Better Safe Than Sorry!

Is your safety at risk? Are you as vigilant as you could be about the safety of yourself, your family, and your fellow employees? June is National Safety Month and that’s a perfect opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of safety.

According to the National Safety Council (NSC), the top six causes of accidental-injury death in the United States are motor vehicle accidents, poisonings (including accidental overdoses), falls, choking, drowning, and fires/flames/smoke. Additionally, motor vehicle accidents are the 9th leading cause of all deaths globally. Many of these types of accidents are avoidable with proper safeguards. When it comes to prevention, safety is key!

While operating a motor vehicle, safety becomes a responsibility. You are not only responsible for the safety of yourself and those in your car, you can also be held responsible for the safety of those sharing the road if you fail to follow safety precautions. One of the most common dangers while driving is cell phone use. Both a 1997 New England Journal of Medicine analysis of hospital records and a 2005 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study found that drivers who use cell phones are four times more likely to be involved in a crash. These were just two of the 50 studies that prompted the NSC to push for a nationwide ban on cell phone use while driving.

Last year, NSC partnered with the World Health Organization to launch a Decade of Action for Road Safety. The goal is to decrease traffic injuries and deaths by 2020. More than 100 countries have committed to this effort. Learn more about the initiative and its progress here.

Find out more about the National Safety Council and its programs here.

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**Safety** - 1. the state of being safe; freedom from the occurrence or risk of injury, danger, or loss. 2. the quality of averting or not causing injury, danger, or loss.
**E-Learning Modules available to employees**

KUMC has several e-learning modules for employees. Topics include:

- Career Advancement: Success for the Promotion Seeker
- Management/Leadership: Hiring Competent Employees, What Every Supervisor Should Know, and Writing Effective Position Descriptions
- Policies & Procedures: Corrective Action, Family & Medical Leave Act, FLSA, Overtime/Compensatory Time, Shared Leave, and Workplace Violence
- Professional Development: Managing Your Time, Preventing Harassment in the Workplace, and Conflict Management.

To complete these trainings, click [here](#). You will need to use your network username and password to log in.

**Safety What?**

A safety valve is a mechanism for the automatic release of a substance from a boiler, pressure vessel, or other system when the pressure or temperature exceeds preset limits. Safety valves were first used on steam boilers during the industrial revolution. Early boilers without them were prone to accidental explosion.

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**KU Pride**

The next KU Pride will take place on Thursday, June 7, at 9 a.m. in the Sunflower Room. Don’t miss it! Refreshments will be served!

**Are you retirement ready?**

There are countless books, numerous online resources, and an explosion of companies ready and willing to help with retirement financial planning. The financial aspects of retirement, while important, are only part of the equation. Emotional preparation and planning for this major life transition is as important as financial planning for retirement. Until you know what you want to do and the person you want to be in retirement, the pieces of your new life in retirement won’t fit. All of the financial planning in the world won’t prepare you fully for life changes linked to the retirement transition -- or for the unexpected. Perhaps the most important major adjustment in retirement is: to live fully with what is. Since its inception, the HealthQuest Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has helped many State of Kansas employees with major life transitions. To read the full March EAP news article on becoming retirement ready, click [here](#).

**Congratulations!**

KU School of Medicine–Wichita has received the Gold Level “Breastfeeding Employees Support Award” from the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition and its Business Case for Breastfeeding program. The award is based on proven and established standards to benefit employers and employees. It recognizes businesses that provide support services to their nursing employees, to include education as well as the time and space for employees to nurse and/or pump breast milk at their workplace. The award is the top ranking of three sponsored by the Coalition. According to Brenda Bandy, director of the Business Case for Breastfeeding in Kansas, KUSM–W received the award for achieving a high level of support to their employees as outlined in the Coalition’s criteria by providing a “gold level” pumping room, allowing flexible time to pump, and having instituted a model breastfeeding support policy.
KUSM-W in the News

- May 19—McPherson native graduates with degree
- May 18—AIDS community hopeful about home HIV test
- May 10—Many pregnant women fear exercising

For the latest news about KUSM-W, click here.

Dean’s Update

Dean Wilson delivered his quarterly update on the medical school on May 16, including information about Preventive Medicine & Public Health by Dr. Tracie Collins. If you were unable to attend or would like to listen to the update again, an audio recording and PowerPoint presentation are available online. Listen to the update here.

Safety First!

To get National Safety Month started right, here are some links to safety information you may find useful.

- **Tornado Safety** from the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., can be found here.
- **Fire Safety** tips are listed here.
- **Heat Stress** information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can be found here.

Go Red Golf Tournament

Support the American Heart Association at the Go Red Golf Tournament. Competition will tee off on Monday, June 18, at the Wichita Country Club! The Mercedes-Benz Local Tournament in Wichita is a nationwide amateur-only golf program for men and women, 21 years or older. Players will compete for one of two spots on the Scholfield Auto Plaza Mercedes-Benz team that will advance to the Sectional Tournament at Turtle Bay Resort in Oahu, Hawaii, in November 2012. A total of three teams from the Sectional Tournament will advance to the National Finals at West Lake Country Club in Augusta, Ga., in April 2013. This once-in-a-lifetime experience includes an invitation to participate in exclusive activities surrounding the Masters Tournament. The registration fee is $200 per golfer and the entry deadline is Thursday, June 14. Additional information here.

Safety Who?

Upton Sinclair, American author, achieved notoriety in the early 20th century for his classic novel “The Jungle.” The novel created a public uproar by exposing the unsafe conditions in the U.S. meat-packing industry. It prompted, in part, the passage of the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act.
**How long have you worked at KUSM-W, and what was your job before you came here?**
I have been in Facilities for almost 4 ½ years. I previously worked for Farmland Foods. I was the plant manager’s assistant for five years and then later became a purchasing assistant.

**What are your job responsibilities and what do you like most about your job?**
My main responsibility is to serve others within the school and I do my best to be diligent. I love to interact with everyone. As a team member I am responsible for room reservations, vehicle reservations, purchasing, purchase orders, yearly service agreements, and work orders - just to mention a few.

**Tell us about your top 5 Strengths.**
My top 5 strengths are: Responsibility, Learner, Developer, Adaptability and Restorative. I take responsibility of a task handed to me and will ensure that it is completed. I love to learn, so I am always seeking out new opportunities within my work environment. I believe that you can only be a developer if you learn to serve others, so I use this trait every day. There is a saying that states “blessed are those that are flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape,” and I work toward being adaptable daily within our constantly changing environment. My restorative side loves to solve problems and I enjoy the challenge to accomplish this.

**What do you do in your spare time?**
I love music and I am a musician, although I play totally by ear. My instrument of choice is the organ. I play in our church as often as I can. I also play the accordion and piano. I have purchased a concertina (which is one of the main instruments used in South Africa) and hope to play it someday. I love to travel and do a lot of sight-seeing and have visited numerous different states. My favorite state is Colorado so far and I hope to retire there one day.

**What’s a favorite movie and/or book?**
I do not watch many movies and don’t have too much time to read; although when I was younger, reading was all I did! I remember reading about four books a day while in school! If I have to choose a movie I have liked in the past, I would say “The Matrix.” I just love the fact that one can overcome the odds through perseverance.

**Who is your hero or the person you most admire and why?**
My hero is my father. As a pastor’s daughter I watched him go through hardships in the ministry and learned by him what faith and trust is and where I could go in times of need. I watched him be molded by his circumstances and never give up hope. His example is what I live by today.

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**Safety What?**
A safety is a defensive position in American and Canadian football. The safeties are defensive backs and line up 10 to 15 yards behind the line of scrimmage.

A safety or safety touch is a type of score in American and Canadian football and is worth two points. In American football, it is the only means by which a team not in possession of the football can score points.
Immunizations: Today’s Recommendations & Options
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 12
Roberts Amphitheater

Robert Wittler, M.D.
Pediatrician, infectious disease subspecialty
KU Wichita Pediatrics

Did you miss the May 8 lecture about Childhood Nutrition & Obesity with Elaine Harrington, M.D.?
FREE audio recordings and notes are available online at wichita.kumc.edu/livelearn within a week after each lecture.

Reproduction and Infertility Research Funding Opportunity

Specialized Cooperative Centers Program in Reproduction and Infertility Research (U54)
National Institutes of Health
Estimated total program funding: $3,500,000

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) provides funding for a limited number of research centers in the reproductive sciences. These centers provide an arena for multidisciplinary interactions between basic and clinical scientists interested in establishing high-quality translational research programs in the area of reproductive health and infertility.

More information can be found here.

Muzna Atif May 30
Leslie Bretches May 30
Sam Palmer May 30
Rebecca Crowell May 31
Stephanie Kuhlmann May 31
Jennifer Collins June 1
Robert Wiese June 1
Pat Cox June 2
Jason Gregory June 2
Kimberly Jensen June 2
Shannon Leach June 2
Brad Poss June 3
Michael Burke June 4
Cassandra McCullough June 4
Penni Smith June 4
Kaitlin Ditch June 5
Alisa Jost June 5
Nicolette Wise June 5
Nga Le June 6
David Lee June 6
Michael Wells June 6
Chuck Coffey June 8
Sherry Nash June 8
Melissa Novak June 8
Andrea McCown June 9
Jon Schrage June 9
Kari Harris June 10
Kurt Konda June 12
Subhashchandra Shah June 12

JTO receives birthdays from Academic and Student Affairs, MPA, WCGME, the MPH program, and Human Resources. If you prefer that your birthday not be published, please notify the appropriate representative.
**Wanted: Research Study Participants**

The KU School of Medicine–Wichita needs participants for a placebo-controlled study designed to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of Desvenlafaxine Succinate Sustained-Release (DVS SR) in the treatment of children and adolescents ages 7-17 with Depression. Participants will be asked to complete about 10 study visits and will receive investigational study medication or placebo (inactive substance), study-related mental health assessments, lab assessments, and physical exams. Compensation may be provided for completed visits. Subjects who complete the eight-week treatment may be eligible to participate in a six-month open-label extension study. For more information, contact Jessica Rudick at (316) 293-3806.

The KU School of Medicine–Wichita needs participants to enroll now for a study that will offer cutting-edge treatment to individuals in Wichita and south central Kansas suffering from treatment-resistant major depression. Participants must be between 18 and 65 years old. The study will consist of seven visits, including one 24-hour inpatient stay at the KU Wichita Clinical Trial Unit in Wichita. Participants will be compensated for their time. Individuals interested in learning more about the study may call (316) 293-1821 or e-mail komo@kumc.edu.

If you are involved in a study that is recruiting subjects and would like to have it listed in Jayhawk Talk Online, please e-mail wicpa@kumc.edu with the specifics. Once we draft the copy, we’ll send it back to you for IRB approval then publish it.

**Safety What?**

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), signed into law by President Obama on Jan. 4, 2011, enables the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to better protect public health by strengthening the food safety system. It allows the FDA to focus more on preventing food-safety problems, rather than reacting to problems after they occur.

**KU Pride day for United Way**

Please join us for the next KU Pride day for the United Way Campaign, Wednesday, June 20. With supervisor’s approval, you may wear jeans to work if you purchased a year pass or by purchasing a sticker for $2.50 in Human Resources. All proceeds will benefit United Way. For more information, please contact Tyler Doyle at 3-2649 or tdoyle@kumc.edu.

**Match a Maple!**

The AIDS Memorial Garden is in need of some help. It has moved three times since 1997 with its final resting spot located on the Wichita Campus adjacent to the parking lot on the northeast side of the complex. The AIDS Memorial Garden was designed to remember someone special with an engraved brick. Bricks have been purchased for those who have died from AIDS or those who have been instrumental in the fight against the disease.

The hope is to beautify the area with trees, bushes, and plants to create a respite spot for anyone, including anyone who works at KUSM–W. The bricks are in place, tulips and hostas are planted, but so much more needs to be done to improve the area.

Dr. Donna Sweet has agreed to buy some Japanese maples for the area and we are asking for contributions from others to help the cause. We are looking to add several large holly bushes which cost almost $100 each. We also want to add some other plants to the area to make it much more inviting. If you are willing to contribute, contact Michael Madecky at 293-3405 or mmadecky@kumc.edu.
Reminder about how tobacco credits are awarded

*For Non-tobacco users:* a file of all employees who declared themselves as non-tobacco users during open enrollment was loaded to the wellness portal in November to populate the credits. Employees with established accounts should have received their 10 credits. If you did not yet have an account, there was nowhere for your credits to go. We reload this report on a regular basis so you should see your 10 credits within three weeks after establishing your account, which can be done by clicking here.

*For tobacco users:* employees who declared as tobacco users during open enrollment and agreed to participate in the cessation program to receive the 2012 premium discount will need to complete the five required discussions with a Quit Coach in order to maintain their discount for all of 2012 and to earn their 10 credits toward the 2013 premium discount. Employees can expect to see their 10 credits awarded to their portal account within three weeks of completing their fifth discussion with a Quit Coach. For more information on the tobacco cessation program requirements, please click here.

Introphase Picnic

Introphase 2012 is Monday, June 18, through Thursday, June 21. Students, residents, faculty, staff, and their families are invited to attend the Introphase Eberly Farm picnic to welcome our new students from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20. The event is sponsored by ASA and is free of charge. In addition to a delicious dinner and an opportunity to meet the students, tractor-drawn hay rides and the petting zoo will be open for everyone to enjoy! To save your spot, please R.S.V.P. online by Monday, June 11. Contact Lynnette Amey with any questions at ext. 3-2603 or lamey@kumc.edu.

Safety What?

As of 2008, 24 states had implemented a government inspection and accident investigation program for amusement rides. Ten states relied on insurance companies or 3rd-party inspectors to audit industry compliance with safety standards and regulations. Ten states, including Kansas, fell somewhere in the middle, with government exerting authority over some, but not all, critical safety functions. Six states had no established regulations for the safety of amusement rides.
Vehicles added to the KUSM-W motor pool

KUMC has discontinued its motor pool, so two vehicles have been transferred from their fleet to Wichita. Each of the vehicles is a white 2007 Ford Focus, one of which is pictured here. Additionally, we have purchased a 2012 Ford Equinox which will be arriving in late June or early July.

We encourage departments to utilize our fleet for employees who will be traveling. The current mileage rate billed is $.35 (FY12), and it will increase to $.48 per mile for FY13. This is still slightly cheaper for departments compared to the mileage rate reimbursed to an employee using his or her personal vehicle at the current rates of $.51 per mile (state funds) or $.55 (KUEA funds).

Each vehicle has a calendar in GroupWise that you can proxy to search for availability. The vehicle info will also soon be updated on the Facilities Management website. To reserve a vehicle please complete a Request/reservation Form.

Parking Permit Renewal Reminder

Mark your calendars! FY12 parking permits (blue) for the permit-required parking lots will automatically expire on June 30. Please plan to submit your FY13 parking application any time from Monday, June 11, through Friday, June 22, to purchase new (yellow) permits.

Due to the increasing cost to maintain the parking lots, the yearly parking permit fee will increase in FY13. The cost will be $150 for faculty/staff and $85 for residents/students. The parking application for FY13 will be available on the Facilities website at http://wichita.kumc.edu/fac/forms/parkingapp.html beginning Monday, June 11, and must be submitted by anyone who wants to obtain a new parking permit for FY13.

Note: If you are a state employee who currently pays for parking with payroll deduction, we will need a new payroll deduction form to be completed along with your parking application since the deduction amount will increase to $5.77 per pay period in FY13. If you elect to cancel your payroll deduction and no longer want a parking permit, please select the cancellation option on a payroll deduction form and submit to Facilities Management no later than Friday, June 22. If you have any questions, please contact Facilities at wicfac@kumc.edu or 293-2625.

Congrats!

Camilo Palacio, M.D., Pediatrics clinical assistant professor, was re-certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Safety Who?

In-Flight Safety is a Canadian indie rock band formed in 2003. In-Flight Safety was nominated for a 2007 Juno Award for Video of the Year for “Coast Is Clear.” Two of their songs were featured on a Jan. 2012 episode of “The Office.”
Space Heaters at KUSM–W

All space heaters in use on the KUSM–W campus must be inspected and have an approval sticker. If you have a space heater that needs to be inspected or needs a new inspection sticker, please read the policy regarding space heaters and complete the form here.

Bicycle Safety

The weather is warm and bicyclists are hitting the streets. The City of Wichita is making a big effort to be more bike-friendly. Take their bicycling survey and learn more about bicycling in Wichita including bike paths, the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan, and how to ride in traffic.

Door Access Information

Successful Card Swipes: When using door access card readers, swipe and wait for the click. If you pull the door open too quickly, it won’t work.

Protect Your Key Card: Do not attach anything, such as pins, to your key card. They could interfere with your card’s ability to work and you may have to pay for a new one.

Hold that Door and Avoid a False Alarm Charge: If you need to hold a door open, it must be during building hours, which are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and it must be a door that does not require an access card (Clinic, Main, West Atrium, Courtyard). Using a door that requires an access card will result in a false alarm call for which there is a charge.

Enter Safely After Hours: After hours, outside of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, we are asked to use the West Atrium or main entrance because they are well lit and more open, thus the safest.

An OSHA Update from Facilities Management

Facilities Management would like to share these two OSHA requirements that are not covered in safety training.

Means of Egress

Two exit routes. At least two exit routes must be available in a workplace to permit prompt evacuation of employees and other building occupants during an emergency. The exit routes must be located as far away as practical from each other so that if one exit route is blocked by fire or smoke, employees can evacuate using the second exit route.

An exit access must be at least 28 inches wide at all points. Where there is only one exit access leading to an exit or exit discharge, the width of the exit and exit discharge must be at least equal to the width of the exit access.

Confined Spaces

"Confined space" is defined as a space that:
1. Is large enough and so configured that an employee can bodily enter and perform assigned work; and
2. Has limited or restricted means for entry or exit (for example, tanks, vessels, silos, storage bins, hoppers, vaults, and pits are spaces that may have limited means of entry.); and
3. Is not designed for continuous employee occupancy.

Here on our campus we have man holes and air handlers that meet the requirements of a confined space. No one may enter a confined space without specific Confined Space Training.

Safety Where?

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), located in Washington, D.C., is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency’s jurisdiction. In June of 2011, they opened the National Product and Testing Evaluation Center in Rockville, Md.
Don’t forget your discounted movie tickets

VIP discount tickets to the Warren Theatres (East, West, and Old Town) are sold in HR during regular business hours. Price per ticket is $7. Check with the theatres prior to purchase as passes are not accepted for all performances. For further information, or to check on availability of passes, contact HR at 3-2615.

Congratulations!

Third-year student Liz Barton and her husband, Casey, have a son, Mahlon Daniel, born April 17. He weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Third-year student Jose Arroyo and his wife, Maribel, have a daughter. Sophia Rosario was born April 24. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Humanitarian of the Year Award

Congratulations to Sonia Greteman of Greteman Group, the 2012 recipient of Dr. Donna Sweet’s Humanitarian of the Year award. Sonia was honored at an Asian-inspired fundraising event at Crown Uptown Theatre on Monday, May 21.

Left: St. Anthony’s Dragon Dance Team opened the festivities. They later performed as the Lion Dance Team.

Left: Award recipient Sonia Greteman, Michael Madecky, MPA, and Dr. Donna Sweet.

Below: Wichita Chinese Dance Group performs a routine representing beauty in its many forms.

Right: Cecilia Salmeron, MPA, appears to have enjoyed a great evening!
A JayStar is a “spot award” recognition program designed to acknowledge and reward employees. To learn more about the award and how you can nominate someone, go to JAYSTARS.

Recipient: Facilities Management
The 20th Annual Research Forum could not have been a success without the hard work of everyone in Facilities Management. Bob Wiese’s accommodating and "can do" attitude from the very first conversation about the forum set a positive tone for the entire endeavor. Mark LeMasters went the extra mile to make sure we were happy with the post board and room set up. Manuel Barona’s team did an incredible job setting up rooms and by the next day they had cleaned up so well that there was no evidence of the forum at all! Terri and Debra showed remarkable patience with our office while we worked out the details of room reservations, billing, and overall coordination of the event. And to everyone else who worked behind the scenes that I didn’t mention individually, we could not have had as successful a day without them!

Nominated by Office of Research

Safety What?
OSHA is part of the United States Department of Labor. The administrator for OSHA is the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. OSHA’s administrator answers to the Secretary of Labor, who is a member of the cabinet of the President of the United States. With the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Congress created the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to assure safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women by setting and enforcing standards and by providing training, outreach, education, and assistance.
Say “hello” to...

Hannah Neilsen
Standardized Patient
ASA

Tara Rose
Medical Claims Auditor
MPA

Lauren Thomas
Intern
PMPH

Safety What?

“The Safety Dance” is a hit song for the New Wave band Men Without Hats. It topped the U.S. charts at #3 in 1983. The song was featured in the season one episode “Dream On” of the television show “Glee.”

Classifieds

For sale

Home in Riverside area. $87,900. 2 br/1 bath, large sunroom, and large shaded backyard. Working with Realtor Art Busch. Contact Todd at thetodd03@gmail.com or (316) 516-9805.

Home Style 6 quart electric homemade ice cream maker. Pine tub with aluminum can, good condition. $45. Contact Kristi at kristijf@juno.com.

John Deere LA145 riding lawnmower, 48” mowing deck, bagger included, low mowing hours, 4 years old. $1,500. Contact Trisha at trichmeier@att.net or (316) 706-5865.

For rent

Andover duplex, over 2,000 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 3 full bath, non-smoking unit. Large yard with sprinkler system. Available first week in June. Rent $1,100. Call (316) 655-7700.

If you have an item to buy, sell, or trade, consider listing it as a FREE classified ad in JTO. This service is available to students, residents, faculty, staff, and others who work for KU, MPA, and affiliates.

Remember, you must resubmit – by e-mailing wicpa@kumc.edu or calling 293-2643 – to list an item again!
Career Opportunities

Faculty

Family and Community Medicine
Clinical Scholar
Geriatrician (2 FTEs)

Internal Medicine
Ambulatory Care/General Internal Medicine (3 FTEs)
Cardiologist (2 FTEs)
Dermatologist (2 FTEs)
Endocrinologist (2 FTEs)
Gastroenterologist (2 FTEs)
Hematologist/Oncologist (2 FTEs)
Hospitalist (5 FTEs)
Infectious Disease Specialist (3 FTEs)
Infectious Disease, Chief
Neurologist
Neurologist
Pulmonary/Critical Care (2 FTEs)
Rheumatologist (2 FTEs)

OBGYN
Chair, Department of OBGYN

Orthopaedic Surgery
Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

Pediatrics
General Pediatrician
General Pediatrician
Neonatologist (PT)
Pediatric Diagnostic Cardiologist
Pediatric Endocrinologist
Pediatric Intensivist
Pediatric Pulmonologist

Psychiatry
Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist
Child & Adolescent Psychologist
General Psychiatrist
Geriatric Psychiatrist
Neuro/Health Psychologist

Office of Research
Senior Scientist/Director of Mid-Continent Center for Outcomes and Health Services Research
Scientist—Mid-Continent Center for Outcomes and Health Services Research

Staff

ASA
Assistant Director-Standardized Patient Program
Standardized Patient Pool
Student Services Coordinator

PMPH
Post doctoral Fellow

Psychiatry
PRN Pool
Research Assistant
Research Nurse (1 FTE)

For more information, contact Leona Johnson, HR, ext. 3-2615, or ljohnson7@kumc.edu. For a complete and up-to-date listing, click on JOB VACANCIES.

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