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VETERAN AND EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Integrity

Act with high moral principle. Adhere to the highest professional standards. Maintain the trust and confidence of all whom I engage



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Veteran Benefits Fair and Resource Expo

KCVA to Host a Veterans Benefits Fair and Resource Expo

Join us on 17 October from 8 – 2 for a wide variety of community and VA Medical Center resources. If you know of other Veterans not enrolled in care at the KCVA this would be a great time to tell them to get enrolled. Unenrolled Veterans will need to bring a copy of their DD-214 and enroll for VA Healthcare.....see you there!

KCVA Drive Thru Flu Begins 17 October through 30 October



Honoring Those Who Served



Begins 17 October

Roll up your sleeves and drive right in.... The Flu Clinic is open!

On Saturday the 17th we'll join forces with the benefits fair to kick off the drive thru flu clinic.

That Saturday we will provide free flu shots in the KCVA parking lot to enrolled Veterans from 8 until 4.

Then from 19 – 23 Oct and 26 – 30 October from 8 – 4 we will be available in the church overflow parking lot.

Heart of America STAND DOWN

Spread the word that on November 6th from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall (600 7th Street, Kansas City, KS), our City will Stand Down to support the homeless.

To get involved please contact Jim Lannigan at 816-763-1193. To donate, contact Bob Waechter at 773-850-9938. Registration ends at 1 p.m. on the day of the event.

For more information visit www.kcstanddown.org



Moment to Share - Man's Best Friend Says Thank You

A VA Employee has been following a Veteran working tirelessly to get him direct admitted to our hospital for a thorough medical work-up. The Veteran's dog was in terrible shape and through some coordination, "Unleashed Rescue" took the pup in and got him cleaned up so that the Veteran wouldn't have to worry about him. This was great collaboration with the Area Agency on Aging and help from physicians here at our hospital to meet this Veteran's needs and also aid the Veteran's best friend. A great example of following a case all the way to completion. What started out as an after-hours call from the emergency room turned into quite a project that spanned weeks to truly care for this Veteran and Man's Best Friend.



Graduates Recognized

The KCVA's School at Work (SAW) graduation took place on 7 October.

SAW is a technology based system provided by Catalyst Learning, based in Louisville, KY. It combines Coach based mentoring with online healthcare specific coursework, DVDs, and career development activities. Nationwide, over 14,000 healthcare

employees have used SAW to prepare for college enrollment and professional advancement. SAW helps our motivated frontline workers realize their full potential and emphasizes our commitment to participate in their development. When our front line improves the quality of Veteran care also improves.



American Legion Visits KCVA

The National Commander of the American Legion, Dale Barnett, along with 13 other American Legion representatives throughout Missouri's 5th District visited patients and staff of the KCVA on 2 October. The visit was in conjunction with His trip to the Midwest culminating with the American Legion "Walk for Veterans" event on Saturday (3 October) at the Liberty Memorial.



October is Domestic Violence / Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month

#StopIPV

Nearly 3 in 10 women and 1 in 10 men in the U.S. have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by a partner.

Intimate Partner Violence is preventable.

Ask your VA Provider for help. Or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1.800.799.7233

TIPS Hotline STEP UP. SPEAK UP.

If ever at the Medical Center and are witness to suspicious activity, please don't hesitate to call.



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Do you know what that “Sound” is?

broken into several subgroups according to the specialized area of the body focused upon by a specific procedure. Ultrasound images of the heart are called echocardiograms, and the procedure is called echocardiography; ultrasound images of most other parts of the body are called sonograms, and the procedure is commonly called sonography. Ultrasound tests looking at blood vessels and blood flow are called noninvasive vascular ultrasound examinations. Unlike many other imaging procedures, ultrasound does not use x rays or other forms of ionizing radiation. An instrument called a transducer is placed against the body, and special gel helps transmit the sound. In most types of diagnostic

medical ultrasound examinations, the transducer emits short bursts of sound, which bounce off a structure and return to the transducer. These echoes are processed by a computer, and the images they create are displayed on a monitor.

WHO ARE THE ULTRASOUND PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN MY CARE?

Physicians who interpret ultrasound examinations are called sonologists. Although many sonologists perform the tests themselves, they often employ highly skilled professionals called sonographers. These individuals have completed extensive, specialized education in the field of diagnostic medical ultrasound. Sonographers who

specialize in cardiac ultrasound are called echocardiographers, and those who specialize in ultrasound of the blood vessels are called vascular technologists. We are hopeful to have one employed at the KCVA Vascular Lab soon. Although a sonographer may play a critical role in extracting the information necessary to derive a diagnosis, the rendering of a final diagnosis of an ultrasound study is the responsibility of the supervising sonologist. Thank you to Curtis Brazil, Delroy Bucknor, Jodi Hindman, Tonja Rogers and Mariam Zinati for all you do to provide quality images for our veterans.

WHAT IS ULTRASOUND?

Ultrasound is any sound at a frequency that is above the range of human hearing. Diagnostic medical ultrasound uses high-frequency sound waves to create images of organs and structures inside the body, and is

Kansas City VA Radiation Oncology Services.

Kansas City VA medical Center started offering radiotherapy Services to Veterans since July 2012. The center is located in Johnson County in CBOC building at 10500 Mastin, Overland park, KS 66212. This department is equipped with the state of art technology with a Linear Accelerator (treatment machine), CT simulator(planning scanner),Eclipse treatment planning system, and Mosaiq the treatment record and verify system. We are fully staffed to provide the quality care to our Veterans. We have introduced many new techniques in the last three years such as SBRT (Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy), Rapid arc and

VMAT. These technologies have reduced treatment times into half resulting less time for the patient on the radiotherapy treatment table. We are working towards implementing SRS (Stereotactic RadioSurgery) to treat brain tumors, in the near future, with which this department will be capable of providing any and every external beam technology to our Veterans. Completed 3 years of service in July 2015 and we received full accreditation from American College of Radiology (ACR) in August 2015. We are



only the full-fledged Radiation Oncology Center to be accredited by ACR in Kansas City area.
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