KU Neurologist Invested with New Professorship

Rajesh Pahwa, MD, professor of Neurology and director of the Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorder Center, was named the inaugural recipient of the Laverne and Joyce Rider Professorship.

An internationally recognized researcher in Parkinson’s disease and movement disorders, Pahwa was formally invested with the professorship during a March 2 ceremony.

“For the nearly 2 million Americans afflicted with essential tremor or Parkinson’s disease, hope lies with outstanding researchers and physicians such as Dr. Pahwa,” said Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive vice chancellor, KU Medical Center, and executive dean, KU School of Medicine.

“It is my goal during my tenure as the Laverne and Joyce Rider Professor to find the cause and the cure for Parkinson’s disease,” Pahwa said.

Pahwa has advanced clinical research within the field and helped pioneer the deep brain stimulation treatment that has helped control the effects of the disease. Because the stimulation helps to control tremors, stiffness, slowness and other uncontrollable movements, patients can gain a greater quality of life.

The Rider Professorship is named for the late Joyce Rider, a longtime Kansas City, Mo., resident, and for her mother, Laverne Stapp Rider, who battled Parkinson’s disease for many years. Joyce Rider, who died in 2004, bequeathed financial support for the professorship to the KU Endowment Association.

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Hospital Honors Physicians

The University of Kansas Hospital will show appreciation to physicians for their commitment to outstanding patient care during Doctor’s Day Wednesday, March 30.

The day will include a red carnation give-away, breakfast buffet and caricature drawings of physicians.

The Department of Nursing is sponsoring the annual residents’ and physicians’ polls. All hospital employees and medical staff are eligible to nominate physicians and residents.

Nomination forms are available from Jennifer Bowman, RN, nurse manager, Unit 45, at 8-7802 or jbowman@kumc.edu. Return nominations by Wednesday, March 16, to Unit 45 or the Department of Nursing, 2nd floor Wescoe.

The poll criteria are based on The University of Kansas Hospital’s values:
• Well-delivered, compassionate service
• Excellence, every day in every way
• Community involvement
• Achievement through partnering
• Responsibility and personal growth
• Ethics, honesty and openness

The Five Star Performance standards of service, people, quality, cost and growth are also part of the criteria.

Patient satisfaction data, a service indicator of the Five Star Performance standards, will also be reviewed for the highest nominated physicians.

Match Day Arrives

Graduating medical students from the KU School of Medicine will be paired with residency programs throughout the country on Match Day, Thursday, March 17, at 11 a.m. in Battenfeld Auditorium.

Match Day is the final step in the residency-matching process that begins when students first interview for spots in residency programs and rank their favorites.

Using a computerized system, the National Resident Matching Program weighs the placement preferences of doctors-in-waiting with the preferences of the residency programs to which students have applied. The results are then sent to medical schools across the country for distribution.

On Match Day, students unseal envelopes, one by one, and discover their residency assignments. About 113 SoM students will participate in continued on page 2, column 1
the annual Match Day activities. Thirteen students have already been matched through an early process.

**Treads & Threads Co-Chairs Announced**

James and Virginia Stowers, long-time cancer survivors and leaders of the Kansas City area life sciences initiative, will serve as Treads & Threads honorary co-chairs for 2005. Joining them as chairs of the event are Stu and Nancy Lang. Stu Lang is a member of The University of Kansas Hospital board.

In 2004, Treads & Threads raised $334,000, bringing its three-year total to more than $900,000. According to *The Independent*, Treads & Threads was the eighth most successful fundraising event in the Kansas City area last year. Proceeds have helped the hospital purchase equipment for the Cancer Center and Breast Center, as well as fund and furnish the Patient Resource Center.

This year’s event will be held Friday, Sept. 9, at Kansas Speedway.

**Holy Week Services Scheduled**

Religious services are scheduled March 20-27 at Spencer Chapel, in observance of Holy Week.

Christian non-denominational services:
- Palm Sunday, March 20, at 11:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday, March 24, at 11:15 a.m.
- Easter Sunday, March 27, at 11:30 a.m.

Catholic services:
- Palm Sunday, March 20, at 10 a.m.
- Monday, March 21, mass at 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 22, communion at 12:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 23, mass at 12:15 p.m.
- Holy Thursday, March 24, mass at 12:15 p.m.
- Good Friday, March 25, at 4:45 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m.

**Nursing Award Deadline Nears**

Nominations are being accepted for the 2005 Nursing Excellence Awards.

The Department of Nursing established the annual awards to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding nurses at The University of Kansas Hospital in the following categories:
- Patient/Family Advocate
- Patient/Family Educator
- Nurse Mentor/Consultant
- Nurse Preceptor
- Expert Clinical Nurse (Non-traditional Role/Setting)
- Expert Clinical Nurse
- Expert Nurse Leader
- Outstanding New Nurse Graduate (Dec. 2003-May 2004 graduates)

Nomination forms are available from any nurse manager or from the Department of Education and Development and are due March 25.

**Spanish Courses Offered**

Hospital interpreters will offer two Spanish courses for medical professionals. Carlos Navarro and Jose Tello will teach a beginner-level and an intermediate-level language course.

The beginner class starts March 28 and will cover basic Spanish grammar and pronunciation as well as medical language. The intermediate course starts March 29 and will cover advanced grammar and Spanish conversation as

**Faculty Appreciation**

KUMC students honored faculty members from the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health and the Graduate Studies Program during the 2005 Faculty Appreciation Day, March 3. The event featured a reception, door prizes, chair massages, a faculty photo presentation, a special performance by Doctor’s Notes and the opportunity for students and faculty to mingle. Pictured, from left, are John Finley, JD, associate vice chancellor, Compliance; Melinda Krautman, RN, clinical instructor, KU Health Partners; and second-year medical students Stacy Dashiell and Amy Sachau.
**Thursday, March 10**

LANDON CENTER Series: “Home Care,” 9:45 a.m.-noon, Landon Center 200. Free five-week session of family/caregiver training classes. This session focuses on assisting with personal care and healthy eating. Lunch provided. Register at 8-0606 or hcallowa@kumc.edu.

MICROBIOLOGY/MOLECULAR Genetics/Immunology Seminar: “Cell Division in Escherichia Coli: Localization of the Peptidoglycan Synthase Ftsl to the Septal Ring,” Mark Wissel, PhD, 10:45 a.m.-noon, Orr-Major 1023.

PHYSIOLOGY SEMINAR: “Sex Differences in Body Fluid Regulation,” Kathleen Curtis, PhD, 11 a.m.-noon, Lied Auditorium.

**Friday, March 11**

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: “Tangled Up in Plaques: Paradigm Wars in Aging and Alzheimer’s Disease,” Russell Swedlow, MD, 7-9 a.m., Hospital 1563A.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Round: “Spontolysis,” Douglas Burton, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

PSYCHIATRY GRAND Rounds: “Atypicals and Cardiovascular Health,” David Folks, MD, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sudler Auditorium.


HEALTH POLICY and Management Brown Bag: “Gender and Identity Change in Spouses with Alzheimer’s Disease: Implications for Carework,” Jeanne Hayes, PhD, MPA, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing B011.

DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTIVE Medicine and Public Health Lecture: “Molecular Epidemiology of Resistance Exercise Training,” faculty candidate Steven Riechman, PhD, MPH, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing B018. Lunch provided for first 25 attendees.

ETHICAL ANALYSIS Seminar: “Discussing Advance Directives,” Lynne Kallenbach, MD, noon, Clendening Auditorium. Lunch provided with RSVP to scottss5@kumc.edu by noon March 10.

EVC DIVERSITY Award Presentation: Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive vice chancellor, KU Medical Center, and executive dean, School of Medicine, noon, School of Nursing Atrium. Reception follows.

PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY/Therapeutics Seminars: “Wood Dust-induced Expression of Chemokines and Cytokines in Phagocytic Cells,” Kai Savolainen, MD, PhD, DABT, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Breidenthal G030. “Toxicology in the Drug Discovery Process,” Steffen Ernst, MD, PhD, DABT, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Breidenthal G030.

**Monday, March 14**


**Tuesday, March 15**

SURGERY GRAND Rounds: “Changes in the Management of Injuries to the Liver and Spleen,” J. David Richardson, MD, 7-8 a.m., Clendening Auditorium.

SIGMA XI Seminar Series: “Development of a New HIV Vaccine for Therapeutic Immunization,” Opendra “Bill” Narayan, DVM, PhD, noon-1 p.m., School of Nursing G013. Lunch provided at 11:30 a.m. for first 100 attendees.

**Wednesday, March 16**


LANDON CENTER Brown Bag Series: “Overview of Homecare,” Judith A. Bellowe, RN, BSNED, MSED, noon-1 p.m., Landon Center 145. RSVP at 8-3094.


KIRMAYER/PHYSICAL Therapy Special Event: “Gait Analysis Clinic,” KUMC Physical Therapy students, 4:30-6 p.m., Kirmayer Fitness Center. Participants need walking/jogging shoes and a blank VHS tape. Reserve time slots by contacting Marya Rackman at 8-7702. Event is free for Kirmayer members and $5.37 for non-members.

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LANDON CENTER Home Care Series: “Legal and Financial Issues,” 9:45 a.m.-noon, Landon Center 200. Lunch provided. Register at 8-0606 or hcallowa@kumc.edu.

MICROBIOLOGY SEMINAR: “Decoding the Chat Between Cells Expressing Primate Lentivirus Accessory Proteins and Their Neighbors,” Yahia Chebloune, PhD, 10:45 a.m.-noon, Orr-Major 1023.

**Friday, March 18**


BIOCHEMISTRY/MOLECULAR Biology Seminar: “Functional Analysis of Retinoid X Receptor Alpha in Hepatocyte,” Yvonne Wan, PhD, 11 a.m.-noon, Orr-Major 1023.

**Thursday, March 24**

LANDON CENTER Home Care Series: “Assistive and Adaptive Devices; Positioning and Transferring,” 9:45 a.m.-noon, Landon Center 200. Lunch provided. Register at hcallowa@kumc.edu or 8-0606.

MICROBIOLOGY/MOLECULAR Genetics/Immunology Seminar: “CDC’s National Surveillance of Invasive Streptococci: Sequence-Based Data for Formulating Vaccines and Monitoring Vaccine Selective Effects,” Bernard Beall, PhD, 10:45 a.m.-noon, Orr-Major 1023.

**Save the Date!**

The KU Medical Center Alumni Associations will celebrate the School of Medicine’s Centennial at a special anniversary gala, Sept. 17, 2005. "A Rhapsody in Crimson & Blue, Centennial Celebration and Awards Gala” will give alumni a chance to celebrate the traditions and accomplishments of the School of Medicine during the past 100 years.

The centennial celebration is part of alumni reunion weekend, Sept. 16-17, and will include class reunions as well as recognition of the 2005 Alumni Awards recipients.
**Ordinary Heroes**

A Facilities Management employee is bringing the tsunami relief effort to the KUMC campus.

**Bandula Wickramaratne**, refrigeration and air-conditioning technician, felt the impact of the Indian Ocean tsunami as it devastated portions of Sri Lanka, his native homeland. Although his brother and sister-in-law were safe in the Sri Lankan inland, Wickramaratne wanted to help the people who were less fortunate. He set up a relief account at the KUMC Credit Union and, with help from his wife, coworkers and friends, collected $1,500, which was used to purchase food and supplies for tsunami victims in the southern Sri Lankan towns of Tangalle and Matara. His relatives helped organize the supplies and bring them down from their hometown.

A second relief trip is being planned. Donations are still being accepted at the Credit Union, in a fund named “Sri Lanka Tsunami Relief.” For more information, contact Wickramaratne at triumph4zw@netzero.net. To view photos of the first relief trip, stop by the KUMC Credit Union, 1037 Delp.

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- **PATIO SET**, glass-top square table, 4 chairs/cushions, extra-large umbrella with stand, mosquito net, great condition, $150; 1971 Farfisa organ with bench, includes beginner sheet music, great condition, $200 OBO; **Ab-Doer, new**, $20. 913-593-8633 after 4 p.m.
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- **A-FRAME CABIN**, 870 sq. ft., Truman Lake, 2 1/4 lots plus 2 adjoining wooded lots, completely furnished, wood stove, window air conditioning, large deck, lots of shade, close to boat launch, Grand Arm, 12’x30’ metal garage, $65,000. 816-863-3756.
- **NEW COACH leather black field bag** with dust cover/tags, original price $178, asking $100. 816-419-8263.
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