Heart Walk Teams Ready for 2006 Event

As the 2006 Kansas City Heart Walk draws closer, campus fundraising teams are picking up the pace to show their support for the American Heart Association.

To date, teams have raised more than $32,800, placing The University of Kansas Hospital first among local hospitals and second among local corporate participants.

Now, team captains and walkers are stepping up efforts to reach the team’s $100,000 goal.

“This is an amazing opportunity for our staff to join together to help fight a disease that impacts so many of our friends and family members,” said Bob Page, hospital senior vice president and chief operating officer. “This year, we also have the chance to celebrate our 100-year anniversary with the community and share our commitment to providing outstanding patient care.”

In honor of this milestone, the hospital has incorporated the theme “100 Years of Heart” into its team efforts, including its goal to raise $100,000 and recruit 1,000 walkers. The theme is also featured on Heart Walk team T-shirts.

This year’s event will take place Saturday, June 10, at Theis Park near the Country Club Plaza. Parking will be available at the UMKC parking garage, the Kauffman Foundation, Midwest Research Institute and the Plaza parking garages.

The walk begins at 8 a.m., and registration, team photos and other events take place earlier. Walkers should wear their team T-shirts and are invited to bring along family members, strollers and pets this year. A free pancake breakfast will be served to team members following the walk.

“This is a way for our staff members to come together and support the American Heart Association’s efforts and, at the same time, to enjoy being part of an ambitious team committed to making a difference,” said Christy Mesik, event and community relations coordinator, Marketing.

Shirley Weber, director, Clinical Labs, has been a big supporter of the Heart Walk, earning recognition as one of the top individual walkers three years in a row. She became involved with the event in 2002, after a close friend died unexpectedly of heart disease.

“She was a young and vibrant woman who was here one day and gone the next,” Weber notes. “My involvement in the Heart Walk is one of the ways that I remember and honor her.”

Proceeds from the Heart Walk benefit cardiovascular and stroke education, prevention efforts and research. Approximately 61.8 million Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease. Combined, cardiovascular disease and stroke are responsible for the deaths of more than 950,000 Americans each year.

Help the Heart Walk: To join The University of Kansas Hospital’s team efforts, contact Christy Mesik at cmesik@kumc.edu or visit www.heartwalk.kintera.org/kansascity.

Specialist Recognized

Jill Georges, manager of The University of Kansas Hospital’s Speech-Language Services Department, is among a select group of speech-language pathologists in achieving designation as a board-recognized specialist in swallowing and swallowing disorders (BRS-S). The designation is given by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

This distinction helps consumers identify speech-language pathologists with advanced clinical expertise in swallowing and swallowing disorders.

In 2005, Georges achieved this specialty recognition in the assessment and treatment of dysphagia.

She is one of just 55 individuals to achieve this distinction and the only BRS-S in either Kansas or Missouri.

eXtra: May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. For more information about swallowing disorders, speech and language disorders, or hearing loss, visit www.swallowingdisorders.org or www.asha.org or contact Speech-Language Services at 8-6930.
Nurses Receive Annual Awards

Three University of Kansas Hospital nurses were recently honored with excellence awards in the areas of Neuroscience and Surgical Intensive Care (SICU) nursing.

Riss Awards

Stacey Bender, RN, Unit 53, and Joan McMahon, MSA, BSN, CRRN, coordinator, spinal cord program, were honored with the fourth annual Riss Family Award for Excellence in Neuroscience Nursing at a May 15 recognition ceremony in the School of Nursing Atrium.

Thu Janes, RN, nurse manager, Unit 53, and Paul Arnold, MD, Neurosurgery, introduced the recipients, commending their dedication and accomplishments.

The awards were presented by Loretta Riss and her grandchildren Maddie and Cole Jurden. In 2003, the Riss family of Kansas City established the fund through KU Endowment as a way of thanking the hospital staff for the outstanding care Loretta Riss' late husband, Robert Riss, received as a patient.

Sutherland Award

Lynn Davis, RN, BSN, SICU, was honored with the fourth annual Sutherland Family Nursing Award for Excellence in the SICU during a May 24 recognition ceremony in the School of Nursing’s Varnes Center.

Anne Sass, RN, SICU nurse manager, introduced Davis, and Norma and Laura Sutherland presented the award.

The award is administered by KU Endowment and funded by the family of Norma Sutherland and the late Dwight Sutherland. While a patient at the hospital, Norma Sutherland was so impressed with the care she received that the family established the fund to honor nursing excellence in the SICU.

The annual $1,000 Riss and Sutherland awards recognize full- or part-time nurses who demonstrate outstanding patient care, nursing skills and compassion for patients and families, and exhibit the Five-Star Performance standards of service, people, quality, cost and growth.

Study Participants Needed

The Atherosclerosis and LDL-Apheresis Center is seeking people with high cholesterol for an international study of an investigational drug. People currently receiving treatment for high cholesterol may be eligible to participate.

Study-related exams, tests and investigational medications are provided at no charge. Participants will also receive compensation for time and travel.

For more information or to schedule a screening visit, call Julie-Ann Dutton at 8-4064.
Friday, May 26

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Blood Pressure Measurement and Skilled Practice,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

KANSAS MASONIC Cancer Research Institute Round Table Seminar: “Regulation of SWI/SNF Chromatin Remodeling Through Transcription Activator Targeting and By the HIR Co-repressor Complex,” Philippe Prochasson, PhD, noon-1 p.m., Lied Auditorium. Lunch provided for first 35 attendees.

Tuesday, May 30

LANDON CENTER on Aging Family Caregiver Series: “Community Resources/Working With Healthcare Providers: Care for the Caregiver,” 9:45 a.m.-noon, Landon Center, Room 200. Classes take place each Tuesday in May at no cost. Lunch provided with RSVP to Hallie Callaway at 8-0606.

PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE Seminar: David Classen, MD, MS, vice president, First Consulting Group, co-chair, National Quality Forum Patient Safety Taxonomy Steering Committee. Topics include practice implications, practical strategies, consumer-driven health care and outcomes-based compensation. University of Kansas Hospital, KUPE, Mid-America Cardiology and Jayhawk Primary Care Clinics staff are invited. For more information or to register, contact Allen Bishoff at 8-3313 or abishoff@kumc.edu. Also Wednesday, May 31.

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INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: “Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease,” James Sowers, MD, 8-9 a.m., Sudler Auditorium 3015.

Friday, June 2

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “PACE Workshop,” Patience White, MD, 7:30-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Monday, June 5


Tuesday, June 6

SURGERY GRAND Rounds: “Current Therapy for Rectal Cancer: Too Much or Not Enough?” Bruce Graham, MD, 7-8 a.m., Clendening Auditorium.

Wednesday, June 7

INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: “Integration of a Private Practice Cardiology Group and a University Medical Center: Five Years Later,” Susan Pingleton, MD, and Randy Gentry, MD, 8-9 a.m., Sudler Auditorium 3015.

LANDON CENTER on Aging Brown Bag Lunch Series: “Managing Your Pain,” Angel Yanez, noon-1 p.m., Landon Center, Room 200. Explore the types, methods and alternatives forms of pain management. To register, call Matt Chandler at 8-3094.

Thursday, June 8

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE and Memory Disorders Caregiver Support Group: Phyllis Switzer, 2-3:30 p.m., Landon Center Room 145.

Friday, June 9

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Parenting Children with Autism,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Friday, June 16

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Parenting Children with Speech/Language Disorders,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Friday, June 23

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Paternity and the Law: An Introduction to Paternity Law,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Friday, June 30

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “The Small Baby,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Wednesday, June 1

INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE Grand Rounds: “The Need for New Models of Care for Cancer Patients,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Sudler Auditorium 3015.

Wednesday, June 7

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE and Memory Disorders Caregiver Support Group: Sally White, 2-3:30 p.m., Landon Center Room 145.

Friday, June 9

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Psychosocial Considerations in Pediatric Renal Transplantation,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Friday, June 16

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “The Role of Nutrition in Pediatric Renal Transplantation,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Friday, June 23

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “The Role of Diet in Pediatric Renal Transplantation,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Friday, June 30

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Children with Renal Transplantation,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Wednesday, July 5


Tuesday, July 11

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE and Memory Disorders Caregiver Support Group: Sally White, 2-3:30 p.m., Landon Center Room 145.

Friday, July 14

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Pediatric and Adult Anemia,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Friday, July 21

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Pediatric and Adult Anemia,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Friday, July 28

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Pediatric and Adult Anemia,” Christopher Crenner, MD, PhD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

Tuesday, August 1

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE and Memory Disorders Caregiver Support Group: Sally White, 2-3:30 p.m., Landon Center Room 145.

Dean Miller Gives Address

As the only school of its kind in the state of Kansas, educating tomorrow’s allied health professionals is a responsibility the KU School of Allied Health takes seriously, said Dean Karen Miller, RN, PhD, at her recent State of the School address to faculty.

“In Kansas, we’ve always had a mandate to educate health care professionals,” said Miller, who is also senior vice chancellor for Student and Academic Affairs at KU Medical Center. “The problem is, we can’t always retain graduates in our state, particularly in rural areas.”

KU has approximately 452 allied health students currently enrolled and has approximately 3,300 allied health graduates in the Kansas workforce. Of the current graduating class, 65 percent of the students are Kansas residents.

There’s still a shortage of allied health professionals in the state and region, however. By 2010, it is estimated that the state will need 55.1 percent more medical records and health information technology professionals, 43.2 percent more respiratory therapists, 39.6 percent more physical therapists and 39.5 percent more speech-language pathologists.

Rapid advances in biomedical science mean more need for specialized clinical care providers.

Aging and retiring health professionals are just one reason for the shortage. The need for more faculty and more clinical practice sites also makes it difficult for the KU School of Allied Health to add more students to its programs, Miller said.

Key issues at the state and local levels also need to be resolved, Miller added. These issues include the need to increase the recruitment of teaching and research faculty, increase enrollments to meet the need for clinical providers and leaders in health care organizations, and increase efforts to achieve appropriate geographic distribution of graduates.

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Automotive
1992 TOYOTA MRZ, red, looks like new, 32K miles, turbo, new battery, collector's dream, $8,000. 785-267-1315.

For Sale
REFRIGERATOR, KitchenAid Superba side-by-side, 4 years old, excellent condition, white, $695; dishwasher, built-in Maytag top-of-the-line model, stainless steel tub, 4 years old, excellent condition, white, $245; gas range, Maytag, 4 years old, excellent condition, white, $695; oven includes fold-down tray table in the middle, must see to appreciate, paid $1,600 new, asking $700/pair. 816-229-2994.
MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE sale, 9812 W. 96th Terr., Overland Park, Friday, May 26, and Saturday, May 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 913-492-3789.
BICYCLE, Gary Fisher Capitola, aluminum frame, comfortable upright riding position, suspension seat post, comfort saddle, Shimano drive train, warm silver metallic, very good condition, $150 OBO. 913 940-1727.
LAZY BOY dual reclining sofa, dual reclining loveseat, like-new, royal blue, excellent condition, sofa includes fold-down tray table in the middle, must see to appreciate, paid $1,600 new, asking $700/pair. 816-229-2994.

Wanted
MOTORCYCLE, up to 650cc, good condition, cruiser type, $1,000-$2,000. 816-743-9712.

USBJD Hosts Campus Meeting
Board members and representatives from the U.S. Bone and Joint Decade (USBJD) will share research and advances in bone and joint diagnoses, treatment and rehabilitation during a campus meeting, Monday, June 5. All campus faculty, staff, students and employees are invited to attend the following seminars, held throughout the day.

- “Rehabilitation Approaches to Management of Low Back Pain,” Barry Smith, MD, Baylor University Medical Center and USBJD board member, 8 a.m., Murphy G006.
- “Osteoporosis Update: Today and Tomorrow,” Nancy Lane, MD, University of California, Davis Medical Center, and USBJD president, 9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.
- “Clubfoot: An International Perspective,” Jose Morcuende, MD, University of Iowa Medical Center and USBJD International Clubfoot Project program director, noon, Miller 2001.
- “Documenting and Measuring Outcomes: APTA’s Point of Care Technology,” Andrew Guccione, PT, PhD, FAPTA, senior vice president for practice and research, American Physical Therapy Association, and USBJD secretary, 3 p.m., School of Nursing G012.
- “Molecular Methods Identify Novel Regulators of Bone Formation: Relevance to Osteoporosis,” J. Edward Puzas, MD, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and USBJD secretary, 3 p.m., School of Nursing G012.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. in the School of Nursing Atrium. Attendees should RSVP to 8-6131 or kjtemple@kumc.edu.

Bone and joint (musculoskeletal) diseases affect more than one billion individuals worldwide and are expected to increase sharply by the year 2020, due to the predicted doubling of the number of people over age 50. Created in 2002, the USBJD’s goals are to increase public awareness of the growing burden of musculoskeletal conditions, improve patient education, increase resources for research and improve diagnosis and treatment.