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## Hurley Cath Lab Performs First Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair (EVAR)

Hurley's Vascular Surgeon Dr. Mohmmmed Margni performed the first EVAR procedure in the Cath Lab on Sept 26, 2012. Abdominal endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR) is a minimally invasive surgery for the repair of abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAAs). The patient was 82-year-old Julius Carrington of Flint, who was diagnosed with a growing aneurysm, prior to the surgery.

The endovascular technique involves the surgeon placing two small cuts in the groin less than a quarter-inch each, through which a graft is inserted into the aorta. The advantages of the endovascular technique over open surgery are reduced recovery times and potentially improved survival rates.

"The people were beautiful and kind, and made sure I was comfortable. Tina Pariseau, RN, made me feel right at home and the doctors were top notch. Everyone was so polished and professional. I love Hurley," adds Carrington.



L to R: Dr. Syed Sattar, patient's PCP; Julius Carrington, patient; and Dr. Mohmmmed Margni, Vascular Surgeon.

On October 31, Carrington came back for a follow-up appointment. "I work here and I trained here and I thought it was the best place to send my patient," says Syed Sattar, MD, Carrington's Primary Care Physician.

Elective repair can be carried out either by open abdominal surgery, which is the traditional method, or by endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR) using a stent-graft.



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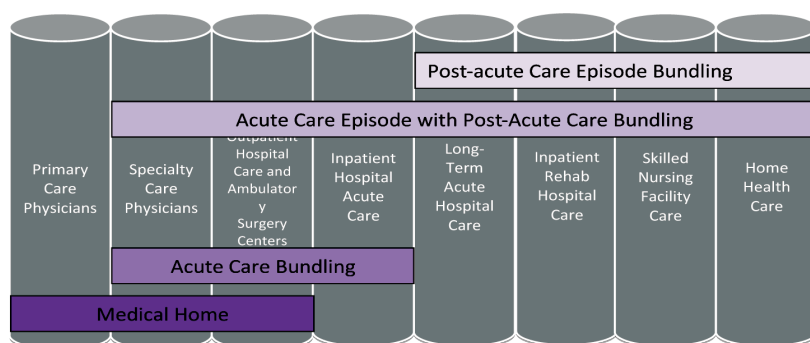
# With Healthcare Evolving, Closer Relationships Will Have to Develop

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US healthcare cost is approaching 20% of our gross domestic product, a rate which cannot be sustained in the future. The World Healthcare Organization in 2010 also named the United States 37th out of 191 countries regarding healthcare rankings. Something had to change. One of the solutions is the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) that was signed by President Obama in March 2010 and reaffirmed with his re-election in November 2012.

What does this Act mean for providers of healthcare? Payment mechanisms will be migrating toward value based rather than volume base; it will not matter how many procedures you do. It will be based on health outcomes; inpatient hospital rates will decline; providers will consolidate; and technology will become a major change agent in healthcare.

## Exhibit 1: Accountable Care Organizations



All of these items are the focus of the ACA. Reimbursement will focus on adding value, keeping populations healthy and being paid on an episode of care, which will link all providers more closely. One such mechanism is the formation of an Accountable Care Organization (ACO), a method to handle the distribution of dollars that will encompass all providers rendering an episode of care. Exhibit 1 shows how potentially an ACO would distribute funds to providers across an episode of care for a patient.

Exhibit 2 demonstrates how future healthcare will be potentially broken out between chronic and acute levels of care. The key is to focus on keeping patients healthy, keeping them out of the emergency room and avoiding hospital admissions.

## Exhibit 2: Redesigning Care to Impact the Value Proposition Partners HealthCare: 20 Tactics

	Longitudinal Care	Episodic Care	
	Primary Care	Specialty Care	Hospital Care
Access to Care	Patient portal/physician portal		Optimize site of care
	Extended hours/same-day appointments		Reduced low acuity admissions
	Expanded virtual visit options		
Design of Care	Defined process standards in priority conditions (multidisciplinary teams, registries)		
	High-risk care management	Required patient decision aids	Re-admissions
			Hospital acquired conditions
	Provide 100% preventive services	Appropriateness	Hand-off standards
			Continuity improvements
	EHR with decision support and order entry		
Incentive programs (recognition, financial)			
Measurement	Internal variance reporting/performance dashboards		
	Public reporting of quality metrics: clinical outcomes, satisfaction		
	Costs/population	Costs/episode	

Source: Timothy Ferris, M.D.: The Engaged Provider Response to the Current Health Care Policy Environment. Presented July 18, 2011. [www.commonwealthfund.org](http://www.commonwealthfund.org).

Most of the changes with ACA do not begin until 2014 and there will be more changes made to the Act along the way. What is clear now is that the delivery of healthcare will change because the dollar distribution will be evolving. It is clear that a closer relationship with all healthcare providers will have to evolve because the reimbursement models will be based on value and not volume. The direction will be on healthcare and not sick-care, as it is currently done today. It will be critical for all providers to begin conversations about how they can help each other as the delivery of healthcare continues to evolve.

## Hurley Welcomes New Doctors

Rebecca Baumbach, MD – Internal Medicine  
Abdulla Hafeez, MD – Internal Medicine  
Ami Hatta, MD – Pediatrics

Scott Kaatz, DO – Academic Hospitalist  
Osman Mohamed-Saeed, MD – Internal Medicine

## Hurley Congratulates the Following Doctors Who Reached Milestone Hurley Anniversaries Between July 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012

### 35 Years of Service

Nasir Ahmad, MD - Otolaryngology  
 Amitabha Banerjee, MD - Pediatrics  
 Stephen R Burton, MD - Orthopedic Surgery  
 Ernesto Duterte, MD - Internal Medicine  
 Eyassu Habte-Gabr, MD - Infectious Disease  
 Larry J Young, MD - Obstetrics & Gynecology

### 20 Years of Service

Keith B Daniels, DPM - Podiatry  
 Jeffrey A Diskin, MD - Ophthalmology  
 Venkat K Rao, MD - Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine  
 Harold E Rutila, MD - Urology

### 15 Years of Service

Jeffrey C Noroyan, DPM - Podiatry  
 Sayed M Osama, MD - Nephrology  
 Damayanthi V Pandrangi, MD - Internal Medicine  
 Mohammed Syed, MD - Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

### 10 Years of Service

Huda M Elhwairis, MD - Internal Medicine  
 Jason M Evans, MD - Urology  
 Yaseen A Hashish, MD - Nephrology  
 Nusrat Javaid, MD - Pediatric Emergency Medicine  
 Haissam Khouri, MD - Anesthesia  
 Punam Sharman, MD - Internal Medicine/Pediatrics  
 David T Taylor, DPM - Podiatry  
 Shawn M Wiggins, MD - Obstetrics & Gynecology

### 5 Years of Service

Faisal I Ahmad, MD - Neurology  
 Shannon L Dennis, PhD - Pediatric Neuropsychology  
 Brian C Hunter, MD - Pathology  
 Shavell A Karel, MD - Obstetrics & Gynecology  
 Vijay Naraparaju, MD - Internal Medicine/Pediatrics  
 Scott J Nyman, PhD - Psychology  
 Kavita H Rajkotia, MD - Radiology  
 Gary T Roome, MD - Family Medicine  
 Charles Pelshaw, MD - Pediatric Physical Medicine & Rehab  
 Genevieve M Siermiski, MD - Nephrology  
 Sweetie A Srivastava, MD - Pediatric Nephrology  
 Murugusundara Veeramani, MD - Radiology

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

## Compliance with HIPAA Rules

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## Transitions of Care Taskforce (TOCT)

In August Hurley Medical Center held its first Transitions of Care Taskforce (TOCT) meeting. The TOCT is a team of stakeholders committed to improving communication and the transition process when discharging patients from the hospital to extended care facilities (ECFs), rehabilitation and homecare agencies. Poor communication and an inadequate transition process during patient discharge can result in adverse outcomes, such as medication errors or increased re-admission rates.

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The TOCT team meets monthly, as needed, focusing on multidisciplinary, programming and educational initiatives designed to foster effective communication among all parties involved to produce improvements in hospital-to-post-hospital transitions of care.

An innovation pilot, for hospital to home care agency, bedside hand-off started in November. The pilot consists of identifying patients that are high risk for 30 day re-admission upon admission using the 8P risk assessment of the Evidence Based Care Transition Model: Better Outcomes for Older adults through Safe Transitions (BOOST). The Hurley case management team will coordinate bedside hand-offs for patients meeting high risk for readmission criteria and requiring homecare. The bedside hand-off will include identified family or caregivers, nurses and/or social workers from the hospital and the applicable home care agency.

*To learn more about this pilot or the TOCT, please contact Angela Mitchell, Service Line Administrator at 810.262.4943, or [amitch1@hurleymc.com](mailto:amitch1@hurleymc.com).*



## Mark Your Calendars

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Saturday, March 2, 2013 as we embark on a magical journey around the globe during this year's Hurley Benefit Ball.



Together, we will celebrate the many countries and cultures represented at Hurley by our patients, staff and community partners. Formal attire from the country or region of your choice is encouraged.  
**For more information, contact Angie Cuneaz of the Hurley Foundation at 810.262.9399 or [acuneaz1@hurleymc.com](mailto:acuneaz1@hurleymc.com).**

*Proceeds benefiting the Hurley Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) program.*



[hurleyfoundation.org](http://hurleyfoundation.org)

## New Provider Directory

A new Hurley Provider Directory has been finalized and printed. This handy reference tool will serve as a valuable resource for you and your patients as you explore the many services offered at Hurley Medical Center.

Directories will be mailed mid-December to all Hurley physician offices. Please contact Physician Services at 810.262.9400 to request additional copies of the directory or to share general comments.

### Provider Directory

For an up-to-date list of providers, questions about services or to obtain an additional copy of this directory, please call 888.611.4HMC (4462).

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