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MEDICAL SOCIETY



2026 END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

Honoring the Best of KC Medicine

A look back at the night Kansas City's physician community gathered to celebrate the 2026 KCMS Award recipients.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026 · 6:30 PM
The Rockhill Grille, Skyline Room · 2000 Grand Blvd, Kansas City

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Celebrating a year of leadership, service and care in Kansas City

Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

On Friday, November 6, physicians, practice leaders and community partners from across the metro gathered in the Skyline Room at The Rockhill Grille for the Kansas City Medical Society's 2026 End-of-Year Celebration. It was an evening to look back on a year of progress, to reconnect with colleagues, and above all to honor the people whose work makes Kansas City a healthier place. Each year the KCMS Awards recognize members whose leadership, advocacy and service reach well beyond their own practices. The 2026 recipients, featured in the pages that follow, represent the very best of our profession: a lifetime of commitment to community health, exemplary leadership, tireless advocacy for patients, generous community service, a true friend of medicine, and a rising star whose career is just beginning.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, to our presenting sponsor UnitedHealthcare, and to our volunteers and staff who made the night possible. We hope this keepsake captures a little of the warmth and pride we felt in the room.
With gratitude,

Kansas City Medical Society
Board of Directors and Staff

ABOUT THE EVENING

DATE
Friday, November 6, 2026
6:30 PM

VENUE
The Rockhill Grille, Skyline Room

PRESENTING SPONSOR
UnitedHealthcare

Ingram's magazine has called the KCMS Annual Meeting a "Who's Who of the Kansas City medical community," reaching an audience of more than 4,000 Kansas City-area physicians and medical community partners.

EVENT RECAP

Scenes from the evening

The Skyline Room, a packed house, and a city view that matched the occasion.













Clockwise from top: the view from the venue; members gathered for the program; welcome remarks; catching up over dinner; guests of the evening; the program in full swing.

EVENT RECAP

The awards program

Six honorees, a full room, and a few well-earned standing ovations.













Clockwise from top: congratulations at the podium; the evening's emcees; a Top Doctors honoree accepts her plaque; Ingram's Top Doctors recognition; the Rising Star Award presentation.

EVENT RECAP

Faces of the evening

Colleagues, families and friends of Kansas City medicine.

















From top left: Exemplary Leadership honoree Scott Kujath, MD; guests throughout the Skyline Room; Ingram's Top Doctors plaques.

EVENT RECAP

Friends and colleagues

The next generation of Kansas City medicine, with the people who cheer them on.

















From top left: Dr. Reintjes and his wife; a Top Doctors honoree and guest; couples and colleagues against the Skyline Room windows.

EVENT RECAP

Top Doctors, honored

Ingram's 30th-anniversary Top Doctors plaques, and a KCMS Foundation update.













From top: Ingram's Top Doctors plaque presentations; the KCMS Foundation program update; guests mingling before the program.



01

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Steven Starr, MD

Recognizes a KCMS member physician for leadership, lifelong commitment to health and dedication to the health of the greater Kansas City community.



RECIPIENT
Steven Starr, MD

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02

EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Scott Kujath, MD

Recognizes a KCMS member physician who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in advancing their profession, patient care, KCMS and the health of the community.



RECIPIENT

Scott Kujath, MD

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03

PATIENT & COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AWARD

Kenna Belshe, MD

Recognizes a KCMS member physician who has made significant contributions to helping patients with access to care or improved quality of care.

RECIPIENT

Kenna Belshe, MD

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04

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

AcruxKC

Recognizes a KCMS member physician, practice, facility or organization that has made a significant contribution to the community.

RECIPIENT

AcruxKC

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FRIEND OF MEDICINE AWARD

Robba Moran

Recognizes a KCMS non-physician for outstanding service to medicine.

RECIPIENT

Robba Moran

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06

RISING STAR AWARD

Stephen Reintjes, Jr., MD

Recognizes a KCMS member physician who has made significant contribution to medicine, their practice or the Medical Society early in their career.



RECIPIENT

Stephen Reintjes, Jr., MD

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION · IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INGRAM'S MAGAZINE

Honoring Ingram's 2026 Kansas City Top Doctors

Ingram's 2026 Top Doctors honorees were recognized at the celebration, a partnership that spotlights the physicians shaping care across Kansas City, now in its 30th year.

"A Who's Who of the Kansas City medical community." INGRAM'S

30 Celebrating 30 Years | Coming in October: Kansas City's Top Doctors & The Special Medical Edition — Ingram's

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Your Colleagues. Your Community. Your Medical Society.

KCMS is Kansas City's professional home for physicians: connecting colleagues across specialties, supporting peer wellbeing, advancing education, and celebrating excellence in medicine.

FOUR PILLARS. ONE CONNECTED PHYSICIAN COMMUNITY.

01 Connect

PHYSICIAN NETWORKING

Build meaningful relationships beyond the workplace through cross-specialty events, physician socials, and small-group gatherings.

02 Support

PEER WELLBEING

Create opportunities for physicians to support one another through informal peer engagement, shared interests, and wellbeing activities.

03 Learn

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Deliver practical, multidisciplinary CME through physician-led learning, local expert discussions, and the annual Breakthrough Medicine conference.

04 Celebrate

ANNUAL KCMS AWARDS

Recognize Kansas City physicians, healthcare teams, and organizations making an impact in medicine, community health, and patient care.

PHYSICIANS IN THE COMMUNITY

Community health, advocacy and physician well-being

KCMS physicians lend their voice beyond the exam room: championing evidence-based public health, meeting vaccine hesitancy with trusted, patient-centered conversations, and advocating for policies that protect physician practice. And we look after our own, with peer support and well-being resources so Kansas City's doctors can keep caring for Kansas City.

OUR MISSION

To connect, support, educate, and celebrate physicians across greater Kansas City through professional relationships, peer engagement, CME, and recognition of excellence.

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