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Expansions in Salina, Wichita: Here we go!

The KU School of Medicine has received formal approval to add a four-year program in Salina and expand its existing Wichita branch from a two-year clinical program to a full four-year program.

The Wichita and Salina sites will each welcome their first class of four-year medical students next fall.

KUMC leaders say the expansions will help address the critical shortage of rural physicians in the state. About half the physicians in Kansas received medical education at the School of Medicine.

“For the past hundred years we have been successful in fulfilling our mission of training excellent physicians to meet the needs of our state,” said Barbara Atkinson, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor.

“Still, there is a growing need for physicians in our state,” she added. “These campus expansions will help us achieve our common goal: that many of our students will ultimately practice primary care in underserved areas of Kansas.”

The KU School of Medicine-Salina will be housed primarily in space provided by the Salina Regional Health Center, where clinical faculty will facilitate small-group learning.

Students will listen to lectures along with their peers in Kansas City and Wichita via interactive television and podcasts, while web-based systems will support most of the curriculum’s laboratory components.

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Construction on heart center expansion begins

Look for more signs of progress at the hospital starting next week. The $50 million expansion at the Center for Advanced Heart Care begins with the installation of a tower crane on the 39th Street side of the building.

Workers begin construction on the 39th Street lane closure and re-striping with the removal of the 39th Street median on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Construction will be at night.

To make room for the crane, the driving lane nearest the building will be closed throughout the project. All four lanes of 39th Street will be shifted to the north beginning Monday, Nov. 22, and will remain in place through June 2012.

Fencing will be constructed around the lane closure. Access to the dock and Emergency Department drive will not be impeded, although the sidewalk will be closed on the south side of 39th Street throughout the two-year project.

Formally known as a ‘vertical expansion project,’ the work includes enclosing the sixth floor and adding three more floors to the heart center.

Epilepsy Center relocates to Delp

The hospital’s Comprehensive Epilepsy Center moved to a new location effective Nov. 8.

The new location for the center, which sees approximately 1,300 patients per year, is ground floor of Delp in space previously occupied by the Orthotics and Prosthetics clinic. This larger area will allow the center to add two clinic rooms and a new waiting room, and offer patients easy access to wheelchair-accessible restrooms and clinic rooms.

Phone numbers and services remain the same for the center, which previously was in the Marc A. Asher, MD, Comprehensive Spine Center. The spine center also can use the extra space, since it added five neurosurgeons last week.

Seeing patients at the epilepsy center: Nancy Hammond, MD; Mary Ann Kavalir, ARNP; William Nowack, MD; and Ivan Osorio, MD.

Nurse manager is Stacy Smith, RN.

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Students in KU’s 35-year-old Wichita program currently spend their first two years at the main campus here before going to Wichita for two years of clinical training. With the change, students will be able to spend all four years in Wichita.

The university’s plans for Salina and Wichita are moving forward after last week’s announcement of a favorable review by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education, the accrediting authority for medical education programs.

State health care leaders lauded the news. “This is the most significant thing to happen to rural Kansas health care in a long while,” said Jerry Slaughter, executive director of the Kansas Medical Society.

KUMC leaders believe the Salina program could be a model for other areas of the country where there are critical shortages of rural physicians.

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“We want our pharmacy to be known as one of the best in the country, particularly in terms of quality, safety and innovation. To be recognized twice as an innovator by our peers is a big step toward this goal.”

The drug-utilization reporting initiative began in early 2009. The first step involved identification of nine areas at the hospital where drug-prescribing patterns differed substantially from those at other top-performing hospitals around the country.

(Pharmacy used a University Health-System Consortium benchmarking database to conduct the study.)

The result: Pharmacy and physicians in those nine areas found ways to save $900,000 annually in drug use. Even better, those areas now report a 12.2 percent weighted reduction in length of stay while maintaining or improving mortality-related outcomes.

“By distributing drug-utilization reports to those areas, we’ve also opened the door for greater Pharmacy-physician partnering,” O’Neal added. “As we looked at differences among our hospital compared with others, we’ve been able to work together on developing guidelines and other interventions.”

New benefits

During Benefit Fairs last month, Eve Lutz and Ashley Latham, both RNs in the Operating Room, discussed ID and theft protection with Mike Underwood, whose company, LifeLock, provides the new benefit to hospital employees. Open enrollment runs through Nov. 19. It’s your opportunity to make changes in benefit elections, enroll in a flexible spending account and take advantage of several new insurance options.
Friday, November 12


PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Recent Advances in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases: Bench to the Bedside,” Fayez Ghishan, MD, 8-9 a.m., Clendening Auditorium (NOT Wahl West).

USBORNE BOOKS SALE: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Wyandotte Room. Proceeds benefit Reach Out and Read Kansas City (reachoutandreadkc.org). English and Spanish books available. Information: Janice Dobbs, 8-0295, or jdobbs@kumc.edu.

Saturday, November 13

MEDICAL ARTS SYMPHONY Performance: Pre-concert lecture at 7:20 p.m.; concert at 8 p.m., Shatzkin will conduct pieces by Mozart, Brahms and Liszt. Admission is free.


BROWN BAG Lunch Series for Older Adults: “Parkinson’s Disease,” Kelly Lyons, PhD, noon-1 p.m., 200 Landon Center on Aging. Reservations: Matt Chandler, 8-3094, or mchandler@kumc.edu.

KANSAS PUBLIC Health Grand Rounds: “Enhancing Relationships Between Academic Medical Centers and Public Health Departments,” Bert Malone, MPA, KCMO Health Department, noon-1 p.m., 1023 Orr-Major.

Thursday, November 18

KIRMAYER FITNESS Center Event: “Cold Turkey Trot,” 6-7 a.m., noon-1 p.m., 5-6 p.m. Competition features a predicted one-mile walk/run. Come closest to your estimated one-mile time (no watches or clocks!) to win a turkey. Information: Jan Schmidt, 8-7703, or jcschmidt@kumc.edu.

UNIVERSITY HR-PDFA Wellness Series: “Psycho-Geometrics: Managing Conflict Between Personality Styles,” Kim Vandengeest-Wallace, PhD, noon-1 p.m., G013 School of Nursing. Register: www2.kumc.edu/HRLD.

Friday, November 19

NEUROLOGY/NEUROSURGERY Grand Rounds: “Neuromuscular Channelopathy: Dx and Rx,” Yunxia Wang, MD, 8-9 a.m., Lied Auditorium.

PEDIATRIC GRAND Rounds: “Providing a Medical Home for Children with ASD,” Kathy Ellerbeck, MD, 8-9 a.m., Wahl West Auditorium.

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

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**TJC BE EVER READY TIPS**

In preparation for The Joint Commission visit later this year, we’ll run tips every week.

• Employees complete three types of orientation: hospital, department and job-specific.

• The hospital ensures appropriate licensure; customer service training (orientation); key training, including values, safety, infection control, privacy, abuse/violence; staff competency to do their job (orientation and annually); support of continuing education; adequate numbers of staff to meet patient needs.

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For Sale

**Vehicles**


1972 CHEVY PICKUP, 4WD, $2,500. 913-991-1199.

For Sale

KIDS LOFT BED with mattress, black, twin, gently used, desk/chair beneath bed, 2 years old, barely used, $100 or reasonable offer, will disassemble, you pick up. 816-898-6866.

QUEEN-SIZE oak bed with headboard, wooden sides, no mattress, $60. 913-982-7062.

HOOVER WOOD floor polisher, great cond., $20; Fisher-Price potty-training, $10; women’s leather/suede jacket, size 10, new, $40. 816-659-6065.

2 CHIEFS TICKETS for games vs. Broncos, Titans and Raiders, great seats, section 329, row 25, seats 19 and 20, $70/seat, $140/both seats or $420 for all 3 games. 573-280-2042.

BOUNCE AND SPIN horse, gently used, works with TV, teaches numbers, shapes, letters, colors and more, $25. 913-302-0863.

FISHER-PRICE Corn Popper ride-on toy, $10. 816-616-4718.

GRACO HIGH CHAIR, used a few times, $25; Eddie Bauer bassinet with extra pad, sheets, $100. 785-248-9368.

WII DANCE PARTY Revolution game with dance pad, gently used, $50 OBO. 816-260-4532.

DANBY BEVERAGE center, stainless steel with lock, like new, holds more than 120 cans, retains for more than $200, asking $140. 913-486-6888.

CROFT & BARROW leather jacket, women’s size large, great cond., button down, 2 side pockets, worn a couple times, $20 OBO. 816-522-1073.

2007 HEALTHTRAINER TREADMILL, LT-740T, gently used, motor works well, minor exterior wear, $800 new, asking $450, will deliver. 402-740-2646.

OLD NAVY carpenter jeans, 2 pairs, size 5T, barely worn, $10 for both; Arizona Jean Co. camouflage cargo pants, size 4 regular, barely worn, $5. 816-616-4718.

ANTIQUE DINING set: 1940s style, very sturdy, table, 6 chairs, china cabinet, buffet, $299. 816-830-3464.

BEDROOM SET, cherry finish, excellent cond., headboard, footboard, wooden rails, dresser with mirror, chest of drawers, nightstand, photos. 573-424-4836.

Please send classified ads to centersexpress@kumc.edu or post online at 24/7. Items must be 25 words or less and received by noon Monday. Ads are for staff and students only. You cannot promote personal businesses or commercial ventures. Ads run on a space-available basis.

SOLID OAK claw-foot table with leaves, 6 chairs; oak entertainment center with leaded beveled glass door; dark green/burgundy-striped Queen Anne chair; 52” ceiling fan. 913-962-4658 evenings.

Housing

For Rent

3 BR MISSION TOWNHOME, 2 BA, 1,800+ sq. ft., 1-car garage, large master, new carpet, fresh paint, all appliances, large/unfinished basement, lawn care/snow removal. $1,350/month, plus utilities. 913-558-4118.

KC TOWNHOME, 2 BR, 2 BA, contemporary, minutes from Zona Rosa, all appliances, 1-car garage, large master, Jacuzzi, lawn care/ snow removal, no smoking, $885/month, plus utilities. 816-305-9175.

LAS VEGAS resort for 3 nights (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays). 913-636-0552.

ANTED

FEMALE ROOMMATE, non-smoker, to share 2 BR house in Brookside, leased through August, cute home. 10 minutes from KUMC, have a small dog. 913-744-1827.

PLAYSTATION 3, earlier model compatible with PS2 games. 913-387-9312.

ROOM to rent in quiet home for non-smoking student, works nights at KUMC. 913-209-2106.

OVERHEAD OR ART PROJECTOR for painting wall murals. 816-799-4701.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE for student housing, 7’ or taller, good cond., will pick up. 816-699-1407.

APARTMENT close to KUMC for 60+ female, ground level, single-story, close parking, have small dog, washer/dryer; prefer 2-3 bedrooms, need to find by end of Nov., move in late Jan. 816-785-2951.

2-3 MU/KU BORDER SHOWDOWN tickets for Nov. 27 game; also tickets to some remaining Chiefs home games. 913-548-2709.

DOG HOUSE for husky. 913-940-5843.

Found

THREE SETS OF CAR KEYS Nov. 8. Contact Valet Parking, 8-1234.

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Karen Grantham, research technician in KUMC Anatomy and Cell Biology, received The Mother Goose Award from Reach Out and Read Kansas City.

Grantham since 2002 has volunteered at the organization, which is a medically based early childhood literacy partnership with KUMC and Children’s Mercy Hospital. The program provides free books and literacy information during well-child visits, and it places volunteer readers at 47 safety net pediatric and family clinics across the area.

The Mother Goose Award is given annually to the most exceptional volunteer reader.

“We feel lucky to have Karen as a volunteer,” said Jean Harty, MD, medical director at Reach Out and Read-KC (reachoutandreadkc.org). “For close to 10 years she has been a reliable, dedicated volunteer and she does a terrific job of sharing books with the kids and getting them excited about reading.”

Grantham and several other volunteers and supporters were recognized Oct. 27 during a luncheon at the downtown Kansas City Public Library.