Gary Johnson's arrival last

September from the University of Virginia (UVa) had stamped all over it. Johnson had served in Charlottesville as director of pharmacy services, where he was thought of as much as a technologist as a pharmacist.

It was during his tenure at UVa that Johnson, for the second time in his career — the first was in 2004 at Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, Ind. — oversaw the implementation of an automated medication refill process designed to help ensure the right medication reaching the right patient at the right time in the right nursing unit.

The decision to recommend a similar system at UK HealthCare was an easy one, Johnson says, electronically load medications into a carousel tray. The meds will then be released via software command and autodistributed throughout UK HealthCare’s other hospitals, pharmacies and clinics. Technology will also drive delivery of medications to nurses stationed throughout the enterprise, and one last bar code scan will take place at the patient’s bedside before a drug is dispensed, contributing a final time to utmost patient safety.

A new central pharmacy, under construction at UK Good Samaritan Hospital, will feature a new automated bar code-reliant inventory system to safely, reliably, effectively and efficiently distribute medications.

referring to a patient benefits-stacked pharmacy practice model that relies on bar-code scanning and automation to safely, reliably, effectively and efficiently distribute medications.

The Pharmacy Department is planning to place this central distribution model at UK Good Samaritan Hospital in an area formerly occupied by laundry services. It will become home to a 10,000 square-foot central pharmacy, which should open in the spring of 2013.

The space’s focal point will be four mammoth carousels. These carousels, triggered by doctors’ written orders that will be verified by pharmacists, will automatically bar code-scan and load medications into prescrbed trays for patients.

The carousels, bordered by storage, compounding and dispensing areas, will be restocked every 24 hours based on dispensing patterns and data input. This information will contribute to medication use trends and will inform enterprise purchasing decisions.

The new system is expected to reduce medication inventory by as much as $1 million, Johnson estimates.
**Happenings**

Choose to Live Well: 2012 UK Health & Wellness Conference, June 1
Embassy Suites, 1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Light breakfast and lunch provided. Preregister beginning May 1, 8 a.m. [www.uky.edu/HR/wellness/conference.html](http://www.uky.edu/HR/wellness/conference.html).

Women: It’s About You, June 2
Embassy Suites, 1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, 8 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Free valet parking, health screenings, giveaways, continental breakfast. Expert physician and clinician speakers, exhibitor showcase, luncheon with live entertainment, chair massages and much more. [www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu/women](http://www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu/women).

UK HealthCare Leadership Week, June 12-14

Markey Race for Women’s Cancer Triathlon/Duathlon/5k, June 24
Gynecologic Oncology, in partnership with the Markey Cancer Foundation and The Club at Spindletop Hall, will sponsor this event for the Patient Advocacy Fund. Located at Spindletop Hall, Lexington. Sprint triathlon: 400m swim, 15-mile bike, 3.1-mile run. Duathlon: 3.1-mile run, 15-mile bike ride, 3.1-mile run. 5k fun run/walk. More information: [www.markeyraceforwomenscancer.com](http://www.markeyraceforwomenscancer.com).

5k Walk around Kentucky for Epilepsy, June 30
Keeneland Race Course, Barn 2. Funds raised will benefit educational and client support services in Kentucky and southern Indiana. Register or get information at [www.efky.org](http://www.efky.org).

**Resident of the Month**

Jessica Moss, MD, Hematology/Oncology, has been named April’s Resident of the Month. Peer nominees describe her as “compassionate” and someone who “exhibits outstanding bedside care.” Another nominator wrote, “Her humbleness is evident in her dedication to patients and her work ethic is amazing!”

**Leadership Restructured for KNI Ambulatory Services**

Dean Hanlon has been named clinical operations director supporting the Kentucky Neuroscience Institute (KNI) and the operational implementation of the Allscripts electronic health record (AEHR). Hanlon joins Ambulatory Services from the UK Sports Physical Therapy Program where he served as clinician and manager.

He earned an undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a master’s degree from State University at Stony Brook’s Harriman School of Management. Hanlon has served in multiple roles in health care administration, including administrative resident, director of planning, assistant administrator of finance with Stamos Associates Inc., and co-director of business development and operations for St. Charles Rehabilitation Hospital.

At KNI, Hanlon will partner with Michael Dobbs, MD, and Kymberly Gowin, RN.

**Scales Joins Markey Team**

Joan Scales is a newly named supervisor of psych-oncology services at Markey Cancer Center. Employed by UK HealthCare for nearly three years, she has worked as an inpatient social worker in pediatric hematology/oncology. She has previous experience with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as well as with Hospice of the Bluegrass. She earned a master’s degree in social work from the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work and acquired LCSW licensure in March.

**Clinical Nurse Excellence Winner**

Richard Zerbee has been selected as a May recipient of the Clinical Nurse Excellence Award for Markey 2, where he is a direct patient care provider on the weekend plan, WEPP. He holds OCN® certification for adult oncology nursing and joined UK HealthCare in 2006. He has been a RN for 16 years. He has been preceptor for several new nurses, student nurses and experienced nurses. He is also a member of the practice and policy committee.

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Brunch honors employees for years of service

More than 900 UK HealthCare employees will be recognized at the annual service awards program on May 18 at The Lexington Center.

Employees with 20 or more years of service include:

20-year employees
- Debra Armstrong
- Debby Ashlock-Jones
- Margarita Avdiushko
- Paula Bargo
- Barsha L. Barker
- Jan Bates
- Gregory Bauman
- Barry Bingham
- Chery Birch
- Frank R. Blair
- Angie Bowen
- Jill Defreese Branton
- Michelle Brown
- Darrin J. Burchell
- Lisa L. Butcher
- Kathleen Campbell
- Joanna J. Carson
- Changguo Chen
- Regina G. Cole
- Patricia E. Cooper
- Gary D. Coutts
- Robert Crabtree
- Jodi Davenport
- Michelle Dees
- Elisha A. Farmer
- Gayle Fields
- Tracy Fletcher
- Gerri Foster
- Suzanne Froelich
- Melonye Fugate
- Betty Gabbard
- Lynn W. Gentry
- Katherine Grigby
- Jill Austin Guenther
- Giovanna Hidalgo
- Teresa Hignite
- James Hoskins
- Lisa K. Howard
- Jane Howell
- Michele Hughes
- Renee James
- Phyllis Kennerly
- Linda Kentz
- Robin King
- Barbara T. Larkin
- Julie A. Leigh
- Catherine M. Lorentz
- Kim Martin
- Cassie McCarty
- Angela M. McKitric
- Mark McMillian
- Sheri McNew
- Wanda Miller
- Barry Moore
- Debra L. Moors
- Kimberly J. Morton
- Amy Murphy-Spencer
- Deborah F. Onan
- Carla R. Pigg
- Jerri W. Prince
- Kathy Rack
- Robin Rankin
- Alicia G. Raulinaitis
- Jennifer Riley
- Devauna Riley-Broce
- Karen Robbins
- Richard Sattich
- Kimberly Scott
- Heather Seltsam
- Melissa S. Setters
- Angela K. Steele
- Sandra Kay Stone
- Paula Jean Stotelmyer
- Sharon Stringer
- Donna Sumner
- Francine Talley
- Tammy Y. Tandy
- Veronique Thibault
- Janice Thomas
- Sharon M. Todd
- Rodney W. Tompkins
- Briggs Wakeland
- Dawn Marie Waldrop
- Linda M. Watts
- Ellen B. Williams
- Vince Willoughby
- Barbara Magnuson
- Woodward
- Sharon Worthy

25-year employees
- Sheryl Abercrombie
- Ramona Alcala
- Sharon R. Bell
- Vimala Bondada
- Diana L. Brashear
- Carolyn Brown
- Mary Chamberlain
- Ann E. Chambless
- Emma L. Conn
- Leslie K. Crocker
- Eric Durbin
- Therese R. Eichhorn
- Lisa MacHele Eldridge
- L. Darlene Felty
- Michele Franchino
- Brenda Frazier
- Gary Ginn
- Susan E. Gray
- Roberta Grevious
- Dana Hargis
- Kathleen Holbrook

30-year employees
- Brenda J. Holmes
- Jeffrey N. Howe
- Jenell Johnson
- Margaret Kates
- Sharon W. Lake
- Sharon C. McLaughlin
- Kevin Masters
- Mary Mathes
- John May
- Marrian G. McAlister
- Karen McClanahan
- Deondra C. Mickey
- Briggit Miller
- Cynthia D. Morrison
- Wanda S. Neal
- Nancy Oraflit
- Ruth Oremus
- Mrudula Patel
- Linda Peel
- Marla Thomas
- Patricia Trail
- Faye Turner
- Renee Wagner
- Brett R. Ward
- Kimberly Renee Ward
- Gayle West
- Robin L. Wilson-Neeley
- JoAnn Wright
- Len Wright

35-year employees
- Terri Ashley
- Donna Black
- Steve Bowman
- Renee E. Broadus
- Paulette R. Bryan
- Bill Cotter
- Thom Dale
- Marybeth K. Davin
- Becky Dugi
- Janice Dyche
- Nanette L. Fleming
- Barry Grimes
- Benita L. Guy
- Glenda S. Hale
- Linda M. Holtzclaw
- Kathleen G. Kopser
- Alice M. Ledford
- Debra Martin
- Lisa Miller
- Beverly J. Morton
- Janet F. Sims
- Paula F. Taylor
- Joyce Welch
- S. L. Wilham

40-year employees
- Shirley Adair
- Dawn Adair
- Vickie Shelton

45-year employee
- Grace Florence
UK HealthCare joins others cross-state to promote organ, tissue donation

UK HealthCare celebrated organ and tissue donors and recipients April 9 by raising the Donate Life flag in front of UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital. Participants, pictured here shortly before the flag-raising, gathered at Pavilion A for a photo.

To join the registry, visit www.donatelif.org or sign up when you renew your driver’s license. The donor registry enables family members to know that you chose to save and enhance lives through donation.