



**“Faculty Update”
News from the Dean’s Office
KU School of Medicine
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One of my goals is to increase communications and keep everyone informed of important news and events. I welcome your comments and suggestions and continue to look for new ways to share information. If you have news to share with others, please send your information to Barbara Jaekel, assistant director, External Affairs, at bjael@kumc.edu.

***Our Vision:** The KU School of Medicine will work with its partners to enhance its reputation as the premier academic medical center in the region known for its excellent education, innovative scientific discovery, outstanding clinical programs and dedication to community service. It will be known as the place where everyone wants to come to learn, to teach, to conduct research and to receive health care.*

Excellent Education

- **Our LCME Self-Study and preparation for our LCME visit** in October is progressing well. Draft reports from all self-study committees were due on February 14. These reports are being collated and will be distributed to members of the LCME Steering Committee for review by February 18. The Steering Committee will meet on March 4th. After review and revision by the Steering Committee, the documents will be reviewed by the University's Office of Institutional Research and Planning to assure that they are internally consistent and that all guided questions and institutional standards are addressed. We will then revise and complete the final documents, institute corrective action where needed, forward all required reports, surveys, the LCME database and the final LCME summary self-study report to the LCME in July, and continue preparation for the LCME site visit in October. The School of Medicine has engaged DJW Associates to consult during our self-study and preparation for the site visit. The “near-final” drafts of our self study and database will be sent to the consultants in late March or early April in preparation for their first two day visit during the week of April 18.

- **Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery** residents have started new rotations at Truman Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital Plaza campus as part of a residency expansion to three residents a year, from two residents a year.
- **Derrick Wallace, MD**, assistant professor, Otolaryngology, has received a Center of Excellence for Minority Medical Education Faculty Development Award of \$50,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. The award will assist with the development of underrepresented junior minority faculty in the areas of research, teaching and service.
- On the KUSM-Wichita campus, the E.P. Donatelle and Henry W. Horn Family Scholarships were presented to medical students who show strong interest in family medicine as a career specialty and personal integrity and excellence in patient care. **Wes Kirk** received the Donatelle scholarship. And **Jennifer Koontz** and **Robin Linscheid** are co-recipients of the Horn Scholarship. All are members of the 2005 class.

Innovative Scientific Discovery

- **Martha Barnard, PhD**, clinical associate professor, Behavioral Pediatrics, has received a one-year grant to study "Expressive writing intervention for teens whose parents have cancer."
- **Shilpa Buch, PhD**, assistant professor, Pathology/Microbiology, principal investigator, has received a R21 two-year NIH-grant of \$275,000 to study the "Development of Neuronal Gene Therapy for HIV Dementia."
- **Paul D. Cheney, PhD**, professor and chair of Molecular and Integrative Physiology and an internationally recognized neuroscience researcher, received the 2004 Chancellors Award during the University of Kansas Medical Center's Faculty Research Day November 18. The Chancellors Award includes a \$5,000 cash prize.
- **Ann McGrath Davis, PhD**, assistant professor, Behavioral Pediatrics, has received a K23 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive Kidney Diseases, totaling \$612,062 to prepare her for a clinical research career and current pediatric obesity research in rural Kansas.
- **Kore Liow, MD**, clinical associate professor, Internal Medicine-Wichita, has been selected to participate in a national NIH-funded multi-center randomized controlled trial titled Early Randomized Surgical Epilepsy Trial (ERSET). ERSET is based on the belief that early effective intervention for mesial temporal lobe epilepsy will prevent the development of irreversible adverse psychological and social consequences of recurrent epileptic seizures and is designed to compare early surgery with early optimal pharmacotherapy.

- **Richard W. McCallum, MD**, professor, Gastroenterology/Hepatology, has received a clinical research award from the American Diabetes Association's Research Grant Review Panel for his research on multi-channel gastric electrical stimulation for the treatment of diabetic gastroparesis.
- **Brian K. Petroff, DVM, PhD**, has received a renewable 1-year \$50,000 career development award from the National Cancer Institute to fund microgenomics and breast and ovarian cancer prevention pilot projects being conducted by Dr. Petroff at KUMC's Breast Cancer Prevention Center.
- KUSM-Wichita, through the Clinical Research Institute (CRI), is the sole testing site for MEM 1003, a new drug that will aid in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The test will be conducted under the direction of **Sheldon Preskorn, MD**, professor and chair, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and president and CEO of CRI. CRI is a dedicated research site affiliated with KUSM-W that specializes in clinical trials in psychiatric, neurological and other medical disorders.
- **Barbara Quaney, PT, PhD**, research assistant professor, Landon Center on Aging, has received two grants. A \$260,000 National Scientist Development award from the American Heart Association will support her research on "The effect of aerobic exercise on executive function for cognitive and motor tasks in individuals with chronic stroke." A \$589,794 Research Scientist Development Award from the Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, funds her research on "Motor Performance and Cortical Changes in Chronic Stroke."
- **Michael Rapoff, PhD**, professor, Behavioral Pediatrics, has received NIH funding for three years for his study, "Headstrong intervention for recurrent pediatric headaches."
- **Martha Staker, RN, MS, MA**, director, Project EAGLE Community Programs, has received three grants. Two are new grants: a three-year Early Reading First grant from the U.S. Department of Education and a two-year grant from the American Express Economic Independence Fund. Another grant, which has been renewed for the second of five years, is a Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program grant from the Maternal Child Health Bureau.
- **Joseph S. Tash, PhD**, associate professor of the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology and director of the Cell Imaging Core of the Center for Reproductive Sciences, has received \$4 million over the next three years from the National Institutes of Health for three new male contraceptive projects. The projects are a collaboration between KUMC and KU-Lawrence.
- **Irvine Hockaday, chair of the Life Sciences Task Force for the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City**, visited the KUMC campus Jan 20 to learn more about life science research on this campus. **Joan Hunt, PhD**, vice chancellor of Research and

senior associate dean for Research and Graduate Education, and I hosted the event, which gave several senior researchers, faculty and MD/PhD students an opportunity to meet with Hockaday and update him on bioscience research efforts here that will build economic value for the region.

Outstanding Clinical Programs

- The University of Kansas **General Clinical Research Center (GCRC)**, which opened January 3, 2005, provides state-of-the-art resources and facilities to help physicians, nurses and faculty members conduct safe, efficient and cost-effective clinical trials in a patient-friendly environment.

The GCRC is located in a newly remodeled 4,500-square-foot area on the ground floor of the Delp Pavilion. The Center is a collaboration of the School of Medicine and the University of Kansas Hospital and is available to all investigators who receive funding from federal agencies, private foundations, other peer-reviewed sources, and investigator-initiated unfunded pilot studies that may lead to future NIH support.

The GCRC staff includes nurses, biostatisticians and administrative personnel that help investigators by facilitating the day-to-day research process and assisting research study participants in a supportive and efficient environment. The Center includes five multi-purpose outpatient testing rooms, a specialized room with metabolic cart, treadmill and exercise bike, a metabolic kitchen, infusion room and a sample processing laboratory. Services are provided at no charge for investigator-designed and initiated studies.

Investigators can learn more about the Center and apply to the GCRC for approval to use the space and its resources by visiting the Web site at <http://gcrk.kumc.edu>.

- Planning for the **Center for Advanced Medicine** (an ambulatory care facility) was formally launched on Feb. 10 with a presentation to the clinical chairs by the Cannon Design Group. Over the coming three months, the architects will be meeting several times with leadership of each clinical department to confirm volume and programmatic assumptions associated with a 5-10 year timeline. The Cannon Design Group will also be performing site and engineering surveys during this time. By the end of May, we will have generated the information required to size the facility and determine the range of services to be provided in the facility. The Cannon Design Group has extensive experience in working with academic medical centers to design ambulatory care facilities. We have scheduled a presentation by the Group for all who are available to attend on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 5 p.m. in Rieke Auditorium.
- **Carol Fabian, MD**, director, Breast Cancer Prevention Center, announced a promising new means of postmenopausal breast cancer prevention at the 27th Annual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium in December. Her pilot study of the drug Letrozole (Femara) showed that it reduced the rate of growth of abnormal cells even

while patients continued to take hormone replacement therapy. The study suggests that adding an aromatase inhibitor may reduce the slightly increased risk for breast cancer in women taking HRT.

Dedicated Community Service

- The National Cancer Institute has selected the **Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute** to expand its Midwest **Cancer Information Service (CIS)**. A new five-year contract for \$16 million, which became effective Jan. 15, expands the center's service to reach nearly 80 million people, up from 22 million under its previous contract. KUMC has been a CIS site since 1988, providing cancer information to citizens of Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Nebraska through a toll-free telephone service in English and Spanish and *LiveHelp* instant messaging. The new contract extends the service area to 17 states. For more information, visit www.kumc.edu/som.
- **Doug Girod, MD**, professor and chair, Otolaryngology, and **Chris Larsen, MD**, senior resident, participated in a medical mission trip to Bohol, Philippines with the Medical Mission Foundation of Kansas City in November 2004, performing 22 major head and neck surgeries on patients.
- **Tomas Griebing, MD**, assistant professor and vice chair of Urology, is chair of the Art Committee for the annual "Corks and Canvas" gala fundraiser for the Kansas City Good Samaritan Project. The fundraiser for the AIDS service organization will be held April 29 at the Belger Arts Center in Kansas City, Mo.
- The **JayDoc Free Clinic** is looking for volunteer physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and interpreters to help provide free medical and educational services to Wyandotte County residents. The clinic will work with volunteers' individual schedules and time constraints. For more information or to volunteer, contact the clinic at JayDocFreeClinic@kumc.edu.
- A **JayDoc Community Clinic in Wichita** officially opened Jan. 8, conceived and directed by School of Medicine-Wichita students. The clinic will be open Saturdays in the Guadalupe Clinic and provide care to underserved.

Leadership

New Faculty/Staff:

- **Melvin L. Campbell, Jr, PhD**, research assistant professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
- **James David Garnett, MD**, associate professor, Otolaryngology.
- **Todd Holyoak, PhD**, assistant professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
- **Kristen Linnemeyer, SLP**, clinical instructor, speech pathologist, Otolaryngology.

- **John W. Sojka, MD**, assistant professor, Orthopedic Surgery.
- **Jinxi Wang, MD, PhD**, associate professor, Orthopedic Surgery.

Awards/Honors:

- **Barbara Coats, MD**, clinical assistant professor, Family and Community Medicine, is the recipient of the 2005 Doug Parks Preceptor Annual Teaching Award, presented at the Family Medicine Winter Symposium Dec. 3. The award recognizes a volunteer faculty member in Family and Community Medicine who performs exemplary service in the education of future physicians.
- **Sam J. Enna, PhD**, professor, Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, has been selected to receive the 2005 Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of American Foundation Award in Excellence. The award recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of pharmacology. Dr. Enna will receive the award during a ceremony at the Experimental Biology meeting in San Diego in April.
- **Doren Fredrickson, MD, PhD**, associate professor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Wichita, has been named Kansas Health Foundation Distinguished Professor in Public Health. He also serves as chief health officer for the Sedgwick County health Department. The professorship is designed to help KUSM-Wichita integrate a population-based prevention and wellness approach into the education and practice of all primary care providers.
- **Tomas Griebing, MD**, assistant professor and vice chair of Urology, is president of the Geriatric Urological Society and in charge of planning their annual meeting May 24 in San Antonio, Tex., in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Urological Association. He was recently appointed to the Education Council of the American Urological Association.
- **Ann Kunkel**, research aide, Pediatrics, was recently given the President's Award for outstanding health care provider by the American College of Rheumatology, the top honor granted by the college.
- **W. Thomas Lawrence, MD**, section chief of Plastic Surgery, has been elected to the board of directors of the Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation.
- **Jonathan J. Li, PhD**, professor, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, and **Sara A. Li, PhD**, associate professor, Division of Etiology and Prevention of Hormonal Cancers, Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute, have published the fourth volume in a series called *Hormonal Carcinogenesis*. The volume is the proceedings from the fourth international symposium on hormonal carcinogenesis, held in Spain in June 2003. Drs. Li are organizing the next symposium to be held in Montpellier, France, Sept. 10-13, 2006.

- **Kore Liow, MD**, clinical associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine-Wichita, is one of four physicians selected nationally as an advisor to the Palatucci Advocacy Forum of the American Academy of Neurology. The Forum is a prestigious skills-development program to train effective advocates for the neurology profession.
- **Katherine Melhorn, MD**, clinical associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics-Wichita, has been selected as the Kansas recipient of the 2005 Commissioner's Award from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families. The award honors an individual selected from each state in recognition of outstanding contributions and commitment to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Dr. Melhorn will be presented the award April 21 during the 15th annual National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Boston.
- **Pamela Shaw, MD**, associate professor, Pediatrics, was listed as a Top Doc in the "Guide to Top Pediatricians 2004" by the Consumer's Research Council.
- Two KU School of Medicine faculty members have been recognized as Local Legends from Kansas. **Kimberly Templeton, MD**, associate professor of Orthopedics, and **Patricia Thomas, MD**, associate dean for Cultural Enhancement and Diversity and professor and chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, were recognized for demonstrating commitment, originality, innovation and creativity to their fields of medicine. Local Legends is a partnership of the National Library of Medicine and the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA). They were honored at the AMWA's annual meeting Jan. 28 in Washington, DC. For more information, visit www.kumc.edu/som and www.locallegends.org.
- **Terance Tsue, MD**, associate professor, vice chair and residency program director, Otolaryngology, **John Kriet, MD**, assistant professor, Otolaryngology, and **John Weigel, MD**, professor, Urology, are among "America's Top Physicians" in a listing compiled by the Consumers' Research Council of America 2004-2005.
- Two physicians in the Department of Family Medicine, **Daniel Swagerty, MD, MPH**, and **Jerry Old, MD**, have recently received additional Board Certification in Hospice and Palliative Care. Palliative medicine physicians have expertise in working with patients who are dying of incurable diseases, helping them to achieve a balance between function and control of pain to enhance the quality of their remaining life. Both Dr. Palliative medicine physicians may work primarily in outpatient settings, including community-based hospices, nursing homes and home settings, as do Drs. Swagerty and Old. Both are Board-Certified in Family Medicine, and Dr. Swagerty is certified in Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Swagerty serves as chief of the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Care in the Department of Family Medicine, and as associate director of the Center on Aging. He is also a Hartford Foundation Leadership Fellow. Dr. Old, author of the widely read book, "Vintage People," is medical director of

HospiceCare of Kansas in Lenexa, and is actively involved in medical student education as well as nursing home and hospice care.

- **J. Brantley Thrasher, MD**, William K. Valk Distinguished Professor and chair of Urology, was recently appointed editor of *Practical Reviews in Urology*. He was also selected as one of the Best Doctors in America by the Best Doctors Consortium and one of America's Top Physicians by the Consumer Research Council.
- **David Wilson, MD**, associate professor and interim director of Cardiology, has been awarded the Delbert D. Neis Professorship in Cardiovascular Diseases.

For a copy of my remarks at the EVC investiture ceremony or to view a video of the program, visit www.kumc.edu/evc/atkinsoninvestiture.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 23, 2005 – Faculty presentation on Center for Advanced Medicine (ambulatory care building) by the Cannon Design Group, 5 p.m., Rieke Auditorium.

April 1, 2005 – Grande Affair, Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park.

April 21, 2005 – The School of Medicine's Centennial.

April 22, 2005 – Harvey Fineberg, MD, Institute of Medicine, will address the faculty.

* **Sept. 17, 2005** – SoM's Centennial Gala, A Rhapsody in Crimson & Blue, held in conjunction with Alumni Weekend. Watch for more information in your mail.

Oct. 24-26, 2005 – LCME accreditation site visit.

* **New Date!**