

conquering your pain

“You don’t have to live with chronic pain. There are options out there and we can help.”

– DR. GEORGE EDWARDS, KC PAIN CENTERS

CHRONIC PAIN IS LIKE AN 800 POUND GORILLA. IT CAN BECOME THE CONTROLLING FORCE IN YOUR LIFE THAT DICTATES HOW YOU INTERACT WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND EVEN WORK. **KC PAIN CENTERS** ARE HERE TO HELP YOU GET YOUR LIFE BACK.

Your back hurts, your muscles ache, your joints are so stiff that you can’t move – pain is the most common reason that a person sees a doctor. Fortunately, pain is often easily treated with a visit to your primary physician. When your pain persists, however, it’s time to call in the experts and that’s where KC Pain Centers can help.

“A statement I frequently hear from patients is that they’ve been told that they just have to live with their pain,” says Dr. George Edwards, who joined Anesthesia Associates in 1984 and is a founding member of KC Pain Centers. “Patients become discouraged and have a feeling of helplessness that nothing can be done. We are here to offer them hope.”

KC Pain Centers offer a wide variety of treatments for chronic pain including interventional procedures and medication management. The newest advances in pain management come in the form of minimally invasive procedures that harness new technology. Selective neurostimulation and radio frequency nerve ablation are used to control painful nerves, while disc decompression can be used for relief of a bulging disc. These are just a few of the options available at KC Pain Centers.

LOCATIONS

- KC Pain Centers South, Kansas City
- KC Pain Centers East, Independence
- Saint Luke’s East Hospital
- Saint Luke’s South
- Research Belton Hospital
- Heartland Surgical Specialty Hospital
- North Kansas City Hospital
- Mid America Surgery Institute
- Overland Park Surgery Center
- Cass Regional Medical Center
- Lee’s Summit Medical Center
- Centerpoint Medical Center

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Central Scheduling, 816-763-1559

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Front row, from left, Howard Aks, MD, Rebecca Burfeind, MD, Steven Charapata, MD, Thomas Laughlin, MD. Back row: Mark Chaplick, DO, James Scowcroft, MD, George Edwards, MD, Curt Johnson, MD, Joel Ackerman, MD, Atef Israel, MD.

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BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

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MEDICAL DEGREE

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TREATING THE MIND AND BODY

In July, 2010 KC Pain Centers added a pain psychologist – Dr. Jenna Shepard, PhD – to its staff of doctors. “We’re very excited about Dr. Shepard’s arrival.” Dr. Edwards says. “She will give us additional options in helping patients deal with their chronic pain.”



Lasting pain is more than a simple annoyance for many patients - it can cause depression and strained relationships. Don’t let it control your life.

SERVICES

- Epidural steroid injections
- Selective nerve blocks
- Diagnostic procedures
- Discography
- Nucleoplasty
- Disc decompression
- Pain pumps
- Neurostimulation
- Radio frequency nerve ablation
- Narcotic management
- Vertebroplasty
- Adjunctive analgesics (i.e., medications like Lyrica or Cymbalta)