

Community Engagement

A University of Kansas Medical Center priority

Initiatives include forward-thinking solutions to enhance student education, strengthen the health care workforce, improve health through community-based research and advance health care access, all while accelerating medical discoveries, expanding prevention science and caring for adult and pediatric patients.

Patient care

KU Medical Center works with Kansas communities to improve health.

- Approximately 100 outreach flights annually to rural Kansas for specialty clinics: cardiology, pediatrics, oncology and others
- 10,000+ individuals screened and/or educated in Midwest Cancer Alliance community cancer screening outreach events
- Since 2003, Rural Health Education Services has placed 161 health care providers in rural/underserved communities through the Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center
- 16,866 student volunteer hours in Wyandotte County through four events and three programs, including the JayDoc free clinic
- 1,272 patients seen in 4,784 visits at the Silver City Health Center
- 2,718 rural Kansas patients received care from KU graduate nursing students
- 1,811 School of Medicine M.D. graduates practice in Kansas (graduation years 1997-2007)
- 3,935 School of Health Professions graduates live and/or work in Kansas (all years)

Research

Researchers are improving the long-term health of Kansans by studying communities confronting health issues.

- 19,462 patients have signed up to participate in future cutting edge research at KU Medical Center
- 95 cancer patients from rural/underserved communities have been placed on cancer treatment clinical trials

Education

KU Medical Center strives to educate exceptional health care professionals for Kansas.

- 2,125 Kansans attend KU Medical Center
- 13,004 KU Medical Center alumni live and/or work in Kansas
- 25,256 enrollments in Continuing Education/Professional Development conferences, courses and grand rounds

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\$39.5

Million dollars in cumulative funding on the 122 active community-based research grants

2,448

Kansas high school students encouraged to explore health care careers

221

Medical students spent a combined 1,036 weeks in rural communities for education/training

4,120

Clinical visits conducted via telemedicine

\$878,642

Economic impact of one Kansas family physician per year



Career promotion events introduce Kansas high school students to a wide array of health care career fields.