The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita Medical Practice Association’s (MPA) Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in conjunction with the Departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics has purchased 105 acres of land on the northwest corner of K-96 and Greenwich. The MPA will use approximately 10 acres and the remainder of the site will be sold as outparcels. The outparcels will be developed for medically related businesses, some retail and office space.

While there are currently no architectural plans for the site, a 50,000-square-foot facility housing the KU Psychiatric Clinic, the KU Internal Medicine Clinic, increased space for clinical research, as well as a diabetes, high cholesterol, and hypertension. The offices for the administration of the MPA will also be located in the complex.

We are hopeful that the reorganized non-profit Clinical Research Institute will be located at the new facility. Some aspects of the departments of Psychiatry and Internal Medicine likely will remain at the current site.

The growth and expansion of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences is developing and expanding our efforts in world class research, clinical care, and educational programs. In addition to the continued strength of industry-sponsored research, we have expanded our efforts to predict which patients will respond to which treatments (Individualized Medicine), non-medication interventions, and psychotherapy.

This is an exciting time of growth and expansion for our graduates, colleagues, and friends.

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CONGRATULATIONS
Dana Soutar, psychiatry intern, on her marriage to Casey Cordts on February 21.
Mazhar Golewale, MD, past resident, for passing the ABPN Part I exam.

PRESENTATIONS
Mark Romerlin, MD, presented The Etiology, Identification and Treatment of ADHD in Adults at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita Family Medicine Winter Symposium on Dec. 5, 2008.
Glenn Veenstra, PhD, presented the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita Medical Practice Association’s Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds on Oct. 14, 2008.
Glenn Veenstra, PhD, presented Neuroscience News about Anxiety Therapies at the Greater Kansas City Psychological Association Fall Conference on Nov. 14, 2008.
Glenn Veenstra, PhD, presented Neuroscience News about Treating Depression and Comprehensive Care for Anxiety Disorders at the American Association of Marriages and Family Therapy Annual Conference on Oct. 30 and 31, 2008.

Glenn Veenstra, PhD, presented Neuroscience News about Anxiety Therapies at the KU Medical Center Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds on Oct. 10, 2008.

PUBLICATIONS
Psychiatry Research Team Update

The research team at the Department of Psychiatry, consisting of Tara Schultz, Forest Kirkpatrick and Aveekshit Tripathi (a volunteer), was initially assembled to coordinate CoLT (Collaborative Lithium Trial). This trial will provide data for labeling lithium for children and adolescents with bipolar disorder and enhance clinical decision-making regarding the use of this treatment in pediatric bipolar disorder.

Starting with this clinical trial, the team has diversified into many aspects of practice-based research. Practice-based research answers specific questions, and provides the setting for evidence-based practice, which is necessary for improving individual patient care and outcomes. It includes observational studies, patient registries, physician and patient surveys, secondary data analysis, and qualitative research.

Currently, the team is in the process of setting up a child and adolescent clinical research registry because research using patient registries is more inclusive, allowing the study of subgroups routinely excluded from randomized controlled trials. This will give the team specific insight into the patient populations served. A similar adult registry is planned in the future.

Systematically collected data allows the team to create databases, especially for rare outcomes such as suicide. As a result, this team in collaboration with the Sedgwick County Suicide Task Force maintains the county’s suicide data.

All departments need funds for their initiatives, and this team has been responsible for fund-raising through direct corporate appeals and grant writing. Last but not least, the team assists in data analysis and preparation of papers for publication, one of the primary purposes of any research team. At this time, team members are working on multiple papers in different stages of completion.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

FULL-TIME FACULTY

The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita (KUSM-W) is seeking exceptional candidates for three (3) full-time faculty positions in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Successful candidates must be board-certified or board-eligible in Psychiatry, licensed to or with the ability to obtain a license to practice medicine in the state of Kansas, and possess a current DEA certificate. Candidates must be able to obtain hospital privileges at Via Christi and be in good standing with the State Board of Healing Arts. Two positions are new and include a child psychiatrist, and a combination of consultation and liaison and outpatient psychiatrist. As faculty members both positions would include teaching with medical students in clinical experience; preparing and presenting formal lectures in topics for residency and medical student training as required by the department; and providing call and weekend rounds as per faculty in the department. The third position is for a residency director 50 percent FTE with the remainder of the time used for inpatient and outpatient. Faculty ranking will depend on experience and KUSM-W requirements. For the full job description and to apply, please go to http://jobs.kumc.edu.

If interested or have further questions, please contact Janice McAdam at 316-293-3568, or jmcamad@kumc.edu.

Getting to know the Psychiatry Residents

By Barb Finley

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, May 30, 2009

Child Mental Health Day Concert Event

Old Town Square
5 p.m.

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences is having a Child Mental Health Day concert event to support our efforts to expand our child and adolescent research, education and treatment in Wichita and the surrounding areas.

If you are interested in helping to sponsor this event please contact Russell Scheffer, MD, professor and chair, or Janice McAdam, department administrator, at 316-293-2669.