



## Physicians Center Update

**Physicians Center** is the new name for what was previously known as the Physician Communication Center. The newly renovated area offers many new features, including a conference room (to be used on an ad hoc basis – not for routinely scheduled meetings) security lockers, and many new workstations. I extend my thanks to Sparrow's Administration, for remaining committed to the project despite budget constraints. Thanks, also, to the Women's Board who volunteered their time to the newly decorated area. I welcome your comments and suggestions on the improvements.

## Parking Changes

To ensure adequate parking for physicians, new access cards will soon be issued – only one per physician. Hopefully, this will reduce the number of unauthorized vehicles in the Physician Parking Lot.

## A Note of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to Sparrow's Women's Board of Managers and National City Bank for honoring me and Michael Clark, MD, as the 2009 Sparrow Physicians of the Year at the Physician Recognition Dinner on April 25, at the Country Club of Lansing.

Also, please join me in congratulating the six outstanding physicians who were inducted into the Sparrow Physician Hall of Fame -- **Eugene E. Bleil, MD, Roy J. Gerard, MD, Omero S. Iung, MD, Eugene C. Nakfoor, MD, James H. Saker, MD** and **George D. Stilwill, MD**. These esteemed physicians were recognized for their lifetimes of service to the people of mid-Michigan. Once again, I thank the organizers and to all those who attended. – Dawn Springer, MD

## Medical Staff Forums

CEO updates, news, issues

- Tuesday, June 16
- Tuesday, Aug. 18

Forums are 7-8 a.m. in the Sparrow auditorium.

To register, call 517.364.5286  
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Sparrow's new emergency helicopter transport service was unveiled to the media on April 30. Sparrow Emergency Department Medical Director **Tony Briningstool, MD**, (center, with helmet) posed with ED staff members. To access the LifeNet air ambulance service, call 1-87-SPARROW-1.

## Swine Flu Update

The Department of Infection Prevention and Epidemiology has a Web page on Sparrow's Intranet site to address swine flu inquiries. In addition, physicians are urged to call 364-2709 or 364-3952 if they have flu questions.

## Three honored for most stars

Three cheers to physicians, **David Young, DO, Mark Russell, DO** and **Said Omar, MD**, who were honored at the April 30 Leadership Conference for receiving the most stars in celebration of Doctors' Day in March. Each star was authored by an associate, volunteer or physician in praise of a member of the medical staff.

## Dr. Lanigan to treat Iraqi boy

A story that is gaining national publicity involves a 12-year-old Iraqi boy named Mohammed and **Edward Lanigan, MD**, who has donated his services to correct the boy's disfiguring scars. To learn more about this fascinating story, go to [martyrmedicalfund.com](http://martyrmedicalfund.com).

## Obituary

With regrets, I announce the death of **Mark Harrold, MD**, on April 3. He was 70 years old. A urologist, Dr. Harrold was a member of the Sparrow Medical Staff for more than 30 years. On behalf of the entire medical staff I extend my deepest condolences to Dr. Harrold's friends and family.



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