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TeleNews

KU Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth



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KUCTT Welcomes Brianne Walters



The KU Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth (KUCTT) is pleased to announce that Brianne Walters has recently joined us at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) as our Scheduling Coordinator. In this role, Brianne will be responsible for the scheduling of those clinical consults, educational events, and administrative meetings that utilize KUCTT facilities. In addition, Brianne will be welcoming guests visiting KUCTT's office and will be the primary voice you hear when you call our main telephone number.

Having completed her undergraduate degree in 2005, Brianne has worked in a variety of general office positions while focusing on the additional IT training that she considers critical. A native of Texas, Brianne relocated to Kansas City two years ago, along with her husband and two young children.

To schedule a telehealth event, you can reach Brianne at (913) 588-2226 or bstrickland@kumc.edu.

KUCTT Partners In New \$2 Million Grant from NIH



KU's Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health and KUCTT will soon launch a joint program to compare the effectiveness of traditional smoking cessation counseling via telephone with distance counseling using video technology. The program is being funded by a research grant awarded to KUMC by the National Institute of Health (NIH).

For more about this research, you can go to KUMC's General Information

News site. ([Read more here](#))



Nurse Presenters Vital to Telemedicine in Kansas

A telemedicine presenter is the coordinator who interacts with the patient and/or family before, during, and after a medically-related patient-physician telecommunications exchange (also known as a "telemedicine consultation"). The nursing practice of

telemedicine presentation has been recognized by nursing organizations for over a decade as an important competency for the next generation of nurse clinicians, researchers, and leaders. With KUCTT having conducted more than 16,000 televideo consults across 50 specialties since 1991, utilizing nurse providers or nurse presenters on over three-quarters of those occasions, you can see why Kansas' nurses have played, and continue to play, a significant role in providing vital health services through telemedicine.

The staff at KUCTT is proud of the services provided by our partner nurse presenters every day, and gladly welcomed the opportunity this past month to host a roundtable discussion about the work of nurse presenters at the recent National Conference on Professional Nursing Education and Development. Dr. Eve-Lynn Nelson, Assistant Director of KUCTT, and Gretchen Patch, Project Manager, Clinical Programs at KUCTT, attended the conference and facilitated an informative roundtable discussion on the work telemedicine presenters perform and what training is necessary prior to working in that capacity.

KUCTT staff members have provided training for Kansas nurse presenters at all remote telemedicine sites as we have expanded the availability of our resources throughout the state. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of a telemedicine presenter or the training involved in becoming a presenter, please contact Gretchen Patch at gpatch@kumc.edu or (913) 588-2226.

Telemental Health Activity



In August, KU psychologists Drs. Martha Barnard and Eve-Lynn Nelson, both of whom utilize KUCTT's

telemedicine network to provide counseling for patients in remote locations, presented a *Telemedicine & Ethics* symposium at the 116th annual conference of the American Psychological Association. They collaborated on the presentation with Dr. Ken Drude, and Ohio psychologist, to present information about clinical, research, and policy considerations necessary when providing psychological services utilizing interactive video technology.

As part of the presentation, Drs. Barnard and Nelson informed conference attendees that the KU Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth began a telepsychology program in the mid-1990s and is now one of the most active telepsychology service providers in the country, with ten KUMC psychologists providing nearly 500 telemedicine consults in the past year.

In addition to national presentations, Thao Bui, Senior Coordinator at KUCTT and a doctoral student in clinical psychology at KU, presented two sessions on telemental health activity to regional and state organizations. A poster about the TeleHelp Clinic was presented at the Kansas Conference in Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology held in Lawrence, and the Guidelines for Adolescent Depression in Primary Care (GLAD-PC) were presented at the Tribune Community Wellness Conference.

If you are a health professional seeking consultation with a mental health professional or desiring additional information on KUCTT mental health programs, contact Dr. Eve-Lynn Nelson at enelson2@kumc.edu or (913) 588-2226.



The Future of E-Prescribing

With the new Medicare e-prescription incentive program beginning in only two months, many medical organizations, especially those serving the Medicare population, are taking a close look at the financial impact of the incentives as well as the future of electronic use within the health care industry in general.

Physicians adopting e-prescription systems will receive an incentive bonus in the form of an increase in payments on billable Medicare charges as follows:

- 2009 and 2010 - An additional 2% reimbursement
- 2011 and 2012 - An additional 1% reimbursement
- 2013 - An additional 0.5% reimbursement

Also, beginning in 2012 Medicare will begin imposing fines on physicians who do not use e-prescribing systems.

While there is uncertainty regarding how the medical community will respond to this program, there is at least one initiative in place to assist the transition. The National ePrescribing Patient Safety Initiative (NEPSI), a coalition with sponsors and supporters in most of the major technology sectors, is supporting the reduction of barriers to e-prescribing by providing free e-prescribing software to all physicians.

To become more familiar with NEPSI, you can view its web site at www.nationalerx.com, or contact Gordon Alloway at KUCTT by calling (913) 588-2257.

HIT Acronyms - Continued



Health Information Technology

This article is the fourth in a series designed to assist those of us in the field of health technology to better understand federal

statements and documents.

Work conducted here at KUCTT requires that we spend a great deal of time staying up-to-date on what is happening in the rapidly expanding world of health technology. When reviewing information provided by federal agencies, we find it helpful to keep a list nearby of acronyms most frequently used by each agency. We thought you might find this same information useful.

In the October edition of TeleNews, we provided a partial list of federal acronyms used by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), ending with HSPD-21.

- **ICD** - International Classification of Diseases
- **ICD-10-PCS** - International Classification of Diseases 10 Procedure Coding System
- **IHS** - Indian Health Service
- **IRB** - Institutional Review Board
- **IRS** - Internal Revenue Service
- **ISO** - International Organization for Standardization
- **LDSI** - Laboratory Data Sharing and Interoperability
- **LOINC** - Logical Observation Identifiers, Names, Codes
- **LPGP** - Licensure Portability Grant Program
- **MCMP** - Medicare Management Performance Demonstration
- **MMIS** - Medicaid Management Information System
- **MITA** - Medicaid Information Technology Architecture

Additional federal Health Technology acronyms will be provided in future editions of TeleNews. For a complete list, contact Gordon Alloway at the KU Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth, galloway@kumc.edu or 913-588-2257.

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