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**Matthew Macaluso promoted to assistant dean of research
at KU School of Medicine-Wichita**

WICHITA, KAN. – Effective July 1, 2018, Matthew Macaluso, D.O., will become assistant dean of research at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita (KUSM-W). He will continue his responsibilities as the director of clinical trials, as the Center for Clinical Research (CCR), formerly the Clinical Trial Unit, will move from the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences to the Office of Research. Macaluso also will maintain his position in the psychiatry department as director of the residency training program.

The addition of Macaluso and the CCR to the Office of Research will help enhance the direction of research for KUSM-W.

“This position was created to broaden the research resources related to clinical research for the KU School of Medicine-Wichita,” said K. James Kallail, Ph.D., associate dean for research. “Dr. Macaluso directs a successful clinical research program. The next step is to broaden its scope to other departments and specialties as well as to other institutions, such as the V.A. Dr. Macaluso has the expertise and talent to elevate the Center for Clinical Research and expand its mission for our school and the community.”

The opportunity to elevate clinical research at KUSM-W is an opportunity that will enhance clinical care, education and scholarly activity at KUSM-W.

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“I’m looking forward to helping the school further develop faculty with a skill set in clinical trials, and ensuring medical students and residents have a basic understanding of clinical trials research and the drug development process,” said Macaluso. “All these aspects will lead to improved prescribing of medications in clinical practice.”

Macaluso completed a research fellowship at the KUSM-W Medical Practice Association Clinical Research Institute and since has gained more than nine years of experience as a principal investigator on more than 75 clinical trials of new drugs. The goal of this work is to help patients with refractory mental disorders, such as depression and Alzheimer’s disease, by giving them access to drugs that work in a different way than those that are currently marketed.

“This work helps us develop more effective medications for patients who are dealing with serious illnesses that significantly impact their ability to function in life,” said Macaluso.

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Note to media: Photo of Matthew Macaluso attached.