New floors open in heart center Monday

With an average daily midnight census of 447, making room for more patients is a priority at The University of Kansas Hospital. The solution: build up. Next week marks the opening of Levels 8 and 9 in the Center for Advanced Heart Care.

Neuroscience and ENT Progressive Care ready for patients
Level 8 will be the home to a newly created unit: Neuroscience and ENT Progressive Care. Patients currently in Neuroscience Progressive Care (Unit 62) and ENT patients from Unit 53 will move to this new location Monday, June 25.

The new space provides 32 patient rooms, compared to 22 in Unit 62. All patient rooms are private with restrooms attached. Two rooms also have a family respite area attached. In addition, our physical therapists can work with stroke patients in the new exercise room, right in the unit. The exercise room also will allow Michael Rippee, MD, and Sandra Billinger, PhD, to conduct a study of the effects of exercise on stroke patients’ recovery.

Neuroscience and ENT Intensive Care opens its doors
Level 9 will house the new Neuroscience and ENT Intensive Care Unit. Patients in Neuroscience ICU (Unit 61) and ENT ICU patients (currently in SICU) will also move on June 25. The new unit has 20 beds, six more than Unit 61. Each room provides a private restroom with shower and accommodations for families.

Units equipped with latest technology
Both units are equipped with a state-of-the-art EEG monitoring system. With camera monitoring capabilities, technicians can observe patients and monitor their EEG readings around the clock from a central control room.

On moving day, a team of more than 40 employees from Nursing, Respiratory Therapy and Transport will transport patients to Levels 8 and 9 in a matter of hours.

Who to contact
Neuroscience and ENT Progressive Care will have the same phone extensions currently used in Unit 62. Neurosciences ENT ICU keeps the same phone numbers from Unit 61.

Neuroscience and ENT Progressive Care: 8-1555
Nurse manager: Thu Janes, RN, 8-4324, pager 917-0263
Administrative assistant: Brenda Jones, 8-9322, pager 917-5935
Unit educator: Andrea Wagle, RN, 8-1869

Neuroscience and ENT Intensive Care: 8-1550
Nurse manager: Stacy Smith, RN, 8-2824, pager 917-8434
Administrative assistant: Michelle Taylor, 8-2614, pager 917-1582
Unit educator: Jennifer Moran, RN, 8-1570

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