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CHILDREN'S MERCY PARTICIPATES IN THE INAUGURAL CELEBRATION OF ANNUAL HISTOTECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS' DAY

Kansas City, Mo – March 10, 2010 – Members of the Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics Histology Department are celebrating the accomplishments of their own during the first, annual Histotechnology Professionals' Day, to promote the profession.

Histotechnologists and histotechnicians perform a variety of tissue-related procedures in various laboratories. These lab professionals prepare and stain tissue to identify bacteria, fungus, cancer, tissue structure abnormalities, antigens, DNA or RNA for diagnosis by pathologists.

Children's Mercy has the only Histology department in the area that specializes in pediatrics. The department includes a clinical lab supervisor, immunohistochemistry (IHC) lead technician, registered histology technicians and laboratory technicians.

"A compromised tissue sample can lead to a missed diagnosis," says Angela Smith, Histology supervisor with Children's Mercy. "Even though the patient doesn't see us, what's most important is that we do our absolute best for them, because we are affecting lives."

[The National Society for Histotechnology \(NSH\)](#) announced the inaugural celebration of Annual Histotechnology Professionals' Day on March 10, 2010. Histotechnology Professionals' Day is being organized in order to aid in the public's awareness of the discipline.

About Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, located in Kansas City, Mo., is one of the nation's top pediatric medical centers. The 314-bed hospital provides care for children from birth through the age of 18, and has been recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with Magnet designation for excellence in nursing services, and ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Children's Hospitals." Its faculty of 600 pediatricians and researchers across more than [40 subspecialties](#) are actively involved in clinical care, pediatric research, and educating the next generation of pediatric subspecialists. For more information about Children's Mercy and its research, visit childrensmercy.org. For breaking news and videos, follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

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