

CLINICAL ACADEMIC CENTERS IN EUROPE: Challenges and Opportunities

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Beginning in 2015, Dr. Kanter led an effort that brought together ten of Kansas City's leading health care institutions (an adult, acute-care hospital; a children's hospital; a university and its four health sciences schools; a city health department; a county medical examiner's office; and a state behavioral health facility) to align more closely as the University of Missouri-Kansas City Health Sciences District. In May 2017, the leaders of these institutions, along with city and county elected officials, signed a memorandum of understanding to create the District.

A former Fellow in Medical Informatics for the National Library of Medicine, he joined the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1991 and became vice dean in 2002. From 2008 to 2012, he also served as editor-in-chief of *Academic Medicine*, the peer-reviewed journal of the Association of American Medical Colleges. In 2013, he was awarded the Merrell Flair Award, the highest honor awarded by AAMC's Group on Educational Affairs.

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