As a family physician, balancing work and family is a hard row to hoe. Two married couples in rural Kansas are taking a unique approach to this predicament. Shelly Gruenbacher, MD, and Douglas Gruenbacher, MD, job share as family physicians in Quinter, Kan., and Julie Rosa, MD, and Pete Rosa, MD, job share as family physicians in Hiawatha, Kan.

The Gruenbachers each work three days a week in the office and overlap one day. This allows one of them to be home with their three children four days a week most of the time. However, with meetings, obstetrics patients and other unpredictable obligations, this can change. Each has his or her own patient panel, but generally the patients are used to seeing the other if needed. Both of the Gruenbachers make the rounds on each other’s hospital inpatients. At first, they shared a nurse, but at present their practices are busy enough to each have separate nurses.

The Rosas initially each worked three days weekly, overlapping one day as well. That allowed both to have an active hand in raising their four children. They started out sharing the practice and patient population. However, as their unique strengths emerged, the Rosas’ patient population diverged. Now each has his or her own patient population, though they co-manage patients when one has a day off. This includes tasks such as prescription refills, returning phone calls, seeing the other’s acutely ill patients and reviewing lab results.

Dr. Pete Rosa now works three to four days a week depending on the season, and Dr. Julie Rosa works two extended hour days seeing as many patients in two days as she used to in three. Dr. Julie Rosa works with obstetrics, while her husband works with the nursing home patients.

“When we first began, we both did OB; however, one night we both had laboring mothers in the hospital,” said Dr. Julie Rosa. “It was then that we decided that I would assume the obstetrical part of our shared practice. Dr. Pete Rosa ended up then absorbing all the nursing home patients of mine, and again we balanced the time commitment out between us.”

The Gruenbachers have three children, ages 7, 5 and almost 3. They are expecting their fourth child in November. “It’s a challenge, definitely to balance everything, and some weeks are

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Barbara Gibson Retires

Barbara Gibson, chief of the primary care section, KDHE Office of Local & Rural Health, retired as of July 11, 2008. I would like to extend my appreciation for all she has contributed to health care in rural Kansas.

Beginning as a blood bank technologist in Wichita in the late 1960s, Gibson became interested in larger system issues of health personnel credentialing and cost containment. After the initial move to health planning in 1980, she says it was easier to step into new roles of health education, hospital marketing and planning, and physician recruiting. Picking up other educational credentials and rural health experiences along the way, she found her ideal professional opportunity in 1997 as director for the KDHE Primary Care Section and the state Primary Care Office (PCO). The PCO is funded by a grant from the DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration. The office is expected to coordinate the development of resources and services that will increase access to health care.

“All through my career, I have been enthusiastic about the mission of this office: to assure that vulnerable, low-income, uninsured or otherwise underserved Kansas residents receive adequate access to affordable primary health care services,” said Gibson. “The greatest rewards of this position are centered on engagement in the public policy development process where health system problems and opportunities are studied and discussed and recommendations promoted.”

KDHE’s Gloria Vermie says farewell to Kansas

Best wishes to Gloria Vermie as she assumes the duties of the Director of Rural Health position in Iowa, which is her home state. Vermie served as Director of Rural Health for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) since January 2006. Her contributions to rural Kansas have been significant.

“My time in Kansas at the KDHE Office of Local and Rural Health was rewarding, challenging, and definitely a learning experience. Individuals working in the areas of rural health care access are invaluable to the health of Kansas communities they serve. They are an excellent resource towards maintaining a strong ‘rural’ way of life. Across the nation, Kansas rural health is respected!” said Vermie.

Kansas Primary Care Collaborative meets in Wichita in July

The Kansas Primary Care Collaborative (KPCC) committee met early in July to further their efforts in developing an effective, comprehensive primary care enhancement initiative. David Adkins, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, University of Kansas Medical Center, discussed the legislative process. Also, John Delzell, Jr., MD, presented information about the admissions process, and a discussion was held about having more medical students trained in rural communities. For more information about KPCC, visit http://ea.kumc.edu/kpcc.

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KU School of Pharmacy to Expand

New bill will allow for plans to bring pharmacy students to Wichita

The University of Kansas School of Pharmacy will take a big step forward by nearly doubling the number of students admitted each year from 105 to 190. Part of that expansion is a new satellite program at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, which will eventually include up to 40 students per year.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius was joined at KUSM-W by pharmacists, legislators, and KU students and teachers on June 23, 2008 as she signed the bill making the expansion possible.

This is exciting news for KU and for the state of Kansas as the shortage of pharmacists is growing. The Pharmacy Manpower Project -- established to analyze data on the supply of and demand for U.S. pharmacists -- estimated that by the year 2020 the nation is expected to be more than 150,000 pharmacists short of what we need. The same group found that Kansas was one of nine states that showed the highest level of pharmacist shortage. At present, 30 counties in Kansas have only one pharmacist, while seven counties in Kansas have no pharmacists at all. The need is expected to increase as baby boomers age and require more medications.

“The first concern, obviously, is for the health of Kansans,” said Mike Larkin, executive director of the Kansas Pharmacists Association. “In many instances, the pharmacist is the only health care provider some people see.”

The bill signed by the governor will allow $20 million in bonds and an extra $39 million split over two years from anticipated gambling revenue to go toward the costs of the expansion.

“Expanding KU’s School of Pharmacy here in Wichita and in Lawrence will make it so we can start to fill this gap, which will help Kansans live healthier lives,” Sebelius said.

KU Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Lariviere says creating a satellite program in Wichita will allow KU to build on the medical education taking place there already.

“KU works for the entire state of Kansas, which is why we have a significant amount of medical education taking place in Wichita,” said Lariviere.

“The addition of a pharmacy program in Wichita will further enhance KU’s commitment to helping meet the health care needs of Kansans statewide. For example, the satellite operation in Wichita will be a great launching pad for our externship programs that place pharmacy students throughout the state, including in western Kansas.”

This is important as rural areas are feeling much of the shortage, making it hard for the sick and elderly to get to a pharmacist. The Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City has been looking for a director of pharmacy for a year and a half and Hoisington lost its only pharmacist a year ago to a national chain in another town and has yet to replace him.

Many agree that graduating more students is a key solution to the shortage. Ken Audus, dean of the School of Pharmacy, says it’s not for a lack of interested students. KU’s School of Pharmacy could accept only 105 students this year; it had 428 applications.

“Right now we turn away many qualified applicants simply because we don’t have the room to teach them,” said Audus. “Those are all students who then go out of state for school, but whom we’ll soon be able to keep here in Kansas as a result of this expansion. We’ve just been informed almost 200 pre-pharmacy students have enrolled in KU this fall.”

Audus has spent the past year requesting money from the state to increase enrollment in Lawrence and a planned Wichita campus. Last month, the state came through.

The construction of an additional

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harder than others, depending on how many OB’s are due, how much we’re on call and how busy the hospital is,” said Dr. Shelly Gruenbacher. “Our hospital has a wonderful on-site daycare, and we are blessed to have a core of very supportive and helpful friends in town, as well as a set of grandparents living just over an hour away.”

Even though they are working part-time, the Gruenbachers say there are still many instances where they both have to be gone – sometimes on very short notice – so supportive friends and family who help out are extremely important.

“We decided early on that if we were going to get married, have kids and both be doctors, we did not want our kids to be entirely raised by someone else,” said Dr. Shelly Gruenbacher. “Family is so important to both of us and spending time with our kids is why we job share. Carving our time for the two of us remains the biggest challenge, I think, and sometimes we see the most of each other on the days we overlap in the office.”

The Rosas have 4 children, ages 5 to 11. The balance of family and work, Dr. Julie Rosa says, will probably continue to be the most difficult and most important balance of them all.

“We each have time at home individually with them and I love that,” said Dr. Julie Rosa. “My girls need their dad to be an active player in their lives, and Pete loves it and is good at it as well.”

For the most part, they say patients respect their need to be home with the children without interruptions. Dr. Julie Rosa says that boundary is very important.

Outside of that, the kids have spent many an hour at the hospital while their mom or dad completed rounds on inpatients or delivered babies.

“But as a daughter of two X-ray techs, so did I, and I never resented it,” said Dr. Julie Rosa. “In fact, that familiarity with the hospital aided my decision to become a doctor.”

Both of the Gruenbachers are avid runners and enjoy being outside, especially hiking and biking, and with the kids when they can. Dr. Doug Gruenbacher enjoys golf and gardening, while his wife loves to read, although she says finding time to do so is tough.

The Rosas like to get out of town and they enjoy camping, vacations, hiking and traveling as a family. While at home, Dr. Pete Rosa bikes and Dr. Julie Rosa runs marathons. “Gardening, yard work, horses, kids and the church take up most of our time outside of the office/hospital,” said Dr. Julie Rosa.

The Rosas met, fell in love and married while in medical school. They have always worked together so they say they both couldn’t imagine not sharing this similar passion for medicine with each other.

“We have very little competition between us so that doesn’t complicate our work,” said Dr. Julie Rosa. “Plus, he is my ever-available consult for the many questions that always come up in practice.”

The choice to enter Family Medicine, the Rosas say, was a very deliberate one for them. Dr. Pete Rosa wanted initially to become a surgeon and his wife an OB/Gyn. However, as their relationship became more serious and they contemplated marriage, they discussed their priorities in life.

“It was then that we both made an active decision to always choose our marriage as a higher priority than our study of medicine,” said Dr. Julie Rosa. “Thus we both laid down our individual pursuits in order to protect our marriage from the demands of separate residences, separate practices and possibly separate diverging lives.”

They each chose family medicine so they could be together and still be able to do some surgery and OB at the same time. They say it was one of the most important decisions they have ever made.

As for the Gruenbachers, they enjoy being able to bounce ideas off and consult with each other.

“We learn from each other’s experiences and mistakes, and I think we understand the demands of each other’s jobs in a way that so many married couples can’t,” said Dr. Shelly Gruenbacher. “I also get to see Doug in his role as a doctor regularly, and I have so much respect for his abilities and the decisions he makes.”
There are more than 12.5 million overweight children and teens in the country, and obesity contributes to many childhood health problems including cholesterol, type 2 diabetes and asthma.

Organizations in Kansas are taking advantage of a new program to help reduce this epidemic. The program is called We Can! (Ways to Enhance Children's Activity and Nutrition), a collaboration of the U.S. National Institutes of Health and the Association of Children’s Museums. It is designed to help children aged 8 to 13 maintain a healthy weight.

We Can! is being implemented in more than 450 communities in 44 states. Among the towns in Kansas taking advantage of the new program or looking into more information are Council Grove, Ellsworth, Emporia, Kansas City, Meade, Pittsburg, Prairie Village, Wichita and Winfield.

The new We Can! tools include a parents' handbook available in Spanish or English as well as a six-lesson curriculum offered through community-based sites. Tested curricula for children are also available for community organizations. In addition, a new online resource provides parents, caregivers, communities, national partners and media up-to-date health information and tips on maintaining a healthy weight for families.

Obesity is a chronic disease affecting increasing numbers of children and adolescents as well as adults. Obesity rates among children in the U.S. have doubled since 1980 and have tripled for adolescents. More than 15 percent of children ages 6 to 19 are considered overweight compared to over 60 percent of adults who are considered overweight or obese. Chronic diseases such as obesity contribute to seven out of 10 deaths.

The We Can! program is an important tool for the prevention of obesity. The longer a person is obese, the more significant obesity-related risk factors become. Also, as children get older, it is harder to change their habits, which means the likelihood of their being obese as an adult is higher. Young people generally become overweight or obese due to a lack of physical activity in combination with poor eating habits. Genetics and lifestyle also contribute to a child’s weight status.

Parents have an important role in the health of their child. Parents who eat healthy foods and participate in physical activity set an example so that a child is more likely to do the same.

Developers of We Can! agree that keeping the balance in life is challenging. This includes balancing energy in (food and drinks we eat) and energy out (through physical activity). Keeping energy in balance will help families maintain a healthy weight and overall good health.

The science-based We Can! program helps parents teach their children to:

- Eat a sufficient amount and a variety of fruits and vegetables each day
- Choose small portions at home and at restaurants
- Eat fewer high-fat foods and energy-dense foods that are low in nutrient value such as french fries, bacon and doughnuts
- Substitute water or fat-free or low-fat milk for sweetened beverages such as sodas
- Engage in at least 60 minutes of moderate physical activity on most days of the week, preferably every day
- Reduce recreational screen time to no

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Kansas connections

6 floor at KUSM-W and a new building on the Lawrence campus will be financed with roughly $50 million in state bonds and gambling revenue and an additional $10 million to be raised by KU Endowment from private sources. The bonds are designated to be paid off with revenue from expanded gaming, with construction at both locations expected to be completed in 2010. All operating expenses will be funded by KU.

“We’re eager to get started on the Wichita expansion and welcome pharmacy students alongside our medical and master’s in public health students,” said S. Edwards Dismuke, dean of KUSM-W. “It all feeds into our mission to improve the health of Kansans.”

KU’s doctor of pharmacy degree, or PharmD, is a six-year professional-level degree similar to a law or medical degree. U.S. News and World Report’s “Best Graduate Schools 2007” ranked KU’s PharmD program 18th in the nation. This year KU’s School of Pharmacy is ranked first among the nation’s pharmacy schools in percentage of faculty who receive research funding from the National Institutes of Health.

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more than two hours per day.

New evidence has shown that teaching children and their parents to make lifestyle changes such as the ones proposed in We Can! can have an impact. A study published online in the journal “Pediatrics” has shown that children ages 8 to 10 who were enrolled in a behaviorally oriented nutrition education program with their parents and were taught to follow a diet low in saturated fat and dietary cholesterol have an easier time switching from calorie-dense and high-fat foods to foods that were lower in saturated fat, total fat and dietary cholesterol. The children in the intervention adopted significantly better dietary habits over several years compared to their peers who received only general nutritional information. The results are from an ancillary study of the Dietary Intervention Study in Children (DISC), supported by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the NIH.

One Kansas organization taking advantage of We Can! is At Your Convenience (AYC) Health and Fitness in Prairie Village. Greg Justice, MA of AYC Health and Fitness said, “The We Can! system helps because it develops publications that are culturally appropriate for our demographic. I’m very excited about our new program, and hope to spread it throughout the country.”

Tom Embers of William Newton Hospital in Winfield, Kan., says his organization is just now researching We Can! “We are currently communicating with community agencies and businesses and hope to come together for a brainstorming session soon.

For more information, e-mail nhlbi-info@nhlbi.nih.gov, call (301)592-8573 or visit http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/wecan/.

On June 23, 2008, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius visits with KU School of Pharmacy students.

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KANSAS RECRUITMENT CENTER

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The mission of the Kansas Recruitment Center (KRC) is to assist Kansas’ rural communities in recruiting and retaining physicians and other health care providers.

KRC works with hospitals, private physician practices, community health centers, and other organizations recruiting physicians, nurses, physician assistants or other health care professionals.

KRC is also a health care career service for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners and other allied health professionals. KRC assists candidates in finding a community and practice or career opportunity that meets their requirements. Services are provided to candidates at no charge. Candidates should refer to a position by number when they are calling about a specific opening. For more information, contact the University of Kansas Medical Center, Rural Health Education and Services, 316-293-2649 or 1-888-503-4221, or visit the Web site at www.KansasRecruitmentCenter.com.

NORTH CENTRAL

KRC.0204.1305.03 Pulmonary Medicine/Critical Care – 26-physician multi-specialty clinic; currently 10 specialties; additional services include full-service lab, nuclear medicine, echo and vascular testing, ultrasound, and full x-ray unit; full-service acute facility and surgery hospital nearby

KRC.0204.1305.04 Invasive and Interventional Cardiologist – 26-physician multi-specialty clinic; currently 10 specialties; additional services include a full service lab, nuclear medicine, echo and vascular testing, ultrasound, and full x-ray unit; full-service acute facility and surgery hospital nearby

KRC.0204.1305.05 Internist – 26-physician multi-specialty clinic; currently 10 specialties; additional services include a full service lab, nuclear medicine, echo and vascular testing, ultrasound, and full x-ray unit; full-service acute facility and surgery hospital nearby

KRC.0729.0701.03 Orthopedist – group practice affiliated with a regional medical center serves a population of 60K; medical center’s state-of-the-art technologies include a full laparoscopic system, family birthing rooms, well-equipped intensive care unit, ER, Level II nursery, fixed site MRI and CT; competitive salary; great benefits; H1B Visa opportunity

KRC.1013.1801.03 General Surgeon – hospital-employed, 25-bed CAH, new surgical addition in progress; current staff: 3 FPs, 1 surgeon, 1 mid-level; hospital facilities include 50-bed long-term care unit and outreach clinic is staffed 3.5 days a week; hospital services include OB, full lab, diagnostic imaging, physical therapy; H1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0605.0806.01 Family Physician – 25-bed CAH; hospital services include: on-site CT, mobile MRI and ultrasound, lab, x-ray, swing beds, urology clinic, cardiac clinic; salary: $145,000-$155,000, potential for production bonus; full benefits; H1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0206.1001.01 Family Physician – w/o OB or surgery, 12-bed CAH; rural health clinic attached to hospital; 83 staff members at hospital, including PA; call time is 1:2 and non-call time is completely off for practitioner; hospital services include acute care, swing bed, ER, PT, cardiac rehab, ADA certified, and outpatient clinics for cardiology and orthopedics; salary is $135,000-$160,000; full benefits

KRC.0506.0503.01 Family Physician – 25-bed CAH and rural health clinic; current staffing includes 1 physician and 1 PA; call is 1:3; hospital services include acute care, swing bed, ER, PT, rehabilitation services, therapy department, full-service lab and x-ray, contract sonogram and mammogram, and mobile CT scan unit; salary: $135,000-$150,000; full benefits

KRC.0204.1305.09 Gastroenterologist – a 26-physician multi-specialty group with 3 Gastroenterologists seeks BC/BE Gastroenterologist to join a well established, busy practice; early partnership, surgical hospital ownership, excellent benefits and a large referral area make this an excellent opportunity

KRC.0906.1305.10 General Surgeon – multi-specialty clinic that is owned and operated by 25 physicians representing 11 medical specialties; 3 general surgeons on staff; call is 1:4; full service acute care facility nearby as well as a surgery hospital; salary and benefits are negotiable

KRC.1006.1801.01 Family Physician – without OB for 25-bed CAH; currently 3 FPs, 1 surgeon, and 1 mid-level on staff; additional hospital facilities include a 25-bed long term care unit and outreach clinic that is staffed 2.5 days per week; rotating local on-call backup; hospital services include lab, diagnostic imaging, rehab services, surgical services, ER, OR, and respiratory therapy; salary is $145,000-$165,000; full benefits

KRC.1106.1801.05 Emergency Medicine – 25-bed CAH; currently 3 FPs, 1 surgeon, and 1 mid-level on staff; hospital facilities include a 25-bed long term care unit and outreach clinic that is staffed 2.5 days per week; rotating call schedule; hospital services include lab, diagnostic imaging, rehab services, surgical services, ER, OR, and respiratory therapy; salary is $145,000-$165,000; full benefits

KRC.1106.1801.06 Family Physician – ER in a 25-bed CAH; currently 3 FPs, 1 surgeon, and 1 mid-level on staff; hospital facilities include a 25-bed long term care unit and outreach clinic that is staffed 2.5 days per week; rotating call schedule; hospital services include lab, diagnostic imaging, rehab services, surgical services, ER, OR, and respiratory therapy; salary is $145,000-$165,000; full benefits

KRC.0107.1501.02 Family Physician – a 25-bed CAH; they are expanding their medical staff to treat patients at the Rural Health Clinic and hospital; must have experience in a rural ER; hospital services include acute care, preventive medicine, PT, hospice, EMS, OB, surgery, and swing bed; call is 1:4 or 1:5; salary is $180,000 with a bonus package; full benefits; H1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0707.0701.11 Family Physician – w/o OB; for two-campus, 99-bed hospital with secondary campus 20 miles southwest; hospital services include a full laparoscopic system, family birthing rooms, ICU, ER, Level II nursery, MRI and CT, PT, OT, speech rehab, cardio-respiratory, lab, respite care, mamography; oncology, orthopedics, pulmonology, cardiology, nephrology outpatient clinics available; salary is $140,000 + production incentive + sign-on bonus; call is 1:2; full benefits

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KRC.0407.0707.01 Orthopedic Surgeon – with interest in fracture care, joint replacement, and sports medicine for well-established group practice; currently 2 orthopedic surgeons and 3 PA’s on staff; call is 1:3; full ancillary services available; new Q-Rad Radiographic System on premises; excellent compensation; benefits package

KRC.0407.0707.02 Family Physician – w/ or w/o OB (OB preferred) for well-established group practice; currently 4 physicians and 1 ARNP on staff; weekend call is 1:5; lab, mammography, and x-ray services on premises; full service acute hospital and surgical hospital nearby; salary is competitive; full benefits

KRC.0607.1916.01 Obstetrician/Gynecologist – single specialty clinic with OB/GYN practice; must be board certified or eligible; 385-bed hospital; 125 physicians currently on staff; hospital services include behavioral health, cancer, cardiology, emergency services, lifestyle, radiology, rehab, sleep disorders center, and a wound care clinic; salary is competitive; full benefits; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0607.1916.02 Orthopedist – successful single specialty clinic with thriving Ortho practice; must be board certified or eligible; 385-bed hospital; 125 physicians currently on staff; hospital services include behavioral health, cancer, cardiology, emergency services, lifestyle, radiology, rehab, sleep disorders center, and a wound care clinic; salary is competitive; full benefits; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0607.1916.06 Radiologist – well-established private practice; must be board certified or board eligible; the 385-bed hospital’s services include behavioral health, cancer, cardiology, emergency services, lifestyle, radiology, rehab, sleep disorders center, and a wound care clinic; salary is competitive and negotiable; 125 physicians on staff; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0707.0701.12 Obstetrician/Gynecologist – two-campus, 99-bed, regional acute care hospital; the primary campus is located in town, and the second is 20 miles southwest; currently 450 births annually but is expected to grow; call is divided in two, unscheduled will be 1:2 and practice will be 1:2; NP will cover physician’s first call about ¼ of the time; salary is $240,000 – $300,000 + production and sign-on bonus; full benefits

KRC.1007.0504.01 Family Physician – w/o OB for 20-bed CAH w/ 5 rural health clinics; hospital services include diagnostic radiology; lab, RT, 24-hour ER, acute and intermediate care, cardiac rehab, PT, OT, and speech therapy; currently 2-25 physicians, 2 PAs, and 1 NP on staff; call is 1:5 w/ separate contract for holidays and weekends; salary is 100% production-based, guaranteed first 2 years; full benefits

KRC.1007.1801.07 Medical Technologist – 25-bed CAH; hospital services include lab, diagnostic imaging, rehab services, surgery, ER, OB, and RT; day shift available, with 1-2 days call/week; equal rotation of weekend and holiday coverage and 8-10 hour shifts; salary is competitive; benefits

KRC.0307.1202.07 Family Physician
KRC.0307.1202.08 Internist – 14-bed modern, progressive CAH w/ large rural health clinic and ER; caseload includes inpatient and outpatient; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.1007.1801.08 Nurse – 25-bed CAH; hospital services include lab, diagnostic imaging, rehab services, surgical services, ER, OR, and RT, 12 hr shift w/ shift differential for evening/weekend and holiday coverage; rotating schedule 3 days on and 4 days off; salary is competitive; full benefits

KRC.0308.1801.09 Echo Tech – 25-bed CAH; hospital services include lab, diagnostic imaging, rehab services, surgical services, ER, OR, and RT; includes leadership opportunity for growing dept; CT experience or willingness to be cross-trained preferred; salary is competitive and negotiable; excellent benefits

KRC.0208.0701.12 General Surgeon – group practice; hospital’s services include full laparoscopic system, family birthing rooms, ICU, ER, Level II nursery, MRI and CT equipment, PT, OT, speech rehab, cardio-respiratory, lab, skilled nursing, respite care, mamm, home health and hospice; salary is $200,000 – $250,000 w/ production and signing bonus; full benefits; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0408.1804.04 Medical Technologist – 25-bed CAH; 3.5 med techs on staff; hospital services include acute care, skilled nursing, 24 hr ER, inpatient and outpatient surgery, OB, lab, and very active rehab dept; experienced as well as new grads encouraged to apply; position includes available training opportunity for supervisory position; call is 1:4; salary is competitive and negotiable; excellent benefits

KRC.0408.1908.03C Physical Therapist – outpatient PT clinic; join dynamic staff and develop clinical skills; caseload is primarily musculoskeletal patients w/ specialty services including occupational medical clinic, women’s PT, lymphedema, balance disorders, and general PT; avg. caseload is 11-12 patients/day; 4 full time PTs and 4 PTAs on staff; full time, no evening, call, or weekends; salary depends on experience and is competitive and negotiable; experienced and new grads encouraged to apply; great benefits

KRC.0305.1401.01 Medical Technologist – 24-bed CAH; experienced and new grads encouraged to apply to; hospital services include inpatient, outpatient, swing bed, OB; salary: $37,000 – $52,000 depending on experience; full benefits

KRC.1205.0704.01C Internist – to join 3 internists in employed practice or new private practice; call is 1:4; family practice physicians perform ER coverage; growing community and hospital – 30,000 new residents expected within the next 6 year; hospital undergoing a $43 million expansion; net income guarantee of $160,000 (negotiable depending on training and experience); benefits

KRC.1106.1311.02 Family Physician – group practice located next to a 28-bed CAH; prefer OB, but not required; currently 3 physicians and 1 mid-level on staff; call is 25%; salary and benefits are not predetermined as this is considered an independent practice

KRC.1106.1311.03 General Surgeon – group practice; currently 1 general surgeon on staff; limited call coverage; hospital is a 28-bed CAH and supports a satellite clinic; salary is structured on a fee-for-service basis; benefits are negotiable; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0107.0704.04 Obstetrician/Gynecologist – privately-owned practice; the community and hospital are growing – hospital service area is 45,000 and they expect 30,000 new residents within the next 6 years; hospital is undergoing a $43 million expansion over the next two years; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits

KRC.0507.1313.01 Cardiologist – 120-bed, hospital-based regional health center with a variety of services; call is no more than 10 days/month; salary is competitive and negotiable; strong vacation and benefits package; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0507.1313.02 Hematologist/ Oncologist – for 120-bed, hospital-based regional health center; serves an 8-county population of approx. 186,000 people; physician needed to diagnose and treat tumors, and blood and blood-forming tissue disorders; call is no more than 10 days/month; salary is competitive and negotiable; strong vacation and benefits package; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0507.1313.04 Pharmacist – with Kansas licensure for 150-bed hospital-based regional health center; pharmacist prepares and dispenses drugs, monitors patient drug therapies, and provides drug information; hospital uses electronic MAR and bedside verification; currently 4 pharmacists on staff; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits

KRC.0507.1313.07 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon – for group practice, with opportunity for partnership; call is no more than 10 days/month; salary is competitive and negotiable; strong vacation and benefits package available; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.1007.2201.01C Family Physician – to join 2 physician at group practice clinic; salary is $140,000+; call coverage rotates; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

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KRC.1107.1401.06 **Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant** – 24-bed CAH with 2 satellite clinics; currently 3 FPs, 1 mid-level, and 1 OTR on staff; no call; hospital services include inpatient, outpatient, sub acute, surgery, OB, PT, OT, lab, radiology, and outreach clinics; salary range: $14.65-$20.51/hr dependent upon experience; full benefits

KRC.1107.1401.07 **Occupational Therapist** – 24-bed CAH with 2 satellite clinics; currently 3 family physicians, 1 mid-level, and 1 OTR on staff; no call; hospital services include inpatient, outpatient, sub acute, surgery, OB, PT, OT, lab, radiology, and outreach clinics; salary range: $23.00-$32.20/hr dependent upon experience; full benefits

KRC.1207.1313.10 **Occupational Health Physician** – 120-bed health center with a wide variety of services; opportunity to direct the occupational health program; salary is competitive and negotiable; strong vacation and benefits package; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0108.0704.07 **Orthopedic Surgeon** – group practice w/ 6 board certified orthos; position includes seeing patients from the hospital and a local practice; potential partnership option and teaching opportunity available if interested; the community and hospital are growing; the hospital is currently undergoing a $43 million expansion, including a new surg center; salary is $250,000-$300,000; benefits

KRC.0308.1101.03 **Family Physician** – community health and dental center; services include primary care, women’s health, physicals, diabetes education, children’s health, family planning, emergency dental, minor emergency care, x-ray/lab, HIV education, and immunizations; 1 physician, dentist, hygienist, mid-levels, clinical psychologist, and 2 case managers on staff; salary is competitive and negotiable; benefits

KRC.0308.1101.04 **Nurse Practitioner** – community health and dental center; clinic services include primary care, women’s health, physicals, diabetes education, children’s health, family planning, emergency dental, minor emergency care, x-ray/lab, HIV education, and immunizations; currently 1 physician, dentist, hygienist, mid-levels, clinical psychologist, and 2 case managers on staff; salary is competitive and negotiable; benefits

KRC.0208.1313.13 **Otolaryngologist** – 120-bed hospital-based regional health center; only ENT practice serving a 9 county area; currently 2.5 otolaryngologists on staff; salary is competitive and negotiable; strong benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0208.0805.08 **Occupational Therapist** – 12-bed CAH and rural health clinic; currently 1 OT, 1 PRN OT, 1 COTA, and 1 PRN COTA on staff; avg. of 10-12 patients/day in inpatient, outpatient, home health, nursing homes, schools and contract services; hospital services include acute, swing bed, OB, ER, lab, radiology, surgery, cardiovascular, PT, OT, and speech; experienced as well as new grads encouraged to apply; salary is competitive and negotiable; excellent benefits

KRC.0308.1313.15 **Neurologist** – to join single physician practice clinic; current services include physical medicine, pain management, etc.; salary is competitive and negotiable; strong benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0408.0805.09 **Director of Nursing** – 12-bed CAH and rural health clinic; hospital services include acute, swing bed, OB, ER, lab, radiology, surgery, cardiovascular, PT, OT, and speech; salary is competitive and negotiable; excellent benefits

KRC.0408.0805.10 **Physician Assistant** – family practice clinic attached to a 12-bed CAH; currently 3 family physicians, 1 PA, and 2 NPs on staff; call is limited; hospital services include acute care, skilled nursing, 24/hr ER, and an outpatient and satellite clinic; salary is negotiable; great benefits

KRC.0208.1313.14 **Neurologist** – 120-bed, hospital-based regional health center with a wide variety of services; this is the only neurology practice serving a 9 county area; currently 2.5 neurologists on staff; salary is competitive and negotiable; strong benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0603.0801.01 **Orthopedist** – 2 positions available for group practice; 190+ bed state-of-the-art medical center with an in-clinic MRI and wellness facility; 90 physicians on active medical staff; salary negotiable; benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0603.0801.05 **Plastic Surgeon** – 190+ bed state-of-the-art medical center with new wellness facility; currently 90 physicians on active medical staff; salary negotiable; benefits

KRC.0603.0801.18 **Gastroenterologist** – 190+ bed state-of-the-art medical center with new wellness facility; currently 90 physicians on active medical staff; salary negotiable; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0603.0801.19 **Nephrologist** – 190+ bed state-of-the-art medical center with new wellness facility; currently 90 physicians on active medical staff; salary negotiable; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0505.0703.01 **Family Physician** – with OB; prefer c-section certified; 25-bed CAH; currently 3 physicians and 1 mid-level; call is 1:4 as secondary to ARNP (primary ER call); full service hospital including med/surg acute care, OB/nursery, ER, outpatient, surgery/recovery, diag imaging, lab, PT, RT, inpatient pharmacy, ambulance, specialty clinic, primary care clinic; salary includes base + productivity incentive, approximately $150,000+ depending on OB and procedures; full benefits; H-1B opportunity

KRC.1205.0801.23 **Internist** – 190+ bed, state of the art medical center and wellness facility; currently 90 physicians on staff; call is 1:5; salary is negotiable; benefits; an outstanding hospital in a positive and progressive environment; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.1205.0801.25 **Family Physician** – w/o OB for thriving clinic looking to expand; currently 6 physicians, 2 mid-levels, 7 RNs on staff; the 190+ bed, state of the art medical center is adjacent to the clinic and services include cardiology, ortho, pediatrics, OB/GYN, general surgery, internal medicine, neurology, pulmonary/critical care, infectious disease, urology, and oncology; call is 1:6; salary is negotiable; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0606.1404.01C **Family Physician** – 25-bed CAH; OB preferred; rural health clinic on-site (4-day schedule); currently 3 family physicians, 1 general surgeon, 1 mid-level on staff; call is 1:5 ER and 1:3 OB; hospital services include acute care, intermediate care, ER, lab, x-ray, PT, RT, specialty clinics, cardiology service, skilled nursing, and chemotherapy administration; salary is $140,000-$150,000 + incentives; full benefits; J-1 and H-1B opportunity

KRC.0906.1602.01C **Family Physician** – 25-bed CAH with a 33-bed long term care unit attached; 2 clinics - one in town, and one 15 miles away; out of town clinic has a physician half day/week and FT NP; new FP will work in the clinic 4.5 days and will perform rounds on long term care patients and their patients in the hospital; OB preferred, but not required; no high-risk OB; currently 1 physician (does OB), 1 NP, and 2 PAs on staff; call is 1:4 with second call backup for the PAs; hospital services include acute care, ER, minor surgery, OB, EEC/PT, PT, OT, and speech; salary is $150,000-$165,000 + additional pay for ER coverage and production bonus; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.1106.1805.02 **Physical Therapist** – 25-bed CAH; building new hospital; currently 1 PT and 1 PTA on staff; responsibilities include evaluation, planning and administering therapy treatment to an avg. of 20 patients/day; hospital services include: lab, OB, PT, stress testing, cardiac rehab, diagnostic imaging, CT, MRI, EKG, nuclear medicine, ER, ultrasound, and general surgery; 4 satellite clinics; experienced and new graduates encouraged to apply; must have Kan. licensure or be eligible; salary is competitive and negotiable; benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.1106.0801.26 **Anesthesiologist** – to join group of 4 anesthesiologists; exclusive agreement with hospital to provide services; currently 4 physicians and 6 CRNA’s; 193-bed hospital provides cardiothoracic surgery, general surgery, orthopedics, pediatrics, OB, internal medicine, pulmonology, neurology...
KRC.0307.1803.04C **Family Physician** – w/o OB for health center that operates a 24-bed CAH, 2 rural health clinics, 8 specialty clinics, and a retirement community; the internist sees patients in a rural health clinic setting and long-term care facility, and participates in the admission and delivery of inpatient care; call is no more than 1:3 ½; currently 3 full-time providers on staff; salary is $150,000-$170,000 + productivity bonus starting 2nd year + $10,000 sign-on bonus; excellent benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.1803.05C **Internist** – health center that operates a 24-bed CAH, 2 rural health clinics, 8 specialty clinics, and a retirement community; the internist sees patients in a rural health clinic setting and long-term care facility, and participates in the admission and delivery of inpatient care; call is no more than 1:3 ½; currently 3 full-time providers on staff; salary is $150,000-$170,000 + productivity bonus starting 2nd year + $10,000 sign-on bonus; excellent benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.1902.05 **Family Physician** – w/o OB for 18-bed CAH; patient population is pediatric thru geriatric in variety of settings; hospital services include lab, x-ray, rehab, mobile CT & MRI, interactive TV, and EMR equipment; excellent opportunity with an up-and-coming rural healthcare facility; currently 1 physician and 1 mid-level on staff; call is 1:3 with ER; flexible schedule; salary is $150,000+ with sign-on and production bonuses; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.1902.06 **Internist** – 18-bed CAH; patient population is pediatric thru geriatric in variety of settings; hospital services include lab, x-ray, rehab, mobile CT & MRI, interactive TV, and EMR equipment; excellent opportunity with an up-and-coming rural healthcare facility; 1 physician and 1 mid-level on staff; call is 1:3 with ER; flexible schedule; salary is $120,000+ with sign-on and production bonuses; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.1902.07 **Pediatrician** – 18-bed CAH; patient population is pediatric thru geriatric in variety of settings; hospital services include lab, x-ray, rehab, mobile CT & MRI, interactive TV, and EMR equipment; excellent opportunity to learn and grow with an up-and-coming rural healthcare facility; currently 1 physician and 1 mid-level on staff; call is 1:3 with ER; flexible schedule; salary is $120,000+ with sign-on and production bonuses; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.1902.08 **Medicine-Pediatrics** – 18-bed CAH; patient population is pediatric thru geriatric in variety of settings; hospital services include lab, x-ray, rehab, mobile CT & MRI, interactive TV, and EMR equipment; excellent opportunity; 1 physician and 1 mid-level on staff; call is 1:3 with ER; flexible schedule; salary is $120,000+ with sign-on and production bonuses; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.1802.06 **Family Physician** – w/o OB, outpatient and inpatient caseload; 24-bed CAH with a rural clinic on-site; hospital services: outpatient surgery, med surg, CT, lab, and radiology; 2 internists on staff; call is 1:3 and includes ER; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.0801.27 **Pulmonologist/Critical Care Physician** – for 2 physician team, practice attached to hospital; the 190+ bed state-of-the-art medical center’s services include pulmonary/critical care, sleep lab, cardiology, cardiac surgery, orthopedics, OB/GYN, general surgery, internal medicine, neurology, infectious disease, urology, pediatrics, and oncology; currently 90 physicians on staff; call is 1:3; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.0801.28 **Radiologist** – well-established, hospital-based, state-of-the-art medical center and wellness facility; currently 90 physicians on staff; call is 1:4; salary is negotiable; full benefits; positive and progressive environment; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.0402.03 **Family Physician** – w/ or w/o OB for group practice in 24-bed CAH and 36-bed long term care unit; currently 3 family physicians and 1 NP on staff; family physician will work in clinic w/in walking distance of hospital; call is 1:4 days; hospital services include OB, OR, OP, CT, PT, RT, mammography, and cardiac rehab; 1 satellite facility; salary range is $130,000-$150,000; loan repayment and relocation available; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.0402.04 **Internist** – group practice in 24-bed CAH and 36-bed long term care unit; currently 3 family physicians and 1 NP on staff; Internist will work in clinic w/in walking distance of hospital; call is 1:4 days; hospital services include OB, OR, OP, CT, PT, RT, mammography, and cardiac rehab; 1 satellite facility; salary range is $130,000-$150,000; loan repayment and relocation available; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0907.0801.29 **Physician Assistant** – to support Cardiologist within a 190+ bed, state-of-the-art medical center and wellness facility; experienced PA and new grads encouraged to apply; currently 90 physicians on medical staff; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits; outstanding hospital in a positive and progressive environment

KRC.0907.0312.01C **Family Physician** – w/ OB for newly remodeled rural health clinic on campus of 25-bed CAH; currently 2 physician and 2 mid-levels on staff; ER call is 1:5 and OB call is 1:3; C-section ability a plus; hospital services include 16-slice CT, on-site MRI, CRNA and orthopedic surgeon; salary is $170,000-$200,000; full benefits

KRC.0307.1802.07 **Internist** – outpatient and inpatient caseload; 24-bed CAH with rural health clinic on-site; hospital services include outpatient surgery, med surg, CT, lab, and radiology; currently 2 internists on staff; the position does ER coverage at the hospital, call is 1:3; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0108.0703.03 **Medical Technologist** – 25-bed CAH; must have CLS or ASCP certification; call is 1 day/week and every 5th weekend; hospital services: med/surg acute care, OB/nursery, ER, surgery/recovery, diagnostic imaging, lab, PT, RT, pharmacy, ambulance, specialty clinic, and primary care clinic; currently 5 med techs and 2 phlebotomists; avg. 14 patients/day; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits

KRC.0208.0703.06 **Director of Laboratory Services** – 25-bed CAH; must have ASPC certification or equivalent and 3-5 yrs experience; currently 4 med techs, 1 MLT, and 1 phlebotomist on staff; hospital services include med/surg acute care, OB, ER, surgery/recovery, diagnostic imaging, lab, PT, RT; salary is competitive and negotiable; benefits

KRC.0208.2001.06 **Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant** – 25-bed CAH and family health care center; hospital services include on-site CT, mobile MRI, nuclear medicine, lab, surgery, and new rehab and cardiac wellness center; currently 1 PT, 2 PTAs, and 1 PT aide on staff; experienced COTAs and new grads encouraged to apply; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits

KRC.0208.2001.04 **Physical Therapist Assistant** – two opportunities for 25-bed CAH and family health care center; hospital services include on-site CT, mobile MRI, nuclear medicine, lab, surgery, rehab and cardiac wellness center; currently 1 PT, 2 PTAs, and 1 PT aide on staff; call is 1/5 day every 3rd or 4th Sat.; experienced as well as new grads encouraged to apply; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits

KRC.0308.2001.07 **Registered Nurse** – ER in a 25-bed CAH; hospital services include on-site CT, mobile MRI, nuclear medicine, lab, surgery, rehab and cardiac wellness center; currently 1 PT, 2 PTAs, and 1 PT aide on staff; 2-4 years experience preferred; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits

KRC.0308.0101.06 **Echo Tech** – for 25-bed CAH; currently 7 members on radiology staff; hospital services include acute care, swing bed, OB, diagnostic lab, respiratory, specialty clinic, ER, and ICU; experienced and new grads encouraged to apply; salary is competitive and negotiable; excellent benefits

KRC.0208.0614.06 **Registered Nurse** – 16-bed newly remodeled CAH; experience and new grads encouraged to apply; the hospital offers well-rounded experience and mentoring; currently a very strong staff w/ low turnover; ADN or BSN welcome; very aggressive with educational opportunities: Continued
NALS, PALS, ACLS, TNCC, and advanced burn; current administrator is a nurse; salary is competitive; strong benefits

KRC.0208.0714.07 Registered Nurse – w/ extensive labor, delivery and post-partum nursing experience for 16-bed newly remodeled CAH; will work with DON and medical staff to coordinate nursing care in OB dept; currently very strong staff w/ low turnover; ADN or BSN welcome; very aggressive with educational opportunities: NALS, PALS, ACLS, TNCC, and advanced burn; salary is competitive; strong benefits

KRC.0308.1806.01 Dentist – private practice or community dental clinic; growth potential and community support is outstanding; large service area; currently 1 part-time dental hygienist with ECP 1 and II permits, additional hygienists may be recruited; community will provide guaranteed salary to serve indigent pop and offer incentives to help establish practice for 3 yr period; income is $100,000–$130,000/yr; possible student loan reimbursement; relocation and temporary housing

KRC.0608.1902.09 Medical Technologist or Medical Laboratory Technician – 18-bed CAH; hospital services include lab, x-ray, rehab (PT, OT, SLP), mobile CT & MRI, interactive TV, and EMR equipment; excellent opportunity to learn and grow with an up-and-coming rural healthcare facility; position includes routine lab functions for clinical chemistry, consultation, hematology, blood bank, and urinalysis; must have ASCP certification; experienced and new grads encouraged to apply; call varies; salary is competitive and negotiable; benefits

KRC.0708.0101.07 Obstetrics Nurse Management – 25-bed CAH with 3 delivering physicians; currently 6 licensed personnel on floor each shift, including shift supervisor, ER nurse, and OB nurse; duties include assisting in design and implementation of OB policies and procedures, assisting in staff development, and serving as a clinical resource person; 3 years experience required as well as KS license, ACLS, and NRP; call is shared; salary is $55,000–$62,000; excellent benefits

KRC.0608.1805.03 Licensed Practical Nurse – 25-bed CAH; a new hospital will replace the current facility in August 2008; hospital services include a lab, OB, PT, stress testing, cardiac rehab, diagnostic imaging, CT, MRI, EKG, nuclear medicine, ER, ultrasound, and general surgery; the hospital supports 4 satellite clinics; salary is competitive

KRC.0508.0801.32 General Surgeon – 190+ bed, state of the art medical center and wellness facility; currently 90 physicians on staff; call time is 1:3; salary is negotiable; benefits: H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0508.0801.31 Urologist – to join 3 physician urology group for 190+ bed, state of the art medical center and wellness facility; currently 90 physicians on their active medical staff; salary is negotiable; benefits: H-1B and J-1 opportunity

SOUTH CENTRAL

KRC.1104.1907.01 Family Physician – w/o OB; 2 physicians and 1 NP on staff, 24-bed CAH with on-site clinic; hospital services: CT, travel MRI, Dexxa, full-service surgery; salary: $130,000–$140,000 (2 yr contract); relocation and CME allowance; possible loan repayment

KRC.0206.1914.02C Internist

KRC.0206.1914.01C Family Physician – w/o OB for 25-bed CAH; hospital services: acute care, swing bed, lab, x-ray, PT, OT, 24-hour ER, mobile CT scan, ultrasound, mammogram, and bone density screening; call is 1 evening/week and 1:5 weekends; salary: $150,000–$160,000 with up to a 2 year contract; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0405.0105.04 Registered Nurse – hospital-based rural health clinic connected to a 25-bed CAH; prefer acute care or surgery experience in hospital setting; will consider new graduates; day shift (7:00am-3:00pm); 2.2 FPs and 1 PA on staff; hospital services: x-ray, CT, ultrasound, lab, surgery, specialty clinics, mobile MRI, and telerad; salary: $33,800–$44,000; benefits

KRC.0405.0105.05 Family Physician – w/o OB for patient-centered, family-focused, hospital-based rural health clinic connected to a 25-bed CAH; 1 off-site rural clinic; 2.2 FPs and 2 PAs on staff; backup call only; hospital services: x-ray, CT, ultrasound, lab, surgery, specialty clinics, mobile MRI, and telerad; salary: $145,000–$160,000; full benefits

KRC.1006.0808.01 Family Physician – new position with or w/o OB; based in a new rural health clinic across the street from the hospital; the 25-beds CAH’s services include ER, OB, lab, x-ray, MRI, CT scan, ultrasound, RT, PT, OT, speech therapy, EKG, EEG, and sleep studies; no call on weekends, during the week, call is 1:3; salary: $140,000–$160,000; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.1405.01C Otolaryngologist – new group practice; strong physician support for ENTs; the 105-bed hospital’s services include pediatrics, OB, general surgery, medical, ICU, inpatient rehab, gero-psychiatry unit, and ER; call would not exceed 10 days/mo; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0307.1307.03C Family Physician – w/o OB for 25-beds CAH with attached clinic; 1 physician, 1 general surgeon, and 2 mid-levels on staff; call is 1:4; to be responsible for patient care at hospital clinic, hospital rounds, and ER call; hospital services: general acute, skilled, intermediate care, CT, and PT; salary is $170,000–$200,000; full benefits; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0507.1309.05C Urologist – progressive multi-specialty group practice; salary is $350,000 (guaranteed first year), with possible production bonus; excellent benefits

KRC.0507.1309.06C Orthopedist – for progressive multi-specialty clinic; salary is $350,000 (guaranteed first year), with possible production bonus; excellent benefits

KRC.0607.0105.07 Internist – patient-centered, family-focused, hospital-based rural health clinic; clinic is connected to a 25-bed CAH; 2.2 family physicians and 2 PAs on staff; unless the physician has an interest in primary care coverage, the call responsibility is based on backup coverage; hospital services: x-ray, CT, ultrasound, lab, surgery, specialty clinics, mobile MRI, and telerad; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits

KRC.0405.0105.08 Registered Nurse – family-focused, hospital-based rural health clinic connected to 25 bed CAH; 2.2 family physicians and 2 PAs on staff; hospital services: x-ray, CT, ultrasound, lab, surgery, specialty clinics, mobile MRI, and telerad; shift supervisor position available as well as full- and part-time opportunities for RNs; will consider new grads; salary is competitive; full benefits

KRC.0507.1309.07C Internist – progressive multi-specialty group practice; call will vary w/ 4 other interns; established patient base; 11 specialties, 23 physicians, and 5 mid-levels on staff; salary is $120,000 (guarantee 1st yr) + production bonus; excellent benefits; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0801.1603.02 Family Physician – w/o OB for growing community health center; physician will spend majority of time in the clinic with some supervisory duties of mid-levels; currently 1.5 mid-levels and 1.7 physicians on staff; facility is new with all new equipment; prefer physician willing to accept call; salary is $110,000–$140,000; excellent benefits

KRC.0801.1603.01 Physician Assistant – busy community health center; currently 1.5 mid-levels and 1.7 physicians on staff; facility is new with all new equipment; call is included, but is only via telephone; salary is $52,000–$61,648; benefits; experienced and new grads encouraged to apply

KRC.1007.2307.01 Family Physician – with OB for rural health clinic; currently 3 physicians and 2 mid-levels on staff; phone call is 1:4; 4 days/week schedule; nearby 80-bed hospital provides the following services: OB, ER, CT, OT, PT, lab, radiology, acute care, swing bed, and general surgery; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits

KRC.0208.0708.04 Licensed Practical Nurse – community health clinic with 2 satellite clinics; currently 5 physicians and 5 mid-levels on staff; caseload is birth to geriatric; clinic hours are M-F, 8-5; no call; clinic is located on a campus of a 420-bed hospital; candidates must have at least 1 year of experience; salary is $31,200–$37,440; benefits Continued
**SOUTHEAST**

**KRC.0208.0809.04 Family Physician** – w/o OB for 23-bed CAH; hospital services: ER, lab, radiology, home health, acute care, RHCs, PT, general surgery, and speech therapy; hospital expansion to begin summer 2009 to include a new clinic, admissions, and lab; 3 physicians, 4 mid-levels on staff; call is ER 1-2 nights/week and primary call is 1:14 weekend; salary depends on experience; great benefits

**KRC.0208.0708.05 Physician Assistant**

**KRC.0208.0708.06 Nurse Practitioner** – PRN PA or NP for community health center w/ satellite clinics; currently 5 physicians, 5 PAs, and 1 ARNP on staff; caseload is birth to geriatric; clinic is located on a campus of a 420-bed hospital and hours are M-F 8:30-5:00; salary is $33.00-$38.00/hour

**KRC.0408.0106.01 Family Physician** – w/ OB for busy group practice; currently 6 physicians and 1 PA on staff; admitting 35-bed hospital is 1 mi from practice and has complete ancillary services; call is 1:3 w/ every 8th weekend; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits

**KRC.0508.1405.02 Internist** – group practice; the 103-bed hospital’s services include peds, OB, general surgery, medical, ICU, inpatient rehab, gero-psychiatry unit, and ER; this hospital is a top performer with outstanding physician-administration-board of directors relationships; call is shared community-wide; salary is $160,000; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

**KRC.0508.1405.03 Registered Nurse** – 103-bed medical center; numerous opportunities with all shifts in the following areas: surgical unit, inpatient rehab, OB, surgical center, and maternity unit; experienced RNs and new grads encouraged to apply; call is 1:4; salary is competitive and negotiable; excellent benefits

**KRC.0508.1405.04 Internist** – group located within a 69-bed acute care facility; also, a 51-bed short-term and long-term care facility, home health agency, rural health clinics, and specialty physician clinics; currently 3 internists and 1 gastroenterologist

**KRC.0901.0103.05 Internist** – multi-specialty group with 4 satellite clinics; staff includes: 6 FPs, 1 pediatrician, 2 internists, 2 general surgeons, 1 urologist; the clinic offers a full spectrum of care: family medicine including OB, physical exams and sports physicals, lab and x-ray, EKG testing and bone density studies, minor surgery, wellness exams and preventative medicine, osteopathic manipulations, PT, diabetic education, cancer center; salary is negotiable; full benefits

**KRC.0607.0305.02C Pulmonologist** – 148-bed licensed, 105-bed operating medical center; hospital services: acute care, skilled nursing, OB/GYN, ICU, ER, behavioral health, surgery, all clinical ancillary services, and cancer treatment center; not a hospital employee, salary guarantee; benefits

**KRC.0607.0305.03C Otolaryngologist** – 148-bed licensed, 105-bed operating medical center; hospital services: acute care, skilled nursing, OB/GYN, ICU, ER, behavioral health, surgery, all clinical ancillary services, and cancer treatment center; not a hospital employee, provided a salary guarantee; benefits

**KRC.0907.1905.02 Family Physician** – busy rural health clinic; 1 family physician, 1 NP, 1 practice administrator, and 1 office coordinator on staff; admitting 25-bed licensed inpatient acute care CAH directly across street; salary is competitive and negotiable; great benefits

**KRC.0407.0502.07 Family Physician**

**KRC.0708.0502.10 Internist** – federal clinic; 70 staff members including 3 physicians, 3 NPs, and 1 PA; call is included; salary is $30,000-$36,000; great benefits

**KRC.0108.0302.03 Family Physician** – OB preferred but not required, for federally qualified community health center; experience w/ geriatric patient caseload a plus; physician will work 4 days/week in the clinic and provide inpatient care; currently 75+ employees: 4 physicians, 5 NPs, 3 dentists, 3 hygienists, 3 psychologists, and 1 pharmacist; call is shared among all providers; salary is $130,000-$150,000; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

**KRC.0108.0302.04 Internist** – federally qualified community health center; busy clinic staffed by FP, pediatrician, and mid-levels; focus on chronic patients including team leader of diabetes collaborative; 4 days/week in the clinic and provide inpatient care; currently 75+ employees and call is shared among all providers; salary is $130,000-$150,000; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

**KRC.0108.0302.05 Medicine-Pediatrics** – federally qualified community health center; busy clinic currently staffed by FP, pediatrician, and mid-levels; focus on chronic patients including team leader of diabetes collaborative; 4 days/week in the clinic and provide inpatient care; currently 75+ employees and call is shared among all providers; salary is $130,000-$150,000; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

**KRC.0408.1314.01 Internist** – busy multi-specialty group; 2 internists, pediatrician, 4 OB/GYNs, 1 general surgeon, and 5 FPs on staff; the 160-bed admitted hospital is at the same location and provides CT, ER, home health, hospice, ICU, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, OB, OT, PT, speech and language therapy, ortho and sports medicine, radiology, and a sleep center; call is 1:2; salary is $160,000 plus bonus opportunity; great benefits; H-1B opportunity

**KRC.0208.1201.17C Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist** – 109-bed hospital that serves a 6 county area; currently 2 anesthesiologists and 1 CRNA on staff; call is 1:3 OB, 1:4 general procedures; salary is $120,000-$130,000; full benefits

**KRC.0208.1201.18C Radiologist** – 109-bed hospital that serves a 6 county area; currently 1 interventional radiologist on staff; call is 1:2; candidates must be skilled in muscular skeletal MRI and mammo; salary is $400,000-$500,000 w/ partnership opportunity available after 1 year; full benefits

**KRC.0208.1201.14C Family Physician** – w/ OB, 109-bed hospital that serves a 6 county area; currently 7 family physicians and 2 OB/GYNs on staff; call is 1:4 and hospital maintains a hospitalist program; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits if employed by the hospital

**KRC.0208.1201.15C Internist** – 109-bed hospital to oversee medical, surgical, ICU, and minimal ped patients; currently 1 hospitalist and 1 PA on staff; no call; flexible schedule; salary is $200,000+; full benefits

**KRC.0408.1406.01 Medical Oncologist** – multi-specialty group within cancer center; the 190-bed admitting hospital provides CT, ER, home health, hospice, ICU, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, OB, OT, PT, SL, ortho, radiology, and a sleep center; call is a minimum of 10 days/mo.; salary is competitive and negotiable; excellent benefits

**KRC.0408.1406.04 Neurologist** – 190-bed hospital that provides CT, ER, home health, hospice, ICU, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, OB, OT, PT, SL, ortho, radiology, and a sleep center; seeking physician to possibly direct the I/P rehab unit; call is a minimum of 10 days/mo.; salary is competitive and negotiable; hospital offers income guarantee; excellent benefits

**KRC.0408.1406.03 Psychiatrist** – 190-bed hospital that provides CT, ER, home health, hospice, ICU, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, OB, OT, PT, speech and language therapy, ortho and sports medicine, radiology, and a sleep center; seeking physician to possibly direct the I/P rehab unit; call is a minimum of 10 days/mo.; salary is competitive and negotiable; hospital offers income guarantee; excellent benefits

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KRC.0408.1406.02 **Urologist** – solo practice; the 190-bed admitting hospital provides CT, ER, home health, hospice, ICU, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, OB, OT, PT, SLP, ortho, radiology, and a sleep center; call minimum of 10 days/mo.; income guarantee of $400,000 plus RVUs; + benefits

KRC.0408.1406.05 **Radiologist** – radiology and nuclear medicine group has 2 on-site radiologists; 190-bed admitting hospital provides CT, ER, home health, hospice, ICU, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, OB, OT, PT, SLP, ortho, radiology, and sleep center; salary $500,000, negotiable; + benefits

KRC.0508.0305.05 **Internist** – multi-specialty group practice; the 105-bed admitting medical center provides acute care, skilled nursing, OB/GYN, ICU, ER, behavioral health, surgery, home health, ancillary services, and cancer treatment center; 1st year guarantee offered to solo practitioner; benefits

KRC.0508.0305.06 **Family Physician** – w/ or w/o OB for multi-specialty group practice; the 105-bed admitting medical center provides acute care, skilled nursing, OB/GYN, ICU, ER, behavioral health, surgery, home health, ancillary services, and cancer treatment center; 1st year guarantee offered to solo practitioner; benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0508.0305.07C **General Surgeon** – solo practice; the 105-bed admitting medical center provides acute care, skilled nursing, OB/GYN, ICU, ER, behavioral health, surgery, home health, all clinical ancillary services, and cancer treatment center; the medical center offers practice establishment assistance and marketing; first year guarantee; benefits; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0508.0305.08C **Orthopedic Surgeon** – solo practice; 105-bed admitting medical center provides acute care, skilled nursing, OB/GYN, ICU, ER, behavioral health, surgery, home health, all clinical ancillary services, and cancer treatment center; one ortho surgeon currently on staff; the medical center offers practice establishment assistance and first year guarantee; benefits; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0608.0709.03 **Certified Physical Therapist Assistant** – 25-bed CAH whose services include ER, home health, lab, pharmacy, general/outpatient surgery, cardiac rehab, OT, speech, PT, PT, CCIU/ICU, diagnostic radiology, and community services; PT dept. provides outpatient, inpatient, and nursing home therapy; salary is competitive and negotiable; benefits

KRC.0608.0709.02 **Internist** – rural health clinic; caseload is primarily outpatient, 4.5 days/week at clinic; responsible for inpatient practice with 1:7 call; 25-bed CAH is 12 miles from clinic with following services: ER, home health, lab, pharmacy, general/outpatient surgery, cardiac rehab, OT, speech, RT, PT, CCIU/ICU, diagnostic radiology, and community services; physician can practice in the clinic on-campus as well if preferred; 1 ARNP, 1 LPN, and a CAN/staff on staff; salary is $180,000; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0608.0709.01 **Nurse Practitioner** – rural health clinic; the admitting 25-bed CAH is 12 miles from the clinic and has the following services: ER, home health, lab, pharmacy, general/outpatient surgery, cardiac rehab, OT, speech, RT, PT, CCIU/ICU, diagnostic radiology, and community services; currently 1 ARNP, 1 LPN, and a CAN/staff on staff; no call; salary is competitive and negotiable; benefits

KRC.0208.1201.19C **General Surgeon** – 109-bed acute, intensive and skilled care hospital; recent $20 million expansion; 57 physicians representing over 15 medical specialties; approx. 400 surgeries performed in the OR per month by 3 general surgeons; call is 1:3; hospital maintains a hospitalist program; salary is competitive and negotiable; great benefits

KRC.0708.0903.02 **Registered Nurse** – 5 physician private practice; ACLS and previous cardiac training preferred, but willing to train; no call; full-time position with M-F schedule only; salary is competitive and negotiable; excellent benefits

KRC.0608.0305.10 **Anesthesiologist** – solo practice; 105-bed medical center services include: acute care, skilled nursing, OB/GYN, ICU, ER, behavioral health, surgery, home health, all clinical ancillary services, and cancer treatment center; salary is competitive and based on experience; possible loan repayment and CME allowance available; H-1B opportunity

KRC.0608.1201.19C **Emergency Medicine** – family physician, internist, or emergency medicine physician; 109-bed acute, intensive and skilled care hospital; 37 physicians from 15+ medical specialties; ER sees an avg. of 900 visits/mo.; 3-bed multi-care area, cardiac room, trauma room, and ortho room; applying for Level 3 trauma designation; 3 ER physicians form an LLC; ideally, 4 full-time physicians to provide coverage 24/7, 12 hour shifts (4 days on, 4 days off); salary $118/hr for non-ER certified and $125 for ER board certified; sign-on bonus available

KRC.0608.0305.11 **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist** – 105-bed medical center that provides the following services: acute care, skilled nursing, OB/GYN, ICU, ER, behavioral health, surgery, home health, all clinical ancillary services, and cancer treatment center; salary is competitive and based upon experience; possible loan repayment and CME allowance

KRC.0304.2101.01 **Family Physician** – for federally qualified community health center w/ 3 satellites; current staff: 3 physicians and 7 NPs; no call; no weekends; salary negotiable; benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0717.0401.02 **Urologist** – for multi-specialty group with 27 physicians and 11 specialties; large service area with many referrals; 3 satellite facilities; 100-bed hospital’s services: ER, lab, x-ray, CT, MRI, OB, pediatrics, new cardio and ICU services; salary is competitive and negotiable; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.1204.0804.04 **Lab Tech** – 25-bed acute care setting with swing bed unit and ER; first shift; will cross-train into radiology with training provided if needed; salary is negotiable; benefits

KRC.1105.0804.05 **Family Physician** – 25-bed hospital; patient care provided at clinic and extended care facility; hospital services: general medical-surgical, skilled nursing, ER, OB, geriatrics, inpatient, outpatient, and long term care; 1 FP, 1 part-time general surgeon, and 1 NP on staff; call 1 week every 3-4 weeks; salary is $150,000-$170,000; benefits

KRC.0106.2101.05 **Nurse Practitioner** – 25-bed hospital; patient care provided at clinic and extended care facility; hospital services: general medical-surgical, skilled nursing, ER, OB, geriatrics, inpatient, outpatient and long term care; call shared with FPs and internists; salary is negotiable; benefits

KRC.0106.2101.06 **Physician Assistant** – community health center with 3 satellite facilities; 1 physician, 6 NPs, 2 PAs, and 1 volunteer physician on staff; no call coverage or weekends; salary range is $58,000, negotiable; full benefits

KRC.0706.1915.01C **Family Physician** – w/o OB for multi-specialty group practice; strictly outpatient, clinic-based; 2 FPs, 5 internists, and 4 pediatricians on staff; call shared with FPs and internists; FPs are responsible for answering questions over the phone (1:3); the 132-bed admitting hospital’s services: acute care, OB, emergency medicine, surgery, oncology, rehab, wound care, cardiology, orthopedics, and neurology; salary is $150,000; full benefits

KRC.1006.1308.04 **Physical Therapist** – new 20-bed CAH and 43 bed long-term care unit; under direction of an experienced PT; this PT will provide services for post-op ortho patients, athletic injuries and geriatrics; experienced therapists and new grads encouraged to apply; Director, PTA, and an aide on staff; hospital services: orthopedic surgery, swing bed, CT scan, ultrasound, home health and long-term care; salary is $62,000-$83,000; full benefits

KRC.0207.0201.07 **Pharmacist** – solo position available in a 45-bed county owned, not-for-profit, rural hospital; experience preferred but new grads encouraged to apply; PharmD required and must be KS licensed or eligible; hospital is currently contracting with a local pharmacist; hospital services include Continued
radiology, lab, OB, ER, MRI, CT, acute care, general surgery, pediatric care, RT, ICU, home health and PT; salary is $75,000-$110,000; full benefits

KRC.0407.1303.04C Family Physician – growing multi-specialty group; excellent opportunity for physician interested in learning more general surgery and OB/GYN; group specialties: family medicine, general surgery, OB/GYN; position is w/o OB, but if there is a strong interest, there may be flexibility; 3 physicians and 1 mid-level on staff; call is 1:3 (no ER); caseload primarily outpatient; 100-bed hospital full service acute care center 1 block away; salary $135,000+; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0407.1303.05C Medicine-Pediatrics – growing multi-specialty group; specialties: family medicine, general surgery, OB/GYN; 3 physicians and 1 mid-level on staff; call is 1:3 (no ER); caseload primarily outpatient; 100-bed hospital full service acute care center 1 block away; salary $135,000+; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0407.0401.08 Endocrinologist – multi-specialty group housing 25 physicians with 11 specialties; serves the endocrine needs of 24 counties; 2 satellite facilities; proud of their highly complex lab and radiology/nuclear medicine depts; call is 1:6; 100-bed hospital is 3 blocks away and includes ER, lab, x-ray, CT, MRI, OB, ped, new cardio and ICU services; salary is $180,000 depending on experience; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0407.0401.09 Rheumatologist – multi-specialty group housing 25 physicians with 11 specialties; large service area w/ many referrals; 2 satellite facilities; proud of their highly complex lab and radiology/nuclear medicine depts; call is 1:6; 100-bed hospital is 3 blocks away and includes ER, lab, x-ray, CT, MRI, OB, ped, new cardio and ICU services; salary is $180,000 depending on experience; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0407.0401.10 Pulmonologist – multi-specialty group housing 25 physicians with 11 specialties; large service area w/ many referrals; 2 satellite facilities; proud of their highly complex lab and radiology/nuclear medicine depts; call is 1:6; 100-bed hospital is 3 blocks away and includes ER, lab, x-ray, CT, MRI, OB, ped, new cardio and ICU services; salary is $180,000 depending on experience; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0407.0401.11 Gastroenterologist – multi-specialty group housing 25 physicians with 11 specialties; large service area w/ many referrals; 2 satellite facilities; proud of their highly complex lab and radiology/nuclear medicine depts; call is 1:6; 100-bed hospital is 3 blocks away and includes ER, lab, x-ray, CT, MRI, OB, ped, new cardio and ICU services; salary is $180,000 depending on experience; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0907.0401.12 Family Physician – with or w/o OB for multi-specialty group w/ 23 physicians and 11 specialties; currently 2 physicians and 1 NP; call is 1:3; local 100-bed hospital is 3 blocks away and includes ER, lab, x-ray, CT, MRI, OB, Peds, new cardio and ICU services; salary is competitive and negotiable, full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

KRC.0807.1303.07C Obstetrician/Gynecologist – growing multi-specialty group with the following specialties: family medicine, general surgery, and OB/GYN; 3 physicians and 1 mid-level on staff; call is 1:3 (no ER); caseload primarily outpatient, physicians follow their admitted patients at local hospital; 100-bed admitting hospital is 1 block away; salary is $135,000+; full benefits; H-1B and J-1 opportunity

Candidates looking for job opportunities in Kansas can access those listed by the KRC by visiting ruralhealth.kumc.edu on the Web.
Several recent Family Medicine residency graduates have chosen to practice in rural areas of the state. With the shortage of family physicians in rural areas, this is good news for Kansas.

Clint Colberg, MD was born and raised in Lyons, Kan. He graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Dr. Colberg then received his medical degree from the KU School of Medicine. He was active in the Family Medicine Interest Group and was elected president of both the Kansas City and Wichita campuses.

He will be practicing in Holton, Kan., with the Holton Community Hospital as a family physician, doing endoscopy as well as obstetrics.

Dr. Colberg says he enjoys small town life. “I wanted to practice in a small town because of the flexibility it provides,” he said. “I enjoy the people who are down-to-earth and hard working.”

With a wife and two children, he says he wants his children to grow up with the same experiences he had.

“It is a safe environment, and they can participate in all kinds of activities,” he said. “They can pursue whatever their interests are.”

Martin Dillow, MD, will be returning to his hometown of Chanute, Kan., in August to practice family medicine at Ashley Clinic, LLC. Dr. Dillow graduated from Emporia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He then attended medical school at KU School of Medicine and finished residency with Via Christi. Dr. Dillow was Chief Resident, 2007-2008.

“I look forward to returning home to practice family medicine including obstetrics, children’s health, and adult care,” said Dr. Dillow.

Angela Stueve, MD, has a family medicine position with Nemaha Valley Community Hospital in Seneca, Kan. She will work with three other family physicians and a nurse practitioner at Seneca Family Practice and will provide emergency room coverage along with the other providers at the hospital during the week. Her practice will include obstetrics.

After growing up in Meriden, a small town in northeast Kansas, Dr. Stueve graduated from Washburn University with a degree in biology and then attended medical school at the KU Medical Center.

Dr. Stueve says she enjoys the challenge and variety that comes with practicing in a small town and looks forward to the relationships that she will develop with patients and their families.

“I chose a rural practice because my husband and I grew up in a small town and that is the environment we would like to raise our children in,” said Dr. Stueve. “Also, I think there is a tremendous opportunity for family physicians to positively impact the health of individuals in rural Kansas who may not have access to health care otherwise.”

Also born and raised in rural areas are Justin Overmiller, MD, and Jason Cheney, MD. Dr. Overmiller will be returning to his hometown of Smith Center, Kan., to practice family medicine. After graduating from the KU School of Medicine, he completed residency through the Smoky Hill Residency program. Dr. Cheney is from Hunter, Kan. and will move to Beloit, Kan., to practice family medicine. He has recently finished his residency with Via Christi Family Medicine Residency Program after graduating from KU School of Medicine.

Kerri Fellows, MD, of Concordia, will also be practicing in rural Kansas. After earning her medical degree from KU, she completed her residency with the KUMC family medicine program. Dr. Fellows will move to Paola, Kan., where she will practice the full spectrum of family medicine at Miami County Medical Center.

While doing a rotation in Paola, Kan., as a medical student, Dr. Fellows remembers hearing a little girl in Wal-Mart call out her name. She had seen the girl at the clinic that day. That sense of familiarity is what brings her to rural Kansas.

“I grew up in a small town and I think there is a sense of community you might not have in a larger city,” said Dr. Fellows.

All residents were part of the Kansas Bridging Plan. Resident physicians who participate in the Kansas Bridging Plan agree to practice medicine full-time in a self-selected rural community for 36 continuous months upon completion of their residency training program in exchange for loan forgiveness. For the purposes of the Kansas Bridging Plan, a rural community constitutes any community not located in Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte counties. This program aids in the efforts of increasing the number of family physicians in rural Kansas. For more information visit the Rural Health Education and Services Web site, http://ruralhealth.kumc.edu.
The Kansas Sampler Foundation has chosen the “8 Wonders of Kansas.” This is the second story of four in a series highlighting the wonders. The wonders were announced on Kansas Day, Jan. 29, by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. The Kansas Sampler Foundation is a non-profit organization. Its mission is to preserve and sustain rural culture in part by educating the public about what there is to see and do in the state which benefits all Kansas communities, regardless of size.

Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum

The third wonder of Kansas is the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. Located in Abilene, Kan., the museum showcases the remarkable achievements of Dwight D. Eisenhower, five-star General and President of the United States.

Five galleries at the Eisenhower Museum tell the story of Eisenhower from his childhood days in Abilene through his retirement years. One gallery depicts the life of one of America’s most beloved first ladies, Mamie Eisenhower.

Dwight D. Eisenhower commanded the greatest amphibious military operation in history, the 1944 Allied invasion of Nazi-controlled Europe. His many military achievements are explained superbly in the galleries at the museum.

He is the only five-star General to become President of the United States and the displays highlight his two terms (1953-1961). Significantly, his administration initiated the nation’s first civil rights legislation in 90 years. He also sent Army troops to Arkansas when nine black students were barred from attending Little Rock’s Central High School. More than any other president, Eisenhower was responsible for the Interstate Highway System.

Visitors can tour his 19th-century wood-frame house, located on its original site, where the Eisenhowers lived from 1898 until the death of the president’s mother Ida in 1946. The Place of Meditation is the final resting place of the president, his wife, Mamie, and their first-born son, Doud Dwight.

Also, visitors who wish to honor a veteran who served in World War II between December 7, 1941, and March 2, 1946, can sponsor a tribute in their honor in a permanent kiosk in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library. The honor roll is also on the Foundation’s website. For more information visit http://www.dwighteisenhower.com/kiosk/.

All buildings at the Center are open daily from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. but are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. The Visitors Center is open from 8 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. from Memorial Day until mid-August. Admission is $8 for adults, $6 for senior citizens and $1 for children 8-15 years of age. For more information please call: (785) 263-6700 or e-mail: carol.needham@nara.gov.

Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center

The Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center is the fourth Wonder of Kansas. It was chosen because it has one of
the most significant collections of U.S. and Russian space artifacts in the world.

The Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center is located in central Hutchinson, Kan., and was envisioned by long-time Hutchinson resident Patricia Carey. It is one of America’s premier space centers. Making its start as a small planetarium on the Kansas State Fairgrounds, the Cosmosphere is now an internationally-acclaimed staple of the space science community.

Educating patrons from around the globe, the Cosmosphere boasts the Hall of Space museum, one of the most significant collections of U.S. and Russian space artifacts in the world; the Carey IMAX Dome Theater, one of only 14 IMAX dome theaters in the world; a planetarium; and astronaut training camps for all ages.

The Cosmosphere is a non-profit organization and is unique to Kansas.

Its Hall of Space Museum is one of only three museums in the world to display flown spacecraft from all three early-manned space programs - Mercury (Liberty Bell 7), Gemini (Gemini 10) and Apollo (Apollo 13).

The size and scope of the Cosmosphere’s space artifact collection is second only to that of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. Similarly, the Cosmosphere’s Hall of Space Museum has the largest collection of Russian space artifacts outside Moscow.

Proudly placed in central Kansas, the Cosmosphere has also been highlighted in many documentaries and films. Most notably, the Cosmosphere built the spacecraft and hardware used in the movie “Apollo 13,” starring Tom Hanks.

The hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. (Check Web site for schedule changes.) Admission for single venue is $8 for adults and $7.50 for children, ages 5-12.

For more information, call (800) 397-0330 or (620) 662-2305 or email julrich@cosmo.org.

Kansas Trauma Program

Working to ensure Kansans find the best trauma care

Traumatic injuries are one of the leading causes of death and disability among Kansas citizens. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is working to educate citizens on the trauma systems in their area and continues to expand the Kansas Trauma Program.

The goal of the Kansas trauma system is to ensure each patient is properly triaged and matched to the hospital with the most appropriate resources as quickly as possible.

Because patients with a severe injury require rapid, specialized treatment to ensure the best chance for recovery, an integrated trauma system increases their chances for survival and reduces their chance of permanent disability. This involves a network of relationships between Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers, emergency departments and tertiary referral facilities.

In 2006, legislation was passed giving KDHE authorization to write regulations to designate hospitals a Level I, II or III trauma center. Regulations were adopted and became effective Nov. 2, 2007.

KDHE has mapped out their plan to get trauma resources in rural areas statewide by designating six trauma regions. Two regions are still without trauma centers, the North Central and Southwest regions.

As of the end of 2007, the state has five designated trauma centers: two in Sedgwick County, one in Shawnee County, one in Johnson County and one in Wyandotte County.

Five rural hospitals are also working towards designation as trauma centers. Continued on page 18
General surgeons are required in a Level III facility. Planning for care of injured patients in these hospitals requires transfer agreements and standardized treatment protocols. Level III trauma facilities are generally not appropriate in an urban or suburban area with adequate Level I and/or Level II resources.

In recent years, traumatic injury has begun to receive long overdue recognition as a major public health problem. Attention has been focused on the toll of lives lost; however, it is clear that deaths represent only a small fraction of total injuries. National data for the period from 1995-1998 indicate that for every one traumatic injury death there were 18 traumatic injury-related hospital discharges and 260 emergency department visits. In 1999, there were 1,026 unintentional injury deaths in Kansas according to vital statistics records. Persons in predominately rural areas are at higher risk for injury death or disability than more urbanized areas. The reasons for this include delays in discovery, longer response times or limited availability, greater distances to care facilities and limited access to specialty resources.

The Kansas Trauma Program offers rural trauma developmental courses to assist health care professionals in making the proper decisions when handling trauma patients in their smaller facilities. KDHE says fostering development of a workforce that has training in trauma care is a priority. From 2006 to 2007, the Regional Trauma Council collaborated with state and local organizations on 26 education courses by providing financial sponsorship and/or course coordination. A total of 414 providers were trained through their efforts:

- The Rural Trauma Team Development Course® (RTTDC®) was conducted in every region with 111 providers trained.
- Trauma Nursing Care Course (TNCC) was taught in every region with 92 trained.
- Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) was held in every region with 102 trained.
- Twelve instructors updated their instructor certification.
- Advanced Trauma Life Support was sponsored in two regions with 21 trained and 30 scholarships were provided through a partnership with the Kansas Hospital Research and Education Foundation (KHREF).
- Forty-six providers were trained in Pediatric Education for Prehospital Providers (PEPP) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).

For more information on the Kansas Trauma Program, visit www.ksturauma.org.

2008 Rural Kansas Photography Contest

The 2008 Rural Kansas Photography Contest is presented by the University of Kansas, Rural Health Education and Services. Photos submitted should depict Kansas as a great place to live, work and play. Winning photos will be published and prizes will be awarded. Photographs are due by Sept. 30, 2008.

Download an entry form today! ruralhealth.kumc.edu
Physicians Help Improve Economy

Communities with physicians are healthier physically and economically

Family physicians are an asset to all rural communities as they provide a personal medical home for people of any age and essential health care services. Often overlooked by many family physicians and policymakers alike is the economic benefit of family medicine in their communities.

While most medical specialties tend to cluster in urban areas and near academic health centers, family physicians are more likely than other primary care physicians to work in areas with the greatest need such as rural areas and where there is a shortage of health professionals.

According to a new study by Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies, which evaluated the economic benefit of family medicine on a state-by-state basis, the positive impact provided by a Kansas family physician is $878,642 per year. The total economic impact for the state amounts to $727,515,645 per year. Family physicians provide employment, purchase goods and services, and even generate income for other health care organizations, such as hospitals and nursing homes. However, figures within this study do not account for this latter contribution to the generating of income for other local health care organizations.

On average, the economic impact of family physicians is estimated to be $500,000 to $1 million per family physician, according to an article titled “By the numbers: Rural Doctors and Rural Economies.” The impact tends to be higher in areas where there are more physicians and medical facilities. The economic benefits that family physicians provide are critical for preserving facilities and health care jobs, for keeping all jobs and population intact and for recruiting new jobs and businesses. A loss of family physicians in rural and underserved areas can devastate education, population, and quality of life.

In his book “Textbook of Rural Medicine,” George Wright says a town of 2000 in the U.S. generates $3 million in health care each year. Of this amount, $417,000 is rural primary care office visits.

Many things are being done in the state to bring family physicians to rural areas and essentially help reduce the shortage in Kansas. If young physicians finishing their education choose to work in Kansas, especially rural areas, they will help increase an area’s economic health. Programs such as the rural physician preceptorships, which bring Kansas medical students to rural areas for training, are important as graduates are more exposed to rural areas and are more inclined to practice in these areas.

The impact family physicians have on the economy is significant, helping Kansas communities thrive with new community centers, better school systems and much more.

Robert Moser, MD, a family physician in Greeley County, Tribune, Kan., says the economic impact of family physicians has continued to grow in the years he has practiced in Greeley County. After his first full year in Greeley County, the hospital’s gross income was around $800,000. Of that amount, 22% came from taxes. The hospital, nursing home and clinic had a total of 47 employees, and all three were county-owned but independently operated.

Last year the three became one entity, Greeley County Health Services, with clinics in Greeley, Wallace and Hamilton counties. There are a total of 160 employees and gross revenues were just over $12 million. There are now four physicians in Tribune compared to two in 1989, along with a physical therapist, home health care and other services.

For more information on the economic impact health care has had for each county, visit http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/krhw/reports/index.html.
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KHA Creates the Kansas Hospital Workforce Center

With workforce a top priority for Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) members, the Kansas Hospital Workforce Center was created. The Workforce Center will provide an operational hub through which all health care workforce initiatives within the KHA family of organizations can be clearly organized and cohesively communicated. The vision of the Workforce Center is to have a coordinated approach that addresses health care workforce issues. The mission is to identify and implement strategies that directly improve supply, recruitment and retention of the technical and professional health care workforce in Kansas.

Important aspects of the Workforce Center are clear communication and thoughtful organization. A Kansas Hospital Workforce Center logo has been created to increase recognition of the many workforce-related resources KHA makes available. Look for this logo to help identify terms addressing the many workforce challenges facing community hospitals, noted in the Kansas Workforce Data Report, which will be coming soon. For more information contact Cara Greve, workforce project director, at (785) 233-7436, Ext. 111 or cgreve@kha-net.org.

Publication Schedule

If you have an idea for an article in Kansas Connections, we welcome your input. Please send information to the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita, KS 67214-3199. Ideas are also welcomed by telephone at 316-293-2649; fax, 316-293-2671; or e-mail, lvalenti@kumc.edu.

Deadline for submission of ideas for the next issue is September 4, 2008. If you know of someone who is not receiving the newsletter, but might enjoy reading it, please let us know.