

# MPH KANSAS

NEWS FROM THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE PROGRAM

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## MPH program ranks among top five nationally

The Master of Public Health Kansas degree program, offered collaboratively by the University of Kansas Medical Center and the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, in association with Wichita State University, was recently ranked fifth in the nation in a study conducted by *U.S. News and World Report* magazine. Thirty-two schools were ranked in the study, which was featured in the publication's annual guide to the best graduate schools.

The program, involving the KU School of Medicine campuses at Wichita and Kansas City, and WSU College of Health Professions, began in 1994, replacing individual community-health programs at both universities. The program was accredited in 1998

by the Council on Education for Public Health.

Craig Molgaard, Ph.D., M.P.H., professor and vice chair, Preventive Medicine, and director of MPH Kansas, says that the ranking is not only a source of pride for the medical school but a validation by peers.

"The ranking gives credibility to the program," said Molgaard. "Out of the 31 other programs, half of those programs were housed at medical schools. Our medical school was in the top half of those programs as well as the top echelon of all the schools surveyed."

Molgaard said that the ranking is academically prestigious and competitive. Positions were determined by a survey distributed nationally to all pro-



gram directors and chairs of Preventive Medicine Departments.

"Your peers rank you and that lets you know that your program is doing a good job," said Molgaard.

The MPH Kansas program focuses on diseases that are prevalent in the state of Kansas. It involves epidemiology, quantitative analysis of a total population, rates of disease and disease prevention. Students may enroll through any of the participating campuses. The 36-unit program granted its 100th degree this fall.

## MPH Kansas sponsors public health leadership institute

MPH Kansas is collaborating with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Office of Local and Rural Health to bring several exciting educational opportunities through the newly

formed Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI). The Institute, made possible through a cooperative grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine (ATPM), has been formed in response to an identified need for public health workforce development in Kansas.

Craig Molgaard, Ph.D., M.P.H., professor and vice chair, Preventive Medicine, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, and Shirley Orr, M.H.S., A.R.N.P., C.N.A.A., public health nurse specialist, KDHE, and president of the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA), are the two visionaries behind the project.

"Because there is such a pressing need for skills training in the public health workforce in this state, and many of the people lack a bachelor's degree, we are using the mechanism of the institute to bring people to training and then give them a certificate from the institute," Orr said.

"This institute will be a key factor in improving the public health infrastructure and increasing capacity for core public health functions through effective leadership in the state of Kansas."

Since 1991, approximately 45 states have implemented a Public Health Leadership Institute (PHLI).

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# Message from the director. . . .

Welcome to another new and exciting academic year! After you read about our accomplishments as a program in the past year and our vision for the future, I think you'll agree why there is reason to be excited about being a part of MPH Kansas.

First of all, I want to give a special welcome to our new students and faculty members and a sincere congratulations to our recent graduates. Most of our new graduates entered the program during a time period when we were preparing for our first CEPH accreditation site visit in 1998. Several of those students were involved in the process side by side with the faculty and should take great pride in knowing they helped pave the foundation for a quality Masters of Public Health educational program.

That quality is evident by our recent No. 5 ranking by *U.S. News*

and *World Report's* list of Best Graduate School programs in community health. Many thanks to our talented faculty and staff for all of their hard work and dedication which led to this significant achievement.

On behalf of MPH Kansas, I also want to say farewell to Dr. Dennis Wallace who has left the Kansas City Department of Preventive Medicine. Also, good luck to Dr. Grace Holmes who is now an emeritus professor, but will continue teaching in the program via her Web-based class, Maternal and Child Health.

I'm also very proud to note the increased activity in workforce development and continuing educational opportunities for public health professionals made possible by a partnership between MPH Kansas and the KDHE Office of Local and Rural Health through the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute. Overall,



**Craig A. Molgaard**

we are continuing to increase the quality and quantity of teaching, research and service activities by MPH Kansas students and faculty - this is something for all of us to be proud of as we serve our fellow Kansans in the field of public health.

See you all Oct. 11-12 at the KPHA conference in Manhattan!

## *Information about the MPH Kansas degree program*

MPH Kansas is a joint degree program involving the University of Kansas and Wichita State University. It is designed to meet the needs of working health care professionals in the state who will complete the degree on a part-time basis.

The MPH Kansas joint degree program is unique since the degree may be completed entirely at one of the two institutions, through credit hours earned at both sites.

MPH Kansas is a 36-credit hour program with thesis and practicum options. The MPH student must complete 16 core course hours.

Competencies in the five basic public health specialty areas will be provided by the core course work in environmental health sciences, epidemiology, public health administration, biostatistics and social and behavioral sciences.

The student's capstone experience consists of six credit hours. The thesis and practicum project are both designed to serve as the demonstration of proficiency in, and the ability to integrate, the curriculum.

### **Admission requirements...**

Applicants to the MPH program must meet the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School at either the University of Kansas or Wichita State University. Admission to MPH Kansas requires a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a GPA of 3.0 based on the last 60 hours; one official copy of all transcripts; a personal statement; three letters of recommendation; demonstration of one or more years of work related to health; submission of an official report of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or equivalent professional test (GMAT, MCAT, LSAT, DSAT); a resume or curriculum vitae; and must complete an MPH application and a graduate school application.

International applicants are required to additionally submit the following: TSE, TOEFL and TWE scores; official translations and interpretations of any non-English transcripts; and an evaluation of transcripts for academic compatibility with United States grading systems.

### **How to apply...**

For more information, or to get an MPH

and graduate school application, visit <http://prevmed.kumc.edu/mph> or contact:

### **Kansas City (KUMC)**

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## MPH FACULTY

# Ahluwalia leads research aimed at smoking cessation

**Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.**, Acting Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine, received a \$1.9 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for a four-year study on smoking cessation among residents of low-income housing developments in Kansas City.

Using a unique design to control for attention effects, the study will compare six-month smoking cessation rates between groups that receive a pharmacological and behavioral smoking intervention versus groups that receive a dietary intervention.

Participants will be residents of 14 public housing developments whose income levels fall below the poverty threshold. The 14 public housing developments will be randomly assigned to the smoking cessation or dietary change intervention.

The study will not have a "typical" control arm. Instead, the comparison group will be provided with dietary education materials rather than a smoking intervention.

This type of research design: a) ensures community buy-in, b) allows further data collection on other cancer prevention-related behaviors, and c) responds to the residents' distrust of being part of a "drug" study with a placebo.

For more information, contact **James Butler, Dr.P.H.**, project co-coordinator, at [jbutler3@kumc.edu](mailto:jbutler3@kumc.edu).

### Additional faculty grants

**Doren Fredrickson, M.D., Ph.D.**, associate professor, Preventive Medicine, KUSM-W, has received funding from the Kansas Health Institute for a study of HealthWave, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in Kansas. This is a collaborative venture between the Department of Preventive Medicine and the Kansas

Health Institute, along with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas State University and the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care.

A third of the activities will be conducted by KUSM-Wichita, including data collection and focus groups in rural and inner city communities throughout Kansas, with an emphasis on low-income children who obtain insurance or remain uninsured after program implementation. The amount of the grant from the Federal Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, and several other agencies, totaled \$1.1 million.

For more information, contact Fredrickson or Terri Jones, M.P.H., M.T., teaching associate, Preventive Medicine, KUSM-W, at 316-293-2627.

**Kari Harris, Ph.D., M.P.H.**, research assistant professor, Preventive Medicine, KUMC, received a \$566,000 grant from the National Cancer Institute for "Preventing transition to regular smoking in college students."

**John Neuberger, Dr.P.H., M.P.H.**, associate professor, Preventive Medicine, KUMC, received a \$10,000 grant from KDHE. Dr. Neuberger will be doing preliminary statistical analysis and

reports for the blood lead study taking place during the summer of 2000 in Galena, Kansas. They propose to do a second contract for additional statistical analysis and final report in June of 2001.

**Edward Ellerbeck, M.D., M.P.H.**, assistant professor and director of Health of the Public, KUMC, was awarded a \$258,000, four-year grant from the American Heart Association.

**Kimber Richter, Ph.D., M.P.H.**, assistant professor, Preventive Medicine, KUMC, received a grant from the NIH/NIDA for "Smoking Cessation among Drug Treatment Patients." Her award is a five-year, \$683,000 grant.

### Welcome new faculty

**James Butler, Dr.P.H.**, research instructor and postdoctoral fellow, Preventive Medicine, KUMC, will be responsible for coordinating an NIH funded research study promoting smoking cessation. He will also be available to advise and mentor MPH students.

**Won Sup Choi, Ph.D., M.P.H.**, assistant professor, Preventive Medicine, KUMC, is a researcher in tobacco-related disease and the influence of tobacco advertising on adolescent smoking.

## PROMOTIONS

*Congratulations to the following faculty from the Department of Preventive Medicine.*

### THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEDICAL CENTER-KANSAS CITY (KUMC)

**Delwyn Catley, Ph.D.**, to research assistant professor.

**Kathleen Fuller, Ph.D., M.A.**, to research assistant professor.

**Niaman Nazir, M.B.B.S., M.P.H.**, to research instructor. Dr. Nazir will assist in teaching in the MPH Program.

**Kimber P. Richter, M.P.H., Ph.D.**, to co-director of the Health of the Public clerkship and to a tenure-track faculty appointment. Dr. Richter's new title is assistant professor.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA (KUSM-W)

**Terri Jones, M.P.H., M.T.**, to teaching associate.

## MPH NEWS

### Dismuke continues to serve Kansans

When S. Edwards Dismuke, M.D., M.S.P.H., professor and chair, Preventive Medicine, Wichita and Kansas City, was honored as the first Kansas Health Foundation Distinguished Professor in Public Health, he was also given a mandate: to educate primary care providers in Kansas about population-based approaches to health.

Dismuke, in the midst of a six-month sabbatical that began May 1, is working tirelessly to accomplish that mission. He's traveled thousands of miles across the state doing individual interviews and focus groups to determine the level of interest in population-based approaches to health among primary care physicians, and more specifically, potential areas that may be of interest to these physicians.

"I'm spending time with primary care physicians who have track records of excellence in population approaches or leadership and trying to determine their special insights," Dismuke said.

He will be carrying out focus groups and surveys, and also trying to partner with hospitals and third-party payers to accomplish his lofty objective.

The distinguished professorship was designed to incorporate the philosophies of public health within primary care. The Kansas Health Foundation makes grants to health

organizations throughout the state to fulfill its mission to improve the health of all Kansans.

"We think Dr. Dismuke is an excellent choice for this distinguished professorship," said KU School of Medicine-Wichita Dean Joseph C. Meek, M.D. "He has the academic credentials and leadership skills to make this one of the foremost programs in the state of Kansas, and I think develop a model for the rest of the nation."

There has been a growing movement in medical education to broaden the current focus on the individual patient to a view that encompasses a wider social and population perspective.

"The health of the public, or population perspective," Dismuke said, "has been described as one that takes into consideration a patient's social, cultural and economic situation, in addition to the anatomy and physiology of their physical state. The goal is to integrate this public health and preventive medicine approach throughout primary care education and across all specialties."

Dismuke explains, "We all understand the role that immunizations and screening tests have played in preventive medicine. The control of polio and rubella helped to prove that. But we can take this one step further by



**S. Edwards Dismuke**

changing the health behaviors of individuals and groups long before the clinical disease develops. We can also do a better job of creating a culture and environment in which all people can become healthier."

Before returning as chair of Preventive Medicine on Nov. 1, Dismuke will enjoy a brief and well-earned vacation in Italy.

Dismuke received his medical degree from The University of Tennessee and his master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina's School of Public Health, Chapel Hill. Board certified in both preventive medicine and internal medicine, he has been involved in a wide array of research in the area of preventive medicine and public health and has published extensively.

### *Institute, continued from page 1*

A complete, statewide two-day conference from the KPHLI is slated for Spring 2001. Although dates have not yet been selected, the Institute plans to bring in nationally renowned speakers in the area of public health and offer several workforce development and leadership programs.

"The partnership between MPH Kansas and the KDHE Office of Local and Rural Health will ensure a strong academic/practice collaboration in the design and implementation of the Institute," Orr said.

The KPHLI, through its

Workforce Development Program, has already offered one short course titled Public Health Applications of the World Wide Web to the public. Two MPH classes, PRVM 869: Grantwriting, and PRVM 818: Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health, are also being opened to non-graduate certificate students this fall under the auspices of the KPHLI.

The grantwriting course will be offered Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita. Meanwhile, the PRVM 818 class, which counts as one of the five

core components of the MPH degree, is being offered entirely online. Enrollment of certificate students is limited in both classes. The KPHLI is also hoping to offer a seminar focusing on Geographical Information System (GIS) training sometime this fall.

For more information about the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute and any of the classes offered through its Workforce Development Program, contact Becky Gruhn, MPH Kansas coordinator, at 316-293-2606.

# MPH GRADUATION

*Congratulations to the following students for earning their Master of Public Health degree...*

## **The University of Kansas Medicine Center-Kansas City**

*Summer 2000*

### **Malaika Woods**

Thesis: "Predictors of Clinical Trial Participation"

### **Methapan Arunakul**

Practicum: "An Evaluation of an Emergency Assistance Program"

*Spring 2000*

### **Ghassan Salman, M.D.**

Thesis: "Assessment of Quality of Care for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease"

### **Susan Parks**

Thesis (Honors): "Predictors of Achievement/Maintenance of Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Goals in Outpatients with Coronary Heart Disease"

### **Sally Rigler, M.D.**

Thesis (honors): "Amitriptyline Use in Nursing Facilities: Differences across the Urban-Rural Continuum"

### **Dima Turkmani**

Thesis: "Evaluation of the Predictive Value of Blood Cultures in the Emergency Department."

### **Karen Miscavish**

Practicum: "Health Needs Assessment at an Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter"

### **Monica Gorbandt, M.D.**

Thesis: "The Prevalence of Hepatitis C in U.S. Army Aircrew: Do Flaws Exist in Current Data?"

### **Rebecca Hegarty**

Practicum: "Smoking Practices in Kansas City Area Schools"

### **Niaman Nazir**

Practicum: "Factors Affecting Access to Medical Care During Pregnancy"

## **The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita**

*Summer 2000*

### **June Klug**

Practicum: "Development of a Data Collection Tool in a Low and Very Low



*MPH graduates from Kansas City give the thumbs up after taking part in the first-ever MPH Kansas Hooding Ceremony, Saturday, May 20. The ceremony was hosted by faculty and staff from the Kansas City Department of Preventive Medicine. Deborah Powell, M.D., Executive Dean for the KU School of Medicine and Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs, delivered a speech to the graduates at the ceremony.*

Calorie Diet with Behavioral Modification"

### **Peggy Smith**

Practicum: "Corporate Response to Pregnancy-Related Work Restrictions"

### **Edwin Gabbidon**

Thesis: "The Descriptive Epidemiology of Gang Weapons in Wichita, KS: 1991-1999"

*Spring 2000*

### **David Grainger, M.D.**

Thesis: "Clinical Determinants of Racial Disparity in Pregnancy Outcomes Using In-Vitro Fertilization"

## **Wichita State University**

*Summer 2000*

### **Verla Davis**

Practicum: "Forming an Intergovernmental Partnership Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Wichita-Sedgwick County Department of Community Health"

*Spring 2000*

### **Scott Slous**

Practicum: "MPH Student Survey Evaluation"

### **Deb Williams**

Practicum: "Kansas Primary Care Market Place Analysis"

## **Honors and Awards**

**Monica Gorbandt, M.D.**, was awarded the Analee E. Beisecker Public Health Excellence Award for outstanding academic performance in the MPH Program and for demonstrated professionalism and excellence in public health, May 20, at the MPH Hooding ceremony.

The Wichita recipient of the Beisecker Award was **David Grainger, M.D.**

The award honors Analee E. "Betsy" Beisecker, Ph.D., professor of Preventive Medicine. Her professional commitment, dedication and service to the MPH Program are commemorated through this award.

**Susan Parks, M.P.H.**, was notified her thesis entitled "Predictors of Achievement/Maintenance of Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Goals in Veterans Affairs Outpatients with Coronary Heart Disease," was selected for a poster presentation during the 2000 APHA annual meeting, Nov. 12-16, in Boston, Mass. Her paper was also selected for the poster presentation during the 2000 KPHA annual meeting, Oct. 10-12.

## MPH COURSES

# Classroom projects help local community members

**A**rneatha Martin, R.N., M.N., ARNP, CEO and Co-President of the Center for Health and Wellness in Wichita, has experienced difficulty in the past finding hypertension materials to adequately inform the thousands of individuals who visit the center yearly.

She says there is a clear absence of information readily available -- especially hypertension materials that target African-American audiences.

"What is available, people just aren't reading," Martin said. "The information either contains too many words or is written in a way that most people can't understand."

But thanks to the students who enrolled in a new Health Communication class offered this spring by the Master of Public Health (MPH) Kansas degree program, Martin has been able to bridge the information gap that exists in the minority community.

As part of a class project, several students designed a large poster that targets African Americans and highlights warning signs, risk factors and tips to avoid high blood pressure. The project represented a portion of the student's final grade.

"We wanted the students to have a real-world experience in communicating health information to a specific audience," said Linda Frazier, M.D., M.P.H., associate professor, Preventive Medicine, University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Frazier, along with Amanda Golbeck, Ph.D., professor and chair, Department of Public Health Sciences, Wichita State University, served as co-instructors for the course.

Frazier and Golbeck worked with personnel from the Elliot School of Communication at WSU to design a course that answered three questions: How does the general public receive and assign meaning to health messages? What should health messages contain? How can we commu-

nicate health information effectively?

Half of the students enrolled in the class worked on achieving those goals by developing the hypertension materials while the other half focused on creating a Tinea capitis (ringworm) brochure for public schools.

***"We wanted the students to have a real-world experience in communicating health information to a specific audience."***

"They were using a photocopy of a newspaper article and another handout which were suboptimal," Frazier said referring to the ringworm educational materials used in the past by school nurses in USD 259.

The students vastly improved upon those tools as they created a tri-fold, color brochure that can be printed from school computers. They also designed a reminder card that students can take home and to the doctor. A local dermatologist, Clarence Wiley, M.D., F.A.A.D., clinical assistant professor, Internal Medicine, worked with them to ensure the content was correct and appropriate.

"The students worked very hard on these projects. They deserve a lot of credit," Frazier said.

Kay Meyer was one of the students who created the hypertension poster. She said members of her group wanted to design a communication opener.

"This was not meant to be an end-

all educational piece," she said. "We made it to create awareness and interest and to get people to ask questions and find out how susceptible they were to developing the diseases."

Martin was so pleased with the result of the hypertension poster that she plans to use it at health fairs throughout the area for years to come. She currently has it displayed in the entrance area of the Center for Health and Wellness and estimates that as many as 10,000 people will see it inside the facility alone this year.

"There are a lot of people who will be able to gain information from it," Martin said. "The students created it with easy-to-understand terms. It is so important to have this type of information accessible because hypertension is a preventable disease that people die with daily."

Although the course was designed as an MPH elective, it was not restricted to MPH students. Both undergraduate and graduate students from arenas outside of public health were able to enroll.

Meyer was one such student who did not have public health expertise. She is working on a master's degree in Communications from WSU and called the course an eye-opening experience.

Frazier hopes MPH Kansas can continue offering Health Communication in the future, but in a different format. She would like to see it developed into a web-based distance learning course where the students would produce a high-quality, theory-based health communication piece that could be used in the community.

Martin already has ideas for new topics that need improved communication tools.

"KU has the MPH program and researchers that the community needs," she said. "We wouldn't have access to a lot of information without the school. Continuing to play a role in this course is a win-win situation for everyone."

<b>Students in Hypertension Program</b>	<b>Students in Ringworm Program</b>
Kamisha Brown	Latonya Carroll
Maureen Gamble	Crystal Gorges
Lisa McIntire	Stacie Louthan
Key Meyer	Bilal Najjar
Darin Petrie	

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Orientation to Public Health conference nears

The KDHE Office of Local and Rural Health will present "Orientation to Public Health: Tomorrow's Mission," Thursday, Sept. 14, at Eberly Farm, Wichita. This is the annual Orientation to Public Health Conference for new public health personnel and those interested in having a better understanding of public health.

This program will describe the development of public health, the entities that make up the public health system, their roles, the forces that drive change and how they affect tomorrow's public health mission. Portions of the conference are repeated each year along with current issues. Registration fee is \$40 per person (\$20 for full-time students). Registration deadline is Sept. 6. For more information, contact Natasha Gutierrez at 785-296-1200.

### KU to host conference on obesity

The University of Kansas will host the 2nd Annual Conference on the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity, Sept. 29-30, at the Spencer Center for Education in St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. The conference is an annual event for sharing information on current and emerging research and strategies for the prevention and treatment of obesity.

Among the featured speakers is MPH Kansas faculty member James Early, M.D. Dr. Early will conduct a workshop entitled "Treatment of Obesity in the Medical Clinic." Registration fees are \$150 for physicians, \$115 for nurses and other health and fitness professionals, and \$20 for residents and students (must provide valid proof of enrollment as a full-time degree-seeking student). For additional information, contact Kim Johnson at 785-864-0797 or log on to [www.soe.ukans.edu/depts/hses/index.html](http://www.soe.ukans.edu/depts/hses/index.html).

### APHA to conduct satellite broadcast

Public health professionals around the country will have the opportunity, for the second year in a row, to participate in selected sessions at the APHA's 128th annual meeting in Boston via live satellite broadcast. "Health Disparities: Contributions from Social and Physical Environments," will be available 2:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14.

This year's session will focus on working to eliminate health disparities and will include a program on social and physical environmental factors that contribute to health disparities. To register or for more information on the program, visit the APHA Web site at [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org) and click on the "Live Satellite Broadcast" link in the "What's New" box. Registration is only available online.

There is no registration fee charged for this broadcast, however there will be a \$25 charge per person to obtain continuing education credit.

Satellite coordinates will be available approximately 30 days before the program. This information will be posted on the APHA Web site.

### New publication released

Community Services-Denver has released a publication co-authored by National Civic League staff and the St. Louis County Department of Health entitled "A Guide to a Community-Oriented Approach to Core Public Health Functions." The guide describes how health departments can develop the necessary mindset, skills and organizational structure to apply the core functions of public health - assessment, policy development and assurance - using a community-oriented approach.

To order a copy of the guide, call Joyce Bowie at 303-571-4343.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

- 21 MPH classes begin at WSU
- 24 MPH classes begin at KU

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Holiday
- 23-24 Family Health and Fitness Days USA
- 29-30 2nd Annual Conference on the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity (St. Luke's Hospital, KC, Mo.)

### OCTOBER

- 2 Child Health Day
- 11-12 Kansas Public Health Association annual Conference. Holiday Inn Holidome, Manhattan, Kan.

### NOVEMBER

- 12-16 American Public Health Association annual meeting Boston, Mass.
- 16 Great American Smokeout
- 22 Thanksgiving recess begins for KU
- 27 Classes resume

### DECEMBER

- 1 World AIDS day
- 8 Last day for KU master's candidates to defend thesis/practicum projects
- 12 Last day of KU classes
- 14-21 Finals week
- 18 Last day for KU master's candidates to file theses in graduate office
- 31 December KU degrees awarded (formally conferred at May 2001 commencement)

# PUBLICATIONS

**Kolawole Okuyemi, M.D., M.P.H.**, assistant professor, Family Medicine, KUMC, **Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.**, acting chair, Preventive Medicine, and **Kari J. Harris, Ph.D., M.P.H.**, research assistant professor, Preventive Medicine, co-authored "Pharmacotherapy for smoking cessation." *Archives of Family Medicine* 9:270-28, 2000.

**Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.**, and **James Butler, Dr. P.H.**, research instructor, Preventive Medicine, co-authored the following article: "Cultural sensitivity in substance use prevention." *Journal of Community Psychology*. Vol. 28, 2000.

**Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.**, **Kimber P. Richter, M.P.H., Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Preventive Medicine, **Michael C. Mosier, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Preventive Medicine, **Kari J. Harris, Ph.D., M.P.H.** and **Christine A. Moranetz, Ph.D.**, clinical associate professor and interim director, MPH Kansas, KUMC, co-authored "Free nicotine patches:

Are they effective?" *Preventive Medicine* 30:504-512, 2000.

**Matthew S. Mayo, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Preventive Medicine, and **Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.**, co-authored "Recommended preventive care among adults with diabetes in Kansas: Prevalence and correlates." *Diabetes Care* 23:484-489, 2000.

**Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.**: Discussion: Treatment of nicotine dependence. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* 1:S207-S208, 2000.

**Edward F. Ellerbeck, M.D., M.P.H.**, associate professor and director of Health of the Public, authored "Quality of Care and Outcomes Research in CVD and Stroke Working Groups. Measuring and improving quality of care." *Circulation*. 2000; 101:1483-1493.

**Edward F. Ellerbeck, M.D., M.P.H.** also co-authored "Improving the outcomes of carotid endarterectomy: results of a statewide quality

improvement project." *Journal of Vascular Surgery* 2000; 31(5): 918-26.

**Craig A. Molgaard, Ph.D., M.P.H.**, professor and vice-chair, Preventive Medicine, co-authored "Taking the Terror out of Bioterrorism: Planning for a Bioterrorist Event from a Local Perspective." *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, July 2000. This was the lead article in a special edition of the Journal focusing on Bioterrorism.

**Linda M. Frazier, M.D., M.P.H.**, associate professor, Preventive Medicine and **Terri Jones, M.P.H., M.T.**, teaching associate, Preventive Medicine, co-authored "Managing Patients with Concerns About Workplace Reproductive Hazards." *Journal of the American Medical Women's Association*, 15:2: 80-84.

**S. Edwards Dismuke, M.D., M.S.P.H.**, professor and chair, Preventive Medicine, co-authored "Putting it All Together: Building a Four-year Curriculum." *Academic Medicine* July 2000, Vol. 75, Issue 7.

