

# Physician CONNECTION

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## CALENDAR

### June 27, 2013

EPIC/EMR Implementation  
Educational Series

Hurley Medical Center

Charles White Conference Center

7:30-8:30 am

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## The Hernia Experts

The Hurley  
Hernia Center  
of Excellence is  
open and available  
to assist you in  
caring for the

needs of your hernia patients. To  
refer a patient to the Hurley Hernia  
Center of Excellence, please call  
1-855-5-HERNIA (1.855.543.7642).  
You may also contact Dr. McCann  
on his cell phone at 219.428.1389,  
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Together we can help improve the  
lives of hernia patients and get them  
back in the game.

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## Professional Medical Staff Reappointment Packets

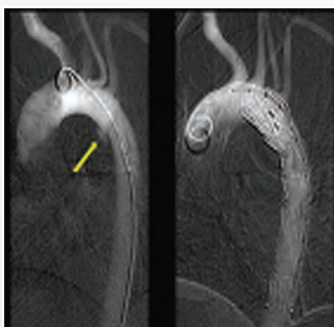
As you know, Professional Staff Reappointments are for a period of not more than 24 months (two years). The Medical Staff Office has initiated the process this year by mailing packets to those requiring reappointment.

Anyone who joined the Medical Staff from July 2012 to April 2013, as well as members of the following departments, are up for reappointment this year and should have already received their reappointment packet (large gray envelope):

- Medicine
- Medicine/Pediatrics
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Psychology

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 July 15, 2013.

*If you have any questions or require assistance with the reappointment process, please contact the Medical Staff Office at 810.262.9239.*



## Thoracic Stent-Graft Placement for Trauma – A Multidisciplinary Success!

On April 21, 2013, a multidisciplinary team including Dr. John Carr (cardiothoracic and trauma surgery) and Drs. Venu Vadlamudi and Mark Weiss (interventional radiology), along with surgical and interventional support staff, successfully placed a thoracic stent-graft on a 25-year-old female patient.

The patient sustained traumatic injury to her thoracic aorta and other injuries following a highspeed motor vehicle accident, including a tear in her thoracic aorta just beyond the major arteries to the head and neck. The procedure was performed in the Interventional Radiology Department and the patient made a quick recovery following placement of the stent-graft. The patient was transferred to the Rehabilitation Unit after a little more than one week on the Neuro/Trauma Unit.

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## Hurley Congratulates the Following Doctors Who Reached Milestone Hurley Anniversaries

Between January 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013

### 40 Years of Service

Harris H Dabideen, MD - General Surgery

### 35 Years of Service

Joyce R Fahrner, MD - Hematology/Oncology

Melvin Flamenbaum, DMD - Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Hugo M Lopez-Negrete, MD - Neurological Surgery

M. Varkey Thomas, MD - Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine

### 30 Years of Service

Danish A Alamy, MD - Neonatology

John M McIllduff, MD - Vascular Surgery

Ethiraj G Raj, MD - Cardiology

Abdul Razzak, MD - Internal Medicine

Rajalakshmi Sankaran, MD - Pediatrics

Ronald Stewart, DDS - Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

### 25 Years of Service

Alan Goldberg, MD - Internal Medicine

### 20 Years of Service

Ahmed M Akl, MD - Radiation Oncology

Hemant D Desai, MD - Anesthesia

David K Diskin, MD - Ophthalmology

Milton G Holloway, MD - Pediatrics

Muhammad A Jabbar, MD - Pediatric Endocrinology

George S Mohamedally, DO - Family Medicine

Bruce W Troutman, DO - Family Medicine

### 15 Years of Service

Mustafa G Akpınar, MD - Pediatrics

Terry S Krznarich, MD - Pathology

Brenda Lepisto, PsyD - Psychology

Timothy G McNally, DO - Ophthalmology

Mahesh Sharman, MD - Pediatric Critical Care

Kirk J Stucky, PsyD - Neuropsychology

### 10 Years of Service

Dominic A Borgialli, DO - Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Ahmad K Kaddurah, MD - Pediatric Neurology

Vina R Patel, MD - Pediatrics

Timothy B Snyder, DPM - Podiatry

### 5 Years of Service

Atheer M Alrawi, MD - Ophthalmology

Evan H Black, MD - Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery

William M Bowling, MD - Surgical Critical Care

John Alfred Carr, MD - Surgical Critical Care

James L Chinarian, MD - Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Edward R Dabrowski, MD - Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Mark R Dalton, MD - Emergency Medicine

Marek T Didluch, MD - Family Medicine

James R Hirt, DPM - Podiatry

Mohamed A Khedr, MD - Obstetrics & Gynecology

Vickie B Mello, DO - Gynecology

Majed Nounou, MD - Cardiology

John S Schultz, MD - Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Seann Willson, MD - Orthopedic Surgery

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.

## Hurley Welcomes New Physicians

Ambreen Sattar, MD – Diagnostic & Interventional Radiology

Anish Bansal, MD – Diagnostic & Interventional Radiology

## Diversity and Inclusion Council

By Ronaldo Magdaleno

In 2011, Hurley Medical Center launched an initiative to promote and embrace diversity and inclusion among its employees, patients, and customers. In recognition of its significance, it received full support from the Board of Human Resources on Education, the CEOs office, and the Senior Leadership of Hurley Medical Center. The council was formed and initially chaired by Valerie Jones inviting members to join from the different sections of the medical center. The goals of the council were to celebrate, recognize, and value the diversity or uniqueness of individuals and to foster a climate of inclusion and cultural competence while acknowledging the differences in race, culture, socio-economic status and other qualities that sets the uniqueness of the individual. The council first met together in January 2012 and has been meeting since. The council's vision and purpose has successfully been set.

My experience with this group began when I received a telephone call at the end of my nursing shift in late 2011 and was asked if I would be willing to join this committee. Our first meeting was held in the conference room next to the CEO's office; I had to pinch myself, because I suddenly felt so important. During this meeting, the commitment that Hurley Medical Center is taking to champion and communicate diversity and inclusion in its organization and people was explained. I left the meeting pondering big words "Diversity" and "Inclusion." I am not American by ethnicity and diversity has never been a problem for me, however, I do know how it feels to be different than other people.

The council is continuing to make progress and evolve while keeping its focus on cultural competence and strengthening our respect for individual differences. The council is currently developing significant programs for Hurley Medical Center and welcomes the involvement of everyone in this endeavor.

For additional information on the Diversity and Inclusion Council or to inquire about involvement opportunities, please call Dwayne Parker at 810.262.9886.

## Bone Density Testing for Women

Bone Density Testing is often an overlooked tool for treating women. This test helps detect the early signs of osteoporosis and treatment can help avoid this condition.

Screening guidelines for those who are thought to be at increased risk for osteoporosis:



- Women over age 65 and men over age 70
- Women under age 65 and men ages 50 - 70 who have risk factors such as:
  - A fracture in any man or woman over age 50
  - Rheumatoid arthritis, chronic kidney disease, eating disorders
  - Early onset of menopause
  - History of hormone treatment for prostate cancer or breast cancer
  - Significant loss of height
  - Smoking
  - Family history of osteoporosis
  - Taking corticosteroid medications for more than 3 months
  - Three or more drinks of alcohol per day

Hurley offers Bone Density Testing at our facility at 1125 S Linden Road in Flint. To schedule an appointment for a patient, please call 810.733.2011.

## Hurley Inpatient Therapy

We are pleased to announce that beginning Tuesday, May 28, 2013 Hurley Medical Center will offer one central number that will serve as the point of connection for communication with our inpatient therapy department. This number is 262-OTPT (810.262.6878). The therapy staff will continue to carry their portable phones or pagers as they do now, and calls will be routed through the central number to connect you with the appropriate staff.

We look forward to offering you this streamlined service and the ease of communication it will allow from our team to yours and vice versa. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Tristram Cumming, RN, BSN, CRRN, Nurse Manager 6E Inpatient Rehabilitation and Center for Joint Replacement, at 810.262.4712.

### Thoracic Stent-Graft *Continued from page 1*

"The case went very well and the patient had one small incision in the groin rather than the large chest incision necessary for an open repair of her aorta," said Dr. Carr. "With modern techniques of thoracic aortic endografting, we can offer a less invasive solution and the patient benefits from a faster recovery."

"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. P.C. Shetty, Chief of Interventional Radiology.

The team looks forward to working together and offering treatment options for patients with thoracic aortic diseases. For more information or to refer a patient, please email Dr. Carr at JCarr1@hurleymc.com.

## H-CARE

### New Preferred Orthotics Vendor

Hurley is pleased to announce a new preferred vendor for all of our patient's standard and custom orthotics needs.

Effective May 15, 2013, H-Care is our preferred vendor for these products. H-Care provides 24-hour, seven day per week coverage with quick response times. Patient orders must still be placed in EPIC where the request will be directed to H-Care. For after-hour requests, H-Care can be reached at 262.6HCR (810.262.6427) after the order is placed in Epic.



### Meaningful Use

Did you know? Physicians that spend >50% of their time at Hurley using Epic may wish to attest for their Meaningful Use of the electronic health record. If this sounds like you, please contact Jessie King at 810.262.9353 for more information.

### Downtime Reminder

Downtime for the Epic upgrade and revenue cycle implementation is planned for June 30th starting at 1:00 pm.

### Upgrade Training

Have you made your plans for upgrade training? Attend a class, drop in for a lab or check out info on the intranet.

### Educational Resources

You can also find useful information including Tips & Tricks on the Hurley Intranet. Following is a screen shot to show a sampling of the information available:



## Dr. Almaroof & Dr. Margni Pass Boards

Congratulations to Dr. Babatunde Almaroof and Dr. Mohammed Margni of the Hurley Vascular Center for passing their Boards. Both Physicians are now Board Certified in Vascular Surgery.

**Have your patients been screened for vascular disease? Call the Hurley Vascular Center at 810.262.6565 to make an appointment.**



*Babatunde Almaroof, MD*



*Mohammed Margni, MD*



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## Hurley Partners with Valley Area Agency on Aging to Reduce Hospital Readmissions

Hurley Medical Center is partnering with the Valley Area Agency on Aging (VAAA) to implement a Community Care Transitions Program (CCTP), an initiative under the Affordable Care Act. The goal of the program is to reduce hospital readmissions for high risk Medicare beneficiaries by improving the transition from hospital care to home. VAAA received grant funding for the program from the Center for Medicare Services.

The program requires the patient's hospital care team to identify at risk Medicare patients with CHF, COPD, AMI, or a history of hospital readmissions, and begin evidenced based interventions during the hospital stay. Upon enrollment in the program, patients will receive a home visit by a Social Worker Transition Specialist within 48 hours of hospital discharge. The Transition Specialist will ensure each patient's discharge plan is implemented. Patients will be provided with one week of home delivered meals, prescription pick up, and transportation to doctor's appointments, based on patient needs.

The CCTP, launched in 2011, will run for five years. VAAA has been awarded a two-year agreement that may be extended annually through the program's duration, based on performance. The CCTP program will provide care transition services to more than 700,000 Medicare beneficiaries in 40 states.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Angela Mitchell, BSN, MS, CNML, at 810.262.4943.