

UW Medical Center enters third year as medical coverage sponsor of Amica Insurance Seattle Marathon

As the official medical coverage sponsor for the Amica Insurance Seattle Marathon 2010, the University of Washington Medical Center's team of physicians and staff will once again provide medical care to Seattle Marathon participants on the racecourse, at the finish line, and at the Victory Recovery Area at the Seattle Center.

The Amica Insurance Seattle Marathon 2010, Half Marathon Run, Marathon Walk and Half Marathon Walk will be held on Sunday, Nov. 28, beginning at 7:15 am. The Seattle Marathon 5K Race and the Seattle Children's Kids Marathon 2010 both take place the day before on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 8:30 am and 10:00 am, respectively, at the Seattle Center.

In addition to its medical coverage sponsorship, the UW Medical Center will again feature a unique team of marathon participants who've taken part in the Seattle Marathon for the past nine consecutive years. And they've come a long way in their nearly decade-long participation -- not so much in distance, but in sound health recovery.

"Team Transplant" is a group of UWMC transplant recipients, faculty physicians, staff, family and friends who proudly boast more than 70 team members. The team was founded and is coached by Alysun Deckert, a UWMC dietitian and past Olympic trials qualifier. Last year, a number of Team Transplant members -- including 12 liver recipients, 4 heart, 3 kidney, 2 kidney pancreas, and 2 lung recipients, as well as 1 kidney donor -- participated in the 2009 event.

This year, they'll join thousands of other marathoners over Thanksgiving weekend when runners and walkers from near and far turn out Nov. 28 for the Amica Insurance Seattle Marathon 2010 events. The races start at 5th Avenue between Harrison and Mercer Streets, east of the Experience Music Project.

To learn more, visit www.seattlemarathon.org.