

# Physician Connection

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## Message from Patrick Wardell, President & CEO

Dear Physician:

By now I am sure you have seen the hospital-wide announcement that I have accepted the CEO position at Cambridge Health Alliance, an integrated health system primarily serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston Metro-North communities. I will be leaving Flint in the next several weeks to take up my new duties.

I have been at Hurley for six and a half years. Throughout that time, I have been gratified to work with a medical staff that values quality, academics, and charity. I know that without this partnership between Hurley's medical staff and Hurley Medical Center our mission of "Clinical Excellence, Service to People" would not be fulfilled. I appreciate that so many of you see Hurley as your "home

hospital" and work so diligently to ensure it is the best place for your patients.

Many new and important things are about to happen for Hurley Medical Center: the opening of the Paul F. Reinhart Emergency Trauma Center, the Epic Go Live, the expansion of the Hurley's Children's Hospital, and the MSU Medical School expansion. I will miss working with you on these initiatives. I believe that they will allow Hurley to expand and improve its services. I am confident in Hurley's future vitality and relevance to the mid-Michigan community. Hurley will increasingly be a great place to practice and a great partner as health care reform is rolled out.

Thank you for your hard work and friendship.

Sincerely,

Patrick R. Wardell, President & CEO

## Hurley Physicians Champion for Men's Health

### Hurley Medical Center Launches First Ever Men's Health Initiative –Transforming Men's Health in Mid-Michigan

Is a man's car more Important than his health? Men change their oil every 3,000 miles. But when it comes to their own health, for many reasons they are reluctant to get a health tune-up. Men not only fail to get routine check-ups or preventive care, but often ignore symptoms or delay seeking medical attention when sick or in pain. On January 20, 2012, the media were invited to attend the launch of the Hurley first ever Men's Health Initiative event, held inside Charles White Conference Center.

Johnny McClendon, a Hurley employee, took charge of his own health after he became winded playing with his 4-year-old son. After a year of consistent strength training and moderate nutrition changes, McClendon has gone from 326 pounds to 239 pounds, decreased his waist size from 50" to 38" and went from a 5XLT to a 1XLT shirt size. Says Johnny, "This is a new way of life, and I am so thankful to Hurley and their

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# MAN UP!

WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR HEALTH

## AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN'S HEALTH SUMMIT

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012**  
 Ebenezer Ministries  
 2130 S. Center Road • Burton, Michigan 48519

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**FREE**

HEALTH & WELLNESS LECTURE  
 PANEL DISCUSSION  
 MEN'S HEALTH SCREENINGS  
 HEALTH AND WELLNESS INFORMATION  
 & RESOURCES

For more information, contact  
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Men's Health Initiative

# Epic

## Ready, Set, Launch

On March 4, 2012, Hurley will bring to close two years of effort by the implementation team. Hundreds of people across the organization will be bringing Epic live and replacing current systems and processes for all of our clinical users. This will involve a lot of changes for everyone, but changes that will benefit our patients, physicians and our organization.

### So what exactly will be changing?

- Patient charts will no longer be on paper, but will instead be electronic. Care providers will be able to access the patient chart from anywhere we have a computer and at any time. It will even be possible to access the patient record from off-site or remote offices with internet access.
- Medication and blood products will be delivered utilizing bar code support. Patients will have new wristbands with barcodes, medications and blood product will have barcodes, and all of the new badges have bar codes, enabling a three step process to be quickly documented ensuring that the right medications are delivered to the right patient.
- Lab and other results will file immediately and directly to the patient chart with notifications for results being sent to physician in-baskets, so they are notified and have a chance to review new results quickly and efficiently.
- Patients will have schedules available to view, that allow their care team to better plan their time and involvement. Surgeries, procedures, therapies, and other services such as case management can also be seen.

Of course, those are just some of the highlights of the many changes. At the beginning, we said that we were bringing to a close two years of effort, but we're starting up a whole new project of optimization of the system that we've worked with you to build. We are looking forward to a continued partnership, for years into the future.

## Epic Pre-Go-Live Open Lab

If you've been to Epic training and want to pre-set your preferences – we have open labs for you!

Beginning on January 30th, open labs have been established for physicians to come in and work with our trainers to establish your Preference Lists (orders), Order Sets & Patient Lists within Epic. These are open labs so there is no on-line registration – it is by "drop-in" only.

### Requirements for entry to lab:

- Must have completed at least one Epic MD class: MD100 or for previously trained physicians - MD200, MDOB200 or MDSurgery200
- Must have completed at least one proficiency exam
- Your Active Directory ID/password must be active & known to you (ID & password needs to be brought to the session)

### Epic Pre-Go-Live Open Lab Schedule

#### 3 West Small Training Room:

Day	Date	Time
Mon	01/30/12 .....	noon - 2 pm
Tues	01/31/12 .....	noon - 3 pm
Thurs	02/02/12 .....	noon - 3 pm
Mon	02/06/12 .....	1 pm - 3 pm
Tues	02/07/12 .....	noon - 3 pm
Thurs	02/09/12 .....	noon - 3 pm
Mon	02/13/12 .....	noon - 3 pm
Tues	02/14/12 .....	noon - 3 pm
Thurs	02/16/12 .....	noon - 3 pm
Mon	02/20/12 .....	noon - 3 pm
Tues	02/21/12 .....	noon - 3 pm
Thurs	02/23/12 .....	noon - 3 pm

#### 10 West Respiratory Training Room:

Day	Date	Time
Fri	02/03/12 .....	7 am - noon
Tues	02/07/12 .....	7 am - noon
Fri	02/10/12 .....	7 am - noon
Tues	02/14/12 .....	7 am - noon
Tues	02/21/12 .....	7 am - noon

For more information on Epic Pre-Go-Live labs, please call Donna Lynn Holland on 810.262.6980 or Nancy Nelms at 810.262.6907.

# Epic Training

If you haven't done so already, it is imperative that you register for and attend Epic Training no later than February 25th, 2012. Do not wait to register, class size is limited. To register for training, please contact Regina Waller at 810.262.7302 or Andrea McBurney at 810.262.9400.

*As a reminder, professional staff that do not complete the required training will be placed in the Temporary Off-Staff category (as per Medical Staff Bylaws).*



## Did You Know?

Several large local hospitals have selected Epic as their EMR and have implemented or are in the implementation phase, including:

Beaumont, Covenant, Henry Ford Hospital, University of Michigan, Metro Health (Grand Rapids), Cleveland Clinic, and others

## EpicCare Link

EpicCare Link is a web-based application for connecting organizations to community practices. It will provide community users secure access to select patient information. While users of EpicCare Link will not receive full access to Epic's applications, they are allowed read-only access to view their patient's charts.

EpicCare Link is not an EMR solution. It is a read-only application with some service-oriented features that can be configured to facilitate business with community practices.

What business interests can EpicCare Link address?

### Referral Communication

Community physicians will primarily use EpicCare Link to view the patient medical record and documentation completed after they have referred a patient to Hurley.

### Patient Notifications

Community physicians will receive convenient notifications on their Home screen when certain significant events occur involving their patients, such as being admitted to or discharged from the hospital.

### Image Ordering

EpicCare Link permits users to enter procedure orders for Imaging studies. This ordering workflow helps community physicians better manage their patients' care as they will obtain the result for the study they ordered in EpicCare Link and won't have to wait for a faxed/mailed copy.

EpicCare Link does not require classroom training, however it does require you sign-up and receive a username and password. If you would like access to EpicCare Link but haven't submitted a request, please contact Regina Waller at 810.262.7302.



## Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Sidney Martin Returns Home After Deployment to Afghanistan

Dr. Sidney Martin, an orthopedic surgeon at Hurley Medical Center and Flint Orthopedic Associates, recently returned from a month-long stint in Kandahar, Afghanistan where he served as a commander of the 127th Medical Group with the Air National Guard. He was responsible for evaluating the medical condition of the U.S. Air Force flight crews.

Dr. Martin returned home on December 8, 2011. "I've always felt that serving our country in this way was the thing I would do," Martin said. "In July I (will) have been in the service for 24 years. I wouldn't change any of it."

Martin was commissioned into the military in 1988 when he was doing his residency at McLaren Regional Medical Center. In 1990, he attended an eight-week military flight surgery school.

This most recent deployment to Afghanistan was Martin's fourth. He was first deployed in 1991 to England for four months during Desert Storm. In 2002, Martin was deployed for four months to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom where he flew in combat missions as the flight surgeon. His third deployment sent him to Balad, the medical hub in Iraq, where he tended to injured soldiers in 2007.

One major difference stands out between practicing medicine here and in Afghanistan, Martin said.

"Over here for the most part, no one's shooting at you. Over there they're still shooting at you," he said. "I'm very lucky that I don't have to go outside the wire. ... I joke with my wife when she's worried saying 'We do get attacked on occasion, but don't worry — they're pretty bad shots.'"

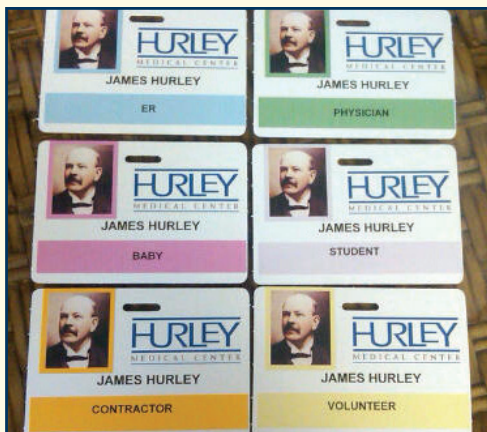


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All joking aside, though, Martin said the hardest thing about his deployments is being away from his family, which includes wife Pam and three children, ages 24-33.

Dr. Martin still sees images of the wounds and injuries he treated in Iraq, but he said he imagines those who fight on the front lines have it much worse. Those are the real heroes, he said. But every service member has a crucial part in protecting Americans' freedoms.

"People in the military who aren't on the front lines are just as important as those who are getting shot at," he said. "I have had the honor of caring for those who have been wounded. ... As long as I feel I can be of service to my country I will continue (to serve)."



## New Badges for Physicians

### A Message from Public Safety

If you have not received an updated Hurley badge, please visit the public safety office for a photo and to obtain your new badge. The public safety office is located near the GI Lab.

Following are days and times that new badges are being issued in the public safety office:

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
8 am to noon and 1 pm to 2:30 pm  
**Tuesday & Thursday**  
10 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm

If you have any questions please contact Steve Sitar at 810.262.4734

## Hurley to launch its Vascular Center in August 2012

It is Hurley's vision to found a Vascular Center that becomes the region's destination for high quality, comprehensive vascular care. Hurley Vascular Center will be founded on the principle of collaboration between a multidisciplinary team of providers. It will be the Center's objective to ensure accessibility and offer an extensive range of services that will provide for all the vascular needs of our community.

We are proud to announce that vascular surgeons - Drs. Mommmed Margni and Babatunde Almaroof will be joining the Hurley family in August 2012 to help bring this vision to fruition.

Please watch this space for more details as we countdown to August!

## Press Conference Set for Paul F. Reinhart Emergency Trauma Center – February 24, 2012

Please join us for the Ribbon Cutting celebration and press conference for the Paul F. Reinhart Emergency Trauma Center. The event will be held in the Main Lobby on February 24, 2012 at 10:30 am. There will be an invitation only Foundation event for special donors on February 23, 2012.



## Doctors' Dilemma Winners

Doctors' Dilemma winners hold the championship cup, just out of the delivery box at Hurley Medical Center on December 15. For the second time, a Hurley resident physician team took top prize at the Michigan Chapter, American College of Physicians competition, earning a spot in the April 2012 national medical Jeopardy-style of competition in New Orleans.

From left are team members Padmaja Veeramreddy MD (chief resident in Hurley's Combined Internal Medicine/ Pediatrics Residency Program) and Narendra Veerapaneni MD and Srinivasa Sanikommu MD (both third-year residents in the Internal Medicine Residency Training Program at Hurley).

### Men's Health Initiative *Continued from page 1*

resources which enabled me the opportunity to have and maintain this new and healthier way of life. I encourage all men to do the same."

"Most men don't go see a physician until something is very wrong. We are inviting men to come in and get checked out before it's too late," says Paul Musson, MD, a Hurley Physician Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine.

The Men's Health Initiative has been created to offer a series of events that take place throughout the year that are designed to educate men and their families on the importance

of taking charge of their own health.

Physician Services will be contacting Hurley Physicians to partner for this initiative. For more information please call Regina Waller at 810.262.7302.

### National statistics reveal:

- Men, on average, are living about seven years less than their female counterparts
- One in two men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes
- Men die at a higher percentage from nine out of the ten top causes of death

**NOTICE - DATE CHANGE SAVE THE DATE**



**SATURDAY  
APRIL 21, 2012**

**HURLEY FOUNDATION**

*Proceeds benefiting the Hurley Children's Hospital*

You won't want to miss this amazing night of fun! Come to the Hurley Benefit Ball "Carnival" to celebrate the Hurley Children's Hospital! Call Angie Cuneaz for ticket and sponsorship information at 262.9399 or [acuneaz1@hurleymc.com](mailto:acuneaz1@hurleymc.com). Payroll deduction is available to Hurley Employees.

## We're Here For You!

The Physician Services Team is your communication link with Hurley Medical Center and serves as the point of contact for any questions, comments or suggestions. The team conducts in-person office visits, on-site hospital or phone consultations and e-mail to provide physician support.

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