



I am pleased to report that the university, hospital and the physicians have concluded negotiations surrounding a new affiliation agreement among the University of Kansas Medical Center, The University of Kansas Hospital and the University of Kansas Physicians, Inc. (KUPI).

On Thursday, I will be presenting this agreement, which governs the working relationship between the entities, to the Kansas Board of Regents and will answer any questions they have about the document. Chancellor Hemenway and I are hopeful that they will signal their approval.

Finally, the University of Kansas Physicians, Inc. (KUPI) physicians will consider this agreement at their Board meeting later this week and their approval is necessary for the agreement to become final. I remain cautiously optimistic that all of the parties will provide their official endorsement and the agreement can be executed.

I want to thank the KU Hospital Authority Board and my fellow board members for approving the agreement this morning. The agreement allows the university, hospital and physicians to continue their record of success and allows for growth to meet the changing needs of patients, students, faculty physicians, research and the needs of our community, region and state.

I sincerely appreciate the hard work that went into crafting this agreement and I value the input we received from a number of key stakeholders, including the legislature, the Board of Regents and the KU Hospital Authority board members.

All of us at the Medical Center look forward to starting the New Year with these negotiations completed and truly believe that with this agreement, the university, hospital and physicians are in a stronger position to achieve our important missions.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is an affiliation agreement?**

An affiliation agreement is a document that governs the relationship among the three, separate legal entities that share faculty and staff, physical space and many other resources: The University of Kansas Hospital (KUH), the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) and the physician group, the University of Kansas Physicians, Inc. (KUPI).

### **What is the term of the affiliation agreement?**

Five years.

### **What does the agreement include?**

The agreement spells out many details necessary to run an academic medical center. In addition to outlining the flow of funds from KUH to KUMC and KUPI, the affiliation agreement includes the following highlights:

- KUH will increase their annual investment and support to the KU Medical Center
- Allows for additional medical residents to train at KUH
- Allows for a new ambulatory care (outpatient clinic) building to be constructed
- Establishes a Cancer Partners Advisory Board to help advise the KU Cancer Center Director as he works towards National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation
- Provides competitive salaries to help retain and recruit the best academic physicians
- Greater integration among the parties for strategic, programmatic and clinical planning

### **Is the agreement finalized?**

The negotiations are complete, but the agreement needs to be approved by the three governing entities for the university, hospital and the physicians group.

Today, the KU Hospital Authority Board gave their approval to the new agreement. On Thursday, both the Kansas Board of Regents and the University of Kansas Physicians, Inc. (KUPI) Board will consider the agreement. Only with all three approvals can the agreement be executed.

### **Specifically, what will change with this new agreement?**

- More medical residents will be trained at KU Hospital
  - Up to 100 additional residents will be trained at KUH in the next five years
- Construction could begin as early as January 2009 on a new outpatient building on the 39<sup>th</sup> and Rainbow campus
- The physicians group, KUPI, has an increased role in planning and decision-making
- KU Hospital's investment and support of the Medical Center is projected to be over \$46 million in the first year