A salute to our physicians and staff at The University of Kansas Hospital

To the team at The University of Kansas Hospital:

The University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board of Directors wishes to publicly honor you on your selection to U.S. News & World Report's prestigious 2010-11 Best Hospitals list for six specialties.

Being named one of America’s best hospitals in six areas of care puts you in an elite group. This national recognition is a tribute to your dedication as health care professionals and your singular focus on providing high quality care to our patients. It is also an honor to be the only Kansas City area hospital on any of the lists.

Congratulations on achieving this remarkable recognition.
And thank you to everyone across the hospital for the excellent outcomes you produce every day. It is a privilege to be associated with the premier academic medical center in the region.

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The six specialties named to the Best Hospitals lists:

- Ear, nose and throat, ranked 29th, up from 36th last year
- Pulmonary, ranked 30th, first time on the list
- Kidney disorders, ranked 32nd, up from 48th last year
- Heart and heart surgery, ranked 37th, up from 39th last year, the fourth consecutive time on the list
- Urology, ranked 43rd, first time on the list
- Geriatrics, ranked 47th, first time on the list

Watch for the ad in Sunday’s Kansas City Star and Lawrence Journal-World.
With white coats on, school’s back in session

Approximately 2,400 applied, fewer than 470 were interviewed and just 176 made it this far – the KU School of Medicine’s White Coat Ceremony. It’s one of the campus’s most popular traditions, with senior faculty cloaking the school’s first-year students in their white medical student coats. Beaming family members fill the Student Center’s Battenfeld Auditorium to capacity. “You are to be congratulated for making it through the highly competitive process to reach this moment,” KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, PhD, told the new students, known as M1s, at the July 30 celebration. “You are becoming part of a community of scholar physicians, and under their guidance you will gain the knowledge that will enable you to heal your patients.” She encouraged the students to bear in mind their social mission – the need for physicians in primary practice and in rural communities. The school is ranked in the top five of all 141 U.S. medical schools in that category. The White Coat Ceremony also marks the return of thousands of students to campus: KU School of Nursing students begin classes Aug. 19, after several days of orientation. KU School of Allied Health students start at various times this month. Other highlights of this year’s White Coat Ceremony:

Boys are back. The number of men in the incoming class surged this year to 110. Over the last 10 years, men generally have comprised 50 to 55 percent of the class – though last year, women outnumbered men for only the second time in 105 years. That changed dramatically this year, with men accounting for 62.5 percent of the M1s. The last time so many men were in the incoming class was 1994.

Community service. Before the White Coat Ceremony, the students spent a week in orientation, which included M1 Community Service Day July 29. The annual event stresses the importance for medical students to give back to their communities. Students participated in 20 different projects around Wyandotte County. They repaired homes, landscaped and weeded, sorted school supplies and worked with residents at community gardens.

Grant to help KUMC attract American Indians to medical field

KUMC has received a $7.5 million grant to create the Center for American Indian Community Health, a major effort to reduce severe health problems facing American Indians. The grant is from The National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, part of the National Institutes of Health. The American Indian Health Research and Education Alliance also is involved in the effort. Among other things, the grant will help establish a pipeline to attract American Indian high school and college students to the university’s master of public health and other graduate programs. “Our goal is to train and educate the next generation of native health researchers and health care professionals, hoping that they will return to their communities and help to address health disparities,” said Christine Daley, PhD, associate professor of preventive medicine and public health at the KU School of Medicine. KUMC faculty are working with Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence to identify potential students for the MPH program.

Compared to the rest of the U.S. population, American Indians are 420 percent more likely to die from diabetes and 100 percent more likely to die from tobacco-related diseases. They have the lowest five-year survival rates for all major cancers and the lowest screening rates for breast cancer and colorectal cancer.

Operation Touchdown

The NFL and Arrowhead Stadium opened their arms to several young patients last week, thanks to the Hero to Hero program. Brice Porter, 9, made friends with Chiefs cheerleaders. Christopher Whayne, 4, enjoyed dessert in the new Founder’s Club. And Alexis Platt, 12, received an autographed football from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. Administered by The University of Kansas Physicians Pediatrics, Hero to Hero is designed to bring moments of joy to children with chronic illnesses.
**Company Store’s new items: Drink up!**

The hospital’s Company Store debuts two more items this month, a heavy-duty drinking cup and stainless-steel tumbler.

The additions to the online store (co-store.com/kumad) give employees yet more ways to buy hospital-logo promotional items and show pride in their organization.

The store, which launched September ’09, now includes a dozen items, ranging from coffee mugs and notepads to coolers and pens. Features of the new items:

- 14-oz. two-tone acrylic and stainless-steel tumbler, foam insulated, threaded snap fit lid. $8.65
- Double-wall acrylic cup with matching color screw-top lid and sip-straw, BPA-free. $5.79

During August, there are no shipping charges on Company Store items.

The store is separate from the corporate apparel line, which is on 24/7 at Workplace Support > Workplace Resources > Corporate Wear.

**Volunteers needed for weight/brain study**

KUMC researchers are seeking healthy weight men and women to serve as control participants for a study. The study investigates potential brain predictors of weight loss and weight maintenance using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI).

To qualify, you must be age 35–55, healthy weight, generally healthy and a non-smoker. Over a nine-month period you’ll have four appointments at KUMC’s Hoglund Brain Imaging Center: two fMRI appointments that will last about six hours, and two assessment sessions will be about 30 minutes each.

You’ll be compensated $400. Information: Lori Fowler, WCRP@ku.edu, or toll free, 866-962-9288. To sign up: research.ekl.ku.edu/seq_mn.aspx.

**Conference tackles career obstacles for women**

KU Women in Medicine & Science will sponsor “Building Career Success in Medicine & Science,” a two-day conference to help women overcome obstacles in their academic medicine careers.

The conference is Aug. 19–20 at the InterContinental Hotel on the Country Club Plaza. Featuring three national and numerous local speakers, the conference is complimentary for KUMC faculty and other professionals; fees are $100–$175 for students and others in non-KUMC biomedical professions.

Register by Friday, Aug. 13, for attendance and continuing education. Information and registration: www2.kumc.edu/wims/conf_aug2010.html.

**Chance for Children 5K to benefit seriously ill kids**

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Deadline for all nominations is Sept. 3.

**eXtractcurricular**

**Thursday, August 5**

RACE FOR THE CURE T-Shirt Pickup: noon-2 p.m., Conference Room M, Westwood Campus; also 2:30-4:30 p.m., Wyandotte Room. Information: Dolly Wood, 5-5248.

**Wednesday, August 11**

BROWNBAG LUNCH Series for Older Adults: “Medicare/ Medicaid,” LaMonica Upton, Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

HEAD AND NECK Cancer Support: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Executive Dining Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

**Thursday, August 12**

LUNG CANcer Support Group: Second Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, Westwood Campus. Information: 8-1227.

**Friday, August 6**

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: “Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures: Reframing the Diagnosis,” Noreen Thompson, MSN,8 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

**Wednesday, August 11**

UNIVERSITY COMPUTER Equipment Drop-Off: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Hixson Atrium. Dispose of university-owned computers and computer-related equipment. Information: 8-1081 or www2.kumc.edu/safety.

**Tuesday, August 10**

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY Support: Second Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wyandotte Room. Information: Dolly Wood, 8-6945 or dwood@kumc.edu.

**Send calendar items to centerexpress@kumc.edu. Items must be received by noon on the Monday prior to publication.**

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**eXpress reminders**

**NOMINATION DEADLINE** for second annual Excellence Awards in Hospital Operations Support: Monday, Aug. 16. Awards recognize employees in Operations Support who exhibit the hospital’s Five-Star Performance standards. Information: Visit 24/7 or contact Jennifer Peavler, 8-7817.
**Vehicles**

2006 NISSAN 350Z convertible roadster, 30K, silver, automatic, immaculate cond., loaded, Bose sound system, subwoofer, heated seats, black leather, warranty, $21,500. 816-679-9700.

2002 BMW 325ci, 96K, sporty black, black leather, premium package, loaded, heated seats, sun roof, garaged, new tires/brakes, excellent cond., $11,000 OBO. 913-492-6738.


**For Sale**

2 LOVE SEATS, excellent cond., 60” x 32” each, light blue, beige accents, photos, $100, you pick up. 913-909-5038 (leave message).

LARGE CAGE for ferrets/small pets, Ware brand, Clean Living model, 3 sections, 5 movable levels/shelves, large doors, chew marks in floor plastic, cleaned/sanitized, $65. 913-387-9312.

KENMORE STOVE, like new, $200; under-cabinet microwave, $50; Whirlpool side-by-side refrigerator, $400; baker’s rack, $50; oak computer armoire, $70; 2 wicker chairs, $25 each; more, photos. 913-271-5585.

WEDDING DRESS, beautiful modern style, size 16 with halter v-top, stones, beading, photos, purchased new from David’s Bridal for $600, asking $200 OBO. 913-850-3660.

WII CONSOLE, black with remote, nunchuk and Wii Resort game, $165. 913-544-6985.

DOG RUN/KENNEL, large (10’ x 20’ x 6’), 3 sides, galvanized steel, good cond., $200, you disassemble and pick up, south KC. 816-521-0502.

2 ROOM-SIZE RUGS, 11’ x 9.’ $50, and 20’ x 11,’ $175, traditional patterns, cream/wine/navy; stainless steel kitchen sink, large, new/in box, $125; navy deck chair, $20. 785-266-6683.

18’ ALUMINUM CANOE, good cond., no leaks, $425 OBO. 913-764-8060.

EDDIE BAUER infant car seat/carrier with base, $65. 913-485-2695.

1930s DRESSER with tilt mirror, $200; under-cabinet microwave, $50; Whirlpool side-by-side refrigerator, $400; baker’s rack, $50; oak computer armoire, $70; 2 wicker chairs, $25 each; more, photos. 913-271-5585.

**For Rent**

ROELAND PARK home, 3 BR, 1 BA, updated kitchen, granite, hardwoods, close to KUMC, available Sept. 1, 3516 W. 47th Terr. 913-634-7185.

**Dog Runs**

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4-FAMILY SALE: Aug. 7-8, hand tools, car/truck items, power tools, glassware, more, 309 Mesa Dr., Smithville. 913-432-4929.

**Housing**

WESTWOOD HOME, 3 BR, 2 BA, all hardwoods, large eat-in kitchen, family room, 3 fireplaces, built-in bookshelves, vaulted ceilings, move-in ready, $295,000. 913-302-4438.

HOME, 1,700+ sq. ft. upstairs living area, finished basement, 2 fireplaces, brick/vinyl exterior, large corner lot, hardwoods, custom cabinets, buy $152,000, rent $1,400/month. 913-579-6294.

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**Wanted**

SCRUBS, gently used, large, reasonably priced. 913-375-0547.

HANDYMAN /PLUMBER/maintenance person for Overland Park location, HVAC knowledge is a plus. 913-636-7888.

TEMPORARY home for 2 large dogs during relocation to new home, will purchase food, would like to visit. 913-220-9008.

**Free**

LARGE PLAYSET, wood, canvas roof, slide, swings, rope swing, more, 11 years old, new ladder rungs needed, photos, you pick up, Overland Park. 913-681-1501.