Hospital’s Chest Pain Center Earns 3-Year Re-accreditation

The Chest Pain Center at The University of Kansas Hospital earned a full three-year national re-accreditation from the Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC).

First accredited in 2005, the Chest Pain Center is a unique concept that brings together cardiologists and emergency physicians to significantly reduce deaths from heart attack. The virtual center encompasses nearly every unit in the Center for Advanced Heart Care. It offers cardiac services needed to facilitate rapid diagnosis and treatment of patients experiencing heart attacks.

“A 20- or 30-minute delay in getting treatment can mean the difference between life and death,” said Scott Ceule, MD, Emergency Medicine, medical director, Chest Pain Center. “We can offer our patients instant access to a vital service that is the standard of care for acute coronary syndromes.”

Another main goal of the Chest Pain Center is to intervene with chest pain patients who are not diagnosed with a heart attack, noted Jackie Pifer, RN, coordinator, Chest Pain Center.

“The patient may need a stress test, education about risk factors and lifestyle changes or some other type of intervention,” Pifer explained.

To receive re-accreditation, the Chest Pain Center had to meet or exceed criteria in eight key areas:

- Integrating the Emergency Department with the local emergency medical system
- Assessing, diagnosing and treating chest pain patients quickly
- Effectively treating patients with low risk for acute coronary syndrome and no assignable cause for their symptoms
- Continually improving processes and procedures
- Ensuring Chest Pain Center personnel competency and training
- Having a functional design that promotes optimal patient care
- Maintaining organizational structure and commitment
- Supporting community outreach programs that educate the public to promptly seek medical care if they display symptoms of a possible heart attack

Learn the Warning Signs of Heart Attack

- Chest pain or discomfort
- Discomfort in the arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach
- Shortness of breath
- Symptoms such as nausea, lightheadedness or cold sweats

If you or anyone you know experience any of these symptoms, call 911.

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the U.S., with about 600,000 people dying of heart disease annually. More than 5 million Americans visit hospitals each year with chest pain.

KUMC Creates Center for Viral Oncology

The University of Kansas Medical Center has created a Center for Viral Oncology, which will focus research on finding prevention and treatment methods for cancers caused by viruses.

The new center’s primary interests will be leukemia, lymphoma and liver cancer. The virtual center will collaborate with the Liver and Cancer Centers. An estimated one in six cancers is associated with a viral infection.

The director is Christophe Nicot, PhD, associate professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and of Microbiology, Molecular Genetics and Immunology. He also co-leads the KU Cancer Center’s basic science research program. Nicot received a five-year, $1.3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for virus-related research in 2005.

In the future, Nicot will hire basic science faculty and researchers for the center.

“The Viral Oncology Center provides another opportunity to foster collaboration among investigators who are focused on preventing and treating cancer caused by viruses,” Nicot said.

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on discovering new ways to treat and prevent cancers attributed to viruses,” said Paul Terranova, PhD, vice chancellor, Research, and senior associate dean, Research and Graduate Education. “It is especially important because collaboration is a key criterion in achieving National Cancer Institute designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center.”

KUMC Surpasses Half-Way Mark to ALS Walk Goal

The University of Kansas Medical Center has raised nearly $18,000 toward its $30,000 goal for the Walk to Defeat ALS. The event is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Corporate Woods in Overland Park.

Funds raised from the walk go to support ALS research and fund programs and services for patients with ALS, also called Lou Gehrig’s disease. Every 90 minutes, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with ALS and someone else dies from the condition. KUMC is working to change these statistics through clinical research trials.

There is still time to start or join a team for the Walk to Defeat ALS. Visitalsa-midwest.org to register or donate. Contact Paula Baum, Public Affairs, pbaum@kumc.edu, 8-1017, for more information.

In Memoriam

The University of Kansas Hospital mourns the loss of three beloved employees who passed away over the Labor Day weekend.

Geri Enneking

Geraldine “Geri” Enneking, RN, 69, a member of the Nursing Pool, died Aug. 31 after a long, active career in nursing.

Visitation was Sept. 3 at McGilley Midtown Chapel. A memorial mass was Sept. 4 at Redemptorist Catholic Church, Kansas City, Mo. Her family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society.

Chris Fry

Chris Fry, 26, a respiratory therapist with the hospital since 2006, died in a motorcycle accident Aug. 29.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Dickey Funeral Home, Harrisonville, Mo. A graveside service is 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at the Antioch-Brick Church Cemetery, Springfield, Mo. Donations to the Chris Fry Memorial Fund are suggested.

Sean Williams

Sean Williams, 33, a supply technician in Materials Management, died in a motorcycle accident Aug. 30. Williams joined the hospital in 2006.

He returned to the hospital in May after a year of military service in Iraq.

A memorial service is 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, in Spencer Chapel on the University of Kansas Medical Center campus.

BonnelEarnsKemperAwardforTeachingExcellence

The “surprise patrol” dropped in on an unsuspecting Wanda Bonnel, RN, PhD, (second from left) to present a $5,000 William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence. A renowned teacher in geriatric nursing and nursing education at the KU School of Nursing, Bonnel pioneered projects in e-mentoring and online coursework. Her work in the nursing school’s Virtual Classroom and the Nurse Educator Certificate Program earned wide acclaim. Joining Bonnel were (from left) Robert Hemenway, PhD, KU chancellor; Karen Miller, RN, PhD, dean, KU Schools of Allied Health and Nursing; Betsy Green, Commerce Bank; and Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive vice chancellor, University of Kansas Medical Center.
Thursday, Sept. 8

MOLECULAR & INTEGRATIVE Physiology Seminar: “Reflections on Successful Strategies for Grant Proposals,” Joan Hunt, PhD, Randolph Nudo, PhD, and Peter Smith, PhD, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Beller Conference Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 9


PALLIATIVE CARE/Department of Medicine Grand Rounds: “Palliative Care Educational Initiative at UMCK: Presentation and Discussion,” Richard Butin, MD, and William Jennings, MD, 6-7 p.m., Lied Auditorium.

BURN SURVIVORS Support Group: Second Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Burnett Burn Center/Hurlbut Recovery Pavilion. Info: 8-1227

Wednesday, Sept. 10

BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: “Preventing Falls at Home,” Clint Stevenson, physical therapist, and Deena Stevenson, occupational therapist, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Register: Matt Chandler, 8-3094.

Thursday, Sept. 11

CANCER & DEVELOPMENTAL Biology Seminar: “An RNA Gain of Function in Myotonic Dystrophy Disrupts a Network of Developmentally Regulated Alternative Splicing Events,” Thomas Cooper, PhD, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE and Memory Disorders Caregivers Support Group: Second Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m., Phyllis Switzer, 145 Landon Center on Aging. Information: 8-1227.


Wednesday, Sept. 10

Help Install Smoke Alarms

Campus employees have the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and help install smoke alarms in the community from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

The first hour is devoted to training. Afterward, teams go door to door to install 200 alarms, with several in each home. In addition to installation teams, information teams are needed to help residents complete forms and discuss fire escape and fire prevention plans.

Volunteers receive HERO (Hospital Employees Reaching Out) T-shirts. To volunteer, contact Sidonie Welsh, RN, swelsh@kumc.edu, 8-0193, or Maria Pena, RN, mpena@kumc.edu, 8-5257.

The project is a joint effort between The University of Kansas Hospital’s Burnett Burn Center and the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department.
**Gala to Honor Alumni and Area Leaders**

The 2008 University of Kansas Medical Center Gala Saturday, Oct. 4, will honor outstanding KU alumni as well as introduce two inaugural awards for community leaders.

The black-tie optional gala at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center Ballroom is part of KUMC’s annual Alumni Reunion Weekend. The event traditionally includes awards to distinguished alums from the KU Schools of Allied Health, Nursing and Medicine.

For the first time, special awards will go to two community leaders:

- **Joerg Ohle**, president and general manager, Bayer HealthCare LLC, Animal Health Division, North America, will receive the first Life Sciences Leadership Award. The honor recognizes his commitment to advancing the region’s life sciences agenda.

- **Drue Jennings**, a civic leader, KU alumnus and former chair of the Advancement Board, will receive the first Distinguished Service Medallion for his contributions and long-time support of the medical center’s mission.

“The gala is a wonderful opportunity to showcase not just the accomplishments of the medical center, but also the efforts of community partners who contribute in transforming our regional economy and enhancing the health of its citizens,” said **Barbara Atkinson, MD**, KUMC’s executive vice chancellor.

The reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 12. Gala tickets are $75 each for Alumni Association members and $120 for non-members. For tickets or more information, contact **Kelly Hutsell**, Public Affairs, 8-2695, khutsell@kumc.edu.

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- **SNORING/APNEA PILLOW** with extra cover, used 2 weeks, paid $149, asking $60. 913-909-5038.
- **2 NASCAR TICKETS**, face value, section 228, row 33, seats 17 and 18, Saturday, Sept. 27, $150; Sunday, Sept. 28, $250. 913-915-0620.
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- **RAW LAND** in Bonner Springs/Mission area, 5 acres, will pay $60,000. 816-786-8303.
- **BABY/KID’S CLOTHES**. 913-526-8200.

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