

# Physician Connection



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## Hurley Medical Center is 1st Genesee County Hospital to Implant State of the Art MRI-Safe Pacemaker Revolutionizing Care for Cardiac Patients

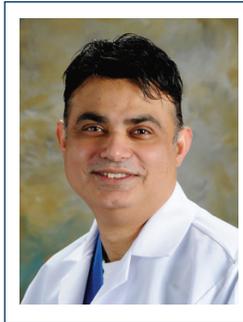
Local Media Covered MRI Pacemaker Procedure at Hurley March 18, 2011

Hurley Medical Center is the 1st Genesee County hospital to offer MRI-Safe pacemakers, changing patients' lives through this amazing state of the art technology. On March 18, 2011, Syed Ahmed, MD, FACC, Hurley Cardiologist implanted the pacemaker into 34-year old Amber Racki of Grand Blanc, who has been plagued with black-outs and skipped heartbeats for some time. The Revo

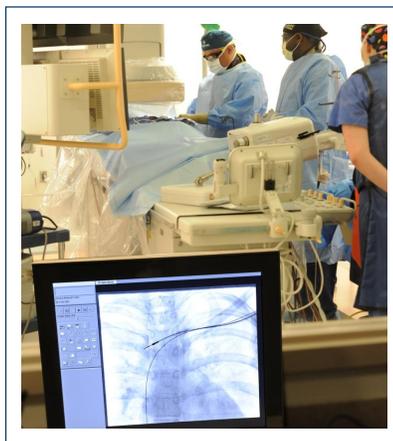
MRI™ Sure Scan® pacemaker used in the procedure is the first pacing system designed, tested and FDA-approved for use with magnetic resonance imaging. On March 18, WNEM-TV5, ABC12, NBC25 and the Flint Journal covered this medical milestone.

"Medical imaging and electronic implantable

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**Syed Ahmed, MD**



## Hurley Medical Center Announces Melany Gavulic, RN, MBA to Senior Vice President for Operations



We are pleased to announce that Melany Gavulic, RN, MBA, has been chosen as the Senior Vice President for Operations at Hurley Medical Center, effective April 28, 2011. The Board's approval of Melany's appointment is the result of a collaborative interview process with input from the Board,

medical staff and employees.

Melany comes to this role from the Vice President of Procedural and Ambulatory Services at Hurley, with executive level responsibility for Surgical Services, Pediatric,

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### CALENDER:

**May 17, 2011**  
CME-Pediatric Rheumatology  
Merliss Brown Auditorium  
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm  
To register call 1.888.611.4462

**May 18, 2011**  
CME-Responsible Prescribing Practices from Morphine to Marijuana  
Flint Golf Club  
7:30 am to 4:00 pm  
To register call 1.800.821.6517 ext 4620

**May 18, 2011**  
General Medical Staff Meeting  
Merliss Brown Auditorium  
5:30 pm  
No registration necessary

**June 1, 2011**  
Office Manager Network Conference  
Topic: MIOSHA - Bloodborne Pathogens  
IINN, 4800 Saginaw St., Flint  
11:30 am to 2:00 pm  
To register call 810.262.9400, email amcburn1@hurleymc.com or fax 810.760.9956

### Digital Mammography

Digital Mammography is now available in our Radiology Department. We are one of the few ACR accredited hospital mammography sites. We are also offering Saturday hours for your convenience. To schedule an appointment please call 810.262.9194.

## Hurley Cancer Program Receives Outstanding Achievement Award from the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons

Only Medical Center in Genesee County to Receive Prestigious National Award



The Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons has granted its Outstanding Achievement Award to Hurley Medical Center as a result of surveys performed during 2010. Hurley Medical Center is one of a select group of 90 currently accredited and newly accredited cancer programs across the United States, the only medical center in Genesee County, and one of four statewide hospitals to receive this prestigious award.

“The CoC of the American College of Surgeons sets quality of care standards for cancer programs and reviews the programs to ensure they conform to those standards. Outstanding Achievement Awards by the CoC is given only to those facilities – like Hurley Medical Center, that have voluntarily committed to providing the highest level of quality cancer care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. Hurley Medical Center provides the most outstanding clinical care and compassion for patients and their families, and we are proud to have earned this award,” says Raouf Mikhail, MD, FACS, FRCS.(C), Medical Director, Hurley Cancer Center; Chair, Hurley Department of Surgery; and Director, Hurley Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program.

Established in 2004, the CoC Outstanding Achievement Award (OAA) is designed to recognize cancer programs that strive for excellence in providing quality care to cancer patients. The award is granted to facilities that demonstrate a Commendation level of compliance with seven standards that represent six areas of cancer program activity: cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical management, research, community outreach, and quality improvement.

For more information about the Commission on Cancer, visit [www.facs.org/cancer/index.html](http://www.facs.org/cancer/index.html)

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devices like pacemakers are such vital and important cutting edge advances today. Hurley is always striving for new and innovative ways to provide safer access to MRI for patients with pacemakers, who also have conditions that may require MRI testing. This technology is life-changing, and life-saving,” adds Dr. Ahmed.

MRI procedures for patients with traditional implanted pacemakers are not recommended because these patients could face serious complications like interference with pacemaker operation, damage to system components, lead or pacemaker dislodgement or changes in pacing. Nearly 1.5 million Americans have pacemakers-devices designed to keep the heart beating at a steady rhythm. Most pacemaker patients are 65 and older and at an age when illnesses and injuries requiring MRI develop.

About 40 million MRI scans are performed annually in the United States. Hurley Medical Center has Genesee County’s first MRI technology located inside a local hospital. Hurley began providing MRI scans in February, 2011.

Developed by Medtronic, The Revo MRI SureScan pacing system has been designed to safely address concerns around MRI procedures for patients who have implanted pacemakers. The Revo MRI pacing system, when programmed into the device’s SureScan mode prior to an MRI scan, is designed to safely be used with MRI scans. The pacing system includes hardware modifications to the device and leads that are designed to reduce or eliminate several hazards produced by the MRI environment.

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### Continued from pg 1 Melany Gavulic

Obstetric and Adult Ambulatory Clinics, along with Trauma Services, Radiology, Bariatric, Orthopedic, Pediatric service lines to name just a few. She has a wealth of health care experience, playing leadership roles within our organization over the last 14 years. As a results oriented professional with a proven track record of collaborative working relationships with physicians, staff, colleagues, and external customers, she has been successful in developing and facilitating teams that have positively impacted quality outcomes, demonstrated performance improvement, enhanced delivery of services and accomplished various departmental goals, day in and day out.

Melany is a proven leader with an outstanding management style that helps everyone work together and raise the bar of performance. She is consistently striving to help Hurley bring quality health care to the residents of our community and beyond.

Please congratulate Melany on her new role.

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## A Note of Appreciation



We would like to acknowledge Dr. John Hebert III for his 25 years of service as the Chairman of the Hurley Obstetrics & Gynecology Department. Under his leadership, Hurley has advanced its mission of Clinical Excellence. Service to People. We value his continued work as Program Director for the OB/Gyn Residency Program. On behalf of the OB/Gyn Department, thank you Dr. Hebert for your years of dedication and commitment.

Larry Young, MD, OB/Gyn Department Chair  
Saqib Ahmad, MD, OB/Gyn Department Vice Chair

## Clindamycin Susceptibility Testing

Questions have arisen about the D-Zone test which determines whether an isolate of Staphylococcus sp. or Group B Streptococcus possesses inducible clindamycin resistance. The test is indicated when an organism tests as resistant to erythromycin, but sensitive to clindamycin. If the D-Zone test is negative, the isolate is reported as sensitive to clindamycin. If the test is positive, the isolate is reported as resistant to clindamycin, based on the detection of inducible clindamycin resistance.

The HMC Laboratory performs D-Zone testing on ALL isolates of Staphylococcus sp. and Group B Streptococcus as part of the routine susceptibility testing. Clindamycin results are automatically adjusted to reflect the result of this test. Please contact the Microbiology Department at 810.262.9250 if more information on this test is desired.

Submitted by V. Mitra Tewari, MBA, MLS(ASCP)SM  
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Microbiology/Serology/Molecular Hurley Medical Center

## Hurley Welcomes New Doctors

Zouheir Fares, DO	General Surgery
Ronnell A Hansen, MD	Radiology, Diagnostic
Rashed A Hasan, MD	Pediatric Critical Care
Edward Holden, MD	Family Medicine
Gaurav Kapur, MD	Pediatric Nephrology
Rajesh Rao, MD	Pediatric Ophthalmology
John M Sushynski, DDS	Pediatric Dentistry
Ibrahim Syed, MD	Radiology, Diagnostic
Louinda Zahdeh, MD	Family Medicine

## "A Spa Evening Just for You" Breast Cancer Survivor Event

Hurley partnered with Summerset Salon Day Spa on Monday, March 21st to host the first "A Spa Evening Just for You" – a free special spa night for a group of local breast cancer survivors. Nearly 20 women were treated to light refreshments and sample spa services, such as mini manicures, mini massages, and hair consultations as well as a brief educational session about next steps in their journey and breast reconstruction options.

This event was a great success. We hope to offer these events on a quarterly basis. Many thanks to Summer and her staff at Summerset Salon Day Spa for taking such good care of these special women. Thanks also to Dr. Mikhail, Marsha Schmit, Neva Johnson, NP, Carol Hostetler, RN and Dianne Thompson for taking time to speak at the event. And a BIG thank you to William E. Thompson, Jr., MD, FACS for sponsoring the evening.

A SPA EVENING  
Just for You

THIS EVENING SPONSORED BY:  
**WILLIAM E. THOMPSON JR., MD, FACS**  
Board Certified, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

# Midland Family of Four Undergoes Bariatric Surgery at Hurley Medical Center - Loses 445 Pounds & Counting

Tells their Life-Saving Story to Media on March 18, 2011

The Aeschliman family of Midland, Michigan have a new lease on life. Nancy Aeschliman Grau and her three children - Katie, Chris, and Mike ALL underwent Roux-en-Y bariatric surgery at Hurley Medical Center - the first facility in Genesee County to offer this life-changing surgery. The surgeries were performed by Kurt Kralovich, MD, and the results are amazing. The family has lost 445 pounds, and counting. On March 18, the family told their story to the Midland Daily News, The Flint Journal, WNEM-TV5, and NBC25.

"At Hurley, we provide the most comprehensive clinical care with an individualized approach for all bariatric patients. We work closely with each patient to provide the best treatment options for successful weight loss, and provide the support these patients and their families need, every step of the way. For the Aeschliman family, the surgery has been

life-changing and altering in so many ways. I'm so glad to see the success this family's had in reclaiming their health, and their lives," adds Kurt Kralovich, MD, FACS, Hurley Bariatric Surgeon.

Nancy says, "Before surgery, I had lost over 100 pounds on fad diets, but they never worked. I would lose the weight, only to regain everything, and then some. I felt like I was this thin person living in a heavy person's body. I suffered from back and knee pain, and high blood pressure, and my life was truly passing me by. I had the surgery in March, 2009, and have successfully reached my weight loss goal: 160 pounds. And, I've never looked back."

Katie Aeschliman, 23, had the surgery in May, 2010. "I have lost 110 pounds, and the surgery has completely changed my life.



**Left to right: Katie Aeschliman, Chris Aeschliman, Dr. Kurt Kralovich, Michael Aeschliman, and Nancy Grau.**

Today, I am dating, and I am the president of my sorority, and can't wait to buy clothes. Before the surgery, I hated to shop and would always wear sweatpants and shirts, because I couldn't find clothes that fit. Today, I am a new person, and have regained and renewed confidence. And, it's all because I took the step to have this surgery at Hurley."

Chris, 19, and Mike Aeschliman, 21, both had surgery on Dec 13, 2010. So far, Chris has lost 85 pounds and Mike, 92 pounds. Both are down from a size 46 pant size to a size 40 or 42, and from a 3X shirt to an XL. Mike is now playing basketball and is much more happy and outgoing. Chris is involved with a fraternity at EMU and is truly enjoying life at college.

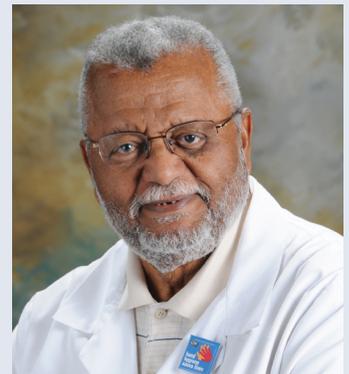
## Hurley IM Residents Reach Out for "Pilot" Program at Flint Shelters

Hurley's Internal Medicine (IM) Residency Program is adding an important component to its current requirement - a "Community Function" program at three Flint area shelters, which will be incorporated into the IM residency training program. Thirty residents are visiting local shelters on their rotation with faculty, every other Thursday afternoon, teaching

and counseling the shelter residents and day clients there. "The shelter residents, Hurley's IM residents and the entire Flint community benefit from this experience. It's a win-win situation for everyone," says Eyassu Habte-Gabr, MD, Chairman, Community Function Committee.

After July, 2011, each IM resident will be assigned to a

Flint shelter. This community competency will be included in their current residency requirements - totaling five monthly hours. The visits will include teaching and one-on-one counseling at Carriagetown Ministries, My Brother's Keeper and the YWCA in Flint. The IM Residents will visit the shelter's residents along with faculty, who will manage the process. Future plans may include health



**Eyassu Habte-Gabr, MD**

screenings at the shelters. We will keep you posted on the program, and its progress.

# Hurley Foundation Receives \$10,000 Grant from Verizon Wireless “There’s No Excuse for Abuse” Program



**Left to right: Adreena Harley, Heather Ruckman, Major Account Manager, Verizon Wireless, Patrick Wardell, Renay Gaglead.**

The Hurley Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from Verizon Wireless. The funds will go towards the “There’s No Excuse for Abuse” Campaign, which will enable Hurley Medical Center to focus on domestic violence awareness and prevention initiatives that will impact the daily lives of the numerous Medical Center patients, visitors, employees and staff, along with their families and other community members.

“The grant will allow Hurley to further raise awareness and provide help by mounting power and control wheel posters in each patient and public restroom and treatment room throughout the Hurley Medical Center campus, or, roughly 400 locations. The poster will simultaneously raise the awareness level of hospital employees, physicians, volunteers and residents/fellows,” says Adreena Harley, RN, MSN, NE-BC, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nursing Education & Professional Development at Hurley Medical Center.

The grant will also allow Hurley Medical Center to send 12 nurses for training as Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE). By having SANE trained nurses available at Hurley, we would greatly enhance the quality of care extended to sexual assault victims that arrive at Hurley’s Emergency Department, and require care throughout the facility.

A team able to identify the dynamics of sexual assault, evaluate and clinically manage the patient appropriately would ensure comprehensive care, including follow up, counseling, support and advocacy services. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) would greatly increase quality of care for patients that arrive at Hurley’s Emergency Department with sexual assault.

For more information or to order “power wheels” for your office, please contact Adreena Harley at 810.262.9110.

## Informed Consent

Informed consent is not the form that is signed by the patient/legal guardian, but is the process of providing the patient/legal guardian with sufficient general information about the procedure, risks, benefits and alternatives. An additional important aspect is the documentation of this process in progress notes. Two easy mnemonics to remember this process are: GARB or RBA.

<b>G</b> eneral information	<b>R</b> isks
<b>A</b> lternatives	<b>B</b> enefits
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CMS and Joint Commission standards state: “a properly executed informed consent contains documentation of a patient’s mutual understanding of and agreement for care, treatment, or services through written signature, electronic signature, or when a patient is unable to provide a signature, documentation of the verbal agreement by the patient or surrogate decision maker.”

HMC’s standard practice 206 further specifies: “It is the responsibility of the physician/designee performing the procedure to explain risks, benefits and potential complications associated with the procedure, as well as alternative options of the procedure. It is the physician/designee’s responsibility to obtain consent/refusal and to discuss the need for, risk of, and alternatives to blood transfusion when blood and blood components may be required.” Nursing will gladly assist in this by providing the patient with the document for their signature and witnessing the patient’s signature, but cannot execute the informed consent process as articulated above.

Another way to look at the informed consent is the provision of sufficient information so that a patient/legal guardian can make an informed refusal of a proposed procedure, if they so choose, and understand the risks, benefits, consequences and alternatives of such a decision. The documentation of an informed refusal, while a bit more extensive, must contain similar elements of documentation of an informed consent documentation. Sufficient opportunity for the patient/legal guardian to ask questions and have their questions sufficiently answered is another essential feature of the informed consent process.

Finally, not only do surgical procedures require a written informed consent execution, but so does the transfusion of some blood products, including, but not limited to packed cells (i.e., PRBC).

# Epic Update

Epic is projected to go live at Hurley Medical Center on October 30, 2011. Many Hurley clinics are already up and running with staff trained and using Epic for the medical record.

All Hurley physicians will be required to complete the recommended training for Epic - the exact number of hours will be determined by role. There will be some accommodation of physicians with specialized workflows (e.g. physicians who only consult, don't admit, don't discharge, etc.) or have prior Epic experience. Example training time needed for the inpatient Epic modules:

- Internal Medicine: 9 hours inpatient training
- General Surgery: 9 hours inpatient training plus 2-3 hours OR workflows training

To prepare for the hospital "go-live," there will be many opportunities for training, including classroom, e-learning, practicing, and post-live support. Some of the sessions will qualify for CME credits.

The following calendar will help you plan for your Epic training later this year.

## Epic Planning Calendar

- Available Now**    **Epic e-learning**  
*General Overview*  
*Basic "how-to" as a foundation for classroom training.*  
*Physicians can log on in 2 easy ways:*
- Hurley Intranet –**  
*Open the Hurley Intranet using Internet Explorer.*  
*Click on the Epic EMR tab.*  
*Click on the folder for your Area of Interest.*
- Outside Hurley -**  
*Access through Internet Explorer, <http://www.hurleymc.com>*  
*Click on Staff Portal on the menu line at the top of the page.*  
*Click on the Hurley Intranet button.*  
*Log in to the Hurley Intranet using your Outlook or iSite/PACs ID and password.*
- Mid-Summer**    **Epic Playground**  
*Opportunity to "practice".*
- September 6 -**    **Classroom Training**  
**October 28**    *Full training of 3 classes @ 3 hours each*  
*Requires formal registration to allow Hurley to plan for trainers & classroom space. You will receive more information in your office.*  
*CME for training sessions will be available.*
- October 28**    *Physician training & certification required.*
- October 29 -**    *Hurley full staff support available at the hospital to*  
**TBD**            *help newly Epic-trained physicians.*

## Electronic Medical Record - Resource for Physician Offices

Hurley Medical Center recommends physicians select and purchase the EMR system best suited for your office and will support connection to Epic through Michigan Connect. For a listing of "meaningful use" certified EMR systems, please visit <http://onc-chpl.force.com>.

For primary care physicians, including OB/Gyn, additional assistance and guidance is available through M-CEITA, Michigan's Regional Extension Center funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. M-CEITA, administered through MPRO, offers support to offices for work flow analysis, implementation with EHR, negotiation with vendors, and achievement of meaningful use standards.

If you are interested in finding out more about M-CEITA services, please contact Beth McCarthy, Clinical Application Coordinator, MPRO, 248.465.7381.

## For Your Office MIOSHA: Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Presentation

Please encourage your office manager and staff to attend this free presentation to discuss responsibilities in physician offices and business environments. Attendees will receive a certificate for 1.5 hours of CE on the topic. Lunch will be provided.

- When:** June 1, 2011  
11:30 am to 2:00 pm
- What:** MIOSHA – Bloodborne Pathogen Standard  
Janice Homola, ARM  
FinCor Solutions, Loss Prevention
- Where:** IINN – 4800 S. Saginaw St., Flint, Michigan  
(Corner of S. Saginaw Street and Hemphill Road)
- To register, contact Andrea McBurney by phone 810.262.9400, fax 810.760.9956 or email [amcburn1@hurleymc.com](mailto:amcburn1@hurleymc.com).

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Hurley Medical Center and the Flint Public Library Present:

**Healthy Thinking:**  
SMART PATIENTS  
& FAMILIES  
ASK SMART  
QUESTIONS



**"Breast Cancer: From Diagnosis to Treatment and Survival – What You Need to Know to Make Informed Decisions, and So Much More"**

**Raouf Mikhail, MD, FACS, FRCS.(C)**  
Medical Director, Hurley Cancer Center  
Chair, Hurley Department of Surgery  
Director, Hurley Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program  
Fellowship Trained at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center,  
Houston, TX

Join Dr. Mikhail as he discusses these important medical issues with you and your loved ones.

**TUESDAY, MAY 24**  
Flint Public Library  
1026 E. Kearsley Street, Flint  
Upstairs Meeting Room  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
FREE and Open to the Public  
Healthy Refreshments Provided

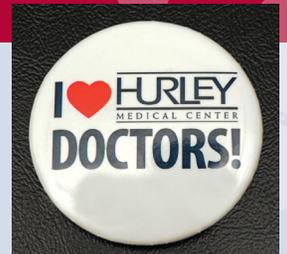


Come prepared with all your questions.

1. There's a history of cancer in my family. Should I be concerned about my health?
- 2.

For more information, please call 888.611.4HMC.

In further appreciation of your commitment & dedication, Hurley Physician Services has arranged to provide complimentary chair massages on a monthly basis.



**Please Join Us For  
A Chair Massage**

**Thursday, June 9  
7:00 am to 11:00 am  
Physician Lounge - 1W**

Massages are provided compliments of Baker College students