

Physician CONNECTION

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CALENDAR

January 16, 2013

Interventional Oncology and its Role in Management of Primary Hepatic Malignancy, Metastatic Disease, and Renal Cell Carcinoma

Holiday Inn Gateway Center

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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Transcranial Doppler Exams

The EEG department has paired with Radiology to form a team in the collection and interpretation of Transcranial Doppler (TCD) ultrasound studies. TCD measures the physiologic parameters of blood flow in the cerebral arteries and is employed as a dynamic, reliable and reproducible diagnostic to assess intracranial circulation, with immediate results.

Some accepted applications for TCD include:

- Detection of severe stenosis(>65%) of the intracranial arteries in stroke and TIA patients
- Early detection of vasospasm in patients with subarachnoid hemorrhage
- Adjunct for assessment of cerebral circulatory arrest
- Assessment of the patterns of collateral circulation in patients with known severe stenosis or occlusion
- Special test program for Sickle Cell disease in pediatric patients (STOP)



Testing is done on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. Inpatient orders for TCD should be placed in Epic as Transcran Dopp complete or by calling the EEG Department at 810.262.9303. Results may be viewed in EPIC by selecting the Imaging tab. To schedule an outpatient exam, please call the EEG Department at 810.262.9303.



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Hurley Congratulates the Following Doctors Who Reached Milestone Hurley Anniversaries Between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013.

35 Years of Service

Michael Giacalone, MD
Internal Medicine

David N Matisoff, MD
Pediatric Cardiology

Rabbi Salimi, MD
Gastroenterology

James Shenck, DMD
Pediatric Dentistry

Norman E Walter, MD
Orthopedic Surgery

30 Years of Service

Wayne K Kinning, MD
Vascular Surgery

Khaled M Shukairy, MD
Otolaryngology

20 Years of Service

Shafi J Ahmed, MD
Internal Medicine

Suresh Anne', MD
Allergy/Immunology

Laura A Carravallah, MD
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

A. George Dass, MD
Orthopedic Surgery

Jeffrey L Harris, DO
Cardiology

Gary M Keoleian, MD
Ophthalmology

Mohammad N Sabbagh, MD
Neurology

Hemant T Thawani, MD
Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism

10 Years of Service

Hisham Ahmed, MD
Internal Medicine

Muhammad A Bakleh, MD
Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism

Matthew S Biafora, PhD
Psychology

10 Years of Service *continued*

Niketa S Dani, MD
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

Afroze A Hai, MD
Pediatrics

Patrick Hawley, MD
Emergency Medicine

Cynthia Horning, MD
Pediatrics

Piyush C Patel, MD
Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine

Jawad A Shah, MD
Neurological Surgery

5 Years of Service

Mohammad L Alkotob, MD
Cardiology

Manuel Arteta, MD
Pediatric Pulmonology

Terence Chan, DDS
Pediatric Dentistry

Shivani Choudhary, MD
Pediatrics Newborn Nursery

Sudha R Damidi, MD
Pediatrics

Amy G Filbrun, MD
Pediatric Pulmonology

Judith Harea, MD
Anesthesia

Tejal S Joseph, MD
Family Medicine

Arvind Kunadi, MD
Nephrology

Sam Malcheff, DDS
Pediatric Dentistry

Samya Z Nasr, MD
Pediatric Pulmonology

Francesca D Nesi-Eloff, MD
Ophthalmology

George E Polanco, DO
Radiology, Diagnostic

Steven C Reschak, DO
Otolaryngology

Alpha Omega Alpha – Dr. Mahesh Sharman

Congratulations to Hurley Pediatric Critical Care physician, Dr. Mahesh Sharman, on his nomination to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (AOA) at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Dr. Sharman was nominated based on his high academic achievement and accomplishments in leadership, professionalism, research, teaching, and service.



AOA currently has 123 chapters in medical schools in the United States. More than fifty AOA members have won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine and in Chemistry. About seventy-five percent of deans of U.S. medical schools are AOA members.

It is quite an accomplishment to be a member of this prestigious organization. Congratulations Dr. Sharman on your achievement!

Dr. Evelyn D. Alunit Retiring After Decades of Service

Shortly after graduating in the late 1960's from the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines, Hurley physician Dr. Evelyn D. Alunit seized the opportunity to come to mid-Michigan, where she joined Nephrology & Hypertension. In picking this practice, Dr.



Alunit chose a career that would last more than 40 years and would touch thousands of Internal Medicine and Nephrology patients throughout our community.

After decades of practicing, including over 38 years of dedication at Hurley Medical Center, Dr. Alunit has decided to retire. Dr. Alunit plans to spend her time in retirement volunteering at St. Michael Catholic Church, reading, traveling, joining medical missions, and savoring time with her six grandchildren.

Thank you to Dr. Evelyn. D Alunit for your many years of dedication!

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.

Meaningful Use: Prepare for Attestation

December 31, 2013, is an important deadline for eligible professionals (EPs) participating in the EHR Incentive Programs. It marks the end of the calendar year and the last day of the 2013 meaningful use program year.

Attestation Deadline

If you are an EP participating in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, you have until February 28, 2014, to attest to demonstrating meaningful use of the data collected during the reporting period for the 2013 calendar year. If you are participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please visit www.michiganhealthit.org online for attestation information.

You must attest to demonstrating meaningful use **every year** to receive an incentive and avoid a payment adjustment.

Payment Adjustments

Payment adjustments will be applied beginning January 1, 2015, if you have not successfully demonstrated meaningful use. The adjustment is determined by the reporting period in a prior year.

If you are eligible to participate in **both** the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, you **MUST** demonstrate meaningful use to avoid the payment adjustments. You may demonstrate meaningful use under either Medicare or Medicaid.

If you are only eligible to participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, you are not subject to these payment adjustments.

EPs in 2014

January 1, 2014 marks many important milestones for EPs participating in the EHR Incentive Programs, including:

- The start of Stage 2 for EPs who have already completed at least two years of Stage 1
- The last year that Medicare EPs can begin participation and earn an incentive
- A 3-month reporting period in 2014, regardless of the stage of meaningful use, to allow time to upgrade to 2014 certified EHR technology
 - Medicare EPs beyond their first year of meaningful use must select a three-month reporting period fixed to the quarter of the calendar year
 - Medicare EPs in their first year of meaningful use may select any 90-day reporting period that falls within the 2014 calendar year
 - Medicaid EPs can select any 90-day reporting period that falls within the 2014 calendar year

Want more information about the EHR Incentive Programs?

Make sure to visit the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs website at www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/ for the latest news and updates on the EHR Incentive Programs.

Hurley Welcomes New Physicians

Lokesh Guglani, MD
Pediatric Pulmonology

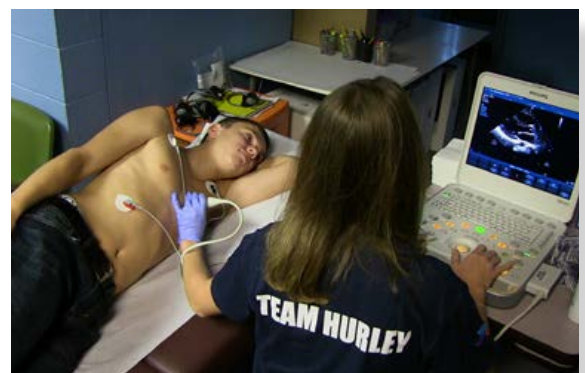
Cherie Phillips, MD
Vascular Surgery

Borhan Al-Atassi, MD
Neurosurgery

Hurley Teen Screening a Success

On November 9, Hurley hosted a FREE Teen Heart Check event for students ages 13 through 19 at Clio High School. More than 260 teens were screened during the six-hour special screening event.

This special program offers an in-depth heart screening that includes a medical history, blood pressure check and an ECG. Echocardiograms were also provided, if needed. The screening looks for evidence of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a serious condition that can cause sudden cardiac death in young athletes, as well as in students engaging in physical activity or exercise.





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Helping Hands Volunteer Service

Volunteer Services has added a new service called "Helping Hands." The idea of "Helping Hands" is to use volunteers where they are most needed on a particular day. Volunteers help with patient comfort and basic needs. Please contact Lisa Hasselbach, Volunteer Services Director, at 810.262.9152 for more information.



Gift Idea for the Person Who Has Everything

Make a donation to the Hurley Foundation for the person in your life who has everything. The Hurley Foundation will send them a card stating that you made a gift in their honor and the unit/program at Hurley Medical Center whom you designated the gift for.

Please go to www.hurleyfoundation.org to donate online, stop by the Main Office on the first floor of the School of Nursing, or call 810.262.9667 for more information.

Hurley's Enchanted Forest

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**33RD Annual
Hurley Benefit Ball
Saturday, March 8, 2014**

Join us for the Annual Hurley Benefit Ball – a sparkling black-tie event, complete with dining, dancing, silent auction and great entertainment at Riverfront Banquet Center in Flint.

For sponsorship or ticket information, contact the Hurley Foundation at 810.262.9399.