Kravis Children’s Hospital Receives High Rankings

For the first time, U.S. News & World Report ranked The Mount Sinai Kravis Children’s Hospital among the nation’s top 25 children’s hospitals in two specialties: gastroenterology, which ranked 25th, and kidney diseases (nephrology), which was 24th.

Nearly 100 hospitals were evaluated for the 2010–11 edition of “America’s Best Children’s Hospitals.” The rankings were determined by three key criteria: reputation, patient outcomes, and care-related indicators, including infection control, surgical volume and nurse-patient ratio. Within gastroenterology, liver transplant survival was an additional criterion, and within the area of kidney diseases, kidney transplant survival, biopsy complications, and dialysis management were also evaluated.

“Kravis Children’s Hospital is a world-class facility providing exceptional patient care,” says Wayne Keathley, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Mount Sinai Hospital. “These rankings are a significant accomplishment.”

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Philip J. Landrigan, MD, Appointed Dean of Global Health

Philip J. Landrigan, MD, MSc, one of the world’s leading authorities on the effects of lead poisoning and pesticide exposure in children, was recently appointed Dean for Global Health. In his new position, Dr. Landrigan—who is also Professor and Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine, Director of the Children’s Environmental Health Center and Principal Investigator for the National Children’s Study (NCS) for New York and northern New Jersey—will focus Mount Sinai’s efforts on combating HIV/AIDS, heart disease, infectious diseases, and diseases caused by toxic chemicals around the world.

It was Dr. Landrigan’s research that prompted the federal government to require companies to remove lead from paint and gasoline in the 1970s and 1980s, a move that has been credited with reducing lead poisoning.
Cardiac Cath Lab Raises $1.1 Million

Deepak Chopra, MD, best-selling author on spirituality and mind-body health, was the guest speaker at a recent fundraising event in Manhattan to support The Mount Sinai Hospital’s Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory. The May 12 event raised $1.1 million. It was part of a year-long effort to raise $5 million that will be used to purchase research equipment for the Cath Lab.

Samin K. Sharma, MD, Director of the Cath Lab, Co-Director, Zena and Michael A. Wiener Cardiovascular Institute and Zena and Michael A Wiener Professor of Medicine, launched the campaign less than a year ago by pledging $2 million of his own money. The goal, he says, “is to create an endowment that will give us $250,000 a year to use for research. We want to find new ways to treat blocked arteries. And we want to detect blockages at an early stage.” By year’s end, Dr. Sharma expects to complete his fundraising efforts.

At the event, Dr. Chopra—Founder and Chairman of the Chopra Foundation and Founder and Co-Chairman of the Chopra Center for Wellbeing in Carlsbad, California—praised Dr. Sharma on his commitment to making Mount Sinai’s Cath Lab the best in the world. Dr. Chopra advised the audience to make happiness a necessary component of everyday life and to incorporate yoga and meditation into their lives.

In a recent report issued by the New York State Department of Health, Mount Sinai’s Cath Lab had the state’s lowest 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate and highest patient volume for percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI).

Mount Sinai was the only hospital in New York State to have two physicians individually recognized with a two-star rating, indicating they have significantly below average mortality ratings among doctors performing PCI in all cases. Dr. Sharma and Annapoorna Kini, MD, Associate Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory both received this designation.

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in children by 90 percent over the past 25 years. Many other nations adopted similar policies, greatly reducing the incidence of childhood lead poisoning worldwide.

“Dr. Landrigan’s expertise is unmatched,” says Dennis S. Charney, MD, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean of Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at The Mount Sinai Medical Center. “We are glad he will take on the role of Dean for Global Health to further address the most pressing problems of health and disease confronting the world’s population today.”

In recognition of his work in studying the effects of environmental pollutants on chronic childhood diseases, Dr. Landrigan recently received the 2010 Heart of Green “Protector” Award from TheDailyGreen.com. “Few people have done so much to improve the health of America’s children,” said Dan Shapley, Senior Editor of TheDailyGreen.com, a comprehensive source of news, tips, and information about going green that is part of Hearst Digital Media.

Dr. Landrigan says Mount Sinai is uniquely positioned to make an important contribution to improving global health, since it has a long legacy of accomplishments in this area. He sees his new role as a coordinator of Mount Sinai’s ongoing efforts. Among the programs he plans to bring together are those headed by:

- Ramon Murphy, MD, MPH, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine, and Anu Anandaraja, MD, MPH, both directors of Mount Sinai School of Medicine’s Global Health Center. Drs. Murphy and Anandaraja have built and developed programs to train and deploy pediatricians and medical students to underserved communities around the world.

- Paul E. Klotman, MD, Chairman, Samuel Bronfman Department of Medicine and Murray M. Rosenberg Professor of Medicine. Dr. Klotman has developed global training, research and patient care programs in underserved areas, as well.

- Luz Claudio, PhD, Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine. Dr. Claudio has trained a generation of leaders in occupational and environmental medicine in Latin America.

- Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, Director, Mount Sinai Heart, Director, Zena and Michael A. Wiener Cardiovascular Institute, and the Marie-Josee and Henry R. Kravis Center for Cardiovascular Health, Richard Gorlin, MD, Heart Research Foundation Professor of Cardiology. Dr. Fuster, has addressed the adverse health impacts of a high-fat western diet spreading to the developing world.

“The mission I’ve been given is to pull this all together, find synergies, and create a whole that is greater than the sum of the parts,” says Dr. Landrigan. The first order of business, he adds, will be improving communication among the departments. He also plans to encourage an ongoing exchange of information with experts from outside institutions by establishing monthly seminars on global health, and bringing in visiting scholars to work at Mount Sinai.

One of his most important tasks will be to remain focused on certain areas of health where Mount Sinai already has expertise, including emerging infections, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, surgery, and protecting children from toxic chemicals.

“I’ve already come to the realization that we can’t do it all,” he says. “Those will be the core areas where we focus because that’s where we have resources and where we will look to build synergy.”
Friends and members of the Mount Sinai Auxiliary Board recently gathered in the seventh-floor atrium of the Guggenheim Pavilion to commemorate the end of 58 years of Auxiliary Board management of the Gift Shop, and to pass the reigns over to The Mount Sinai Hospital. The Hospital plans to bring in a third-party vendor to oversee operations, and will look to extend weekend and evening hours and provide e-commerce capabilities for patients, their families, and friends.

“This is both a sad and happy occasion,” said Jephtha Tausig-Edwards, PhD, President of the Auxiliary Board. “It is hard to let go, but it is always wonderful to see something that one has developed and nurtured become independent.”

The Auxiliary Board opened the Gift Shop in 1952 to serve Mount Sinai’s patients. The shop was first located in the Klingenstein Pavilion lobby and offered cards and gifts for newborns and other patients. Over the years, the Gift Shop sold items for staff and families as well. It was relocated to the lobby of the Guggenheim Pavilion in 1990, and remained there until September 2009, before it was moved to the seventh-floor atrium.

Wayne Keathley, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Mount Sinai Hospital, thanked the Auxiliary Board members at the gathering for all of their volunteer efforts, and gave special thanks to Karen H. Freedberg and Aileen T. Janover for tirelessly managing the Gift Shop for almost two decades. “The Auxiliary Board Gift Shop Leadership has volunteered countless hours to make this boutique gift shop such a success,” he said. “You provided patients, families and staff with a charming place where they could buy what they needed without leaving the hospital.”

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Leaders from the Gift Shop and Hospital gather in the seventh-floor atrium. LEFT TO RIGHT: Karen H. Freedberg; Aileen T. Janover; Anita R. Fields; Adrienne Gray; Frieda B. Fuhrman; and Wayne Keathley
Events

Town Hall Meeting
Kenneth L. Davis, MD, President and CEO of The Mount Sinai Medical Center; Dennis S. Charney, MD, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean of the Mount Sinai Medical School and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at The Mount Sinai Medical Center; and Wayne Keathley, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Mount Sinai Hospital, invite you to our annual Town Hall Meeting. Bring your colleagues and your questions to this open exchange.

Monday, July 12
4 – 5 pm
Stern Auditorium

Tuesday, July 13
9 – 10 am
Stern Auditorium

Translational Neuroscience Seminar Series
P. Read Montague, PhD, Professor, Department of Neuroscience, Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Director, Human Neuroimaging Laboratory, Baylor College of Medicine, presents “Computational and Economic Approaches to Psychopathology.”
Thursday, June 17
1 pm
Icahn Medical Institute
First Floor, Seminar Room

Developmental and Regenerative Biology Seminar Series
Alyson Macinnes, PhD, Group Leader, Hubrecht Institute, presents “The role of Nucleolar GTPases Nucleostemin and G12 in Ribosome Biogenesis and Neural Differentiation in Zebrafish.”
Thursday, June 24
Noon
Annenberg
Room 25-51

Grand Rounds Cardiology
Srinivas Dukkipati, MD, Assistant Professor Medicine, Cardiology, presents “Ventricular Tachycardia in Unusual Substrates.”
Monday, June 14
5 – 6 pm
Hatch Auditorium

Grand Rounds Geriatrics/Palliative Care
Audrey K. Chun, MD, Assistant Professor, Medical Director, Coffey Geriatrics Associates. Director, Martha Stewart Center for Living, Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, presents “Geriatrics Patient-Centered Medical Home.”
Thursday, June 24
5:15 – 6:15 pm
Annenberg
Room 10-30

Mount Sinai’s First Baby
On August 27, 1856, Isaac Touro Lichtenstein was the first baby born at Mount Sinai, known then as the Jews’ Hospital. The baby’s middle name was in honor of Judah Touro, one of the hospital’s greatest benefactors, who bequeathed $20,000 to the institution in 1854, equivalent to approximately $527,000 in today’s dollars. For additional information, please contact the Mount Sinai Archives.

A daguerreotype, circa 1860

Training & Education

Caring For An Older Person And Have Questions About Medicare?
The Caregivers and Professionals Partnership (CAPP) Caregiver Resource Center is offering a free educational workshop for family caregivers. The workshop will be led by Penny Schwartz, DSW, LCSW, and Ann Rausch, LCSW, from the Resource, Entitlement & Advocacy Program. For reservations and more information, call 212-241-2277. A reception will follow.
Tuesday, June 15
2:30 – 3:30 pm
Hatch Auditorium

Crucial Conversations
Learn the best way to communicate when it matters most. Crucial Conversations is a communication style that teaches you how to handle the most difficult and important conversations. The skills learned can help participants strengthen relationships, improve productivity, build and maintain an open-and-productive team environment and increase accountability and responsibility in themselves and colleagues. Learn to use persuasive and powerful language to increase open dialogue and to drive change at work and in your life. Participants must attend all four sessions.
Tuesday, June 15, June 22
July 6, and July 13
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

For information and locations on upcoming courses, contact Training and Education at 212-241-1944, go to http://intranet1.mountsinai.org/humanresources/f&es/index.htm, or visit Training and Education’s office at 19 East 98th Street, Second Floor.

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