Kravis Children’s Hospital Earns New Ranking

Kravis Children’s Hospital at Mount Sinai is now ranked in 7 of the 10 specialties measured by U.S. News & World Report in its 2013-14 “Best Children’s Hospital” annual guidebook, moving up from six specialties last year. Significantly, Mount Sinai is also ranked as the No. 2 pediatric center in New York City, and is tied for No. 2 in the New York City metropolitan area out of the nine ranked children’s hospitals.

The seven specialties are: diabetes & endocrinology (No. 25), gastroenterology & GI surgery (No. 25), nephrology (No. 26), urology (No. 28), pulmonology (No. 36), cancer (No. 46), and cardiology & heart surgery (No. 50).

“Mount Sinai is making great strides as one of the nation’s leaders in providing quality health care to pediatric patients across all specialty areas,” says Kenneth L. Davis, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Mount Sinai Heart Hosts Live Symposium of Complex Cases

More than 1,100 interventional cardiac and vascular specialists participated in Mount Sinai Heart’s 16th Annual 2013 Live Symposium of Complex Coronary, Valvular, and Vascular Cases held from Tuesday, June 11, to Friday, June 14. It was the largest number of attendees in the event's history and included cardiologists, vascular surgeons, radiologists, fellows, nurses, technicians, and other allied health care professionals from cardiac catheterization and vascular laboratories around the globe.

The four-day event featured 28 live broadcasts of cardiac procedures, as well as expert presentations and panel discussions on the latest advances and treatment approaches for complex coronary and cardiovascular disease.
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“Interventional cardiology is a true team effort. It is vital that physicians, nurses, and others in the field maintain current evidence-based protocols to offer the most optimal care to our patients,” says Beth Oliver, DNP, RN, Vice President of Clinical Operations for Mount Sinai Heart, who directed the special one-day symposium for nurses and technologists along with Antonietta Tolentino, MSN, ANP-C.

New to this year’s event was the use of interactive handheld devices, which allowed participants to answer survey questions from presenters. The symposium also featured a special real-time broadcast of an interventional procedure from Mumbai, India, which showcased the use of novel bioabsorbable drug-eluting stents. These stents, approved for use in other countries, are currently undergoing clinical trials in the United States, including at Mount Sinai.

For additional information, go to www.mountsinai.org/cathlab.

A New Center for Labor and Delivery

The Mount Sinai Medical Center recently celebrated the opening of the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Center for Labor and Birth, a state-of-the-art facility that will enable the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science to accommodate its growing number of patients.

The 15,000-square-foot space, donated by the Steven A. and Alexandra M. Cohen Foundation, is located within the Jo Carole and Ronald S. Lauder Center for Maternity Care on the second floor of the Klingenstein Clinical Center. The facility features a reception area, administrative offices, a private triage room, four private antepartum fetal surveillance rooms, three short-term triage bays, and 18 birthing rooms.

“The décor is beautiful, soft, and inviting, and the state-of-the-art equipment will make the patients’ experiences much more pleasant and memorable,” says Raymond Sandler, MD, Director of Labor and Delivery in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science. “The ability to have a designated triage room and three extra triage bays will allow for a more efficient and prompt evaluation of patients. Our overall goal is to deliver the best care to our patients, and the new facility goes a long way in achieving this.”

The opening of the Cohen Center also coincides with the 60th anniversary of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science, which was officially recognized as a department in 1953. On average, the department delivers more than 560 babies each month.
Two Legendary Mentors are Honored

Two legendary mentors at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Arthur H. Aufses Jr., MD, and Nathan Kase, MD, were honored in May by Mount Sinai’s Institute for Medical Education (IME) with Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards that bear their names.

Dr. Aufses and Dr. Kase were cited by IME’s leaders for their legacy to medical education. Dr. Aufses, Professor of Surgery, and Health, Evidence and Policy, retired as Chairman of the Department of Surgery in 1996. Dr. Kase, Dean Emeritus, and Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science, and Medicine, served as Dean of the Medical School from 1985 through 1998.

“Despite careers that together span over a century of excellence in clinical care, medical education, and scholarly productivity, Dr. Kase and Dr. Aufses continue to leave their mark on Mount Sinai,” says IME leader David Muller, MD, Dean for Medical Education, and the Marietta and Charles C. Morchand Chair for Medical Education at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. “Who could ask for better role models than these two men, each of whom is still teaching, attending conferences, presenting their work, and mentoring countless faculty and trainees?”

Says Reena Karani, MD, MHPE, Director of the Institute for Medical Education and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education and Curricular Affairs: “I can think of no better leaders to honor. They have both been incredible role models, exemplars in guiding my direction as an educator. They set the benchmark for excellence in innovation and teaching.”

The new awards were among 15 given to students, faculty, and house staff by the IME this year at the 11th Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony on Thursday, May 23, in Hatch Auditorium.

Eileen Scigliano, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, (Hematology and Medical Oncology), received the 2013 Dr. Arthur H. Aufses, Jr. Career Achievement Award in Medical Education. Her Hematology Course has received the highest ratings by students for more than 10 years. Recipients of this award are senior faculty members who have dedicated their careers to becoming leaders in education.

Uma Ayyala, MD, received the 2015 Dr. Nathan Kase Innovations in Medical Education Award for her creative course that prepares medical students for their first year of residency. This award honors students, residents, faculty, and staff who develop unique programs that advance the educational experiences of their students.

Mount Sinai’s innovative new FlexMed program, which will begin accepting half of each new class during their sophomore year of college without having to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) or traditional premed coursework, is an outgrowth of the Humanities and Medicine Program that was started by Dr. Kase.

“I am proud this award was created,” says Dr. Kase. “But far more important is the impact of the Humanities and Medicine Program, and the real satisfaction of seeing how it has influenced the school of medicine.”

Says Dr. Aufses: “My congratulations to Dr. Eileen Scigliano, a superb teacher and role model for our students and house staff. To have my name associated with the IME Career Achievement Award is a singular honor, which I will always cherish. I am most grateful to the leadership of IME.”

To learn more, go to www.icahn.mssm.edu/ime.

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Adds David L. Reich, MD, Interim President and Chief Operating Officer of The Mount Sinai Hospital: “Our superb multidisciplinary teams work to tailor treatments to the needs of the children and adolescents we care for at Kravis Children’s Hospital. Our staff works seamlessly to give our patients the highest quality care in nursing, surgery, and medicine.”

U.S. News surveyed 179 hospitals to obtain clinical data, which account for 75 percent of each ranking, for each of the 10 specialty areas it measured: cancer, cardiology & heart surgery, diabetes & endocrinology, gastroenterology & GI surgery, neonatology, nephrology, neurology & neurosurgery, orthopaedics, pulmonology, and urology. Twenty-five percent of each ranking is based upon the reputational assessments of 150 peers who were asked, setting aside location and expense, where they would send the sickest children in their specialty.

“Our mission is to improve the overall health of children in our community and beyond,” says Lisa M. Satlin, MD, the Herbert H. Lehman Professor and Chair of the Jack and Lucy Clark Department of Pediatrics at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. “Last year, we significantly expanded several clinical programs through the recruitment of senior faculty, and we completed a state-of-the-art renovation of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. We have outstanding division chiefs, faculty, and staff, and we are proud to be commended by our peers.”

Visit www.kravischildrenshospital.org for more information.
## 50th Anniversary of Icahn School of Medicine Charter

On June 28, 1963, the New York State Board of Regents granted The Mount Sinai Hospital a charter to create what is now the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. This marked the first formal recognition that a medical school would exist, and allowed Mount Sinai “to begin fundraising for the school in earnest,” according to Barbara Niss, Director of Archives and Records Management at The Mount Sinai Medical Center. “After the charter was signed, the school became a legitimate organization.” The school opened five years later.

### Grand Rounds Oncological Sciences

Balveen Kaur, PhD, Associate Professor, Vice Chair, Neuro-Oncology Research, Department of Neurological Surgery, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, presents “Novel Therapies for Brain Tumors.”

**Tuesday, June 25**  
Noon  
Hess Center  
Seminar Room B

### Grand Rounds Preventive Medicine

Andrea Baccarelli, MD, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor of Environmental Epigenetics, Harvard School of Public Health, presents “Epigenetics Programming of Environmental Health and Disease—Findings from Human Studies.”

**Wednesday, June 26**  
8 – 9 am  
Annenberg Fifth Floor  
Board Room

### Grand Rounds Neurosurgery

Marina Lowy, Associate General Counsel, and Claudia Colgan, Vice President, Quality Initiatives, Quality Assessment and Improvement Department, present “Who Decides when the Patient Lacks Capacity? New Law, New Policy, New Forms.”

**Wednesday, June 26**  
8 – 9 am  
Annenberg Fifth Floor  
Board Room

### Grand Rounds Anesthesiology

David L. Reich, MD, Interim President and Chief Operating Officer, The Mount Sinai Hospital, and Horace W. Goldsmith Professor and Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, presents “Airway Management.”

**Wednesday, July 3**  
6:30 – 8:10 am  
Annenberg 13-01

### Grand Rounds Education

#### 2013 Summer Program in Clinical Research

The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Summer Program in Clinical Research invites young investigators, clinical fellows, residents, and public health professionals to register for the summer course, “A Primer in Biostatistics and SAS Programming.” During 40 hours of biostatistics theory and hands-on data practice, students will build skills and learn fundamentals of clinical research methodology and data analysis. The course is offered in eight evening sessions in July from 4 – 9 pm. To register, visit [http://apps.mountsinai.org/events/biostatistics](http://apps.mountsinai.org/events/biostatistics). To learn more, email Emilia Bagiella at Emilia.Bagiella@mountsinai.org.

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### July 2013 Mount Sinai TOWN HALL

We invite you to attend one of Mount Sinai’s Town Hall meetings. Bring your colleagues and your questions to this lively, open exchange.

**Tuesday, July 9**  
4 – 5 pm  
Stern Auditorium

**Wednesday, July 10**  
9:30 – 10:30 am  
7 – 8 pm  
Stern Auditorium

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