Sparrow Sports Medicine opens new practice focused on sports concussion management

Sparrow, in collaboration with MSU Sports Medicine, is excited to announce the opening of a new Sports Medicine practice to provide sports concussion care and acute injury treatment.

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Dozens donate to Sparrow Children's Center Hair-a-Thon

Sparrow Children's Center's first-ever Hair-a-thon was a huge success on Saturday, Sept. 12 with over 50 hair donations!

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Events

Stay up to date on the latest events at Sparrow.

Click here to see what's coming up!

Mark your Calendars!

Michigan Hospital Association's Harvest Gathering Food Drive

Through the week of Oct. 26

Bring in a non-perishable food item and drop it off in any contribution box located on Sparrow's main and St. Lawrence campuses or outpatient areas.

For more information, call 517.364.3606 and use option 5.

WINS Breast Cancer Support Group Anniversary Celebration

Monday, Oct. 12 | 7-9 p.m.
Sparrow Professional Building, 2nd Floor Conference Rooms D and E

Join us to honor breast cancer Patients and survivors at this inspirational annual celebration. Motivational speaker Kim Wagner, a
Healthy Breasts at Every Age public forum to be held Oct. 1

October is national Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Sparrow Physicians are teaming up to provide a free public forum discussing dense breasts and surgical and non-surgical treatments for breast cancer, from initial diagnoses through care completion, followed by a chance to ask your questions.

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Hundreds enjoy RNICU Reunion Picnic

Dozens of families enjoyed a sunny day at the annual RNICU Reunion Picnic at Hawk Island County Park on Sunday, Sept. 13.

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Sparrow encourages Caregivers, public to get a flu shot

Sparrow is encouraging its Caregivers and the public to get a flu shot. Caregivers can see their Leaders for information about Sparrow's free flu shot clinics in October.

>> Read more

Caregivers sign final beam for The Gathering Place

Sparrow Caregivers recently had the chance to leave their mark on The Gathering Place - a modern and upscale dining area on the main campus of Sparrow Hospital - currently under construction.  

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Get your flu shot!
Free flu shot clinics for Caregivers start Monday, Oct. 5. Check Sparrow News Break for a flyer listing clinic dates, times and locations.

Lunch with a Doctor
What's new with the Flu? presented by Curtis L. Smith, Pharm.D., BCPS Thursday, Oct. 15 | Lunch is served at 11 a.m., program follows Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Lincoln Room

$10 Sparrow LifeTime members $15 for non-members To register, call 1.800.772.7769 or register online at Sparrow.org/EventsCalendar. (Registration ends one week prior to event)

People News

Caregiver Spotlight

Experienced, positive Nurse recognized in Caregiver Spotlight

Kimberly Dora, RN, helps make the Sparrow Ionia Hospital Surgery Department a leader in quality,
Life-saving incident highlights partnership between Sparrow, Hayes Green Beach

Jamie Sleight of Charlotte has first-hand experience in the benefits of the collaboration between Sparrow Health System and Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital (HGB) that has created dramatic changes in the regional care system.

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Automatic External Defibrillators installed at Sparrow

Sparrow is engaged in creating a culture of safety for everyone who walks through our doors. Potentially lifesaving equipment - automated external defibrillators or AEDs - have been installed in public areas at Sparrow.

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Hundreds gather for 41st annual Kaleidoscope

Hundreds of mid-Michigan women gathered to network, learn, shop, and be inspired at the 41st annual Kaleidoscope on Friday, Sept. 11, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing. Sparrow Foundation and Women Working Wonders (W3) present the event each year.

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Sparrow Medical Group St. Johns earns certification by The Joint Commission

Sparrow Medical Group St. Johns (SMG St. Johns) has become the first practice in the United States associated with a critical access hospital to earn The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) Certification.

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Nurse who cared for dying Patient honored with August DAISY Award

As a perioperative Nurse, she provides care for Patients before, during and after their operations.

"I want my Patients to know and feel how sincere I am at being an advocate for them and their family," she said. "I believe in radical loving care."

>> Click here to read Kim's story.

David Luginbill, D.O., named MAOFP Family Physician of the Year

Sparrow congratulates David Luginbill, D.O., who has been named the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians' Family Physician of the Year.

>> Click here to read Dr. Luginbill's story.
Sparrow Medical Group OB/GYN Carson celebrates its first arrival

Sparrow Medical Group’s new Carson City OB/GYN practice has made history, welcoming its first baby, a bouncing boy. >> Read more

Cultural Competency Series hosts discussion on Sickle Cell Disease

A leader of the National Human Genome Research Institute recently visited Sparrow as a guest speaker for its 2015 Cultural Competency Series. >> Read more

Sparrow earns Bariatric distinction for quality, cost-effective care

Sparrow Hospital has been recognized as one of the first health care facilities in the nation to receive both a Blue Distinction® Center and a Blue Distinction® Center+ designation in the area of bariatric surgery by the Blue Distinction® Centers for Specialty Care program of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. >> Read more

Hospital readmission study funded by Center for Innovation and Research and Science Studies @ State

Researchers from Michigan State University and Sparrow have been awarded $12,000 by the Sparrow/MSU Center for Innovation and Research and Science Studies @ State (S3) to study what social and medical factors play a role in Patient recovery and hospital readmissions. >> Read more

Cassie Russell, RN, is well known for the kind, loving, and Patient-centered care she provides to everyone she meets on the Medical Oncology unit. But it was her recent compassion for a dying young mother that stirred fellow Caregivers to nominate her for the August DAISY Award. >>Click here to read Cassie's story.

New Administrative Director of Surgical Services begins at Sparrow Hospital

Sparrow is pleased to announce Carolyn Krombach, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, recently began her new position as Administrative Director of Surgical Services at Sparrow Hospital. >>Click here to read Carolyn's story.

Sparrow names new leadership in Marketing Department

Sparrow has named Melissa Sears, an experienced leader in health care marketing and strategy, as its new Vice President of Strategic Planning and Marketing. >>Click here to read Melissa's story.
Pediatric Memorial Service honors former Patients

Parents, family members and Sparrow Caregivers recently gathered to remember and honor pediatric Patients who passed away during the last five years.  >> Read more

Sparrow Ionia names new Vice President of Patient Care Services, Chief Nursing Officer

Linda Reetz, MBA, BSN, RN, has been named Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Sparrow Ionia Hospital.

>>Click here to read Linda’s story.

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