The Level I trauma centers at UK Chandler Hospital and Kentucky Children's Hospital were recognized Oct. 26 as two of the first 10 hospitals named to the new Kentucky Trauma Care System.

“In many ways this [new system] is the most significant advancement in the health of Kentuckians in the last 20 years, and lives will be saved because of it,” said UK trauma surgeon Andrew C. Bernard, MD, who chaired the State Trauma Advisory Committee responsible for directing development and implementation of the Kentucky Trauma Care System.

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma verifies trauma centers as Level I to Level III based on the resources available at the facility. In addition, the state’s Trauma Advisory Committee has developed criteria that must be met by Level IV trauma centers. A Level I trauma center provides the greatest extent of trauma care services, while Level IV trauma centers provide high-quality initial trauma care locally and transfer to a higher level of trauma care if necessary.

The goal of the state trauma system is getting the “right patient to the right place at the right time,” said Bernard. It also provides education for doctors, nurses and paramedics to care for and assess severely injured patients, so that they are taken to the most appropriate facility as quickly as possible.

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Other trauma centers recognized as part of the Kentucky Trauma Care System include:

- Level I – Kosair Children’s Hospital (Louisville), University of Louisville Hospital.
- Level III – Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center (Danville), Taylor Regional Medical Center (Campbellsville).
- Level IV – Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan Hospital (Stanford), James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital (Harrodsburg), Livingston Hospital (Salem), Marcum & Wallace Hospital (Irvine).

“Trauma could impact any of us at any time,” Bernard said. “With this system in place, people who may have died due to their injuries in the past will be saved and patients who would have been severely disabled will recover and return to their normal lives.”
# UK specialty services now available in Frankfort

A variety of adult and pediatric specialty clinics staffed by fellowship-trained physicians and staff are now conveniently offered in Frankfort. UK HealthCare – Frankfort is located at 601 Chamberlain Ave., Suite A, Frankfort, KY 40604. Physicians are asked to call UK-MDs toll free at 800-888-5533 if they have patients to refer.

## Chandler Hospital is a Consumer Choice winner

UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital has been named a winner of the 2012-13 Consumer Choice Award in the Lexington-Fayette County area by the National Research Corporation. The announcement appeared in the Oct. 22 issue of Modern Healthcare magazine.

The award is given to hospitals that consumers think provide the highest quality care and maintains the best image in more than 300 markets throughout the United States. Winners of the award are chosen based on surveys of 250,000 households representing 450,000 consumers in the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia.

Of the households surveyed, 3,200 hospitals named by consumers are analyzed and ranked, with the winning facilities being ranked the highest. The Internet survey invitations began Sept. 1, 2011, and extended until the end of August 2012.

“We congratulate the recipients of the Consumer Choice Awards and salute their efforts to improve performance,” said Susan Henricks, president and chief operating officer of the National Research Corporation.

The National Research Corporation is one of the largest patient satisfaction firms in the United States. It is dedicated to representing the true voice of patients and other health care stakeholders.

“We keep the needs of the community – indeed, the Commonwealth of Kentucky – at the center of our focus,” said Ann Smith, chief administrative officer, UK hospitals. “UK HealthCare is an important part of the Lexington-Fayette County area and we will continue to do our best to provide the excellent complex, yet comfortable, care that we provide to our patients – require, without having to leave Kentucky.”

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**Transplant programs honored nationally**

UK HealthCare’s Liver Transplant Program and Kidney Transplant Program have been recognized for their achievements in organ transplantation. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services presented Medals of Honor for Organ Donation to 174 transplant programs for achieving and sustaining national goals for donation, including a donation rate of 75 percent or more of eligible donors at their facilities. Programs were also recognized based on performance on post-transplant survival rates, transplantation rates and mortality rates after waiting-list placement.

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**Facts**

- **Allergy (adult and pediatric)**
  - Beth Miller, MD
- **Nephrology**
  - Boutros (Peter) Sawaya, MD
  - Sadiq Ahmed, MD, FACP, FASN
- **Pediatric cardiology**
  - Lisa Klein, MD
- **Pediatric gastroenterology**
  - Robert Dillard, MD
- **Pediatric nephrology**
  - Aftab Chishti, MD
  - Stefan Kiessling, MD
- **Pediatric Surgery**
  - John Duras, MD
  - Kara Cole, PA-C
  - Joe Iocono, MD
  - Sean Skinner, MD

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**New Year’s Day holiday**
Jan. 1. Offices and clinics closed. Hospitals have holiday staffing.

**Women’s health lecture**
Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Beaumont Public Library, 3080 Fieldstone Way, Lexington. Women suffering from heavy periods, chronic pelvic pain, endometriosis or fibroid tumors, or who have been told they may need a hysterectomy are invited to hear Mark Hoffman, MD, discuss the latest advances and treatment options available, including minimally invasive surgery and surgery alternatives. Free. Call 1-800-333-8874 to reserve a seat.

**Laser vision correction and cataract removal lecture**

**UK HealthCare Employee Advisory Council**
Jan. 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., 317 Charles T. Wethington Building. Contact Jan Taylor (jan.taylor@uky.edu) to request time on the agenda.

**Martin Luther King Day holiday**
Jan. 21. Many offices closed. Hospital and clinics remain open. Check with your supervisor to see if your area will be open.
116 UK doctors named to 2013 Best Doctors in America list

One hundred-sixteen UK physicians appear on the Best Doctors in America® list for 2013. Only five percent of doctors in America earn this prestigious honor, decided by impartial peer review.

The list is a product of validated peer review, in which doctors who excel in their specialties are selected by their peers in the profession.

Assembled by Best Doctors, Inc., the list is the result of a poll of more than 47,000 U.S. physicians. In a confidential review, peer physicians currently on the list answer the question, “If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, to whom would you refer?” Best Doctors Inc. was founded in 1989 by Harvard Medical School professors.

For a list of the UK physicians who appear on the Best Doctors list, visit ukhealthcare.uky.edu/about/awards/UK-HealthCare-Best-Doctors-2013 or call for a fact sheet listing all at 859-257-1000.

Kentucky wins Big Blue Crush

The Big Blue Nation of lifesavers came through recently and pulled out another Big Blue Crush blood drive win by defeating Tennessee, 3,160 to 3,107.

This was the third year in a row that Kentucky fans won the annual blood battle, and after 25 years of competing, the score is now even with 12 wins each and one tie.

“This is the sweetest victory yet. Thanks to our dedicated donors we now have a good blood supply heading into the holidays, and as an added bonus we beat the Vols for the third year in a row,” said Martha Osborne, executive director of marketing and recruitment for Kentucky Blood Center (KBC).

About Kentucky Blood Center

KBC, the largest FDA-regulated blood bank in Kentucky, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring a safe, adequate blood supply for patients at nearly 70 Kentucky hospitals and clinics in more than 60 counties. KBC relies on volunteers to donate 400 pints of blood a day to meet area patients’ needs. Over the last year, KBC distributed 30,000 blood components.

Resident of the Month

Internist Erin Marcotsis, MD, was selected in November as the College of Medicine’s resident of the month. One nominator wrote, “She has seen my son in clinic and is very calming to him and reassuring to me.” Another wrote, “Serving as Dr. Marcotsis’ attending (physician), I must applaud her exemplary behavior. She advocates for all her patients, helps them through systems and has great rapport.”
Nature takes over the entrance to Kentucky Children’s Hospital

The first floor Kentucky Children’s Hospital elevator has expanded upon the forested look evident in the wooden mural donated by two not-for-profit groups, Kentucky Forest Industries Association and Log a Load for Kids. “We absolutely LOVE IT … and believe that our families and patients will also enjoy seeing such beautiful scenery. This artwork makes me smile each time I see it … and I know it provides the families with such joy, getting to take in the beautiful scenery,” said Kathy Isaacs, MSN, RNC-NIC.

There are about 575 butterfly types in the lower 48 United States. Be the first to identify the type detailed here and win a UK HealthCare goodie basket. Email your answer to susan.dunlap@uky.edu.

Louisville artist Claire Hirn’s painted murals have been commissioned in many public and private spaces in Kentucky. She creates them by layering paint on canvas. The mural complements the nature scene crafted in wood by the Rev. Dan Diekhoff.