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Dear KUMC Community,

The quality of KU Med physicians has always been a differentiating factor for our hospital. That’s one of the reasons we have so prominently featured them in our marketing and advertising campaigns. They are the faces of KU Med.

But, on this Doctor’s Day, it is appropriate to recognize their significant contributions to ensuring that we provide excellent patient care every day and in every way. Our physicians have become essential team members at many levels in the hospital. Their energy, spirit and knowledge keep the many processes alive.

Our medical director/hospital director partnerships have brought many physicians and hospital staff together to tackle challenges, such as pain management, infection control, clinical product selection and quality improvement. The work of these groups has been outstanding.

Our physicians actively participate as members of the Quality Committee of the hospital’s board of directors. They are working alongside our board members to put quality patient care at the heart of the decision-making process. Many of our physicians also assist in strategic and program planning for the hospital.

The recent quality improvement projects in two nursing units and now in the Emergency Department have been very successful due to active physician involvement. Our physicians, nurses and leaders from departments throughout the hospital have spent time and energy working to improve our processes and patient satisfaction. The results have been dramatic, and many of the improvements from these projects are being shared throughout KU Med.

Our physicians are now taking the time to conduct patient satisfaction rounds throughout the hospital, asking patients how well we are providing care and reporting the results so that we can work to improve.

This Doctor’s Day, I salute our physicians who have done and continue to do so much to advance patient care. While we honor them on this day, they also honor the medical profession in their daily quest to provide the highest level of medical care. KU Med looks forward to continuing to work with the medical staff to deliver advanced medicine to our patients.

Sincerely,

Irene M. Cumming
President and Chief Executive Officer, KU Med
Physician Annual Poll Winners

**Dennis Diederich, MD**
*Nephrology*

This Top Doc does it all – he is noted for being a caring, compassionate physician, for spending time with his patients and for being a great teacher. He is passionate about his work and “loves what he does.”

One nominator wrote: “He continues to expand his knowledge base, and his considerate professionalism has always been above reproach.”

**Qamar J. Khan, MD**
*Hematology/Oncology*

Dr. Khan was nominated for his excellent communication skills with patients, their families and staff. He has developed a good rapport with his staff and is caring and personable.

A nominator described him this way: “He is very compassionate, listens to the nursing staff and is supportive.”

**Lynn Kindred, MD**
*Cardiology*

A great attitude, his kindness and his respect for the nursing staff earned Dr. Kindred Top Doc honors.

One of his nominators said: “He is a premier cardiologist who shows great dedication to his profession and his patients. He is a pleasure to work with and is always open to recommendations.”

**Motiaba Olyaee, MD**
*Gastroenterology*

Dr. Olyaee was nominated for his good bedside manner and the caring way he treats his patients and staff.

A nominator wrote that “he always greets others with a smile and respect and is an excellent physician with high ethics and compassion.”

**Steven Wilkinson, MD**
*Neurosurgery*

His tireless work, his compassion and his pleasant demeanor earned Dr. Wilkinson a Top Doc award.

One of his nominators wrote: “He is respectful toward others, an amazing neurosurgeon and always very caring, whether you are a patient or a member of the staff.”

And the winners are …

The winners of the annual physicians’ and residents’ polls were determined by the total number of nominations they received. All hospital employees were eligible to nominate a physician or resident. The annual poll was sponsored by the Department of Nursing. A committee composed of marketing and nursing staff tabulated the results.

The annual poll criteria were based on how well physicians and residents demonstrated KU Med’s values – advanced excellent care, compassionate service and achievement through partnering. Also included in the criteria were the Five Star Performance standards – clinical excellence, good communications skills and response to patient’s needs.
Alicia Cardona, MD  
Resident, Psychiatry

Dr. Cardona was nominated as a Top Doc for her considerate and compassionate treatment of patients, families and nursing staff.

One of her nominators wrote: “She goes above and beyond to provide quality care and compassion to our clients and parents. She has taken time out of her busy day to braid a patient’s hair and provide nurturing care.”

Mike Conner, MD  
Resident, Gastroenterology

Noted for his excellent patient care, his kindness and compassion, Dr. Connor received Top Doc honors.

A nominator said: “Good will and a high degree of integrity lead the way in Dr. Connor’s practice. He is a great fellow to work with, is very involved in patient care, and he’s prompt!”

Todd Hill, DO  
Resident, Psychiatry

Receiving the Top Doc award for being patient-focused and compassionate, Dr. Hill is also an exceptional team player.

One of his nominators wrote: “He is very approachable, encouraging to all staff and very understanding to patients’ needs. He will go that extra mile for them.”

Brandon Newell, MD  
Resident, Pediatrics

This Top Doc spends extra energy and time comforting and caring for patients. He has the ability to give each person his undivided attention and always remains calm, no matter how busy he is.

A nominator noted: “Brandon is one in a million. He always has a very pleasant but professional attitude. He always speaks positively, which boosts the morale of the unit.”

Chris Walker, MD  
Resident, Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dr. Walker is noted for being pleasant to work with and his caring and compassionate attitude toward his patients and their families.

One nominator said: “Dr. Walker is the greatest and very well liked. It is a delight to work when Dr. Walker is on call. He also incorporates nursing ideas in his plan of care.”