We shall wear purple
We don’t always take too kindly to purple here at KU. But, in November, we’re willing to make an exception. After all, purple is the official color of the Alzheimer’s Association and Alzheimer’s awareness.

President Ronald Reagan first designated November as National Alzheimer’s Awareness Month in 1983.

An estimated 16 million people worldwide have Alzheimer’s, and more than 5 million of them live right here in the United States.

As of right now, the cause of Alzheimer’s is unknown and there is no cure. But, there is hope. Research is offering some answers.

In fact, our folks here at KU are doing what we can to help fight Alzheimer’s. Currently, the team at KU Wichita Clinical Trial Unit is conducting research on early Alzheimer’s. Maybe you or someone you know could benefit from this study.

According to experts, the best treatments for Alzheimer’s disease happen when it is detected early. So, it’s important to know the warning signs. Here are early indicators of Alzheimer’s that you can review.

Sometime in November, wear purple. Wear purple for those currently struggling with Alzheimer’s. Wear purple for those who are sacrificing to care for someone with Alzheimer’s. And wear purple in hope that the future holds a cure for Alzheimer’s.

ALZ in ICT
You can get more information about what’s being done locally to fight Alzheimer’s by visiting the Central and Western Kansas Alzheimer’s Association website.
Join us … the lectures are open to the public.
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dugan-Gorges Conference Center, Newman University, 3100 W. McCormick
Registration required: $5 (includes lunch)

“Worksite Wellness”
Tuesday, Nov. 18
Elizabeth Ablah, Ph.D., MPH
Preventive Medicine & Public Health associate professor, KU School of Medicine–Wichita

We all want a workplace that places a priority on employees’ health and well-being. We also want the benefit of increased employee productivity and decreased absenteeism. The question is … how do we design a workplace wellness initiative that actually works?

Dr. Elizabeth Ablah will provide answers in our next HealthPulse lunchtime education session.

Dr. Ablah is a leading expert in how to change workplace wellness culture in a way that will achieve significant employee health impact – and lower health-related employee expense.

We’re offering a special “three for the price of two” rate for this HealthPulse session.
Three people for only $10 … or six for $20. Price includes lunch.

healthpulse.kumc.edu

We support you
Did you know public affairs offers a variety of items to support your department events? We’ve got your banners, flags, directional signs, easels, beverage tubs, and giant inflatable Jayhawk covered. Visit our website and fill out an event support request form to reserve the goods that will make your event shine.

Additionally, you can request an appearance by our very own Baby Jay. He can greet and hang out with your guests, give photo ops, and generally create a fun atmosphere. Who doesn’t want a high five from Baby Jay? All Baby Jay appearances must have a direct connection to KUSM–W.

Research recruitment services
If you’re involved in a study that is recruiting subjects and would like to have our support in creating recruitment materials, submit a request using our online form. You can request fliers, ads, Jayhawk Talk Online listings, broadcast emails, and more. Once we draft the copy, we’ll send it back to you for IRB approval.
Open Enrollment

It’s time for our annual open enrollment which runs through Oct. 31. This year there are some very important plan and vendor changes.

A few of the changes to note:

- There are no paper enrollment packets or forms for open enrollment, and new enrollments and mid-year changes will be made online only. More information about the online process is below. Access the open enrollment booklet.
- We now offer two insurance carriers, Aetna and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, and two plan options, Plan A and Plan C. There is no longer a Plan B or UnitedHealthcare option. If you are enrolled in Plan B or with UnitedHealthcare, you will need to select a different option during open enrollment. NOTE: If you do not change your enrollment from Plan B, you will be defaulted to Plan C with Aetna if you are currently enrolled in Coventry or UnitedHealthcare, or Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas if that is your current vendor.

As a reminder, if you want to participate in a Flexible Spending Account, HealthyKIDS, the Plan C Health Savings Account, or the new Health Reimbursement Account in 2015, you must actively enroll during open enrollment. Open enrollment is also the time to sign up for Optional Group Life Insurance.

Open enrollment and the submission of required forms will be completed online this year and from this point forward. Please follow the directions below.

1. Log in to myKUMC and enter your network username and password.
2. Click on Pay and Benefits.
3. Click on the Health Insurance Membership Administration Portal (MAP).

This will connect you to the new enrollment site where you can re-enroll if required or make changes and upload necessary documentation.

To log out please follow these instructions exactly.

1. Click the Logout button on the top right. You will receive an error message telling you to close your browser.
2. Close out of the portal and you will be fully disconnected from the MAP database. This logout procedure is critical to ensure security of your private employee information. By following this procedure you will not have to retry your request when you see the error message.

This site is available 24 hours a day during open enrollment from anywhere with internet service. You may also check your HealthQuest discount status from the new portal.

If you have questions, please contact Leona Johnson at ljohnson7@kumc.edu.
Career Opportunities

Faculty

Family & Community Medicine
Department faculty
Faculty scholar
Geriatrician (2 FTEs)
Research faculty

Internal Medicine
Hospitalist
Neurologist

Pediatrics
Pediatric diagnostic cardiologist

Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Inpatient float psychiatrist

Staff

ASA
Standardized Patient pool

Family & Community Medicine
Department administrator

Internal Medicine
Neurology clerkship coordinator/executive assistant to the Dean

For more information, contact Leona Johnson, human resources, 293-1803, or ljohnson7@kumc.edu. For a complete and up-to-date listing, click on JOB VACANCIES.

Oct. 31
Amanda Baxa
Sarah Corn

Nov. 1
Joyce Grayson
Debra Hunt
Edgar LeClaire
Andrea Tiday

Nov. 3
Michael Burt
Darren Farley
Heather Franklin

Nov. 4
Mary Hursey
Regina Lehman
Roseanne Rardin
Brandi Wiens

Nov. 5
Gregory George
Darrell Hively

Nov. 6
Stephen Amos
Karen Drake
Patrick Stiles

Nov. 7
Tyler Franklin
Erik McClure
Kim Shore

Nov. 8
Natasha Gafford
Monica O’Hanlon
Margot Scobee

Nov. 9
Benjamin Johnston
Michelle McGuirk

Nov. 10
Ah Rim Shin

Nov. 11
Kelly Guzman
Crystal Nevins
Way to go!

Frank Dong, Ph.D., biostatistician, recently traveled to Indianapolis to attend the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Annual District V and VII Joint Meeting. The KU team won first place in the poster competition for “The Death of the Vaginal Hysterectomy,” and second place for “Urinary Incontinence in Women and Conservative Spine Care: A Retrospective Cohort Study.”

Lisette Jacobson, Ph.D., post-doctoral fellow, has graduated from the 9th class of the Great Plains Public Health Leadership Institute.

Wanted: research study participants

The KU School of Medicine–Wichita is looking for persons with Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) to participate in a study examining poor leg circulation.

The study will focus on those within the African-American community with low levels of activity and who experience pain and discomfort when walking.

Participants will be compensated. For more information, call 316-293-3567 or 913-588-4009.

We are looking for African-American women 60 and older to participate in a research study about how diet and exercise affects peripheral arterial disease.

If you have been diagnosed with high blood pressure, diabetes, and/or high cholesterol, and/or you are a current or former smoker, you may qualify for the study.

Recruits should call Michelle Redmond, Ph.D., at 316-293-1813 or email mredmond@kumc.edu.

Welcome to KUSM–W

Crystal Unruh-Varga
Coordinator
**Wanted: Research study participants**

KU Wichita Clinical Trial Unit needs participants with *Alzheimer’s disease* for a research study. Volunteers may be able to participate in this study if he or she is 50-90 years old and has been diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer’s disease or mild Alzheimer’s disease.

Those who qualify will be provided with all study medication or placebo and procedures at no cost. You will receive an MRI and amyloid PET imaging. Study participation consists of 43 visits over 90 weeks.

Study participants will be compensated for their travel. For more information, call 316-293-1833.

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KU Wichita Clinical Trial Unit needs participants with *schizophrenia* for a research study. Volunteers may be able to participate in this study if he or she is 18-40 years old and has been diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Those who qualify will be provided with all study medication and procedures at no cost. Study participation lasts approximately 16 weeks.

Study participants will be compensated for their time. For more information, call 316-293-1833.

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KU Wichita Clinical Trial Unit researchers are looking for adults (ages 18-65) suffering from major depression disorder to participate in a research study offering a cutting-edge treatment. To participate, the current major depressive episode must have lasted at least eight weeks. The study will consist of up to a 4-week period with six visits. Each visit will last two to four hours. Participants will receive physical exams, lab assessments, study-related mental health assessments, and study medication at no cost. Participants will be compensated for their time. Time is limited … call 316-293-1833 to see if you qualify.

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**GRAND ROUNDS**

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

**Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: Substance Abuse and Impairment in the Medical Community**

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Anthony Tobia, M.D.

Associate professor of psychiatry, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

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**Way to go!**

Don Morgan, Ph.D., ABAP, became board certified in assessment psychology by the American Board of Assessment Psychology. Congratulations, Dr. Morgan.
East Gallery
“As Above, So Below”
Jane Beilman in collaboration with students from Wichita Collegiate
Colored prints
Now through Nov. 28

West Gallery

“The Natural World”
Brent Langley
Oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings
Now through Nov. 26

For more information about the William J. Reals Gallery of Art, contact Jennifer Eaton at 293-3534 or jeaton2@kumc.edu.

Kansas Bridging Plan

1st and 2nd year residents can apply today for the Kansas Bridging Plan.

The Kansas Bridging Plan (KBP) is a loan forgiveness program available to primary care resident physicians. Matching funds from the State of Kansas and a health care organization provide a combined financial incentive of at least $26,000 ($10,000 available during residency) in exchange for a 36-month commitment to practice in a rural Kansas community upon completion of residency training.

Currently on KMSL or OMS?
Serve your KMSL/OMS and KBP commitments concurrently.

Apply Today for KBP
The State of Kansas has increased the number of available loans for next year. Loans are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents are encouraged to apply online by Dec. 31.

For more information on KBP, contact Tara Morrow at 293-2649 or email tmorrow@kumc.edu.
Employment anniversaries
Congratulations on your employment anniversary. We’re glad you’re here.

Martha Lindemann  
Oct. 31
Sarah Martling  
Oct. 31
Steve Randall  
Nov. 3
Angelica Esparza  
Nov. 4

Keep warm with KUSM–W fleece jackets
Student Coordinating Council is selling KU School of Medicine–Wichita fleece jackets. All proceeds will go to the JayDoc Community Clinic.

Offered this year are FOUR colors in both Ladies’/Men’s fit fleece, full-zip jackets complete with KU School of Medicine–Wichita and JayDoc logos embroidered front and back, respectively.

Prices are 1 for $45, 2 for $80 (taxes included; add'l $2 for 2XL and $3 for 3XL)  
Available in sizes XS-3XL  
Colors available are Black, Grey, Blue, Red

You can view the jackets and order online.

Pay by check or cash in Academic & Student Affairs before or at the time of pick-up. Please make checks payable to Student Coordinating Council, SCC. Jackets will be available for pick-up by Friday, Dec. 5, if you order by noon Monday, Nov. 10.

Get more info and view the sizing charts for the Port Authority full-zip jackets.

Ladies’ fit or Men’s fit

Additionally, sample jackets are available in ASA for color and sizing.

THANK YOU for your support of SCC and the JayDoc Community Clinic in Wichita.

Contact Trang Pham at tpham3@kumc.edu with any questions.
**Stormont-Vail HealthCare Clinical Research Symposium**
You’re invited to the Inaugural Stormont-Vail HealthCare Clinical Research Symposium, featuring keynote speaker John D. Lantos, M.D., director, Children’s Mercy Bioethics Center.

Saturday, Nov. 22
Pozez Education Center
Topeka, Kansas

7:30 a.m. Check-in and continental breakfast
8 a.m to 1 p.m. Symposium

R.S.V.P. by Friday, Nov. 14, to Andi B., aburgett@sotrmontvail.org, 785-368-0731.

$50 registration fee

[Get more information.](#)

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**Meet the Experts in NIH Peer Review**
The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) will host “Meet the Experts in NIH Peer Review” webinars to give NIH grant applicants useful insights into the submission and review processes. The Office of Research will have each webinar available in a room on campus for anyone interested in attending as a group.

All webinars will run from **1 to 3 p.m.**, including a 30-minute Q&A period.

Submit questions for the Q&A session before or during the webinar by sending them to the moderator at AskExperts@csr.nih.gov.

Topics will include:
- The Review of Your NIH Grant Application Begins Here
- What You Need to Know about Application Receipt and Referral
- How Your Application is Reviewed
- Key Things to Know About Your Type of Application
- Jumpstart Your Career with CSR’s Early Career Reviewer Program

Each webinar will focus on a different type of NIH grant application.

**Tuesday, Nov. 4**
Mount Oread Room
*Academic Research Enhancement Awards (R15)*

**Wednesday, Nov. 5**
Office of Research Conference Room
*Fellowship Awards*

**Monday, Nov. 10**
Mount Oread Room
*Research Project Grants (R01)*
Sept. 15
*Wichita Business Journal*
**Porter in Austin: WSU, KU Med also opportunities for Wichita growth**

Oct. 2
*The Wichita Eagle*
**KU pharmacy students to host free vaccine clinic**

Oct. 8
*Wichita Business Journal*
**A Wichita aviation pioneer you might not know**

Oct. 8
*The Wichita Eagle*
**Reception to honor former dean of KU School of Medicine–Wichita**

Oct. 9
*The Wichita Eagle*
**Noreen M. Carrocci, Garold Minns and Jon Rosell: Be proud of medical training**

For all the latest news stories and press releases about KUSM–W, visit our [news page](#).
KU Today
KU Today is the official publication from the Office of Public Affairs at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Read the current edition.

Advances
Advances contains news from the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. Read the current edition.

Classifieds
If you have a classified ad you’d like listed in JTO, review the guidelines and submit the online form.

JTO Deadline
The deadline for the next issue of JTO is noon Monday, Nov. 3. Please send items of interest to wicpa@kumc.edu.

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