



Practice Notes:

Input sought for peer review process

Health care providers carry great responsibility when it comes to maintaining high quality standards. Self-regulation and peer evaluation is an ethical obligation that can be difficult to carry out in a fair and beneficial manner. A group of physician leaders including the Medical Director of Performance Improvement, Medical Director of Credentialing, Vice Chair of OB/Gyn and Chief of Staff recently attended a national Peer Review conference. The Medical Staff Performance Improvement Committee is presently exploring a new, centralized peer review process that creates greater opportunities to improve clinical practices and emphasizes educational intervention. To learn more, or provide input to this important quality initiative, contact **Julie Felt, MD**, at 364-5230, **Michael Clark, MD**, **Karen Kent, MD**, or **Maude Guerin, MD**, through Melinda Rapelje at 364-3969 or myself at the e-mail address below.

Medical Staff Forum

CEO updates, news, issues
Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7-8 a.m., Sparrow auditorium

To register, call (517) 364-5286
or, e-mail Mark.Wehner@Sparrow.org

Physicians Center Update

Our newly renovated communications center features a small conference room that can be used on an ad hoc basis (not for routinely scheduled meetings). To schedule the room, contact Melinda Rapelje, 364-3969.

Urologists perform new procedure

Sparrow Hospital physicians are the first in Michigan to perform an innovative, new surgical procedure to cure bladder or rectal prolapse, a leading cause of female incontinence. In May, doctors **Leonard Zuckerman, MD**, and **Rafid Yousif, MD**, performed the minimally invasive Elevate™ procedure, a technique that returns the pelvic organs to a more normal anatomical position and helps correct incontinence. For more information, contact the Lansing Institute of Urology, 324-3700.



Greg Walker, MD, is receiving the Legacy Award from the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians at their annual assembly on Mackinac Island in July. Dr. Walker was cited for his leadership and sustained contributions to the growth and maturation of the College through an exceptional commitment of time and expertise.

Lansing magazine honors two

Colleen Barry, MD, and **Marcy Street, MD**, were selected as finalists for *Greater Lansing Woman* magazine's "Woman of the Year" award. Dr. Barry, a pediatrician, and Dr. Street, a dermatologist, were featured in the June 2009 edition of the magazine, which is available at greaterlansingwoman.com.

Bariatric surgery program lauded

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery recently honored Sparrow, in partnership with the Michigan State University Department of Surgery, as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence. The Sparrow Weight Management Center is the only one in the greater Lansing area that accepts Medicare. Kudos to medical director **Panduranga Yenumula, MD**, for achieving this quality endorsement.

Parking on the Sparrow campus

To ensure adequate parking for our medical staff, this summer we will explore various options including a parking audit that will limit each physician to only one access card programmed to allow entry into the Physician Parking Lot.



Please contact me with your thoughts, comments and ideas regarding this issue, or for any subjects featured in *Sparrow Physician*. Dawn Springer, MD, Chief of the Medical Staff dawn.springer@sparrow.org