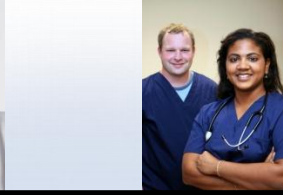
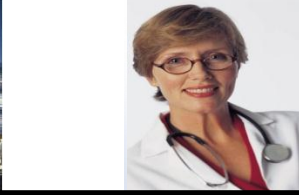


THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS PHYSICIANS



YOUR PHYSICIAN CARE TEAM

Working together to give you the very best patient care

Thank you for entrusting your care to us. We're able to provide you with outstanding care because we are an academic medical center. Here, a large team of specialized physicians work together to make your treatment and recovery the best it can be.

We appreciate your trust in us to help provide you the best medical care.

During your visit, it is important for you to know who is taking care of you. Your caregivers will introduce themselves and may provide business cards to you. The following definitions will help you understand the role that each caregiver will play in your care.

"Faculty", "Attending" and "Medical Staff"

"Faculty", "Attending" and "Medical Staff" all mean the same and refer to the expert leader of your care. These doctors carry the primary responsibility for your care and have been recruited from all over the world to provide you the best possible treatment. Faculty have completed college, medical school (4 years) and then training in a residency program (3+ years). Some Faculty have had even further advanced training in one or more fellowships after their residency. All Faculty have a license to practice medicine from the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (<http://www.ksbha.org>). Most Faculty physicians are also Board Certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties (<http://www.abms.org>). Some Faculty are still in the process of becoming Board certified as this process can take years. These doctors provide care for patients and provide supervision and teaching for Resident physicians (see below) as University of Kansas School of Medicine professors.

"Residents" and "Fellows"

"Residents" have completed college and medical school. These doctors have come from all over the world to train for 3 to 6 years at the University of Kansas. To be accepted into a residency program is a competitive process with some programs getting over a hundred applications for each position. Residents in their first year have been referred to as "interns", while Residents in their final year of training are referred to as "Chief Residents". "Fellows" have completed a residency program and have come to the University of Kansas for 1 to 3 years of more advanced subspecialty training. Both Residents and Fellows are licensed to practice medicine by the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (<http://www.ksbha.org>). Residency and Fellowship program training also includes research into state-of-the-art medical advances. This important interaction between Resident/Fellow supervision, clinical training and medical research is what makes the University of Kansas Hospital a premier "Teaching Hospital" and "Academic Medical Center". All Resident care is supervised by a more senior Resident or Fellow and the responsible Faculty physician.

"Medical Students"

"Medical Students" have completed college and competed with several hundred applicants to become a medical student in the School of Medicine to earn their M.D. degree and become a doctor. Medical Students most commonly spend time in the Hospital and Clinics during their 2 final years of Medical School. All Medical Student participation in patient care is closely supervised by licensed doctors (i.e., Faculty, Fellows and Residents). In their final year of training, Medical Students decide which medical field they wish to pursue as a career and compete for positions in residency programs both at the University of Kansas and all over the nation.