Dick Iding honored with 2015 Sparrow Founders' Award

Lansing businessman Dick Iding was recently recognized with Sparrow's highest honor, the Sparrow Founders' Award. The Founders' Day celebration marked Sparrow's 119th year of service to the mid-Michigan region. >> Read more

New procedure one of several leading-edge heart and vascular treatments found only at Sparrow

Sparrow is the only mid-Michigan health system offering a newly approved procedure using a balloon coated with a drug to open arteries. >> Read more

Sparrow, Volunteers of America Michigan applaud practice's first year, transformation of care

The Sparrow Medical Group Volunteers of America (SMG VOA) practice recently marked its first anniversary, having provided care to the area's homeless and logged more than 3,000 Patient visits.

The SMG VOA practice is believed to be the first in Michigan based in a homeless service center. >> Read more

Events

Stay up to date on the latest events at Sparrow. Click here to see what's coming up!

Close Up

BuildingSparrow March 2015
Carson's going green and more. >> Click here to see the flyer!

Mark your Calendars!

National Volunteer Week Begins April 12

Become a Sparrow Volunteer! To experience the possibilities, call 517.364.3606 or download an application at Sparrow.org/Volunteer.

Comprehensive Approach to Weight Loss

Tuesday, April 14 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 23 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club Wimbledon Room, East Lansing
To register for a class, call 1.800.Sparrow (772.7769).
Sparrow Physician honored by MHA for leading Patient safety and quality

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) has presented Maude (Molly) Guerin, M.D., chair of Sparrow's OB/GYN Department, with its Physician Leadership award recognizing those whose contributions to the field transcend the bounds of their own hospital or health system. >> Read more

Caregivers rocks socks to support run, Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan

Caregivers donned red and white-striped Ronald McDonald socks on Friday, March 20, designated "Rock Your Socks Day" at Sparrow. >> Read more

Exchange student's family praises radical loving care provided at Sparrow

Stephen Guertin, M.D., Medical Director of the Sparrow Children's Center, is skilled at making parents feel at ease. His calming voice was the reassurance a German couple needed when their teenaged daughter was hospitalized at Sparrow in November 2013. They were so touched by Dr. Guertin's extraordinary care that they recently mailed homemade gifts for his other young Patients. >> Read more

IT Caregivers celebrate annual event with Olympic theme

The Olympic-themed Information Technology (IT) Kick-Off fittingly began with a torchbearer and parade of flags. >> Read more

Ronald McDonald House Charities funds state-of-the-art baby monitor for Sparrow

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Outstate Michigan generously donated nearly $23,000 to buy a monitor that will measure brain activity of babies at Sparrow's Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (RNICU). >> Read more

March of Dimes
March for Babies
Saturday, April 25 | 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. start time
Riverfront Park, Lansing

We invite you to join Team Sparrow and walk for a great cause. To register, go to MarchforBabies.org, click on join a team and select Sparrow Hospital. For more information, call 517.364.2245.

People News

Caregiver Spotlight

Lucas Wright knows computer problems can be frustrating, particularly when they can affect Patient care.

Wright, a Sparrow Information Technology (IT) Field Service Technician, prides himself on staying calm and fixing computer, printer and equipment issues fast.

>>Click here to read Lucas' story.
**Sparrow Clinton Hospital Foundation offers health care scholarship assistance**

Clinton County students interested in pursuing health care careers can receive scholarship assistance from the Sparrow Clinton Hospital Foundation.  

[Read more](#)

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**Voting begins for 2015 Dapper Dads Challenge**

The Dapper Dads are back! Online voting is now open for the 2015 Dapper Dads Challenge.

Dapper Dads, in its sixth year, is hosted by Women Working Wonders (W3) and the Sparrow Foundation. Since its inception, it has raised more than $825,000 for the physical and psychological health of women in the mid-Michigan region.  

[Read more](#)

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**Sparrow OB/GYN Residents visit Capitol Hill**

Sparrow OB/GYN Residents Ahizechukwu Eke, M.D., MPH, and Alicia Hoffman, D.O., recently met with legislators on Capitol Hill to rally support for additional graduate medical education residency training positions.  

[Read more](#)

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**Free pancakes served at East Lansing IHOP to support children’s health**

Patrons filled up on free buttermilk pancakes to support children's health at the East Lansing IHOP on National Pancake Day, March 3.  

[Read more](#)

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**Sparrow Vice President, Chief Medical Information Officer participates in web-based Brookings discussion**

Michael Zaroukian, M.D., Sparrow Vice President and Chief Medical Information Officer, recently participated in a web-based discussion held by one of the most influential and trusted think tanks in the country, the Brookings Institution.  

[Read more](#)

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**Kathy Boltz of Lansing named March Volunteer of the Month**

The Sparrow Women’s Board of Managers and the Volunteer Services Department have nominated Kathy Boltz of Lansing as the March Volunteer of the Month.  

[Click here to read Kathy's story.](#)

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Got a story you'd like to share? E-mail your news tip to us at SparrowNews@Sparrow.org and we may include it in future editions.
Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club welcomes tennis manager Bryan Dirk
Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club (MAC) is pleased to welcome 20-year veteran tennis coach Bryan Dirk, who joins the staff as tennis manager. >> Read more

Diversity and Inclusion Department hosts Women’s History Month event
Sparrow’s Diversity and Inclusion Department hosted a conversation and question and answer session focused on Henrietta Lacks and how her narrative can shed light on cultural competence in medicine. >> Read more

Study at Sparrow shows relaxing breathing, music helps reduce anxiety, depression
A research study at Sparrow showed “significant” drops in symptoms of anxiety and depression after Patients practiced relaxing breathing while listening to calming music, according to Connie Gamage, MT-BC, a Mental Health Activity Therapist at Sparrow. >> Read more