

MEDICAL SPOTLIGHT

*for Physicians and Health Care Professionals
from The University of Kansas Hospital*



New Cancer Center opening Summer 2007.

LUNG CANCER PATIENTS BENEFIT FROM TEAM APPROACH AND EMPHASIS ON RESEARCH

At The University of Kansas Hospital, patients diagnosed with lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies receive care from a multidisciplinary team of specialists. Thoracic oncology specialists representing medical oncology, radiation oncology, thoracic surgery and oncology nursing meet weekly to evaluate new patients and follow the care of established patients. Specialists from pulmonary medicine, gastroenterology, radiology and pathology participate as needed.

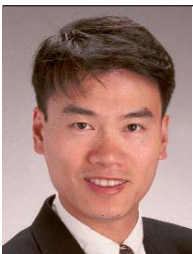
Our multidisciplinary approach provides advantages for patients and referring physicians over traditionally segregated, sequential approaches. Patients receive the opinions of multiple specialists at one time, and referring physicians receive evaluations more quickly.

This approach minimizes the time from diagnosis to the start of therapy. The time saved can be critical, whether the patient is beginning chemotherapy or radiation treatment or undergoing surgery.

When you refer a patient, our specialists will:

- Establish a diagnosis and tumor stage. After a patient's referral, the team reviews data and orders necessary tests before the patient's first visit.
- Evaluate all current treatment options, including clinical trials.
- Develop an individualized treatment plan. A primary treating physician within the group will direct the patient's care, which will be agreed upon by the entire multidisciplinary team.
- Discuss the plan with your patient and with you.
- Implement the treatment plan. Our full array of treatment options includes surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy or a combination of these.

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Our physicians also offer innovative treatments developed through their research, such as endobronchial brachytherapy, a form of internal radiation treatment. Social service professionals, dietitians and other health professionals at the hospital provide a network of support for our cancer patients.

You may refer patients who have newly diagnosed malignancies for initial evaluation or a second opinion. Our multidisciplinary approach to treatment will benefit patients with:

- Undiagnosed lung masses or suspicious adenopathy
- Metastatic malignancies to the lung
- Primary bronchogenic carcinoma (all stages)
- Esophageal and gastroesophageal junction carcinomas
- Other intrathoracic malignancies

Our lung cancer specialists also evaluate patients with undiagnosed but highly probable malignancies. These include small indeterminate nodules (greater than three centimeters) in patients with prior malignancies and larger undiagnosed masses.

International Lung Cancer Expert

Karen Kelly, MD, an internationally recognized expert in lung cancer, was recently named deputy director of the University of Kansas Cancer Center. Dr. Kelly is a leader in the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, the Southwest Oncology Group and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. At The University of Kansas Hospital, she's expanding the lung cancer program to encompass a wide-ranging cancer research initiative. Increased involvement in clinical trials will give patients access to the most innovative treatments available. ■

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