean, Graduate Medical Education, was named the Douglas Girod Professor of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology. **Hinrich Staecker, MD, PhD**, associate professor, Otolaryngology, became the David and Marilyn Zamierowski Professor of Head and Skull Base Surgical Oncology. **Leslie Heckert, PhD**, professor, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, was named the Marion M. Osborn Professor for Reproductive Sciences. Left photo includes (from left) **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, KUMC executive vice chancellor; **Tsue**; **Marilyn Zamierowski, PhD**; **Staecker**; **David Zamierowski, MD**; and **Douglas Girod, MD**, senior associate dean, Clinical Affairs. Right photo includes (from left) **Atkinson**; **Dale Seufferling, KU** Endowment; **Heckert**; **Paul Cheney, PhD**, chair, and **Jim Voogt, PhD**, professor emeritus, both of Molecular and Integrative Physiology.



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# eXtracurricular

## Friday, Nov. 21

**NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY**  
Grand Rounds: "The Neuropsychiatry of Parkinson's Disease: Affect, Cognition and Behavior," Daniel Weintraub, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

**PEDIATRIC GRAND** Rounds: "Pediatric Practice and Research: The PROS Perspective," Greta McFarland, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

**2008 CLINICAL NUTRITION**  
Seminar: "Nutritional Genomics: Working Molecular Biology Research Into Your Practice," Ruth DeBusk, PhD, and Jeanne Drisko, MD, 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., G013 School of Nursing Auditorium. Information: Sharon Jones, 8-5355, or [dietetics.kumc.edu/html/events/seminar2008.html](http://dietetics.kumc.edu/html/events/seminar2008.html).

**ONCOLOGY JOURNAL Club:** Lakshmi Chintala, MD, and Carol Fabian, MD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

**PSYCHIATRY GRAND** Rounds: "When the Psychiatrist Is the Victim of Assault," James Reynolds, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

**BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR**  
Biology Seminar: "Chromatin and Transcriptional Regulation by the HIR Complex and SWI/SNF Chromatin Remodeling Complex," Philippe Prochasson, PhD, 11 a.m.-noon, Beller Conference Center.

**LANDON CENTER** on Aging Research Seminar Series: "Aging and Cerebral Antioxidant Defense System," In-Young Choi, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 25 attendees.

## Tuesday, Nov. 25

**INFORMATION RESOURCES**  
Open Forum: Learn of new developments in IT and information management at KUMC, 2 p.m., Lied Auditorium. Agenda and information, Jim Bingham, 8-4900, [jbingham@kumc.edu](mailto:jbingham@kumc.edu).

**PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY**  
Seminar: "Mechanism of Acetaminophen-Induced Hepatotoxicity," Chieko Saito, 4-5 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

**POINSETTIA SALE DEADLINE:** Annual fundraiser for University of Kansas Medical Center International Outreach medical mission trips to Belize and Guatemala. Find information and order at [kumcio.org](http://kumcio.org).

## Thursday, Nov. 27

**THANKSGIVING:** Hospital and university administrative and support offices closed; no classes.

## Friday, Nov. 28

**POST-THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:** Hospital and university administrative and support offices closed; no classes.

## Make Holidays Happier for Area Kids

You can "play Santa" for area children in need through the "adopt a child" Holiday Giving Program, sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center's External Affairs.

More than 450 Wyandotte County children from Project EAGLE\* have created holiday wish lists.

For the first time, the children's lists will be online. Go to [kumc.edu/community](http://kumc.edu/community) and click on Holiday Giving Program to view and select lists. Do not spend more than \$50 on each child (so gifts will be equitable in families with multiple children).

Between Monday, Dec. 8, and Friday, Dec. 12, bring unwrapped gifts in a large trash bag – one per child – to 1028 Murphy. Attach the child's printed wish list to the outside of the bag. If possible, add holiday paper and bows so family members can wrap the gifts.

For more information, contact **Paula Baum**, Community Affairs, 8-1017, [pbaum@kumc.edu](mailto:pbaum@kumc.edu).

*\*A division of KUMC's Department of Pediatrics, Project EAGLE serves 4,000 children and families in Wyandotte County each year. It provides health care for the uninsured; consultations in health, mental health and child development; and other services. Visit [projecteagle.org](http://projecteagle.org) for more information.*

## Benefits Open Enrollment Ends Nov. 24

The University of Kansas Hospital employees have until 11 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, to complete their benefit elections for 2009 at [bluesenroll.com](http://bluesenroll.com). Those who do not make selections by the deadline will have benefits they chose for 2008 continue through 2009 (with the exception of Flexible Spending Accounts).

## Enroll in FSA and Save

Hospital employees can save on eligible out-of-pocket health care and dependent care expenses through Flexible Spending Accounts. FSAs let you set aside pre-tax dollars to pay for these expenses. To participate in an FSA, you must enroll – even if you had an FSA in 2008.

## Final Health Screening Is Nov. 25

The final chance for hospital employees to get a free health screening is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at B311, main hospital. Use results from the screening to complete the online Health Risk Appraisal (HRA) to save \$120 on your 2009 medical plan premiums. You have until Friday, Dec. 12, to complete the HRA online. For more information, call hospital Human Resources, 5-5231.



# eXchange

## Vehicles

2001 NISSAN FRONTIER XE truck, crew cab, 127K, 4WD, 4 door, V6, 3.3L, 5-speed, power steering/windows/locks, bed liner/extender, disc alloy wheels, wide tires, ABS, \$6,200 negotiable. 913-940-8685.

1997 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY minivan, 201K, V6, 3.8L, traction control, leather seats, power windows/seats, climate control, keyless entry, roof rack, running board, new transmission, \$3,000 OBO. 573-291-1695.

1996 DODGE INTREPID, 199K, 4 door, power locks/windows, tinted windows, newer tires, well maintained, runs great, needs paint, photos, \$1,700 OBO. 636-634-1148.

1994 MERCEDES BENZ E320 sedan, 167K, automatic, sunroof, heated power seats, leather, 2-tone blue exterior/interior, snow tires, Mercedes wheels, \$4,750. 816-419-8678.

## For Sale

TUNTURI STEPPER 500, \$50 OBO. 913-685-9259.

MATERNITY CLOTHES, fall and winter, size large, jeans, sweaters, dress shirts. 816-679-1343.

MAYTAG REFRIGERATOR, 27.3 cu. ft., side-by-side, like new, white, in-door filtered ice/water, used 3+ years, \$600. 910-381-8323.

SCRUB TOPS and jackets, size medium, from non-smoker. 816-679-1343.

JWIN STEREO, nostalgic model, cherry wood, record player, AM/FM stereo, cassette player/recorder, 3-CD changer, stand, \$125 negotiable. 913-710-1008.

MAPEI GROUT, 9 bags, premium grade, Keracolor, sanded grout with BioBlock, sells for \$30/bag, asking \$5/bag or \$30 total. 913-764-8060.

HAMSTER CAGE, wire, removable base for easy cleaning, includes feeding dish, small ladder, water holder. 913-764-8060.

FURNITURE: Schnadig living room furniture, coffee table, paid \$2,000, asking \$800; dining room set, paid \$1,200, asking \$600; impeccable condition, no smoking/pets, you pick up. 816-372-6214.

Please send classified ads to [centerexpress@kumc.edu](mailto:centerexpress@kumc.edu) or post online at 24/7. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication and run on a space-available basis.

2 VANITY TOPS: 61" top with back splash, beige/tan, nearly new faucet, 1 side splash, excellent condition; 42" top, ivory, faucet, back/side splash, great condition, \$20 OBO. 913-764-8060.

GOOSE DOWN COMFORTER, new, king size, hypoallergenic, machine washable, still in bag, paid \$235, asking \$75. 816-363-8696.

## Housing

### • FOR SALE

HOME, 2,283 sq. ft., 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 half-BA, updates, finished walk-out basement with second kitchen, less than 10 minutes from KUMC, \$234,900. 469-363-2995.

### • FOR RENT

HOME, 1716 W. 34th Terr., 3 BR, 1 BA; includes appliances, microwave, carpeting and laundry hookups; no pets. 816-346-9586.

STUDIO APARTMENT for 6-month sublease, 43rd and Mission Road, 500 sq. ft., \$420/month includes cable, water, trash, available now. 913-262-1031.

TOWNHOME near 57th and Leavenworth Road in KCK, 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 half-BA, newly built, lease with option to buy. 913-486-7597.

## Carpools

OLATHE to KUMC: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. 913-397-8433.

## Pets

MR. KITTY, 6 months old, friendly and lovable, comes with carrier. 913-593-6629.

LOVING CAT, 3-year-old neutered male, long-haired, gray, indoor/outdoor pet, affectionate. 913-424-6333.

## Wanted

BABY ITEMS, including car seat, stroller and highchair. 913-563-4985.

BUNK BEDS that convert to twin beds. 913-492-8841.

## Found

LARGE PENDANT, found in September in paid parking lot south of Burger King on Rainbow. To claim, call and describe it. 913-226-7074.

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

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Press Ganey, also hit all-time highs. The hospital ended the year at the 90th percentile compared to all hospitals and the 98th percentile compared to teaching hospitals.

"What a remarkable difference a decade has made at The University of Kansas Hospital," said **Bob Page**, president and chief executive officer. "Our dedication to providing high quality, safe, compassionate care for our patients and their families is the cornerstone of every positive achievement in the past, in the present

and in the future."

Several accomplishments achieved at the end of the fiscal year or at the beginning of fiscal 2009 include:

- The growth of the blood and marrow transplant units in the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion in Westwood and the new inpatient space in the main hospital.
- A new and expanded Endoscopy Center.
- A record year for the liver transplant program, with 68 liver transplants performed.
- The area's first "Stereotaxis" lab, offering unprecedented

accuracy in treating heart problems.

- Successful implementation of the first phase of the electronic medical record system, O<sub>2</sub>.

"Fiscal year 2008 brought us closer to a goal every member of our staff focuses on every day – being the best hospital in the country for patient care," Page concluded.

The 36-page annual report is produced by hospital Communications Services and is mailed to staff, community and civic leaders, donors and others.

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