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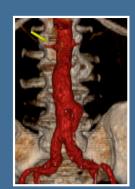
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# Multidisciplinary Approach to AAA = A Success!

On April 23, 2012, a multidisciplinary team of Dr. Carr, cardiovascular surgeon, and Drs. Shetty and Vadlamudi (interventional radiology), along with surgical and interventional radiology support staff successfully performed endovascular repair of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) in an 87 year old male patient. The case was performed in Interventional Radiology and completed in about two hours. The patient recovered quickly with only an overnight stay in the hospital.



"The case went very well and the patient had only two small incisions at the groin at the end of the case," said Dr. Carr. "With the modern techniques of aortic endografting, there is a dramatic improvement in the speed of the operation as well as the recovery times over the 3-4 day ICU stay and 7-10 day hospital stay with traditional open AAA repair."

"A multidisciplinary approach to the care of these complex vascular patients represents the ideal standard and has been something I have preached for the past twenty years," said Dr. Shetty who was an original research investigator in the early versions of aortic stent-grafts, "and I am glad we are now able to offer these treatment options for patients in this ideal model."

The team looks forward to working together and offering treatment options for patients with aortic aneurysms. For further information or to refer a patient, please contact Dr. Carr or Dr. Shetty.

# Pinnacle Award Programs

Dr. P.C. Shetty
June 15, 2012
Specialty Care Physician

8:30 am - Reception9:00 am to 10:30 am - CeremonyMerliss Brown Auditorium

# Dr. Lawrence Reynolds June 22, 2012

Primary Care Physician

8:30 am - Reception 9:00 am to 10:30 am - Ceremony Merliss Brown Auditorium

# Paul F. Reinhart Emergency Trauma Center - A Successful Start



The doors to the Paul F. Reinhart Emergency Trauma Center (ED) have now been open for over 90 days. The community has embraced the changes and provided insightful feedback to enhance the process for continually evaluating current patient management and throughput practices.

The initiatives around supporting a defined Children's ED have been successful. Offering a dedicated entrance with several distractions and games, kids are often hesitant to leave until achieving various high scores or the completion of a puzzle or other electronic game alternatives. This helps ease the strain on the parents and provides improved interaction.

Hurley's focus on improving the care and experience of the senior population (>65yro) in the ED has

been positive as well. Protocols to guide practice decisions with this patient population have been underway and remain ongoing. The goal is to fast track these patients directly to patient care areas and bypass the waiting room. Several other design features such as improved lighting, thicker mattresses, private rooms and staff education have been

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# Hurley Medical Center Implants New FDA Approved Device to Treat A Slow Heartbeat: The Ingenio™ Pacemaker

On May 15, 2012, Hurley Medical Center became the first location in Michigan, and among the first hospitals in the United States to treat patients with an INGENIO™ pacemaker, manufactured by Boston Scientific. With this new amazing state of the art technology, Hurley cardiologists can remotely monitor the respiratory rate of their heart failure patients, around the clock, from any computer system.

"The INGENIO™ device enables physicians to treat pacemaker patients with an advanced and comprehensive set of therapies," said Dr. George Predeteanu, the Cardiologist who implanted the first device at Hurley Medical Center. The INGENIO™ pacemaker's minute ventilation (MV) sensor is easy to optimize and will provide needed therapy for patients with chronotropic incompetence (CI) to help them feel less fatigued during physical activity," adds Dr. Predeteanu.

"Having access to my patient's respiratory rates, as needed, will help me proactively manage their heart failure symptoms and make any medical changes necessary before their symptoms get worse. The goal is to keep patients out of the hospital," said Dr. Samir Elian, Interventional Cardiologist. Dr. Elian's patient received the pacemaker at Hurley on May 15, 2012.

INGENIO™ pacemakers feature RightRate™ technology.
RightRate™ utilizes Boston Scientific's minute ventilation (MV) sensor



Left to right: Dr. Samir Elian, Hurley Interventional Cardiologist, Dr. George Predeteanu, Hurley Cardiologist, patient Ruth Eddy of Flint.

and adds programming options that promote ease of use and time savings in-clinic. Boston Scientific's MV sensor is the only sensor clinically proven to restore chronotropic competence. Chronotropic incompetence (CI) affects up to 42 percent of pacemaker patients.

The INGENIO™ pacemaker will also have the capacity to transmit implantable cardiac device data from the device to physicians and other healthcare providers. Boston Scientific's new LATITUDE NXT® Remote Patient Management system, currently under review by the FDA, will let physicians conduct remote follow-ups of these device patients to monitor specific device information and heart health status. The system will also detect clinical events between scheduled visits and send relevant data directly to a secure website, which can be accessed by physicians. This wireless technology will allow patients to transmit data to physicians from most locations in North America without the need for landline-based technology.

# **Hurley Safe Steps at Hurley Eastside Campus**



Hurley Safe Steps is a customized physical therapy intervention program for the evaluation and treatment of balance dysfunction in older adults. According to the National Institutes of Health, falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries in persons over 65, about half of which can be attributed to some sort of balance disorder. The National Safety Council says among older adults (those 65 or older), falls are the leading cause of injury death. They are also the most common cause of nonfatal injuries and hospital

admissions for trauma. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that by 2020 the annual direct and indirect cost of fall injuries in America is expected to reach nearly \$55 billion.

By evaluating and treating the root causes of balance-related disorders that lead to falls, including the body's balance, vision or sensation systems, Hurley Safe Steps differs from traditional fall prevention programs that typically show patients how to walk with a cane or other assistive

device and provide general strengthening exercises.

The Hurley Medical Center Safe Steps Program, located at our Eastside Physical Therapy Campus, is part of our community-wide effort to address major health issues facing a growing older population.

Physicians can make a referral to the Safe Steps Program in Epic, by phone 810.262.2300, or by fax 810.235.2580. Or for additional information, please contact Tari Pethick, Physical Therapist, at 810.262.2300.



# **Need Assistance with Epic?**

Scribes are available to assist with your Epic needs. Hurley scribes can be reached by calling:

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# **Hurley Welcomes New Physicians**

Yasir Babiker, MD - Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Hameem U Changezi, MD - Cardiology Lalitha Gundamraj, MD - Neonatology Imad Issawi, MD - Cardiology Imad S Modawi, MD - Nephrology Sukamal Saha, MD - General Surgery & Oncology

# **Hurley Congratulates the Following Doctors Who Reached Milestone Hurley Anniversaries** Between January I, 2012 and June 30, 2012

### 50 Years of Service

Gerald Berner, MD -**Pediatrics** Samuel Dismond Jr., MD -Family Medicine

### 40 Years of Service

Fikria Elamrousy-Hassan, MD -Allergy/Immunology Harvey Olds, MD -**Pediatrics** 

### 35 Years of Service

Dona Ohm, MD -Hand Surgery

### 30 Years of Service

Alicia Franco-Imperial, MD -**Pediatrics** Balvant Ganatra, MD -Gastroenterology Manilal Mewada, MD -Obstetrics & Gynecology Benjamin Ramirez, MD -**Pediatrics** 

20 Years of Service Aftab Aftab, MD -**Pediatrics** Qazi Azher, MD -Pathology Dilip Desai, MD -Gastroenterology Jamal Hammoud, MD -Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism Susumu Inoue, MD -Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Allan Ippolito, MD -Vascular Surgery Timur Sumer, MD -**Pediatrics** 

### 15 Years of Service

Badar Ahmed, MD -Internal Medicine/ **Pediatrics** Khalid Ahmed, MD -Internal Medicine

Ahmed Arif, MD -Internal Medicine/ **Pediatrics** Jamal Farhan, MD -

General Surgery Jay Holmes, MD -Obstetrics & Gynecology F Michael Jaggi, DO -

Emergency Medicine Khalil Katato, MD -Hematology/Oncology Farhan Khan, MD -

Internal Medicine

Aram Minasian, MD -Internal Medicine

Mousa Mohamed, MD -Internal Medicine Bradford Murphy, DO -

Urology Anant Shah, MD -

Psychiatry Peter Stoyanoff, MD -**Emergency Medicine** 

John Waters, MD -Ophthalmology Mark Wilkerson, MD -**Emergency Medicine** 

### 10 Years of Service

Frederick Armenti, MD -Thoracic Surgery Rao Botta, MD -Allergy/Immunology Ali Mohammed, MD -Nephrology Michael Netzloff, MD -**Pediatric Genetics** Anthony Payone, DO -Otolaryngology Lee Perry, MD -Obstetrics & Gynecology Sarah Sanchez, MD -**Pediatrics** Nikhil Vora, MD -Psychiatry

### 5 Years of Service

Sagib Ahmad, MD -Obstetrics & Gynecology Paul Chrenka, MD -**Pediatrics** Monique Ice, MD -**Emergency Medicine** Kurt Kralovich, MD -Surgical Critical Care Ronald Martin, DPM -**Podiatry** Mazen Najjar, MD -Infectious Disease Manya Newton, MD -**Emergency Medicine** Sundar Ramanathan, MD -Nephrology Shawn Reiser, DPM -**Podiatry** Joyce Stevens, MD -Family Medicine Sunita Tummala, MD -Neurology

Hurley recognizes the dedication and commitment of all doctors. As a feature in the Physician Connection, Hurley will acknowledge five year anniversaries for our doctors twice annually.

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developed to enhance their experience and best promote optimal care outcomes.

The 12 bed observation unit is the third and final phase

of construction which will be completed by the end of July. This area will accommodate a variety of patients from those requiring an observational level of care to those awaiting an inpatient or direct admission. Inpatient physician orders

can be initiated while bed placement coordination takes place. Utilization of this area expands admission flexibility and promoting improved patient care efficiencies.

Hurley continually strives to

improve the patient experience and clinical outcomes for your patients in the ED. We encourage you to stop in for a tour of the new ED facility. To schedule a tour or if you have any questions, please contact John Stewart at 810.262.9170.



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## 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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