I’m not a doctor, I just play one on TV

They are doctors with the status of rock stars. Between the white coats and extreme sense of urgency, we believe their diagnoses are correct and their procedures, albeit often rogue, are miraculous. Their names are household but are not included in the respected list of “Best Doctors in America.” They have captured our respect as doctors without ever attending medical school. How did they do that? Well, they aren’t really doctors; they just play one on TV.

Somehow, for years we have scheduled weekly appointments with Drs. Quinn, House, Gray, Dorian, Montgomery, Howser, Greene, Turk, and Ross, to name a few despite their excessive use of “stat!” and inordinate time spent on their personal lives at work. Of all of the medical shows that have aired on television, would you ever guess that doctors actually practicing medicine have suggested that “Scrubs” has been the most realistic?

As with any television show about a real profession, we probably shouldn’t rush to believe that their terminology or techniques are correctly used; however, “Scrubs” is noted for its accuracy in capturing the trials and rewards of the profession, the training process, and the dynamics of a hospital. The writers of this show were assigned to interview five doctors each season and incorporate their stories into the series, a strategy which was a proven success. Behind the silliness and lack of intense drama and complicated procedures, the show is recognized for portraying ordinary cases and touching on the emotions often felt during residency.

Fun Facts

“Scrubs” creator/producer/writer Bill Lawrence says the show is a combination of his favorite sit-coms: “M*A*S*H” and “The Wonder Years.”

In “Scrubs”, the chest X-ray featured at the end of the title sequence was hung backwards for most of the first five seasons. Why? To signify the inexperience of the new interns.
Most Popular Medical School

KU School of Medicine is the most popular medical school in the country according to a report released by U.S. News and World Report after review of 121 U.S. medical schools. The ranking was determined by the percentage of students who were admitted to medical schools and then opted to enroll in the program. At the KU School of Medicine, 176 of the 214 accepted (82.2%) chose to attend the school in the 2010-2011 academic year, earning the school the top ranking. For more than 35 years, KUSM–W has provided hands-on clinical training to 3rd- and 4th-year students.

To read more about this report, click here.

Mission Pawsible

On Saturday, June 18, the Sedgwick County Animal Response Team (SCART) will present an evening of music, wine, and tapas at the Farm Credit Bank Building. The event will raise money to help provide temporary sheltering for pets during a disaster, food and supplies for sheltered pets, and train SCART volunteers. KU School of Medicine–Wichita’s Elizabeth Ablah, LaVonda Cash, and Tracy Clarke volunteer their time to this pet-friendly organization. Tickets can be purchased by clicking here.

Discounted tickets and season passes for Worlds of Fun!

Remember, as an employee of KUSM–W, you are entitled to a variety of discounted tickets and season passes all season long through the private online store.

$9.99 Junior/Senior Spring Special Ends Soon
Purchase and use a single-day Junior/Senior admission tickets by June 12, 2011 and save up to $13!

Gold Season Pass - only $99.99, a savings of $10!
Regular Gold season passes are only $99.99, and include unlimited access to Wolds of Fun and Oceans of Fun for the 2011 season along with free parking and the Halloween Haunt! Junior/Senior Gold season passes are only $69.99.

Accessing the online store is easy and convenient, just click here and enter the password “Charlie.”

Prices do not include tax.

TIAA-CREF on Campus

Do you have questions about your individual retirement planning? Representatives from TIAA-CREF will be on campus on Wednesday, June 8, and Tuesday, August 9, for one-on-one retirement planning sessions. To discuss your plan and options for managing your retirement savings and to schedule an appointment, call (800) 732-8353, Monday thru Friday, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (EST).
KUSM-W in the News

- May 31—Wheat State Tour makes stop in Inman
- May 31—KU group taking a Wheat State whirlwind tour
- May 31—KU Medical School ranks #1

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

Fun Fact Quiz #1
On which family sitcom television show that ran from 1958 to 1966 was the father's profession a doctor?

a. “The Donna Reed Show”
b. “My Three Sons”
c. “Father Knows Best”
d. “The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis”

Answer can be found on page 13.

Can you spend that extra money?

Administrative and Financial Services reminds everyone that you cannot use unspent APP salary monies on Other Operating Expenses (OOE), such as office supplies, equipment, etc. The APP salary and fringe budget is separate and not transferrable to OOE. If you have questions regarding year-end procedures or deadlines, contact AFS at 3-2600.

Elevator maintenance

Behind those closed doors, work continues to make the main building’s south elevator operational as wiring is completed and new cables are installed. New hall stations (buttons outside elevators) will be installed shortly. Renovation of the main building’s north elevator will proceed more quickly due in part to the prep work that was done during work on the south elevator. Facilities Management continues to thank the KUSM–W community for their patience during the inconvenience of having only one functioning 4-floor elevator in the main building.

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.
How long have you worked at KUSM–W and what was your job before you came here?
I have worked for KUSM–W for 3½ years. Before working here, I worked at the Wichita Clinic for 5½ years as a surgery scheduler in the float pool. I provided coverage for surgery schedulers when someone was out sick or on extended leave. That was a really fun job because I was always learning new things and meeting new people throughout the clinic branches.

What are your job responsibilities and what do you like most about your job?
My department duties include providing administrative support for the department administrator and the department chair. I’m also responsible for the front desk duties, which include handling incoming calls and assisting visitors to the department. I assist/support full-time faculty and staff upon request and I am responsible for processing all billings and reimbursements to department accounts. I maintain financial records for all departmental funds, including Kansas University Endowment funds. I also order supplies and equipment for the department and provide clerical support to the student education office.

What I like most about my job is the variety, since no one day is ever the same. I also enjoy the person-to-person contact.

What do you do in your spare time?
In my spare time, you will find me working in my flowerbeds or mowing the yard. I love to work in the yard, and the house I bought last June has lots to keep me busy. I also enjoy shopping, (no surprise to those who know me). I also spend a lot of time with my immediate family, especially my niece Mya, who is 7 years old and calls me her first best friend, which I think is too sweet.

What’s a favorite movie and/or book?
My favorite movie is “Gone With the Wind” and Scarlett O’Hara is one of my favorite movie characters. My favorite author is Mary Higgins Clark, an awesome mystery writer, and I have collected almost all of her books in hardback.

Who is your hero or the person you most admire and why?
My hero is my father because he is one of a kind and I admire him for many, many things. The number one thing I admire him for is his integrity. Growing up, he would always stress the importance of trying to do the right thing no matter what the situation and whether anyone knew or not.
KU Pride will take place on Friday, June 10, at 9 a.m. in the Sunflower Room. There are still prizes to win, so we hope to see you there!

But wait, there’s more!

Dean Wilson has posted new entries to his blog and wants you to be in the know. If you haven’t already subscribed, just click here. If you want to catch up on his past entries, click here.

Wanted: Research Study Participants

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.

Employee Appreciation Event

**Root Beer Floats**

Wednesday, June 8
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Sunflower Room

The first 200 employees to arrive will receive a free KU Mug!

Young Professionals of Wichita is looking for volunteers

Young Professionals of Wichita needs volunteers for the 3rd Annual Enhance Community Project to help make improvements to 10 area homes where residents are unable to do the work themselves. Tasks include landscaping, exterior facade improvements, and general clean-up. The workday is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, in the area south of North High School and morning and afternoon shifts are available.

Volunteers also are needed to help that day with the neighborhood community celebration, which will take place from noon to 2 p.m., and will feature food, games, face painting, fire truck tours, and a piñata.

Enhance is a community service event that provides young professionals with an opportunity to give back to their community. For more information, contact Corie Holbrook at (316) 268-1171.

Fun Fact Quiz #2

Jane Seymour starred as Dr. Michaela Quinn in “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman” from 1993 through 1998. In which state was the series set?

a. Oklahoma  
b. Colorado  
c. Tennessee  
d. Kentucky

*Answer can be found on page 13.*
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.

Sheryl Kelley
MPA

Coordinating media interviews can be time consuming and often happens at the last-minute on a tight deadline, such as this week when the Eagle and a local TV station had requests. Sheryl is always available and works instantly to coordinate with Dr. Sweet and/or the KU Wichita Internal Medicine Midtown Clinic. Sheryl’s help is invaluable for me and for the school.

The Wichita Eagle wanted to photograph students and residents but no residents were scheduled to be in the clinic on this particular morning. Sheryl worked her magic and coordinated with three residents, two students, and the clinic staff. As a result, the photo shoot went off without a hitch!

I nominate Sheryl for a JayStar, not only for this week, but for all of her help in the past (and future) with media. I could not do my job as well if it weren’t for her help. Thanks, Sheryl!

Nominated by Cari Merrill, Public Affairs

Looking for something for your children to do this summer that keeps them out of the heat? The Kids Bowl Free program allows kids to bowl 2 free games every day between May and October for free. All you have to pay is the shoe rental. Also, you can add 4 adults (parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, babysitters, or friends) to your kids’ registration for $25 and the adults receive the same benefits when they take the kids to bowl. There are several participating bowling alleys in Wichita, including The Alley, Northrock, Thunderbird, and West Acres.

For more information or to register, click here. Once your child is registered, you will need to print out the coupons from the website each week.

Kansas Family Strengthening Summit

The Family Strengthening Coalition is a diverse group of Kansas community leaders and professionals committed to strengthening the family relationships their children depend on to thrive. The Coalition aims to connect and collaborate with businesses, agencies, and services through pro-active research based community initiatives with both immediate and generational impact.

The Kansas Family Strengthening Summit will take place on Wednesday, June 8 and Thursday, June 9, and will open with a keynote address by Governor Sam Brownback. Co-sponsored by the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce’s Our Family Strengthening Alliance, the summit also will showcase presentations by national and local experts, too numerous to list here. For more information or to register, click here.

Fun Fact Quiz #3

“M*A*S*H” took place during the Korean War. What does “MASH” stand for?

Answer can be found on page 13.
Child Abuse: Preventing, Recognizing, & Reporting
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 14
Roberts Amphitheater

Katherine Melhorn, MD
Pediatrician
KU School of Medicine–Wichita
KU Wichita Pediatrics

Did you miss the May 10 lecture about Depression with Russell Scheffer, MD?
FREE audio recordings and notes are available online at wichita.kumc.edu/livelearn within a week after each lecture.

Fun Fact
The number of careers that flourished because of “ER” is a real tribute to the series creator, former doctor Michael Crichton, who based the material on his experience as a resident in a busy emergency room.

E-Learning Modules available to employees
KUMC has several e-learning modules for employees in the areas of Career Advancement, Management/Leadership, Policies & Procedures, and Professional Development. To complete these trainings, click here. You will need to log in using your network user name and password.

Updated campus parking map now available online
Many of us use the online parking maps to let guests know where to park on campus. The most current map is now available, click here.
Retirements

On Monday, May 23, faculty, staff, friends, and family gathered to wish Jan Arbuckle, Associate Dean for Administration, well in her upcoming retirement. In her 32 years of service, Jan has helped to further the mission of KUSM–W and her contributions are deeply appreciated.

Internal Medicine volunteer faculty member Richard Preston, MD, in Great Bend is retiring. Click here to read the story in the Great Bend Tribune.

Congratulations!

Fifteen KU School of Medicine–Wichita faculty members in various departments have been promoted, effective July 1.

Associate Professors with Tenure
Suzanne R. Hawley, PhD, Preventive Medicine & Public Health; and Ruth E. Wetta-Hall, PhD, RN, MPH, MSN, Preventive Medicine & Public Health

Associate Professors
Mark E. Harrison, MD, Pediatrics; and Brenda A. Issa, MD, Pediatrics

Research Associate Professor
Carolyn R. Ahlers-Schmidt, PhD, Pediatrics

Clinical Professor
James M. Haan, MD, Surgery

Clinical Associate Professors
Kamran M. Ali, MD, Radiology; Mona B. Brake, MD, Internal Medicine; Susan L. Carr, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences; Therese E. Cusick, MD, Surgery; Maurice L. Duggins, MD, Family & Community Medicine; Donna F. Ewy, MD, Family & Community Medicine; T. Lee Mills, MD, Family & Community Medicine; Noel C. Sanchez, MD, Surgery; Scott L. Stringfield, MD, Family & Community Medicine
Virtual Race Across Kansas

Join the statewide physical activity and nutrition challenge that begins June 1. Participants track their physical activity and consumption of fruits and vegetables that translate into travel miles across Kansas. Participants who complete the challenge by earning 1,000 (or more) miles will be entered into a prize drawing. For more information or to sign up, click here.

Fun Fact Quiz #4

“Doogie Howser, MD” is a story about undoubtedly the youngest doctor on any TV show, or for that matter anywhere else. Neil Patrick Harris began to play Doogie when he was 16. How old was Doogie in the show?

Answer can be found on page 13.

Congratulations!

Paul Callaway, MD, Wesley Family Medicine Residency Program Director, will receive the Gold Level Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD) 2011 Program Director Recognition Award, which is bestowed upon directors who have demonstrated accomplishments in tenure, training, performance, and advocacy. He will be presented his award on Monday, June 13, 2011 during the Workshop for Directors of Family Medicine Residencies in Kansas City, Missouri.

Aaron Davis, DO, Wesley Family Medical resident, was accepted into and received a scholarship for the Brown University MPH Program in Providence, Rhode Island for next fall.

Delegates for the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students, which will be held on July 28-30 in Kansas City, have been named. Third-year student Amanda Baxa is the official Kansas Student Delegate and Collee Loo-Gross, MPH student, is the official Kansas Student Alternate Delegate. Andrew Pope, MD, Via Christi Family Medicine resident, is the official Kansas Resident Delegate and Shane Thoreson, MD, is the official KS Resident Alternate Delegate.

Rick Kellerman, MD, been named to the Center for the History of Family Medicine Board of Curators. The Center organizes, preserves, and provides access to the records of the leading Family Medicine organizations as well as the personal and professional papers of family physicians who have contributed to the growth of the specialty. Dr. Kellerman edited "In Their Own Words, Stories about the Origins of Family Medicine Education at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita and Affiliated Residencies."

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HealthQuest Employee Assistance Services
(formerly called LIFELINE)

HealthQuest provides important services for State of Kansas benefits eligible employees and their family members living in the same household at no cost.

Services Include:
- Short-term counseling (1-4 face-to-face sessions per issue) with an EAP counselor for a wide variety of concerns, including daily stresses, depression and anxiety, life transition concerns, problems with co-workers or supervisor, stress due to layoffs or furloughs, the loss of a loved one, marital issues, and drug and alcohol problems.
- Elder care consultation with an elder care specialist
- Child care referrals from a child care specialist
- Legal consultation with an attorney
- Financial consultations with a professional
- Extended benefit for employees and immediate family members for 6 months after any layoff action
- Life Coaching Programs (employees only)

For more information on services click here, call the EAP at 1-888-275-1205 (option 7) any time, day or night, 7 days a week. That's all you need to do. Just pick up the phone. Your call will be completely confidential.

Questions can be directed to Tracy Clarke, HR, at 3-1802 or tclarke@kumc.edu.

Writing Excellent Grant Proposals Seminar

Monday, June 6, 2011
Noon to 1 p.m.
Wichita Room

Only 1 in 5 grants receive approval so writing convincing, compelling, and competitive proposals is an indispensable skill for every researcher. Thomas Blackburn, PhD, will help demystify the grant award process and will provide immediate and actionable steps to get your idea funded.

Participants are welcome to bring a lunch. No RSVP required. Contact Karen Davis, ext. 3-3811 or kDavis4@kumc.edu, with questions.

Be in the Know

Remember that campus events are also included on the KUSM-W calendar. Click here.

Help for Tornado Victims

In the aftermath of devastating spring weather, the American Red Cross serves as one of many organizations dedicated to helping those affected by the storms. For more information on how you can help or donate, click here.
“No Place Like Home”
An exhibit of 15 watercolor drawings by Johanna Hanks.
There will be a public reception Friday, June 3, from 2:30-3:15 p.m. in the Esplanade.
William J. Reals Gallery of Art – East

If you have any questions, contact Anita Peeters, IT, ext. 3-3400.

“Children’s Mental Health Day Cookbook Artwork”
An exhibit of 22 drawings submitted to the cookbook.
William J. Reals Gallery of Art – West
Cookbooks can be purchased for $12 by contacting Janice McAdam, Psychiatry, ext. 3-2669.

If you have any questions, contact Anita Peeters, IT, ext. 3-3400.

KU Center for Technology Commercialization
On Tuesday, June 21, Jim Baxendale with the KU Center for Technology Commercialization will be available to discuss the impact of university intellectual property for the benefit of the university and society. Meetings are being scheduled between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you are interested in speaking with him, please contact Karen Davis at 293-3811 or by e-mail at kdavis4@kumc.edu.

We have some of the best doctors!
More than 100 physicians from the Wichita area were chosen for this year’s Best Doctors Awards. Many of KUSM–W’s doctors made the list, which you can read by clicking here.

Fun Fact Quiz #5
Not all the hit doctor shows took place in hospitals. “The Cosby Show” began in 1984 and was the story of a delightful Brooklyn, New York family whose mother was a lawyer and whose father was a doctor. What was this family’s name?

Answer can be found on page 13.

Forgot Your Towel?
Towels are now available in the Wellness Shower Room for individuals who use the wellness workout room during the day. A laundry hamper has been placed in the shower room for used towels. A big thank you is owed to the Housekeeping staff for their assistance in maintaining the fresh towels.
Welcome Wheat State Whirlwind Tour

On Thursday, May 26, more than 40 University of Kansas faculty and staff visited the Wichita Campus as part of a five-day, 1,400-mile-plus trek across Kansas. Once they were greeted by Dean Wilson and Associate Dean of Pharmacy Bob Emerson, they toured the Standardized Patient Program and new Pharmacy Lab. Third-year students Dana Vietti and Kourtney Bettinger met the visitors in the student lounge and talked about their experiences at KUSM–W.

Tour participants stopped in nearly 30 communities, including Barnes, Marysville, Salina, Lucas, Palco, WaKeeney, Quinter, Scotty City, Inman, and Wichita, among others. The tour provides participants from across the state, many of whom are new to Kansas, with an opportunity to learn about the state’s history, economy, geography, and culture to better understand where many of their students come from and learn more about the state they serve.

Fun Fact

Did you know that the quote “I am not a doctor, I just play one on tv” originated in a 1986 commercial for Vicks Formula 44 cough syrup, which was being pitched by two soap opera doctors? Legend has it that federal regulators decided that having a TV doctor in the commercials could be perceived as a real doctor endorsing a product.
Fun Fact Quiz Answers

1. a-“The Donna Reed Show”
2. b-Colorado
3. Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
4. 16
5. Huxtable

Classifieds

For sale

Large trampoline. $75 or best offer. Contact Bob at (316) 304-7995.

Cardboard moving boxes. Quantity is 30+. FREE. Contact Bob at (316) 304-7995.

Paint. 2 gallons Behr semi-gloss in Creekbend (dark grey), 1 gallon Behr semi-gloss in Porpoise (grey), and 1 gallon Behr eggshell Toffee Crunch (brown). $12 each. Contact Cari at carischmidt@cox.net or (316) 210-1505.

House for sale

11342 W. Carr Court in Wichita by Kellogg and Maize Rd. 4 finished BRs (plus one unfinished in basement) and 3 full baths. $159, 000. Contact Sandy at (316) 213-7658 or stoney@0513@gmail.com

Expansion Update

The expansion is looking less like a construction area and more like a new home for students. It’s all in the details now and activities in Phase 2 include waxing floors, washing windows, touching up paint, finishing stairs, and vacuuming carpet. Occupancy is expected very soon!

The smell of grilled steak filled the West Atrium as Mark Schutte and Fernando Ayala and the staff of Facilities Management enjoyed a special Employee Appreciation lunch on Friday, May 20.
Career Opportunities

Faculty

Family and Community Medicine
Clinical Scholar
Geriatrician (2 FTEs)
Residency Faculty Physician

Internal Medicine
Ambulatory Care/General Internal Medicine (3 FTEs)
Rheumatologist (2 FTEs)
Endocrinologist (2 FTEs)
Gastroenterologist (2 FTEs)
Pulmonary/Critical Care (2 FTEs)
Dermatologist (2 FTEs)
Hematologist/Oncologist (2 FTEs)
Cardiologist (2 FTEs)

Med/Peds
Hospitalist (6 FTEs)
Neurologist
Neurologist
Endocrinologist
Infectious Disease (3 FTEs)
Infectious Disease, Chief

Pediatrics
Associate Residency Program Director
General Pediatrician (2 FTEs)
Neonatologist (PT)
Pediatric Cardiologist
Pediatric Endocrinologist
Pediatric Intensivist
Pediatric Pulmonologist
Genetic Counselor

Preventive Medicine & Public Health
Chair of PMPH

Psychiatry
Geriatric Psychiatrist
Assistant Research Professor
Child & Adolescent Psychologist
Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist

Office of Research
Director for Mid-Continent Center for Outcomes & Health Services Research

Staff

Family & Community Medicine
Research Associate

Preventive Medicine & Public Health
Sr. Coordinator
Student Assistant

Psychiatry
Department Administrator
PRN Pool
Research Assistant
Research Associate
Research Nurse

Rural Health Education and Services
Marketing and Communications Coordinator
Multimedia Student Assistant

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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Oread online is the official publication from the Office of University Relations at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

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Next JTO deadline is noon, Wednesday, June 8. Please e-mail items of interest to Public Affairs at wicpa@kumc.edu.