

# Physician Connection

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## da Vinci S Surgical System Arrives at Hurley Medical Center



Hurley Medical Center is pleased to introduce the *da Vinci S* Surgical System to our operating room and to our entire community. This is a significant arrival because of the value it offers those in the region we serve.

The *da Vinci S* has several unique features designed to provide state of the art clinical benefits and efficiency in the operating room, many of which translate to patient benefits. Here are a few features of the *da Vinci S*:

- Enhanced 3D, high-definition vision of operative field with up to 10x magnification
- New optimal dual console allows second surgeon to provide assistance
- Superior visual clarity of tissue and anatomy
- Surgical dexterity and precision far greater than even the human hand
- Updated and simplified user interface to enhance OR efficiency

Together, these technological advancements provide our surgeons with unparalleled precision, dexterity and control that enable a minimally invasive approach for many complex

surgical procedures. We believe that the new features of the *da Vinci S* System will help us provide the best possible outcomes, and is proof of our commitment to provide our community access to the latest advancements in minimally invasive surgery.

*da Vinci's* advanced level of technology takes surgery beyond the limits of the human hand. This acquisition complements our goal of extending minimally invasive surgery to the broadest possible base of patients. It can be used for a multitude of procedures, including but not limited to: hysterectomy, myomectomy, thoracotomy, prostatectomy and colorectal surgery.

As the premier public teaching hospital in the region, Hurley Medical Center strives to create a healthier community by providing exceptional patient care while using the latest in medical treatment and technology. For more information on which surgeons are trained on the *da Vinci* technology or for information on credentialing, please contact Hurley's Medical Staff office at 810.262.9239.

### CME CALENDAR

**November 28, 2012**

*ID Symposium: Measles & Mumps*

Holiday Inn Gateway Center

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

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 MEDICAL CENTER

**Dedicated to  
the Highest  
Standards of  
Quality and  
Safety**

At Hurley Medical Center, it is our goal to provide you with the highest level of quality clinical care in the safest and most comfortable manner possible.

This core goal is reflected in our mission statement:

*"Clinical Excellence.  
Service to People."*

## Professional Medical Staff Reappointments

As you know, Professional Staff Reappointments are for a period of not more than 24 months (2 years). The Medical Staff Office has initiated the process this year by mailing packets to those requiring reappointment.

Anyone who joined the Medical Staff from July 2011 to June 2012, as well as all members of following departments, are up for reappointment this year and should have already received their reappointment packet:

- Anesthesia
- Emergency Medicine
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Pathology
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Surgery

Please use the check off sheet provided in the packet to assist in the



successful completion of all elements of the reappointment packet and reappointment process. Using the envelope provided, return all required items to the Medical Staff Office on or before August 15, 2012.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the reappointment process please contact the Medical Staff Coordinator, Angelica Johnson, or Assistant Medical Staff Coordinator, Charice Tenson, at 810.262.9239.

## Hurley Welcomes New Physicians:

**Manoochehr Abadian-Sharifabad, MD** –  
*Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine*

**Nathan Brouwer, MD** –  
*Emergency Medicine*

**Douglas Iddings, DO** –  
*Surgical Oncology*

**Leroy Johnson, MD** –  
*Ophthalmology*

**Masih Kader, MD** – *Pediatric Surgery*

**Veena Kalra, MD** –  
*Obstetrics & Gynecology*

**Miriva Magar, MD** – *Pediatrics*

**Paul Putsinger, DO** –  
*Emergency Medicine*

**Amber Sabbatini, MD** –  
*Emergency Medicine*

**Narendra Veerapaneni, MD** –  
*Academic Hospitalist*

## Dr. Norman Carter Remembered by Hurley Physicians



*Photo Courtesy: The Flint Journal*

Dr. Norman Carter, a pediatrician from Grand Blanc Township, passed away Thursday, July 12 at the age of 78.

Dr. Carter is remembered by Hurley physicians for his patience and his excellent

patient care. Dr. Carter was a dedicated member of Hurley Medical Center's professional staff from August of 1966 through April of 2009.

He was a strong advocate for children against child abuse and neglect. He founded the Evaluation Clinic for sexually abused children and the Consortium on Child Abuse and Neglect in 1998.

Dr. Amitabha Banerjee, served as chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Hurley Medical Center during part of Dr. Carter's dedicated career at Hurley Medical Center and knew Dr. Carter since 1977. "He was a great doctor and a great man. He was the

perfect gentleman. He was very patient and very centered. And, he cared for the patients. It was a pleasure to work with him, and as a physician, he gave the best quality care he could," according to Dr. Banerjee.

Dr. Carter passed away after a four-year battle with Lewy Body Dementia Disease, which is a form of dementia that shares characteristics with both Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

Dr. Carter served as Clinical Director at Mott Children's Health Center from February, 1999 to December, 2003.

Until 2008, Norman Carter worked with the Flint

Emergency Service Clinic. He also helped with the pediatric residency program at Hurley Medical Center.

"One of the great things about Dr. Carter was that he was so dedicated to his patients," Dr. Tommy Stevens said. "Dr. Carter was so committed, and was always there for his patients. He was tireless in his dedication to treating our smallest patients, and he cared so deeply. Dr. Carter touched a lot of lives, and will always be remembered for his kindness," said Dr. Stevens.

Dr. Carter is survived by his wife of 32 years, Margaret, his daughter, Vivien Zazzau, 52, and his son, Alfred Carter, 45.

# Hurley Offers “Signature” Knee – Expanding Continuum of Care for Patients



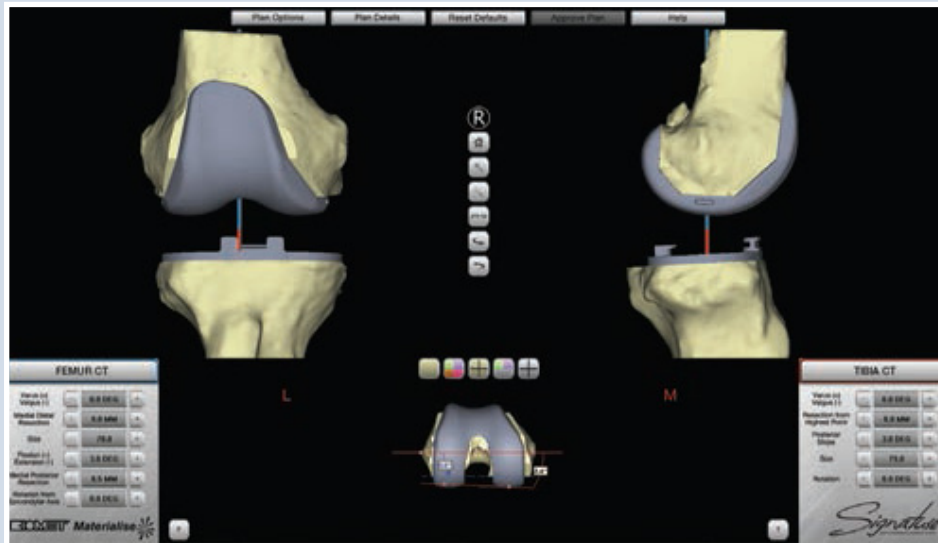
Hurley Medical Center is expanding its exceptional care in the field of knee replacement surgery. Dr. Ajay Srivastava is implanting the “Signature” knee from Biomet Orthopedics at Hurley Medical Center. Signature is aptly named for its personalized features. The process begins with an MRI performed according to Biomet parameters.

Next, the images are sent to Biomet electronically through a secure site. Biomet then creates a custom fit mold for the patient. This state-of-the-art procedure combines the precision of patient specific positioning guides, from an MRI scan, with the most flexible knee on the market. The result is an independent custom-fit of both the femoral and tibial components of the prosthesis, capable of addressing the largest percentage

of the population. The Signature knee replacement is designed to decrease surgery time, decrease blood loss during surgery, and accelerate recovery.

Dr. Srivastava is coordinating this effort with the MRI department at Hurley Medical Center and our Center for Joint Replacement team. The continuum of care approach throughout each step of this surgery is in keeping with our philosophy of care for our joint replacement patients at Hurley Medical Center.

For more information or assistance with scheduling an appointment, please contact Tristam Cumming, RN, BSN, Nurse Manager, Joint Replacement Center at 262.6052.



## Tips & Tricks - Reassigning a Patient

To assign patients to a physician “on call” or covering for another physician for a set time frame, please follow these steps:

1. Go to the “**Patient List**” tab
2. Right-click on the patient needing to be assigned
3. Left-click on “**Assign Others**” to select
4. Search for the physician covering the patient
5. Mark the physician as “**Attending**”
6. Enter the “**Start Date/Time**” and “**End Date/Time**” that the physician will be covering for

## Epic Scribes

Do you need help with Epic? Are you having inbasket issues? Would you like assistance clearing up deficiencies? Hurley offers the services of scribes that will assist with your Epic needs.

Scribes are available daily from 7 am to 9 am in the Physician Lounge on 1W. You can also contact them directly to set up an appointment to improve your Epic proficiency or to schedule one of them to round with you. Scribes can be reached by calling any of the following:

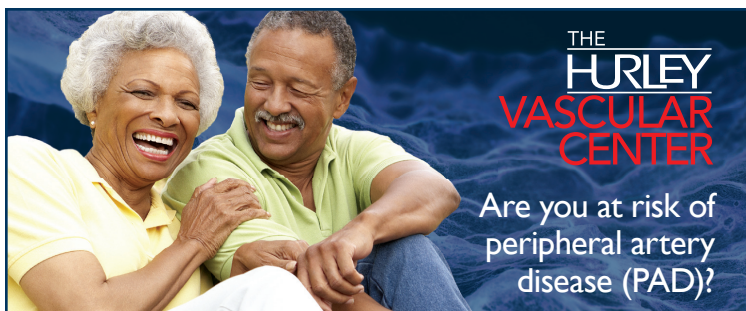
Alex: 262.3078  
Erika: 262.3082  
Kaytash: 262.6144  
Lanie: 262.3080  
Meredith: 262.3081

We have a clarification we wanted to pass along. In the July issue, the copy noted the new vascular surgeons joining Hurley are board certified in Vascular Surgery. Dr. Almaroof is board certified in General Surgery.

Dr. Tushar Raiji, Case Management

Please note, the contact numbers for Dr. Raiji in the July issue were transposed. Dr. Raiji can be reached by phone at 810.813.0668 or pager at 810.389.1292. We apologize for this error.





## LIFE UNINTERRUPTED

**Introducing The Hurley Vascular Center – OPENING August 1, 2012. New vascular expertise at Hurley means that patients with vascular conditions no longer need to travel out of the area for leading care.**

**T**he Hurley Vascular Center is dedicated to the early diagnosis and treatment of vascular diseases like PAD and other blood vessel, artery and vein disorders. A healthy vascular system is critical to good health and is responsible for the flow of blood outside of the heart and throughout the body.

Our vascular surgeons have extensive expertise in the diagnosis and management of aortic, carotid, and peripheral vascular diseases. They perform a wide array of minimally invasive procedures such as angiography, balloon angioplasty, stenting and atherectomy.

*Have your patients been screened for vascular disease? Call The Hurley Vascular Center to make an appointment at 810.262.6555.*



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## Save the Date!

The Hurley Trauma Center's Golf Classic will be held on September 10, 2012 at the beautiful Flint Golf Club.

For more information, please contact Angie Cuneaz at 262.9399 or [acuneaz1@hurleymc.com](mailto:acuneaz1@hurleymc.com).



## 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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