The Health Education Initiative
Addressing Kansas’ crucial physician shortage

The University of Kansas School of Medicine is the only medical school in Kansas and a premier institution for training primary care and rural physicians. To meet the state’s growing need for doctors, the school in 2011 opened a new campus in Salina and expanded its Wichita campus.

Despite these efforts, Kansas still doesn’t have enough physicians. Meanwhile, KU’s health education facilities in Kansas City are at capacity.

A new Health Education Building
To continue the momentum created by expansions in Salina and Wichita and to train additional doctors for Kansas communities, KU will continue seeking support for a new Health Education Building on the Kansas City campus. This investment would:

- Enable KU to increase the number of medical students trained annually across all campuses by 50 students – from the current 211 to the proposed 261 students – by fall 2017
- Ensure students are trained in the technologically advanced environment required by the modern health care curriculum

The projected cost to expand our Kansas City facilities is $75 million. KU has already identified $65 million, which includes $25 million from the Hall Family Foundation, $25 million in bonds from the state, and $15 million in KU resources. KU will continue seeking support for this desperately needed building.

In addition, KU continues to seek support to ensure the long-term stability of the School of Medicine–Wichita campus. That campus opened in 1971 to provide clinical training to medical students in their third and fourth years and in 2011 expanded to a full, four-year campus.

What comes next?
As the only medical school in the state, KU is the only entity capable of addressing Kansas’ crucial physician shortage. That’s why it’s imperative that policymakers and stakeholders join us in advancing our Health Education Initiative to provide Kansas communities the physicians they desperately need.

For details, visit doctors4KS.ku.edu.

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