Sparrow only health system in region to offer "Watchman" device for abnormal heart rhythm

In recognition of February as Heart Month, Sparrow is now the only health system in mid-Michigan offering a new device that reduces the risk of stroke caused by the abnormal heart rhythm known as atrial fibrillation.

The Watchman is an FDA-approved device designed for those with atrial fibrillation who are unable to take blood thinners - the most commonly used treatment for the condition-due to an increased risk of bleeding complications.

State of Nursing celebration honors excellence

The annual State of Nursing celebration presented milestones of the nursing profession over the past 150 years, and showcased the many ways that Sparrow Nurses continue to improve Patient care and raise the bar of excellence for their profession.

Congratulations to all our Sparrow Nurses for another outstanding year of excellence in quality and Patient care.

Sparrow welcomes MSU College Assistant Migrant Program (CAMP)

A group of students from the MSU College Assistant Migrant Program (CAMP) are now walking the halls of Sparrow as part of a seven-week educational program offering individuals with migrant or seasonal farm work backgrounds a unique opportunity to begin an undergraduate program at Michigan State University.

Sparrow Ionia Hospital awarded hospital accreditation from The Joint Commission

Sparrow Ionia Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's

Events

Stay up to date on the latest events at Sparrow.

Click here to see what's coming up!

Mark your Calendars!

Purple Day

March 26 is Purple Day when wearing the color purple is encouraged to increase awareness about epilepsy. Sparrow is proudly participating in Purple Day. Although there is no cure for epilepsy, Sparrow is dedicated to achieving the correct diagnosis and providing the best care available.

Doctors' Day

Wednesday, March 30

Each and every day, Sparrow relies on its Physicians' commitment and tireless dedication to caring for our Patients. Please join us in thanking our medical staff for their efforts to provide quality, compassionate care to everyone who walks through our doors.

IRONMAC

Swim, bike, run
20 minutes each

Compete individually or as a relay team

Sunday, March 20

7:30 a.m. heat start

Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club,
East Lansing

$40 members, $50 guests
For more information or to register, call 517.364.8800

Register now!
Gold Seal of Approval® for Hospital Accreditation, reflecting the organization's commitment to providing safe and effective Patient care.
Sparrow Ionia Hospital, Sparrow Medical Group in Ionia, Muir, Portland and Saranac, and Sparrow Ionia Outpatient Rehabilitation, Orthopedic and Sports Medicine, all underwent a rigorous, unannounced on-site survey in November.

Sparrow study reduces false alarms, combats "alarm fatigue" in neonatal unit
Sparrow’s Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (RNICU) is getting national attention for a research project that has helped Nurses reduce false and nuisance alarms from Patient monitoring equipment.

Sparrow hosts Black History 101 Mobile Museum
As part of Black History Month celebrations, Sparrow hosted a traveling exhibit focusing on rare items signed by historical figures.

Sparrow Sports Medicine leader discusses girls’ ACL injuries at MHSAA conference
The leader of Sparrow Sports Medicine addressed hundreds of prep female athletes and their coaches at a major conference in Lansing about how to address the sharp rise in anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries on girls.

Sparrow Caregivers test meditation as part of new research study
Caregivers in Sparrow’s Hospice and Palliative Care are participating in an innovative study combining the convenience of modern smartphone apps with the age-old practice of meditation through the Sparrow/Michigan State University Center for Innovation and Research.

East Lansing Police Department honors Sparrow Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program
Sparrow’s Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program has been honored with the East Lansing Police Department’s True Blue Award for exceptional service and support to the police department and the East Lansing community.

The Science and Magic of Epilepsy Treatment
presented by Kenneth Laxer, M.D.

Thursday, March 24
6-7:30 p.m.
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Lincoln Room
219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing
Complimentary parking is available in the ramp.
Event sponsored by The Alfred and Frances Ross Foundation.
Call 1.800.Sparrow (772.7769) or register online now.
Walk-ins welcome.

National Pancake Day
March 8 | 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
IHOP, 2771 E. Grand River Avenue, East Lansing
On this day, participating IHOP restaurants across the United States and Canada will give guests one free short stack of signature IHOP buttermilk pancakes and encourage them to donate at least what they would have paid for the pancakes to Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, like Sparrow, and other worthy causes.

People News
Sparrow Foundation welcomes new board members
Sparrow has appointed community and business leaders Gary Rakan and Frederick Schaard to the Sparrow Foundation Board of Directors.

Beloved Orthopedic Nurse honored with January DAISY Award
Delta Dental's Marshall Molar pays visit to Sparrow pediatric Patients

In recognition of National Children’s Dental Month, Marshall Molar visited the Sparrow Children’s Center to share smiles and distribute Gund “Brushing Buddy” teddy bears to Sparrow pediatric Patients.

Sparrow Carson Hospital receives national honor for outstanding Patient experience

Sparrow Carson Hospital has received national recognition for placing among an elite group of hospitals nationally in how it treats its Patients.

Norman Beck named Sparrow February Volunteer of the Month

The Sparrow Women’s Board of Managers and the Volunteer services Department honors Norman Beck as the February Volunteer of the Month.

Sparrow FastCare Downtown - NEW reserved parking

Sparrow FastCare Downtown Patients now have access to reserved parking along Washington Square, which ensures the needs of our Patients always come first.

Sparrow FastCare is located at 107 N. Washington Square, Lansing, and offers fast, convenient service for all your basic health care needs, within easy walking distance for most downtown Lansing workers.

Graham elected Chair, Michigan Board of Medicine

Peter T. Graham, M.D., Executive Medical Director of Physicians Health Plan, was elected Chair of the Michigan Board of Medicine. Dr. Graham served the last four years as Vice-Chair and succeeds Richard Burney, M.D., of Ann Arbor.

Experiencing difficulty communicating and establishing any type of rapport with an elderly Indian Patient, Irma de Garcia, RN found Indian music, learned verses and sang songs with the woman in her room at Sparrow Hospital.

Nemets promoted to System Director and Chief Nursing Informatics Officer (CNIO)

Chris Nemets has been with Sparrow for 20 years as a Nurse and in Nurse leadership roles including her most recent as Director of IT Clinical Programs. As the new System Director and Chief Nursing Informatics Officer, Nemets will develop and lead our informatics strategies for nursing, and facilitate the innovation and collaboration necessary for our clinicians to continue their national leadership in information technology.
The Michigan Board of Medicine works with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and the Attorney General's office to oversee issues around medical licensure.

Caregiver Spotlight

Caregiver’s approach to the little things earns Caregiver Spotlight honor

Tiffany Drais shies away from attention and willingly helps out her fellow Nurses, be it starting a difficult IV or managing medications, but to Drais, the important work is finding time to do “a little something” for each and every one of her Patients each shift.

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