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Portrait LEXINGTON'S BLUEGRASS REGION



Recruiting new talent is a snap, says Dr. Michael Karpf, an executive vice president at UK HealthCare, where a new hospital is set to open by 2010.

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A History of Health

Blending modern technology with a long history, healthcare organizations work to keep Lexingtonians in the pink of health.

by **Kathie Stamps**

The roots of Lexington's healthcare community go deep: The first medical society west of the Alleghenies was founded here in 1799. Today the city has a wealth of medical resources, providing educational and employment opportunities, expertise and cutting-edge technology.

The University of Kentucky's Chandler Hospital is the trauma center for central and eastern Kentucky. It's part of UK HealthCare, which comprises Gill Heart Institute, Good Samaritan Hospital, Kentucky Children's Hospital, Kentucky Neuroscience Institute, Markey Cancer Center and several clinics. A new hospital is under construction at UK, a \$450 million project set to open in phases by 2010.

Dr. Michael Karpf came to

Lexington from UCLA in 2003 as UK's executive vice president for health affairs. "It's an easy sell to recruit physicians and researchers to this area," says Karpf. "UK Chandler Hospital's nationally ranked programs are a testament to our growing momentum."

Central Baptist Hospital, a tertiary care center, performs 9,000 cardiac catheterizations and delivers 4,000 babies a year. It's the only center in Kentucky with the CyberKnife robotic surgery device, a \$4 million investment for treating otherwise inoperable tumors.

A member of Catholic Health Initiatives, Saint Joseph Health System has seven hospitals in Lexington and the region, collectively recognized 11 times among the 100 Top Hospitals by Solucient/Thompson.

Shriners Hospitals for Children, which counts Lexington among its 22 home cities in North America, delivers orthopedic care without charge to pediatric patients.

Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital is the only facility in the region of its nature. It provides physical, occupational and respiratory therapy to children and adults at four Lexington locations.

And that 18th-century medical society? Today the Lexington Medical Society has lobbying and philanthropic arms. It spearheaded the push for Lexington to become a smoke-free city; a public-smoking ban went into effect in 2004.

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