University of Missouri, Kansas City  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Endocrinology Faculty Member  
School of Medicine

“The SEARCH”

The Department of Medicine at the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine invites nominations and applications for an academic faculty position in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism. Endocrinologist duties include serving as attending physician in weekly general endocrinology clinics and on a rotating basis on the inpatient consultation service. Endocrinologist responsibilities include teaching medical students and residents in both outpatient and inpatient settings. Additional duties include scholarly development in either teaching and/or research. The Department of Medicine is proud of its diverse faculty, and is an equal opportunity employer. Applications from female and minority applicants are welcome.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY

One of UMKC’s major priorities is to lead in the area of Life and Health Sciences. The $35 million Robert H. Flarsheim Science and Technology Building opened in 2000, and an additional $40 million has been committed to a new health sciences building.

Collaborative initiatives, a center for medical research and the drive of public and private partnerships is quickly making the area a national center for science and health research. UMKC is a partner in the Kansas City Life Sciences Institute, a collaborative venture among the metro area’s top research institutions and civic groups as well as some Schools and Departments within the University. The University is now moving aggressively to take advantage of exciting synergistic opportunities for interdisciplinary research both within UMKC and with partners.

Historically, UMKC has evolved into a comprehensive, research-intensive university with 13 schools from a small, teaching-oriented institution. UMKC’s colleges and programs offer more than 125 degrees, including 49 master’s degrees and select doctoral
degrees. It enrolls 10,400 students, with an additional 2,300 high school students also taking some university-level classes. Fifty-five percent of matriculated students are undergraduates, 32% are graduate students, and 13% are professional students. UMKC is large enough to provide a broad range of educational and social opportunities, but small enough to retain a sense of community and belonging. It serves traditional and non-traditional students of all ages, and is strongly committed to providing quality education for diverse populations. The average ACT score of entering freshmen is 24.7, which is among the highest of all public research universities nationwide. Approximately 19% of UMKC students are members of a minority group and 7% are international students representing more than 80 countries.

The University is located in the center of Kansas City's "cultural zone," a part of the city encompassing several museums, a premier research institute, a renowned science and technical and research library, as well as the Country Club Plaza and Westport shopping and entertainment districts. Located in Kansas City are the headquarters of significant industry leaders such as Sprint, Hallmark, American Century, and H&R Block. These companies provide students with numerous employment options. A high percentage of UMKC graduates (60%) choose to remain in Kansas City upon graduation.

During the early 1990's, UMKC launched an aggressive campaign to strengthen its programs and attract top-notch faculty through the Missouri Endowed Chair and Professorship Program. The College of Arts and Sciences has six Curators' Professors, two Distinguished Teaching Professors, and two endowed chairs. Since 1993, 33 endowed chairs and professorships have brought distinguished new teachers and researchers to the campus. The University is committed to increasing research funding and the number of doctoral students, and to improving the physical plant.
THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

History

The University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine official was founded in 1971 with a unique approach to medical education. Based on a six-year curriculum, the School of Medicine admits students into the program directly from high school. Students graduate with their Baccalaureate-Doctor of Medicine (Baccalaureate/M.D.) from the same institution. The curriculum integrates the liberal arts, and basic and clinical sciences within a team approach to learning.

When E. Grey Dimond, MD, was asked to devise an academic plan for a new medical school in the early 1960s, he agreed with one stipulation: "Only if you make it fun." With that in mind, a unique new medical school was created that would provide students with early and continuous patient-care experience. A charter class of 18 students joined 23 "advanced standing" students to begin classes in 1970 at the University’s Health-Sciences building and a year later, a group of 40 students became the first official Year 1 class to enter the School. More than 2,000 physicians have since received their MDs from the UMKC School of Medicine.

The School officially opened the doors of its current facility at 2411 Holmes Street in the heart of Kansas City’s historic Hospital Hill district in August 1974 at a cost of $13.5 million. The School of Medicine is physically connected to Truman Medical Center Hospital Hill, one of its primary teaching hospitals. Children’s Mercy Hospital and the Western Missouri Mental Health Center are located nearby in the Hospital Hill area. Saint Luke’s Hospital of Kansas City is about two miles from the School, located near Kansas City’s Country Club Plaza district. Truman Medical Center Lakewood is located on the east side of Kansas City. Other affiliated hospitals that provide clinical experience include Baptist Medical Center, Menorah Medical Center, Research Medical Center and Trinity Lutheran Hospital. The growth of the School of Medicine extends to graduate medical education, in which the School now offers residency programs in 13 specialty areas and training in 20 subspecialty residency programs.

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a national body representing the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association, has endorsed the School of Medicine and its academic philosophy. The School of Medicine is fully accredited by the LCME.

The School of Medicine and Truman Medical Centers recently received the prestigious designation as a National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), becoming the only Center in a four-state region and one of only 21 such centers nationwide.

More information can be found on the School of Medicine at http://www.med.umkc.edu/
School of Medicine Clinical/Academic Departments

The School of Medicine has 15 departments: Anesthesiology, Basic Medical Science, Clinical Pharmacology, Community & Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Pathology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiology and Surgery. The school has five key partner hospitals: Children's Mercy Hospital, Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City, Truman Medical Center Hospital Hill, Truman Medical Center Lakewood, and Western Missouri Mental Health Center.

Faculty

The School has 570 full-time and 670 volunteer faculty positions, 375 residents and fellows in 32 ACGME sponsored programs. Faculty rank and years at UMKC are listed below in Appendix B. Please also refer to the attached organization chart for the School of Medicine, located in Appendix B.

Future Growth

Important new facilities are in the building or planning phases. The School of Medicine's strategic plan calls for total renovation of animal facilities on Hospital Hill, renovation of 15,000 square feet of laboratory space, and acquisition of core scientific equipment necessary to support modern scientific research. In addition, a new Health Sciences Building is in the final stages of architectural design. This new complex, on which construction is expected to begin during 2005, will house the Schools of Pharmacy and Nursing and research programs from selected Hospital Hill stakeholders.

Department of Medicine

The Department of Medicine represents four primary organizations: the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine, the Truman Medical Centers, the St. Luke’s Hospital of Kansas City, and the University Physician Associates.

The Department members serve as faculty in the educationally innovative medical school. Most students enter this program after secondary school and will earn both baccalaureate and medical degrees in six years. Beginning in the third year of medical school, while they continue required class work, students help care for patients in the outpatient and inpatient settings in small academic units called docent teams composed of twelve students and one faculty member (docent) from the Department of Medicine. Students remain with their docent team for the last four years of the six-year program. This docent system emphasizes collegiality and a team approach to learning and patient care. The docent system provides a longitudinal mentorship for students.2

2 More information about the residency program (which is one of a number post-graduate, university-based programs) can be found at http://www.med.umkc.edu/residency/intmed/.
Truman Medical Center (previously Kansas City General Hospital) has served as a center of clinical excellence and medical education for over 125 years. The Department of Medicine at Truman Medical Center offers outstanding care in General Internal Medicine as well as the specialty areas of Allergy-Immunology, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Hematology-Oncology, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Neurology, and Respiratory-Critical Care Medicine.

Saint Luke's Hospital is a 650-bed not-for-profit tertiary referral center with a network of 550 skilled physicians that represent more than 56 medical specialties. Saint Luke's Hospital was founded in 1882, and since has grown to cover more than eight square blocks and include more than a dozen major facilities. The Primary Care General Internal Medicine Residency Track program, directed by Dr. Brent Beasley, was recently funded by a HRSA Residency Training in Primary Care grant to develop, expand, and maintain an innovative approach to teaching and learning Primary Care General Internal Medicine. The track currently has four residents, and will be expanding to eight residents over the course of the grant (7/03-6/06). Our first two residents graduated in May of 2004 and now work in underserved rural areas.

University Physician Associates (UPA) is the not-for-profit professional corporation for the clinical faculty of the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine and Truman Medical Center. This organization oversees faculty benefits, retirement, practice-efficiency, and patient-care billing.

The Department of Medicine is a vibrant community of medical scholars, practitioners and educators, operating through the four organizations just discussed. The Department strives to provide patients, trainees, and the medical community with outstanding clinical care, teaching, and clinical research.

George Robert Reisz, MD is the Chairman of the Department of Medicine. He has been a professor since 1998 and Chairman since 2000. Dr. Reisz undergraduate education was completed at Vanderbilt University and he received his MD at Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine and Truman Medical Center followed by a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine also at UMKC.

Dr. Reisz’s professional certifications include the American Board of Internal Medicine certification in the specialty of Internal Medicine and the subspecialties of Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care.

**Division Endocrinology and Metabolism**

The Endocrine division at the University of Missouri Medical School in Kansas City is a growing division in need of additional faculty members. Responsibilities of the section include clinics, inpatient consults at Truman Medical Center, teaching of both residents (all internal medicine residents are required to do an Endocrinology rotation) and students, as well as expanding the research potential within the division. The Endocrinology division is responsible for 18 noon conferences/year. Additionally, we
participate in a combined Journal Club with the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology at Children’s Mercy Hospital and a combined Radiology/Endocrinology conference monthly. The catchment area has a very high incidence of diabetes, which is a major thrust of the division. Approximately 1/3 of the consult requests come from outside of our own institutions. Typical of most Endocrine practices the majority of patients have diabetes or thyroid disease, although the full gamut of Endocrinology is treated within the division. Currently the division has 3 Endocrinologists, a CNP, and 1 internist. We are able to do various stimulation testing within the Endocrine clinics. We have CGMS available within the clinic. There is also an ADA recognized diabetes education program within the division of Endocrinology with 2 outpatient CDE’s and 1 dietician. One of these CDE’s is a Pharmacist who is available in clinic at least 2 days per week. One inpatient CDE compliments the education component. The clinics have an RN, LPN, and 2 clerks.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION

Endocrinologist duties and responsibilities include serving as attending physician:

- In weekly general endocrinology clinics and
- On a rotating basis on the inpatient consultation service.
- Teaching medical students and residents in both outpatient and inpatient settings.

Additional duties and responsibilities include:

- Regular scholarly development in teaching and/or research
TO APPLY:

The search committee is accepting applications immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Please send CV with cover letter, preferably by email, in strict confidence to:

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The University of Missouri, Kansas City is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages a diverse pool of candidates for this search.