

# Physician Connection

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## Hurley Medical Center Chosen as Special Operations Combat Medics Training Site for U.S. Military

On May 4, 2013, six combat medics began training at Hurley Medical Center, the region's only Level I Trauma Center, as part of the Special Operations Combat Medics (SOCM) Training Program for the U.S. Military. Hurley is one of four U.S. civilian institutions in the U.S. to participate in this SOCM training program.

SOCMs receive training in pharmaceutical calculations, anatomy and physiology, physical examination, basic lab and radiology, clinical pathology, preventative medicine, routine and emergency medical care, tactical combat casualty care and trauma management. After the medics' initial training at Fort Bragg, students receive a one-month period of highly supervised hands-on training in areas of a high acuity medical center like Hurley, including the ED, Trauma and Burn Center, ICU, operating rooms, labor and delivery areas, and more.



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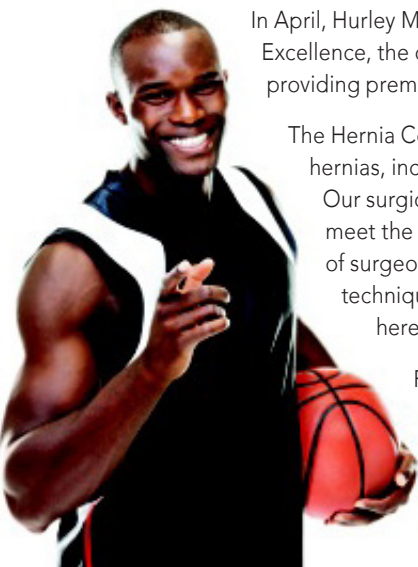
## The Hernia Experts

### Hurley Medical Center Announces Opening of the Hernia Center of Excellence

In April, Hurley Medical Center announced the launch of our Hernia Center of Excellence, the only one of its kind in the region. This new service is aimed at providing premier treatment for patients suffering from hernia related injuries.

The Hernia Center of Excellence specializes in the management of all types of hernias, including hiatal, paraesophageal and complex component separation. Our surgical team has the ability to develop a treatment plan tailored to best meet the hernia repair needs of your patients. We have assembled a team of surgeons who have completed advanced training in minimally invasive techniques, which supports a myriad of optimal treatment options, all right here in Flint.

Please allow us to assist you in caring for your hernia patients, while utilizing the latest state-of-the-art procedures and cutting edge technology. To refer a patient to the Hurley Hernia Center of Excellence or to answer any questions, please call 1.855.5.HERNIA. Additional information can also be found on the Hurley website at [hurleymc.com](http://hurleymc.com).



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## CALENDAR

### May 15, 2013

MSU/FAME Community Research Forum  
 Riverfront Banquet Center, Flint  
 8:00 am – 5:30 pm  
 Approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™  
 To register for dinner call:  
 1.810.232.7000, ext. 19, by May 8

### May 22, 2013

Annual Endocrine Update  
 Holiday Inn Gateway Centre  
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
 Approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™  
 To register call: 1.855.310.3627

### June 27, 2013

Epic EMR Implementation Education Series  
 Hurley Medical Center  
 Charles White Conference Center  
 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
 Approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™  
 Regular scheduled series format  
 does not require RSVP

## General Medical Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, May 15, 2013

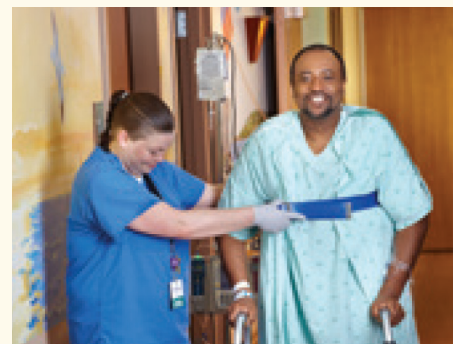
Hurley Medical Center  
 Merliss Brown Auditorium  
 6:00 pm  
 (Light Refreshments at 5:30 pm)

Please remember that for attendance purposes all Active Professional Staff are required to attend at least one medical staff meeting annually and 50% of their departmental meetings

## Hurley's Project JOINTS is a Huge Success

In August 2011, Hurley joined the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Project JOINTS, a federally funded program designed to speed adoption of three proven methods to prevent surgical site infections (SSI's) after hip and knee replacement surgery. Within two months, Hurley achieved 'exemplar' status for successful implementation of all three methods, and for our work in creating patient education materials.

The National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (NAPH) recognized Hurley's success with Project JOINTS in September 2012 in an article highlighting the comprehensive continuum of care we provide for our total joint patients. Then in March, as part of the IHI's plan to expand Project JOINTS to the rest of the country, they invited Cathy Metz, Orthopedic Service Line Administrator, and Denise Charles from Infection Control to be webinar speakers to discuss Hurley's implementation process and program success.



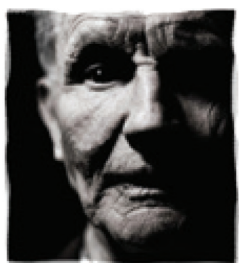
In the 18 months since implementing the Project JOINTS infection prevention methods, Hurley's total hip infection rate is 0% and our total knee infection rate is less than 1%. Both values are significantly lower than the national average.

*Congratulations to the Hurley team for their huge success!*



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## Hurley to Host PBS "The Embrace of Aging" Flint Film Premiere & Fundraiser



As the United States continues to proportionately "get older," more people are looking for ways to prolong their youth, age with dignity, maintain their health, and overall, embrace aging. Ten-time Michigan Emmy award-winning director/producer Keith Famie seeks to answer some of these questions in his new three-part documentary series, beginning with *The Embrace of Aging: The Male Perspective of Growing Old*.

On May 22, 2013, hundreds will gather at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre for the documentary premiere in Flint, to gain advice from experts and learn from a long cast of "characters" how men deal with the trials and tribulations of aging. The film features Dr. Sidney Martin, Hurley knee replacement patient and orthopaedic surgeon.

Hurley's Geriatric Fracture Center is the first of its kind in our region to provide prioritized and specialized care for older adult patients who have experienced a fracture. The purpose of this progressive treatment approach is to expedite care and improve patient outcomes.

**What:** "The Embrace of Aging" Film Premiere with Dr. Sidney Martin

**When:** May 22, 2013;  
5:30 pm Reception  
6:00 pm Dinner  
6:30 pm Film Premiere

**Where:** Holiday Inn Gateway Centre,  
5353 Gateway Centre, Flint

**Why:** To Raise Funds for the Hurley Geriatric Fracture Center

Dr. Sidney Martin, Hurley Knee Replacement Patient and Orthopaedic Surgeon is the film presenting sponsor. Tickets for the film premiere are available for \$20 each.

Contact Angie Cuneaz at 810.262.9399 or [acuneaz1@hurleymc.com](mailto:acuneaz1@hurleymc.com) for more information.

### SOCMs - Training Site - Continued from page 1

The overall goal for these SOCMs is to provide care for the wounded for up to 72 hours since many missions are in areas with limited access or ability to evacuate to more definitive care. An example is the Afghanistan mountains.

"We are honored to be chosen as a civilian site for SOCM training. These medic students will work with teams of Hurley nurses, residents, physician assistants and attending physicians to learn and perform life-saving procedures that will help stabilize the wounded on the battle field until they reach a higher level of care. As the region's premier academic medical center and the only Level I Trauma Center in our region, it's a definite privilege to be a small part of what these medics will be able to accomplish," adds Michael Jaggi, DO, FACP, FACEP, Vice President, Chief, Emergency Medicine and Chief Medical Officer at Hurley Medical Center.

"The clinical training SOCM students will receive at Hurley is a vital element in ensuring our graduates have the requisite skills and confidence to perform the grave responsibility bestowed on them in combat," says Lt. Col. Lory Kay Wheeler, DO, Director of the SOCM course for the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. "We are truly grateful for the amazing efforts made by the Hurley Medical Center staff in support of the SOCM training program, and we look forward to working together."

The SOCMs not only provide first-line trauma care for our nation's warriors, but they also act as ambassadors. Oftentimes, they are the only medical personnel in a remote or underserved part of the world. As such, they have to have the skills for routine medical care, providing an indigenous population with treatment for a wide range of local diseases.

These medics will also receive training in other Hurley Departments, including anesthesiology and labor and delivery, where they will assist with deliveries and learn how to manage newborns and obstetrical complications; the operating room, where they will obtain and manage patient airways and assist in surgical procedures; various intensive care-units, such as neurosurgical and burn, where students assess and monitor patients who have traumatic brain injuries and assist with management of burns; and the pediatric ED, where students treat patients ranging from infants to adolescents.

## Hurley Family Ambulatory Health Center Relocates to the Former Emergency Department Area

We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 the Hurley Family Ambulatory Health Center (FAHC) relocated from 9 West to the former emergency department area. The relocation of the clinic has allowed us to create efficiencies and improve the patient experience.

Patients have been notified of the location change and signs have been posted to help direct patients where to go. Ambulatory clinic patients are being directed to park in the lot outside of the clinic area (old ED lot) and enter through the former screening entrance, which has been transformed into a greeting area.

## Radiologic Technologist Licensure in Michigan

In April, Hurley's Senior Radiology Students participated in the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists march in Lansing to help promote licensure for Radiologic Technologists in Michigan.

The students attended courses on governance and visited both Representative Woodrow Stanley and Representative Jim Ananich to discuss the need for licensure. Representative Ben Glardon from the Owosso area will be formally introducing the legislation in the coming weeks. Currently, Michigan is only one of 11 states without licensure. Licensure would ensure that operators dispensing ionizing would first require proper training for the safety of the patients.

Hurley has been providing Genesee County with qualified Radiographers since 1948.

The program now articulates with Mott Community College so students may also acquire a degree at the end of the 24 month program. The School of Radiologic Technology is accredited by the JRCERT. Currently, 15 students are enrolled.



*Pictured on the steps of the capital are L to R: Jeremiah Blythe, Bryan Pringle, Lisa Callard, Excell Morris, Heather Nollf, Kelly Burkett, and Vanessa Smith*

## Hurley Adolescent Medicine Clinic

The Adolescent Medicine Clinic at Hurley Children's Hospital provides both primary care and consultative/specialized care to all adolescents and young adults between the ages of 12 and 21 years.

The Adolescent Medicine Clinic at Hurley provides comprehensive adolescent health care services, such as complete yearly physical examinations for school, camp, and sports; immunizations for adolescents who don't have a primary care doctor; gynecological/reproductive healthcare (menstrual problems, STI screening, birth control); nutritional counseling for prevention of obesity and eating disorders; assessment of substance abuse/behavioral and school problems; and management of chronic illnesses such as asthma, diabetes, seizure or bowel diseases in close cooperation with other specialists.

The Adolescent Medicine Clinic is located within Hurley Children's Clinic at Mott Children's Health Center. To make an appointment, patients may call 810.262.9773.



*Dr. Anju Sawni,  
Director of  
Adolescent Medicine -  
Hurley Children's  
Hospital*

# Epic

**Help Desk 810.262.EPIC**

### Mark Your Calendar – Physician Epic Upgrade Training

Please join us to learn new features and functionality for the upcoming Epic Upgrade, effective July 1, 2013. Choose the option that best suits you: structured class, open lab or eLearning. No registration is required.

**Option A:** **Structured Class Sessions** –  
Daily on dates provided below

**Time:** 7:00 am to 8:00 am OR  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

**Option B:** **Open Lab Sessions** –  
Daily on dates provided below

**Time:** 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

**2013 Dates:** Monday, June 10  
Wednesday, June 12  
Thursday, June 13  
Monday, June 17  
Tuesday, June 18  
Friday, June 21

**Location:** 11 East – Computer Training Room

*The computer training room will be staffed by an Epic trainer all day. Hands on materials will be available to help navigate through new workflows.*

**Option C:** **eLearning** – Informational hand-outs showcasing 2012 eLearnings are available in the physician lounge.

If you are unable to attend on the dates provided, please call 810.262.6980 to make alternative arrangements.



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## Robotic Surgery at Hurley Medical Center

Experience the art of robotic surgery at Hurley Medical Center. The da Vinci® Robotic Surgical System can be used for a range of minimally invasive procedures including cholecystectomies (gallbladder removal), hysterectomies, myomectomies, hiatal and abdominal hernia repairs, adrenalectomies (adrenal gland removal), GERD-related diagnoses (reflux), and esophageal strictures. It enables highly magnified visualization inside the body and greater precision, while making it easier for surgeons to operate using small incisions.

This innovation results in many potential patient benefits, including less risk of infection and blood loss, significantly less pain, shorter hospital stays and faster recovery times. With smaller incisions, patients recover and are discharged in a fraction of the time required for traditional surgery.

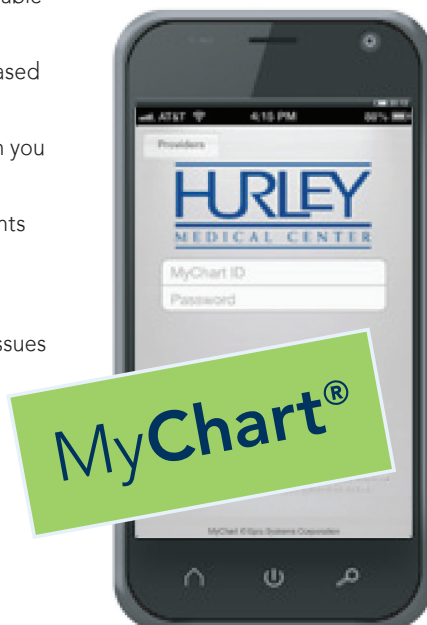
## Hurley's MyChart® System Now Available on Smart Phones

For the convenience of patients, Hurley's MyChart system is now available as an app for iPhone and Android smart phones. You can find the app, which is free to download, in your phone's associated app store by searching for "MyChart".

The following MyChart features are available for patients from the smart phone app:

- View test results that have been released to your MyChart
- Send and receive messages between you and your providers
- View past and upcoming appointments
- View your medications
- View your health summary, including allergies, immunizations, and health issues

Please encourage your patients and staff to sign up for MyChart if they haven't already. For questions about the MyChart app, contact Mike Andrews, EpicCare Ambulatory Team at 26977 or [mandrew2@hurleymc.com](mailto:mandrew2@hurleymc.com).



## Hurley Receives "Doing the Most Good" Award at Salvation Army Annual Dinner

On April 16, Hurley Medical Center received the "Doing the Most Good" award for our generous support of The Salvation Army and the families we serve. The award was presented to Hurley during the Salvation Army Annual Recognition Dinner at the Sarvis Center in Flint.



## Hurley Welcomes New Physicians

Robert Burnstein, MD – Psychiatry

Robert Cleary, MD – Internal Medicine/Cardiology

Rhonda Kobold, DO – Obstetrics & Gynecology

Caroline Mathew, MD – Internal Medicine

Christopher Singh, MD - Ophthalmology