



Practice Notes: New procedures

Dale Leffler, MD, is the first physician in mid-Michigan to perform the Diamondback 360 procedure to improve blood flow to a patient's leg. This exciting new technology for treating peripheral artery disease is at the Sparrow Heart and Vascular Center and available only in a handful of hospitals in the nation. For more information, call Judy Nastas, 517.364.2916.

Kurt Richardson, MD, is performing a new surgical procedure called a bone-anchored hearing aid, or BAHA. The BAHA has shown to successfully restore hearing in those affected by single-sided deafness. For more information, call Mary Pride, RN, at 517.364.4022.

Richard Carpenter, MD, is performing balloon sinuplasty, an effective alternative treatment for some patients who suffer from chronic congestion due to sinus problems. The minimally invasive procedure provides the benefits of standard sinus surgery, but is less painful and causes only minimal bleeding. For more information, call Mary Pride, RN, at 517.364.4022.



Peter Graham, MD, was named interim vice president of Sparrow Medical Group, Sparrow Health System. Dr. Graham presently serves as a family medicine specialist for Sparrow Family Medical Services - DeWitt.

Thanking Dr. Thorne

After 22 years of service, **Mary Thorne, MD**, is leaving Sparrow Family Medical Services - Eastside at the end of the year. Please join me in thanking Dr. Thorne for her dedicated service and expressing our best wishes for her future endeavors.

Lauds and Applauds

Congratulations to **Mary Nettleman, MD**, chair of the Department of Medicine, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Dr. Nettleman and her colleagues from the Project CHOICES research group have received the 2008 Charles C. Shepard Award for scientific excellence for a study that investigated the prevention of alcohol-exposed pregnancies. The study was published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

Remembering Dr. Hanish

Physician Anesthesia Services is sponsoring the dedication of Sparrow Hospital's Outpatient Surgery Waiting Room in honor of **Wayne Hanish, DO**. Dr. Hanish, a highly skilled anesthesiologist, unexpectedly passed away this past April. This is a fitting tribute to the memory of a devoted colleague who dedicated his life to serving others.

News Updates

Physician Survey. Sparrow's *Press-Ganey* Physician Engagement Survey is designed to help Sparrow and the medical staff achieve mutual goals. All physicians are encouraged to take a few minutes to express their opinion. Written comments are especially appreciated and valued.

EMR. The signing of the contract for a new electronic medical record (EMR) system has yet to be finalized. Several issues, including the current state of the economy have required additional thought and review. With much of the groundwork laid, Sparrow continues to look forward toward the planning and implementation of an EMR system. I will continue to provide regular updates on the progress of the project and our preparations to streamline implementation.

Obituary -- With deep regrets, we report the death of **William Cheney, MD**, on Nov. 8, at age 90. Dr. Cheney, worked in Sparrow's Department of Radiology for 33 years, serving as department chair for 17 years. He retired in 1983. On behalf of the entire medical staff, I extend my condolences to Dr. Cheney's colleagues, friends and family.



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