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Hospital Steps Up Efforts for Tobacco-Free Environment

Efforts are being stepped up to keep The University of Kansas Hospital campuses tobacco-free. New patient/visitor cards with maps of campus boundaries are available, reminder

paid break, may be ticketed. Campus security officers recently began assisting in patrolling areas on campus where smokers often gather.

Human Resources and the ticketed staff member's

the ticketing procedure, talk with your supervisor or contact Employee Relations, 8-5627.

Visitor Cards

Hospital visitors often do not know where the campus boundaries are so they can leave campus to use tobacco. New cards with campus boundary maps are available at the main information desk and Human Resources on all campuses.

Staff members are welcome to take cards to give to patients or visitors seen using tobacco on campus,

“There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.”

– 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's report

posters are to be added inside, and tickets are being issued to employees seen using tobacco.

“As a national leader in providing patient care, it's our responsibility to provide the healthiest possible environment for our patients, visitors and staff,” said

Dwight Kasperbauer, vice president, Operations, and chief Human Resources executive. “Second-hand smoke is a proven health risk, so it's our job to safeguard against that by preventing tobacco use on our campuses.”

Ticketing Process

As of Monday, Nov. 3, hospital employees observed using tobacco on any hospital property, or seen using tobacco off campus on a

direct supervisor or manager will receive copies of the ticket so corrective action can be taken. Managers will follow the hospital's progressive corrective action steps, which can lead to termination for extreme or repeated violations.

“Our Tobacco-Free Environment Policy has been in effect for more than two years, and every employee is aware of it because of mandatory online training,” Kasperbauer explained. “However, we still have some employees who are non-compliant, so we have created the ticketing process to provide a feedback loop to those employees' supervisors or managers.”

For more information on

Smoking Cessation Resources Available

A number of free resources are available to those who want to kick the habit.

Phone support:

- Kansas Tobacco Quit Line, 1-866-KAN-STOP
- Missouri Tobacco Quit Line, 1-800-QUIT-NOW

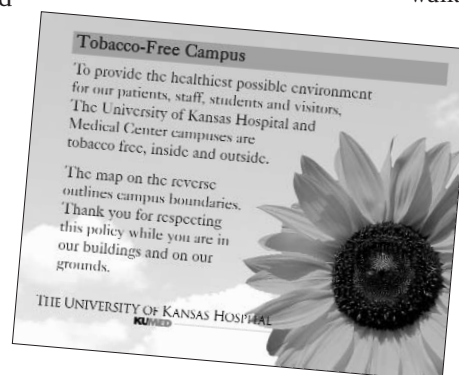
Online support:

- Guide to Quitting Smoking, cancer.org
- Tips at Smokefree.gov
- Freedom from Smoking Online, LungUSA.org

health hazards from tobacco and politely ask them to stop. Should they continue using tobacco, walk away; you have done your best to gain their cooperation.

New Posters

The familiar tobacco-free campus posters featuring a blue sky and sunflower that appear outside campus buildings are soon to make their way inside. Similar posters will hang in high-traffic areas inside hospital buildings on all campuses as a reminder to visitors and patients.



Kasperbauer noted. When approaching these visitors or patients, be friendly and courteous. Offer a card, explain the hospital's intent to provide an environment free of

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Friday, Nov. 28

POST-THANKSGIVING Holiday

Monday, Dec. 1

PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY Medicine Grand Rounds: "Molecular and Biological Investigations of the MLL Gene, a Chromosomal Translocation Target in Leukemia," Leanne Wiedemann, PhD, Boley-Mantz Conference Room, 1603 Hospital.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

LANDON CENTER ON AGING, Brown Bag Lunch for Older Adults: "Questions to Ask When Interviewing for Long-Term Care Assistance," Angel Yanez, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center. Register: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

FINANCIAL AID Wellness Session: "Financial Management," Marc Hammer, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing. Lunch provided for first 30 students.

KANSAS PUBLIC Health Grand Rounds: "Using Methane Gas from Landfills for Power," Sam Sunderraj, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Seminar: "Developing Style in Scientific Writing," Martha Montello, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Clendening Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 50 faculty members. Register: www2.kumc.edu/PDFATraining.

Friday, Dec. 5

10th ANNUAL RICHARD G. EVANS Memorial Lecture: "Treatment Options for the Management of Head and Neck Cancer," David Raben, MD, 7:30 a.m., Sudler Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: "Caring for Children with Chronic Conditions: Extending the Meaning of Palliative Care," Kathleen Davis, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

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

PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds: "Impact of Resilience Due to Health Disparities of African Americans Complicated by Black-White Psychopharmacology Issues," Diane Buckingham, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

LANDON CENTER ON AGING Research Seminar Series: "How a Movement Analyst Looks at the Movement Challenges of Aging," Janet Hamburg, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

UNITS 61/62 OPEN HOUSE: Visit the new combined neuroscience units, 2-4 p.m., 6th floor, hospital.

HOSPITAL WREATH CONTEST
Deadline: Submit completed wreaths for main campus 3-4:30 p.m. to the cafeteria. See 24/7 for wreath guidelines. (Submit Westwood Campus wreaths 9-11 a.m. to the Atrium, and KU MedWest wreaths 9-11 a.m. to Information Desk Monday, Dec. 8.)

Classifieds:

Find this week's classifieds on the hospital intranet, 24/7, <http://intranet.kumed.com>.

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Get a Free Professional Family Portrait

The University of Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary has made it easy for campus employees to get a family portrait in time for holiday giving.

Studio Creations will snap photos Thursday, Dec. 4, through Monday, Dec. 8, in the Wyandotte Room adjacent to the cafeteria. Up to 12 people can be in a photo, so bring your whole family. Each household receives a free 10" x 13" color portrait and may purchase additional photos. Contact 913-449-3663 or portraitappt@live.com to schedule a morning, afternoon or evening appointment.

The Auxiliary receives a \$5 donation per sitting. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be reinvested in the hospital and medical center through annual grants, scholarships and programs.

Additional Auxiliary Fundraisers

The KUMC Auxiliary has two additional fundraisers planned in December:

- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, watch battery replacement while you wait, \$5.50, table outside cafeteria
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, gift baskets and gift items, tables outside cafeteria

Contact **Jennifer Thibault**, 8-3272, for more information.

Students Sponsor AIDS Awareness Events

Panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed in the KU School of Nursing Atrium as part of AIDS awareness activities. Student leaders at the University of Kansas Medical Center sponsor the event.

World AIDS Day, Monday, Dec. 1, recognizes the global impact of HIV/AIDS and remembers its victims. Programs noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, through Thursday, Dec. 4, at the School of Nursing Auditorium include:

- **Monday** – World AIDS Day Remembrance Ceremony
- **Tuesday** – **Shilpa Buch, PhD**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, "Update on AIDS Research in the U.S."
- **Wednesday** – Film, "Pills, Profit, Protest: Chronicle of the Global AIDS Movement"
- **Thursday** – Discussion of HIV/AIDS issues in the Kansas City metro area; panelists include **Mike Enos**, President of AIDS Service Foundation of Greater Kansas City, and **Michael Luchi, MD**, Infectious Diseases
- **Thursday night** – Candlelight vigil to commemorate the commitment to fight HIV/AIDS, 6 p.m., Murphy Courtyard

For more information, contact **Ryan Gove**, Student Engagement, 8-6681.