

IN THE CENTER

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Hospital Reports Year of Growth in 2003

The University of Kansas Hospital's 2003 annual report, hot off the presses, highlights the hospital's fifth anniversary as an independent authority and showcases its success in reaching new heights in patient care, financial strength and growth.

During fiscal year 2003, the hospital continued to build for the future through strong financial management and results and by investing in its people, facilities and services.

"People count on us not only for advanced medical care, but high-quality care delivered by a compassionate staff in a state-of-the-art environment," Irene Cumming, president and chief executive officer, said in the annual report.

The report's success stories include the hospital's new sixth-floor Medical Intensive Care and Medical Telemetry Units with the latest innovations in patient-centered care, the Cancer Center expansion

project and the new Breast Center, which features the most advanced diagnostic tools.

In 2003, the hospital also broke ground for a new heart hospital to be built adjacent to the main hospital building. Over the next five years, the hospital has earmarked nearly \$150 million for capital improvement projects. The total for fiscal year 2003 exceeded \$33 million.

According to the annual report, the number of patients served increased during fiscal year 2003, with April and May recording the highest patient volumes in the past 50 years. Inpatient discharges climbed to 18,746, a nearly 8 percent increase from fiscal year 2002. Outpatient encounters grew by approximately 7 percent, from last fiscal year's total of 208,391 to 224,604. Visits to the Emergency Department continued to increase, up almost 32 percent over the past two years.

While the hospital cared for more patients, overall their conditions were more acute and, therefore, more complex to treat. Several patient stories in the report showcase physicians and staff as they responded to these challenging and complex cases, showing their commitment to delivering outstanding patient care.

One story focuses on a young trauma patient and the multidisciplinary team approach to his care and recovery. The story follows him from his first perilous moments in the hospital's Level I Trauma Center through recovery in the Rehabilitation Unit.

Other patient stories focus on the team approach to cancer care and a new nonsurgical procedure used to close a hole in the heart of a first-time mother, ensuring a

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Physician Update

Recognizing recent additions to the medical staff

Gregory F. Muehlebach, MD, clinical assistant professor, Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, specializes in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery. He has special interests in coronary artery bypass, valvular heart disease and cardiac transplantation. Muehlebach completed medical school at St. Louis University Medical School, St. Louis, Mo., and a residency in general surgery at Saint Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. He also completed a fellowship in thoracic surgery at Saint Luke's Hospital, with additional training at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Muehlebach is certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.



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New Physician Directory Published

The new 2004 Physician Directory makes it easier for referring physicians and patients to access the 350 physicians who practice at The University of Kansas Hospital.

“Our physicians work in teams, bringing a multidisciplinary approach to patient care that represents more than 200 medical specialties,” explained Irene Cumming, hospital president and chief executive officer, in the directory’s opening letter.

“We are home to nationally recognized programs in cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery, cancer diagnosis and treatment, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, epilepsy, polycystic kidney disease, kidney and liver transplantation, and geriatric care.”

The directory is currently being mailed to referring physicians. It tells them how to find a physician at The University of Kansas Hospital and how to schedule appointments.

It lists all members of the med-

ical staff in alphabetical order by specialty and contains information about clinical focus and certification. An index in the back of the directory also lists physicians individually.

The directory also will be mailed to hospital administrators, internal

medical staff, Jayhawk Primary Care clinics and KU MedWest. Directions and maps to the main campus, primary care locations, KU MedWest and Mid-America Cardiology offices are also included, as is information about other physician and patient services.

In Memoriam

Donald L. Rose, MD, 92, professor emeritus, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, passed away Jan. 10 in Bella Vista, Ark., where he had lived since retiring in 1974 as chairman of the department.

Dr. Rose earned his medical degree from the University of Colorado and did his internship and residency in physical medicine at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. He served five years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Office of the Surgeon General. He also directed physical therapy and artificial fever therapy at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was a Baruch Fellow in Physical Medicine.

Dr. Rose was instrumental in establishing the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine.

While at KUMC, Dr. Rose was a diplomat and founding member of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in 1947. He also was awarded the Distinguished Clinician Award of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He served as president of both the American Academy and the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Local Legends

Kansas Senator Pat Roberts has nominated Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive dean of the School of Medicine and vice chancellor for Clinical Affairs, and Sue Pingleton, MD, chair of Internal Medicine, as Local Legends to honor their contributions to medicine.

Sponsored by the American Medical Women's Association, Local Legends recognizes physicians who demonstrate commitment and innovation in their fields of medicine.

Four Kansas physicians were among the 130 physicians nominated nationally. The other Kansas nominees are Linda Warren, MD, a family practice physician from Hanover, Kan., who is a KU School of Medicine graduate and a rural preceptor, and Lucena Chase Axtell, MD, who practiced in Newton, Kan., in the late 1800s.

Faculty Appreciation

The student body has designated Friday, Jan. 30, as Faculty Appreciation Day. All faculty will be honored with a lunch and reception from noon to 1 p.m. in the School of Nursing Atrium.

An RSVP is requested. E-mail Michael Oller at moller2@kumc.edu no later than Friday, Jan. 23, if you will be attending this event.

Faculty Appreciation Day is sponsored by Allied Health Student

Senate, Association of Undergraduate Student Nurses, Graduate Student Council, Medical Student Assembly and Student Governing Council. The event is coordinated by the Division of Student Services. Call 8-5393 if you have questions.

Lecture Series

Matthew Kreuter, PhD, associate professor, School of Public Health, St. Louis University, will speak in the Distinguished Visiting Scholar Lecture Series on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at noon, in B018, School of Nursing. His topic will be "Tailored Health Communication: Evidence for Effectiveness and Applications in Health Behavior Change."

Kreuter is director of Community Health in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education and the Health Communications Research Laboratory at the university. He is recognized as a national leader in health communication research and for developing and testing health communication programs for behavior change.

He was recently awarded a National Institutes of Health-funded Center of Excellence in Cancer Communication Research grant. In addition, he has authored two separate books on health communications and tailored health messages.

His presentation is sponsored by the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, the Center of Excellence in Minority Medical Education: Program in Disparities and Diversity in Health and NIH-K30 Clinical Research

Curriculum Program. A co-sponsor is the Cancer Prevention, Control and Population Sciences Program of the Kansas Cancer Institute.

Student Handbook

The KUMC Student Handbook is available on the Web at kumc.edu/studenthandbook/. The handbook can also be downloaded and printed.

At this site, you will find the policies and guidelines of the campus, the campus calendar and each school's handbook. The handbook details pertinent information that students need to know. A link for the KUMC Police Department's annual report is also available, or you can directly obtain this information at kumc.edu/service/police/annualmn.html.

Pregnancy Study

The University of Kansas and Juniper Gardens Children's Project are seeking participants in a research project. Any woman who is expecting her first child and is 22-35 years old with two or more years of college is eligible. The study focuses on child development during the first three years.

Participants will spend two hours every three months in a session and will be reimbursed \$400 for each session. Their participation will help to provide services for young mothers in this community. For more information, call Debra Montagna at 913-321-3143, ext. 225, or e-mail montagna@ku.edu. The deadline is Feb. 1.

Classifieds, etc.

Automotive:

2001 Suzuki Hayabusa, black/silver, too many upgrades to list, low mileage, very sleek and fast. 816-836-3636.

2002 Nissan Altima, 4-door, 3.5 SE, 5-speed, silver, loaded, excellent condition. \$17,000. 816-468-0082.

1993 Camaro, 3.4L, V-6, automatic, power windows/doors, new breaks, Kenwood sound system, excellent condition, 104K, \$3,400. 913-962-7514.

For Sale:

Stearns & Foster queen plush mattress, box spring, bed frame, 7 months old, perfect condition, paid \$1,600, asking \$450. 913-940-4121.

Used 6' x 10' utility trailer, good condition, new wood floor and tires, \$300. 913-829-2427 or 913-551-2705.

Antique oak wardrobe, 7' tall, drawers for storage, shelf for TV/stereo, perfect for bedroom or living room, \$600. 816-276-3799.

Beautyrest Do Not Disturb box springs and mattress, twin size, \$150 OBO. 913-342-5237.

JVC home theatre system. A/V receiver, DVD/VCR/CD, 5 speakers, subwoofer, new, \$500; Weider home gym, rack, bench, barbell, weights, rarely used, \$300; American Chopper ride-on toy, new, \$250. 913-831-7487 after 5 p.m.

Yamaha P22 piano, oak, beautiful tone, excellent condition, \$3,100. 913-962-0986.

To Rent:

Nice home, 4018 E. 68th Terr., near Swope Park, 2 BR, 1 BA, refrigerator, stove, new carpet, basement, fenced backyard, no section 8, no pets, \$450/mo. + \$450 deposit, \$30 credit check. 816-916-6979.

1 BR apartment, clean, freshly-painted, tile floors in kitchen and bath, Johnson County location, convenient to KUMC, \$450/mo., includes water, trash pick-up, off-street parking. 913-236-9195 or 913-236-9856.

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healthy pregnancy and delivery.

The hospital's support of the education and research missions of the University of Kansas life science schools is also highlighted in the annual report. This collaboration results in patient care that is continually improved by the latest advances in laboratory and clinical

research, as well as by the participation of medical students and residents.

The annual report is currently being mailed to hospital employees and members of the medical staff. Individual copies can also be requested by calling the Communications Services Department at 8-1067.

Coming Up

Friday, Jan. 23

- “Associations Between Nutritional Exposures and Functional Limitations and Disability in a Bi-Ethnic Cohort,” Denise Houston, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.
- Psychiatry Grand Rounds, “Updates on Dosing/Use of Injectable Medications,” Roger W. Sommi Jr., PharmD, noon-1 p.m., Sudler Auditorium.
- Neurology Grand Rounds, “Malignant Dizziness,” Ram Venkatesh, MD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 1563a hospital.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

- Sigma Xi Seminar, “Clinical Trial of Educational Interventions to Improve Home Care Outcomes,” Carol Smith, RN, PhD, 11:30 a.m. registration, noon program, School of Nursing Auditorium.
- Blood donor drive, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Stoland Lounge.

Thursday, Jan. 29

- “Fear and Confusion: Correlates of Risk Perception, Fatalism and Efficacy about Cancer and Prevention,” Whitney Randolph, PhD, National Cancer Institute, noon-1 p.m., 1050 School of Nursing.

For a more complete listing of campus events, go to <http://www2.kumc.edu/calendar/>.