iSparrow Charts launches

iSparrow Charts (DMIS) launched on May 2. Hundreds of physicians have received orientation on the new system, in which all charts for discharged patients are digital.

Please complete and sign all outstanding and delinquent paper charts created before May 2.

Contact your physician liaison for more information or orientation options at 517.364.3200.

Epilepsy Monitoring Unit offers advance in seizure care

The area’s first Epilepsy Monitoring Unit is now open at Sparrow.

Sparrow is working in cooperation with the Michigan State University Health Team’s Department of Neurology and with Lansing Neurosurgery to provide this advance in care and treatment of epilepsy cases.

To refer individuals to the unit, contact Mounzer Kassab, M.D., at 517.353.8122.

Split-flow improves ER wait time, length of stay

The Emergency Department’s Split-flow approach is helping greatly reduce patient waiting times.

The Split-flow system has already resulted in a 15 percent reduction in the time until patients see an emergency room provider and a 10 percent drop until they are discharged. The system also features Bridge Orders, another initiative we hope will reduce length of stay for patients. Special thanks to our Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Executive Committee for bringing this initiative to fruition to streamline the patient admission process.

Information: Tony Briningstool, M.D., 364.3268.

Big turnout at 2011 Physician Recognition event

The room was packed at the Country Club of Lansing April 30 as longtime Sparrow Clinton Hospital surgeon Donald L. Porter, M.D., received the Sparrow 2011 Physician of the Year award.

Four physicians also were inducted into the Sparrow Physician Hall of Fame. They were: Ronald Horowitz, M.D.; L. Rao Kareti, M.D.; Ronald Rhule, D.O.; and (posthumously) Harry Wise III, M.D.

Sparrow Way team travels to Geisinger Medical Center

Several medical staff leaders and members of our leadership team recently traveled to Geisinger Medical Center in Pennsylvania to gather information on best practices for use at Sparrow.

It was part of work involved in developing the Sparrow Way, whose steering committee is co-chaired by President and CEO Dennis Swan and Chief of the Medical Staff Michael Clark, M.D.

Quarterly Medical Staff Meetings

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of June, September and December.

June 7 - Eagle Eye Conference Center
Sept. 6 - Eagle Eye Conference Center
Dec. 6 - Kellogg Center

Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting/CME program begins at 6:00 p.m.

Medical Staff Services reminder

Any change in professional address, phone, beeper numbers, etc., must be reported to the Medical Staff Office, 517.364.2582 in order to be changed throughout the system.