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## KU Chancellor to Step Down

University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway, PhD, will step down June 30 after 14 years at the helm.

Hemenway announced his intentions at a news conference Dec. 8. "I've had a heck of a good time being chancellor, and we've done some fantastic things," he said. Noting there is "never a perfect time to step down," Hemenway stressed KU "is a great university, well-positioned for the challenges ahead."

At 67, Hemenway said he was ready to exchange the "24-7 demands" of the chancellor's position to serve KU in a different role. After a one-year academic sabbatical to write a book on college athletics and

American values, he plans to return to the classroom. He said he's "just your standard English professor." His specialty is African-American literature.

**Barbara Atkinson, MD**, executive vice chancellor, University of Kansas Medical Center, described Hemenway's announcement as bittersweet. "Not only has he been a strong partner to work with, but we are grateful for his leadership in making National Cancer Institute designation the university's number-one priority," she said.

When asked to name his most important accomplishments, Hemenway mentioned helping KU "become one university," treating KUMC and other campuses

outside Lawrence as part of the whole institution.

Atkinson agrees. "Moving forward, we are confident the Board of Regents will select a successor with equal vision and commitment to collaborations that have allowed the medical center to strengthen our education, research and patient care efforts."

During Hemenway's years as chancellor, the university has undergone unprecedented expansion with \$310 million in new buildings and remodeling. This includes building several facilities on the KUMC campus:

- School of Nursing building
- Theo and Alfred M. Landon Center on Aging
- Hoglund Brain Imaging Center



Chancellor **Robert Hemenway, PhD**

- Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center

Hemenway played a key role in getting legislation passed to allow The University of Kansas Hospital to become a public authority in 1998. **Bob Page**, hospital president and chief executive officer, noted the chancellor has been an advocate for everything the hospital has set out to accomplish. He said he has always appreciated Hemenway's vision and leadership, and described the resignation announcement as a personal and professional loss.

## Free Flu Shots Increase 16% Campus Wide

The campus-wide flu shot campaign prompted a 16 percent increase in the number of shots given to staff, faculty, students and volunteers this year.

As of Dec. 1, **Pam Foerster**,

**RN**, nurse manager, Occupational Health Clinic, tracked 4,289 doses of flu vaccine, compared to 3,702 doses in 2007 and 3,024 doses in 2006. In just two years, the number of flu shots given to those on campus has increased 42 percent.

"For years, the Centers for Disease Control and

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**Mary Ann Kavalir, RN** (left), lends moral support as **Mary Komosa, RN**, gets a free flu shot from **Andi Vanderfeltz, RN**.

## Free Flu Shot Locations

Get a free flu shot at these locations, while vaccine lasts.

### Main campus

- Outside cafeteria: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15; Tuesday, Dec. 16; and Thursday, Dec. 18
- Nursing Competency Fair, Skills Lab, KU School of Nursing: 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15; and Tuesday, Dec. 16
- Nursing Units, 15B, 46, 53, CVOR, CVP and CIC: Around-the-clock except 7-8 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.
- Occupational Health Clinic: Call 8-6512 for appointment.
- KUMC Student Health Services (students only): 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

### Westwood Campus

- 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, Conference Room H
- Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion: Call **Cath Glennon, RN**, 5-5629.

### KU MedWest

- Call 8-2200 for appointment.

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Prevention (CDC) has advised flu shots for everyone working in health care environments,” said **Ken Kuse**, director, hospital Environment of Care. “So we’re pleased to see the steady increase in the number of people on our campuses who are getting vaccinated.”

## Shots Still Available

Foerster noted it’s not too late to get vaccinated to protect yourself, patients, co-workers and family members from the flu. Flu season is considered to be October through March. Each year, an estimated 220,000 people are hospitalized from flu

and 36,000 die.

Free shots are still available on all campuses while vaccine lasts. (*See sidebar.*)

## Flu Prevention

Once you’ve been vaccinated against the flu, you can help prevent the spread of the virus with three basic precautions.

1. **Cover your cough.** The flu virus spreads through respiratory droplets that occur when you cough or sneeze.
2. **Wash your hands well – and often.** The flu virus can spread when you touch an object contaminated by someone who is infected. The virus can live up to two hours on computer keyboards, phone handsets, door knobs, stair rails, desks, countertops and other surfaces.
3. **Stay home when you’re sick.** You can infect others up to five days after you

become sick. Report your illness to a supervisor immediately, then rest and recover at home. Otherwise, you risk infecting patients and coworkers.

**eXtra:** For more information, visit [cdc.gov/flu](http://cdc.gov/flu).

## Hazmat Committee Wants You

The University of Kansas Hospital’s Hazmat Committee is seeking additional members.

All hospital employees are eligible; hazardous materials experience is not required. You may be eligible to attend government-sponsored training classes if your supervisor approves it.

Committee meetings are 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Emergency Department. For more information, contact **Wendy Miranda, RN**, [wmachado@kumc.edu](mailto:wmachado@kumc.edu).



## Units 61 and 62 Get New Digs and New Duds

Staff of the hospital’s new neuroscience units have state-of-the-art facilities and new matching outfits to demonstrate Units 61, Neuroscience Intensive Care, and 62, Neuroscience Progressive Care, work as a team. Attending the open house were (from left) **Lora Crow, RN**, and **Tiffany Halverson, RN**, Unit 62; and **Jennifer Moran, RN**, and **Ashley Carpenter, RN**, Unit 61. Patients moved to the units Dec. 8.

Please send news and calendar items to [mmurphy@kumc.edu](mailto:mmurphy@kumc.edu) or contact Marli Murphy at 5-5192. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.

# eXtracurricular

## Thursday, Dec. 11

**ANATOMY & CELL Biology Seminar:** "Post-Transcriptional Regulation of Uterine Mmp9," Warren Nothnick, PhD, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

**LUNG CANCER Support Group:** 5:30 p.m., Brandmeyer Patient Resource Center, Westwood Campus.

## Friday, Dec. 12

**NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds:** "Inclusion Body Myositis: Past, Present and Future," Mazen Dimachkie, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

**PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds:** "Mechanism of Fetal Brain Damage During Chronic Hypoxemia and Its Pharmacological Prevention Despite Continued Hypoxemia," Carl Weiner, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

**PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds:** "Cardiorespiratory Fitness in Early Alzheimer's Disease," Jeff Burns, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3015 Sudler Auditorium.

**BIostatistics SEMINAR:** "Association Models for Clustered Data with Binary and Continuous Responses," Debajyoti Sinha, PhD, noon-1 p.m., G013 School of Nursing. Lunch provided for first 25 attendees.

**ETHICAL ANALYSIS Seminar:** Noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.

**LONDON CENTER on Aging Holiday Open House:** Refreshments, music, visit from Santa, 2-4 p.m., 200 Landon Center.

## Monday, Dec. 15

**MOLECULAR & INTEGRATIVE Physiology Seminar:** "Ovarian Cancer and Preclinical Development of Nanotax," Kathy Roby, PhD, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

## Tuesday, Dec. 16

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES Journal Club:** 4-5 p.m., Norton J. Greenberger Conference Room, 4050 Wescoe.

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

## Wednesday, Dec. 17

**INTERNAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds:** "Cytomegalovirus: An Ongoing Challenge in Transplant Recipients," Albert Eid, MD, 8-9 a.m., 3015 Sudler. Preregister: 8-3344.

## Thursday, Dec. 18

**CANCER & DEVELOPMENTAL Biology Seminar:** "Human Embryonic Stem Cells as Models for Trophoblast Differentiation," Michael Roberts, PhD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

**FAMILY CAREGIVERS Support Group:** Noon-1 p.m., 145 Landon Center on Aging. Lunch provided. Information: Myra Hyatt, 8-2365.

**PREVENTIVE MEDICINE and Public Health Seminar:** "Understanding Uncontrolled Hypertension," Dan Berlowitz, MD, noon-1:10 p.m., Clendening Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 40 attendees.

**BLOOD & BONE MARROW Transplant Support Group:** 1 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus.

## Friday, Dec. 19

**NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds:** "Interventional Treatments in the Management of Chronic Spinal Pain," Talal Khan, MD, 6:45-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

**PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds:** "Allergic Rhinitis and Obstructive Sleep Apnea," Mutasim Abu-Hasan, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

## Saturday, Dec. 20

**CLINICAL TRIALS Education Lecture Series:** "Tips to Facilitate Your HSC Review Location," Karen Blackwell, HIPAA Compliance and Human Research Protection Program, noon-1 p.m., Wahl Hall West Auditorium.

## Annual Nursing Comp Fair Is Dec. 15-17

The University of Kansas Hospital's annual Nursing Competency Fair is 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, through Wednesday, Dec. 17. It will be in Varnes Conference Room and the Skills Lab in KU School of Nursing.

The annual skills/competency validation is mandatory for all nurses and unlicensed health care providers. Staff can review and perform high-risk, low-frequency skills. Check in by 2 p.m. to have enough time to finish.

A second competency fair will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, and Friday, Jan. 16, in Varnes Conference Room and the nursing school Atrium. For more information, contact **Marci Walker, RN**, Education and Development, 8-1063, or [mwalker4@kumc.edu](mailto:mwalker4@kumc.edu).

## Enjoy a Party and Donate to Harvesters

Holiday parties for The University of Kansas Hospital staff will provide food, fun and the opportunity to donate non-perishable food and paper goods to Harvesters Community Food Network.

Check out the wreath contest entries and have a photo taken with Santa. You must wear your employee ID badge to attend.

- **Hospital: Tuesday, Dec. 16**  
Midnight-1 a.m., 2-4 p.m., and 7-8:30 p.m., cafeteria
- **Westwood Campus: Wednesday, Dec. 17**  
2-3:30 p.m., Atrium
- **KU MedWest: Thursday, Dec. 18**  
Noon-1 p.m., Multipurpose Room

## Blood Drive Planned in Stoland Lounge

The University of Kansas Medical Center will sponsor a blood drive 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, in Stoland Lounge.

Make an appointment at [esavealifenow.org](http://esavealifenow.org) using the sponsor code [kumedicalcenter](http://kumedicalcenter). Walk-ins are welcome. Eat well and drink plenty of fluids beforehand, and bring a photo ID. Registered donors get a T-shirt. For medical eligibility questions, call 800-245-7035 or visit [savealifenow.org](http://savealifenow.org).

## Children's Wish Lists Are Unfilled

More than 465 Wyandotte County children will have a happier holiday through the Holiday Giving Program. But about 10 children from Project EAGLE remain to be "adopted" with the deadline barely more than 24 hours away.

There's still time to help. Visit [kumc.edu/community](http://kumc.edu/community), and click the gifts icon. Read the guidelines, browse the wish lists and "adopt" a child.

Take items between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by Friday, Dec. 12, to 1028 Murphy. Put each child's gifts in a separate large plastic bag, and attach the printed wish list summary to the top of each bag. For more information, contact **Paula Baum**, External Affairs, 8-1017, or [pbaum@kumc.edu](mailto:pbaum@kumc.edu).

# eXchange

## Vehicles

1994 JAGUAR XJ6, 120K, fully loaded, white exterior, tan leather interior, well maintained, good condition, \$5,600. 913-449-3206.

PARTING OUT 3 CARS: 1989 Ford Probe, 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera, 1996 Pontiac Grand Prix. 913-620-4436.

## For Sale

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, pressed wood, 4-5 years old, good condition, holds TV, DVD player, stereo, CDs, \$20, you pick up. 816-739-3946.

BABY ITEMS: Medela "Pump in Style" breast pump, good condition, \$100; pink Boppy pillow, never used, \$20. 785-925-6441.

SONY PSP Slim God of War bundle with 6 games, 1 movie, USB cable, 2GB memory stick, car charger, wall charger, TV cable, \$250. 913-262-1866.

SUZUKI DIGITAL piano with bench, excellent starter piano, perfect condition, hardly used. 816-525-9838.

CROCKPOT, 8-9 years old, high/low settings, works great, removable dark green interior, white exterior with flower design. 816-739-3946.

TWIN BED set with bed frame, box springs and mattress, good condition, \$30. 913-526-8482.

WEDDING GOWN and matching veil, size 2, new from David's Bridal, ivory with beaded bodice, medium-length train, \$300 (less than half the original price). 573-529-1630.

CHRISTMAS TREE, 6 ft. tall, used once, \$30. 573-529-1630.

27" TV, 6 years old, works fine, \$75 OBO. 913-897-2729.

BLACK & DECKER dual personal coffee maker, used once, \$20 OBO. 816-739-3946.

BABY ITEMS: boy's and girl's clothing, sizes birth to 4 years, baby swing, bottles and more, plus maternity clothes. 913-220-6822.

HOSPITAL BED with motor for head/foot elevation, \$100. 816-835-2057.

## Lab to Aid Diabetes Researchers

A new Core Islet Biology Laboratory for diabetes researchers throughout the region is open in Wahl Hall East at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The new facility will allow researchers who are interested in diabetes, but have no expertise in islet isolation, to begin working in the field, according to **Lisa Stehno-Bittel, PhD**,

scientific director, Great Plains Coalition for Diabetes. She also chairs KUMC Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences.

"We want to break down barriers so more researchers will begin working toward a cure for diabetes. Diabetes is a complex disease, and it is likely there will be more than one path to a cure, so we need as many approaches as possible," Stehno-Bittel said.

Found in the pancreas, islet cells make insulin and become dysfunctional during the onset of diabetes.

Better understanding of how these cells live and die is essential to discovering new treatments and a cure for diabetes. With this facility, Kansas City area scientists will have a ready supply of islets for their research.

The lab is the result of a collaborative research program started in 2000 between KUMC and Children's Mercy Hospital and Clinics. The Hall Family Foundation funded the program. The facility is under the auspices of the Great Plains Coalition for Diabetes.

## Classified ads

E-mail your ad, 25 words or less, to [centerexpress@kumc.edu](mailto:centerexpress@kumc.edu) or submit online at 24/7 at [intranet.kumc.com](http://intranet.kumc.com) by noon Monday. Or send or bring ad to Administration Building, Suite E110, 2330 Shawnee Mission Pkwy., Westwood, KS, 66205. Ads are free for employees, students and volunteers. Include your name and work extension (or student box number) for verification. Only personal phone numbers – no pager numbers or work extensions – will be published. Include area code. No ads for commercial services or pets for sale will be accepted. Ads will not be taken by telephone. Ads may be held if space is limited.

## Pets

MATTIE THE CAT, about 2 years old, neutered, declawed, sweet, needs quiet home. 913-486-0721.

## Wanted

KU MEN'S BASKETBALL tickets to any game, need 2 seats together. 816-309-7928.

BABY ITEMS in good condition for baby due in May or June, gender not known. 816-358-1357.

RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION for student to go to work and school. 913-209-2106.

FULL-SIZE bed frame and box springs. 913-302-9864.

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