

# IN THE CENTER

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## Ceremony Launches New Heart Hospital Project



A trackhoe made the Oct. 29 groundbreaking for the new heart hospital project a little easier. It brought a mound of dirt to the old helipad just north of The University of Kansas Hospital, where hospital and university leaders, wearing hard hats, shovels in hand, completed their official “groundbreaking” duties.

During the ceremony, Irene Cumming, president and chief executive officer, announced a more than \$500,000 donation to the heart hospital project from the physicians of Mid-America Cardiology, MidAmerica Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons, Inc., and cardiologists and vascular surgeons of Kansas University Physicians, Inc.

She also acknowledged the contributions of Robert Honse, a hospital board member who led the task force

for the heart hospital project, and William Reed, MD, who performed the area’s first open-heart surgery on this campus and returned to The University of Kansas Hospital three years ago to help rebuild the hospital’s heart program.

The ceremony marked the beginning of construction of a 153,000-square-foot facility that will serve the hospital’s growing need for dedicated space to perform inpatient and outpatient cardiac services.

The number of heart surgeries performed at the hospital is up approximately 44 percent from last year, while catheterization and electrophysiology procedures have increased by 45 percent from a year ago.

The facility will incorporate the latest technology in cardiovascular care and provide efficient delivery of services – from diagnosis through treatment and follow-up – in one location.

Plans call for more than 90 beds that will be designated for intensive care, inpatient acute telemetry and outpatient procedures. The facility will also include new operating rooms for cardiovascular surgery, electrophysiology labs, endovascular labs, and catheterization labs.

In addition, the building will include an expanded ground-floor Emergency Department to accommodate the demand for Level I trauma care. The new Emergency Department will be approximately 60 percent larger than the current ED.

The facility is being designed by one of the country’s top hospital architectural firms, RTKL, and it will be built by J.E. Dunn Construction, a leader in health care construction.

The \$72 million facility is funded through a combination of public and private funds. It is scheduled for completion by mid-2006.

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# Chancellors Club Honors KUMC Scientist

Opendra “Bill” Narayan, DVM, PhD, internationally recognized scientist and pioneer in AIDS research, recently received the 2003 Chancellors Club Research Award. Narayan is the Marion Merrell Dow distinguished professor and chair of the Department of Microbiology, Molecular Genetics and Immunology at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

The Chancellors Club was established in 1977 by the Kansas University Endowment Association, KU’s major donor organization. The \$5,000 research award honors a KUMC researcher whose work has led to significant scientific discoveries. Colleagues, students and alumni nominate candidates for the award.

“For me, I am flattered,” Narayan said, “but it is also a reflection of the work that is going on here at KUMC.”

High-ranking grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and funding from other national, international, public and private sources have helped maintain Narayan’s research for three decades and enabled him to continue teaching junior faculty researchers.

In 2001, the National Center of Research Resources IDeA program, a division of the NIH, awarded him a \$10.5 million Center for Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) grant. The grant is the largest from the NIH for a KU researcher. It enabled Narayan to mentor beginning researchers and provided them seed money to develop projects. His current HIV research is funded by more than \$2 million in NIH grants.

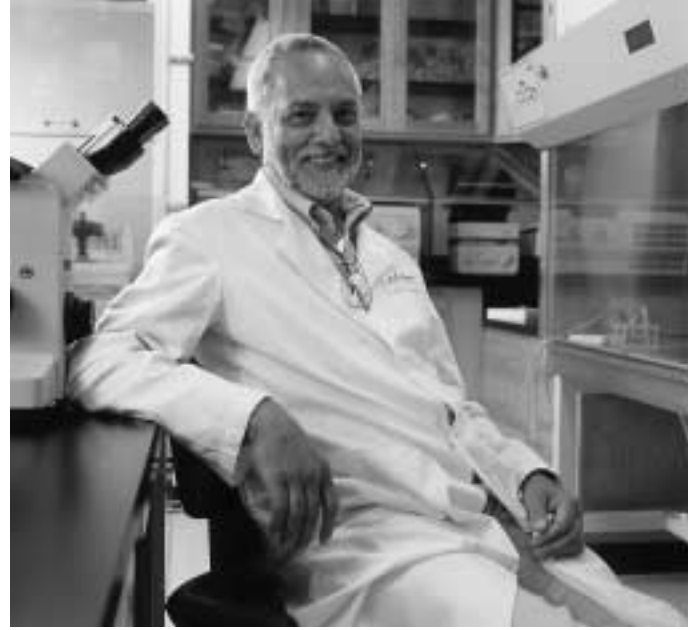
Narayan began his career in Canada as a veterinary researcher, studying the influenza virus in birds and viral infections in the central nervous systems of mammals. In 1973, he initiated studies on infection in sheep with slow-moving viruses, called lentiviruses. When it was discovered 15 years later that HIV belonged to the lentivirus family, Narayan’s research took a new direction.

“When HIV was isolated and it was discovered that it was also a lentivirus, Bill was in an ideal position to play a leadership role,” wrote Diane E. Griffin, professor and department chair at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

In 1985, Narayan began focusing his studies on lentiviruses and HIV-induced disease. By the time he joined the KUMC faculty in 1993, he was working exclusively on AIDS research.

Narayan developed his first live HIV vaccine two years later. When the vaccine proved successful in macaque monkeys, Narayan presented his findings to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Although he deemed the vaccine safe for humans, the FDA had concerns with its potential risk of infection and did not approve it for human clinical trials.

Using this experience as a stepping stone, Narayan developed a new vaccine derived from the DNA, or genetic blueprint, of the success-



Opendra “Bill” Narayan, DVM, PhD

ful live virus. He explained how the vaccine uses HIV to fight itself.

“It is based on the same genetic principle as HIV,” he said, “but by taking out the part of the virus that kills cells, the virus’ ability to multiply in the body has been eliminated.”

Narayan believes the new vaccine shows great promise for the prevention of HIV infection and as a therapeutic measure to treat people already infected with HIV. He said that work on this new vaccine is a major focus in his lab.

Narayan is the 1986 recipient of the prestigious Jacob K. Javits Award from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. In 1990, he received the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Senior Scientist Award from West Germany. He also is the 1997 recipient of the Higuchi/Endowment Research Achievement Award at KU.

# Hospital Open Enrollment Meetings Set

Open enrollment for hospital employee benefits will be held Nov. 3-14. During this period, you may choose to enroll in or change medical, dental and vision coverage

for yourself and your eligible dependents. New coverage will go into effect Jan. 1, 2004. To learn more, attend one of the open enrollment meetings listed below.

You do not need to complete new enrollment forms if you do not want to change your medical, dental and vision plans. However, because the Fortis Summit dental plan option will no longer be offered in 2004, you must choose a level of Delta Dental plan coverage if you want to continue participating in a dental plan.

If you also participate in the Health Care and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts, you must re-enroll in these each year.

Human Resources must receive all benefit enrollment forms by 4:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14. You may return the forms to the drop boxes in these locations: outside Human Resources at 5040 Delp, hospital lobby, the cafeteria, Broadmoor Building and Support Services Building.

- **Tuesday, Nov. 4**

7:30-8:30 a.m., G013 School of Nursing

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- **Wednesday, Nov. 5**

8:30-10 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium

5-6:30 p.m., Wahl East Auditorium

- **Thursday, Nov. 6**

10:30 a.m.-noon, Wahl East Auditorium

1:30-3 p.m., Wahl East Auditorium

- **Friday, Nov. 7**

8-10 a.m., Support Services Building

2:30-4 p.m., Clendening Auditorium

Nov. 3-14

Open Enrollment

## KUMC Students Offered Counseling, Coaching

Alice Carrott was recently promoted to assistant director of Student Counseling and Educational Support Services. In her new role, Carrott will coordinate KUMC's educational support services.

The department provides both educational support counseling and consultation and psychological counseling at no cost to all KUMC students, medical residents and fellows. The department also offers performance enhancement coaching and counseling to help students perform better and reach their true potential.

"We help students to improve their effectiveness with test-taking, memorizing, studying, taking lecture notes and managing test anxiety," said Larry Long Jr., PhD, department director. In addition, the department assists students with classroom exams, licensing board exams, oral tests and specialty exams. Psychological counseling also helps students adjust to a rigorous academic program, manage stress and time, and address anxiety and/or depression.

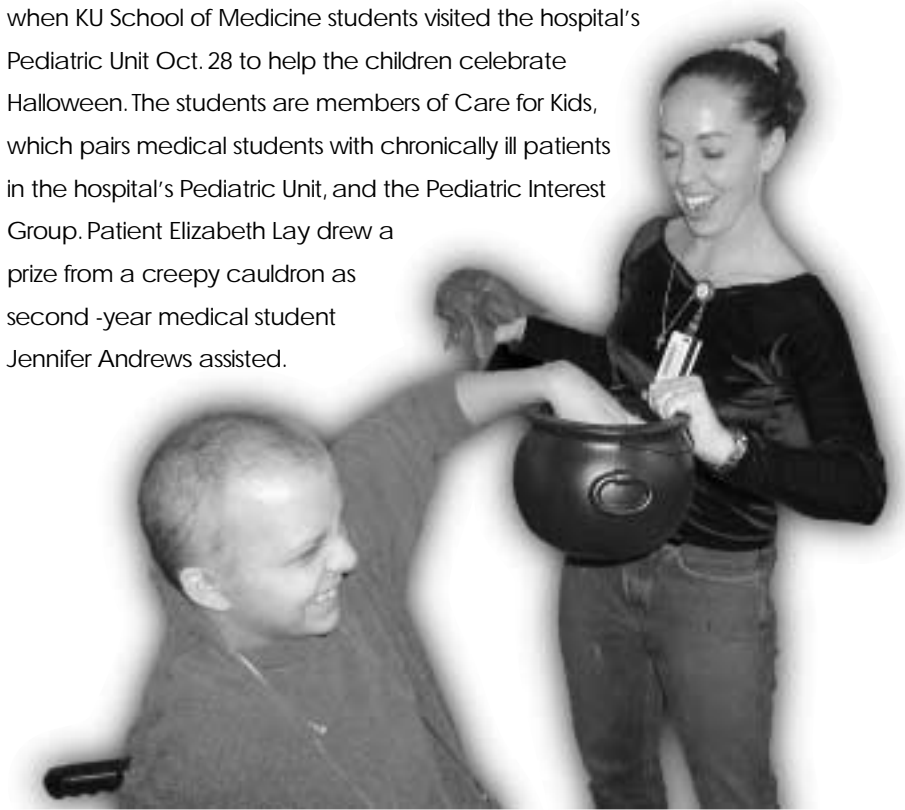
Last year, the department's psychologists and learning specialists met individually with more than 250 stu-

dents, residents and fellows for more than 1,400 hours of direct services. In addition, the department gives more than 90 outreach presentations on educational, wellness and performance enhancement topics each year.

All services are completely confidential and provided by a professional staff of three licensed psychologists and two learning specialists. Hours are 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. Mondays and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. After-hours crisis intervention services are also available. For more information, contact Long at 8-6587 or Carrott at 8-4688.

## Halloween Fun

Pumpkin painting and cookie decorating were part of the fun when KU School of Medicine students visited the hospital's Pediatric Unit Oct. 28 to help the children celebrate Halloween. The students are members of Care for Kids, which pairs medical students with chronically ill patients in the hospital's Pediatric Unit, and the Pediatric Interest Group. Patient Elizabeth Lay drew a prize from a creepy cauldron as second-year medical student Jennifer Andrews assisted.



## Front & Center

### Gift from Racer's Family

During Al Bodenhammer's cancer treatment at The University of Kansas Hospital, he and his family became friends with Douglas Girod, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. Girod shared a longtime interest in auto racing with Bodenhammer, who raced in the Kansas City area for nearly 40 years. After his death Sept. 10, the family asked that memorial contributions be made to the hospital. On Oct. 22, Bodenhammer's wife, Debbie (center), and daughter, Valerie (left), presented Girod a check that will benefit head and neck cancer research in the Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Department.



### CAP Certification for Clinical Lab

The University of Kansas Hospital's Clinical Laboratory recently received certification from the College of American Pathologists (CAP) Laboratory Accreditation. A team of 13 inspectors from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center were on site Sept. 23 and 24 to complete the biannual survey, which provides in-depth analysis of the quality, safety, service and organizational aspects of a laboratory. The lab has been CAP-certified since 1977. Some of the staff who worked to prepare for the survey included (front row from left) Peter Patterson, MD, Shirley Weber, Julie Guess, (second row) Linda Riley, Carolyn Anderson, Marilee Means, PhD, (third row) Terri Arthur, Susie Stokes, Beverly Wicker, (back row) Diane Persons, MD, Chuck Bartels and Osama Tawfik, MD.

## Medical Staff Dinner and Dance

During the fifth annual Medical Staff Dinner and Dance on Oct. 24, Irene Cumming, president and chief executive officer of The University of Kansas Hospital, recognized physicians for their commitment and

contributions to quality care. Among those attending the event were (left) Sue Chang, MD, Norman Martin, MD, Joseph Chang, MD, and Shirley Martin. Below, Cumming talked with Lynn Kindred, MD, before the dinner.

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## United Way Pep Rally

Taking part in a United Way Pep Rally Oct. 27 in Murphy Lobby were (below from left) Vicki Costigan, ambassador, Safety Office, and Kendra Woodyard, ambassador, University Accounting. To date, contributions totaling \$123,698 have been made by 803 people, which is only a 20 percent participation rate. But there's still time to make a donation. If you donate \$144 to the Community Care Fund – less than \$6 per pay period – you will receive a Caring Club Card with discounts for local merchants.



## Disaster Drill

Members of the KUMC Safety Office and personnel from the hospital's Emergency Department participated in a Wyandotte County disaster drill on Oct. 23.

Hospital ED staff, wearing protective suits, treated "mock patients" in a mobile decontamination unit before transporting them to the ED.



# University to Launch *myKUMC* Web Portal

University staff and faculty who want to check their pay stubs or an upcoming campus event will soon have a new Web-based portal service that makes it easy. The service can be accessed at <https://my.kumc.edu/>.

The new portal service will complement the existing portal service, dubbed *myKUMC*, which was launched for student use in January.

According to Jameson Watkins, director of Internet Development and project manager, Web portals pull together pieces of information from existing Web applications and databases in a secure and easy-to-

access location. These include campus event calendars, classified ads and press releases, as well as “back-end” systems such as the PeopleSoft HR/Pay, financial and student information systems.

“*MyKUMC* gives us the ability to quickly develop applications that are targeted to groups of users,” added Watkins, who has been involved in developing Web portals for three years. He leads the Web portal constituent group for Educause, a higher education information technology group.

Examples of applications that will be available to staff and faculty include announcements from Human Resources and other departments, vacation and sick leave information, benefits information

such as medical and dental coverage, and the ability to view and print pay stubs. Last summer, the state of Kansas began phasing out the mailing of pay stubs to its employees.

“Because we had been working with portal technology already, we were in a good position to develop what we call a ‘pay stub manager’ service and deploy it in the portal,” said Watkins.

Other projects in the works for *myKUMC* include faculty elections, financial aid award letters, library fines and holds, and integration with Gartner, a research/analyst advisory service. KUMC students have had access to their grades, course schedules and course material through the portal for almost a year.

## Study Participants Needed

Women who are pregnant with their first babies have an opportunity to participate in a research project with the University of Kansas and Juniper Gardens Children’s Project.

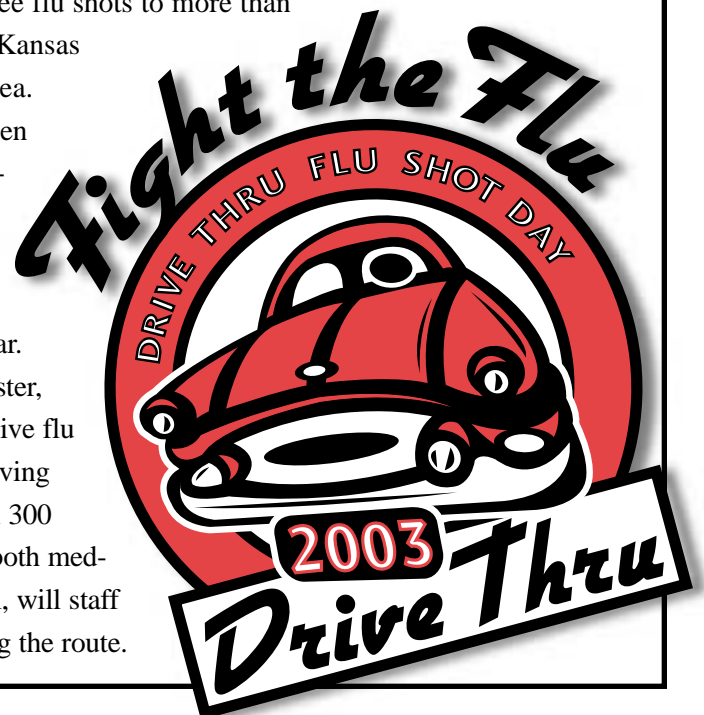
Pregnant women, 22-35 years old, are needed for the study on child development during the first three years. Participants will spend two hours every three months on the study and receive \$400 in cash for their time.

The study will provide important information about services for young mothers in this community. If you would like additional information, call Debra Montagna at 913-321-3143, ext. 225, or e-mail her at [montagna@ku.edu](mailto:montagna@ku.edu).

## Flu Shot Event Scheduled Saturday

The University of Kansas Hospital will offer its 11th annual drive-through flu shot event Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. This program annually provides free flu shots to more than 3,400 people in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Flu shots are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff are prepared to give up to 4,000 free flu shots this year. Participants can register, be screened and receive flu shots, all without leaving their cars. More than 300 KUMC volunteers, both medical and non-medical, will staff various stations along the route.



# WHAT'S NEWS

## AT KUMC

### Faculty Research Day

Faculty Research Day presentations will be held Thursday, Nov. 6, from noon to 4 p.m., in Rieke Auditorium. A reception and viewing of research posters will follow from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Varnes Center, School of Nursing.

Presentations and recognition ceremonies will include the Chancellors Club Research Award, the Investigator Research Awards, Kansas Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (K-BRIN) Scholars, KUMC Biomedical Research Training Grant Scholars and the Research Administrator Awards.

The keynote speaker will be Margaret Heitkemper, PhD, RN, chair and professor of the Department of Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems, University of Washington, Seattle. She will speak on "Irritable Bowel Syndrome: The Brain-Gut Connection."

For more details, contact Kelly Robertson in the Research Institute at 8-5436.

### Students Honored

KUMC fourth-year medical students were elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) National Honor Medical Society on Oct. 9.

A reception honoring the new members was held Oct. 15.

Newly elected members from the KUMC campus are Heather Bright-Hoffmeyer, Erica Casey, Sara Hoestje, Erin Hummert, Chad Johanning, John Nachtigal, Anne O'Dea, Katherine Palmieri, Stephan Pro, Geneva Randall, Lee Schnee, Kristin Voos, Michelle Weber and Matthew Weiss.

The only national honor medical society in the world, AOA is dedicated to recognizing and promoting academic excellence at medical schools throughout the United States. The KUMC president of AOA is James Voos, fourth-year medical student. Co-vice presidents are Annie Reising and Brooke Allen, fourth-year students.

### Breast Cancer Research Benefit

A group of Kansas City jazz vocalists and musicians have joined forces to support Kansas City breast cancer prevention research. They've produced a new CD, "That's What Friends Are For." All proceeds from the sale of the CD go to the Breast Cancer Prevention Center at KUMC, which is directed by Carol Fabian, MD.

The CD features vocalists

Millie Edwards, Lisa Henry, Sherry Jones-Ning, Geneva Price, Julie Turner, Pat Wilson and many well-known area musicians, including Danny Embrey, Greg Meise, Tommy Ruskin and Paul Smith.

CDs are available in the Breast Cancer Prevention Center for a \$15 donation.

### Recyclers Needed

The Recycling Committee of the Student Governing Council is interested in your ideas and support on how to improve recycling efforts on the campus. Visit the committee's Web site at [kumc.edu/recycling/Index](http://kumc.edu/recycling/Index) or contact Teresa Orth at [torth@kumc.edu](mailto:torth@kumc.edu) about your ideas.

### Expanded Shuttle Bus Hours

Shuttle bus service for all KUMC employees and students will be extended beginning Monday, Nov. 10. Currently, the service runs until 6:30 p.m. Effective Nov. 10, service will be available until 8 p.m., Monday-Friday. During extended hours, passengers must board in front of the hospital for shuttle service to parking lots.

# Classifieds, etc.

## Automotive:

1999 Saturn S1, 4-door, manual, 66K, dark blue, gray interior, CD, A/C, 1 owner, very good condition, very economical car, \$4,000 OBO. 913-558-5279.

1997 Pontiac Grand AM SE, coupe, red, automatic, V-6, power windows/locks, new tires/battery/belts, very good condition, 102K, \$3,500 OBO. 913-236-9145.

1997 Ford Contour GL, 4-door, dark green, cruise, power windows/locks/mirrors, bucket seats, AM/FM/cassette, \$3,391 OBO. 913-334-1082.

1994 Nissan Altima SE, silver, 4-door, automatic, dependable car, runs good, looks good, well maintained, new tires, alloy wheels, moonroof, spoiler, A/C, power door/locks/windows, 29K, \$2,800 firm. 816-524-0563.

1993 Mercury mini van, loaded, good condition, \$3,750 OBO. 913-271-3996 or 913-271-4463.

1991 Ford Econoline 350 van, silver, new paint/AC/heater/brake system/engine, very reliable, \$11,500 OBO. 913-530-7756 or 913-299-4677.

1990 GMC full-size van, TV, VCR, stereo, good condition, \$3,900 OBO. 913-271-3996 or 913-271-4463.

1959 Thunderbird convertible, red/white, very good condition, no rust, 93K, \$14,000, offers considered. 816-761-7171.

## For Sale:

Sony CDP-C435 5-CD changer, remote control, plays CD-Rs, \$35. 913-390-9520.

Duncan Phyfe dining table, 4 chairs, china cabinet, good condition, will sell separately, \$500 OBO. 816-347-9041.

4' EZ Access suitcase wheelchair ramp, good condition; transferable singles club membership, 16 introductions; best offer on each. 913-334-6043.

Little Tykes orange/yellow coupe, \$20; round 6' oriental rug, off-white with navy pattern, good condition, \$125. 816-561-5027.

Craftsman Pro Plunge Router, professional router table, 2 hp, full height legs, front-mounted switch, fence, 1/4" and 1/2" collets, wrench, manuals, etc., \$150 OBO. 913-422-5202.

Solid wood 4' x 6' table, 4 chairs, natural finish, great condition, \$125 OBO; large pet crate, barely used, \$25; full/queen headboard, laminate w/oak finish, \$25; club chair, blue plaid, \$25. 913-652-6911 after 5:30 pm.

PetsMate kennel cab for dog/cat up to 25 lbs., \$15 OBO. 913-888-9227.

Piano, Yamaha P22, oak, beautiful tone, excellent condition, \$3,300. 913-962-0986.

GE refrigerator, white, cross-top freezer, 16 cu. ft., like new, \$150. 913-384-3378.

## Rent or Rent to Own:

Lovely 2 BR, 1 BA house in Shawnee, fenced yard, garage, appliances, spruced up, Shawnee Mission School District, available mid-November. 913-226-8338 or 913-631-0578.

## Free to Good Home:

Sugar glider (small, furry marsupial) with cage, water and food feeder, "All you need to know" guidebook. 913-888-9227.

## To Trade:

Used videotapes. 913-206-0501.

# Coming Up

Friday, Oct. 31

- Neurology Grand Rounds, "Patent Foramen Ovale and Cryptogenic Stroke: Implications for Stroke Outcome," Gary Gronseth, MD, associate professor, Neurology, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 1563a hospital.
- Psychiatry Grand Rounds, "The Schizophrenic Brain," Timothy Dellenbaugh, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sudler Auditorium.

Saturday, Nov. 1

- Drive-Thru Flu Shot Event, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., begins at 39th & Rainbow Blvd.

Monday, Nov. 3

- KUMC International Outreach luncheon to benefit girls in China, noon-1 p.m., Hixson Atrium.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

- Center on Aging Lecture Series, "Exploring End-of-Life Care and Hospice Racial/Ethnic Disparities: Qualitative & Quantitative Findings," K. Allen Greiner, MD, Room 200, Landon Center.

Thursday, Nov. 6

- Faculty Research Day, noon-4 p.m., Rieke Auditorium.

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