



## PRACTICE NOTES:

**Let Your Voice Be Heard.** 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 in the 2008 survey, beginning Oct. 15. Your written comments are especially appreciated and valued.

**Mastering the Reimbursement Process.** Sparrow has begun working with Executive Health Resources, (EHR) to increase compliance with CMS and protect reimbursement. EHR, endorsed by the American Hospital Association, is a group of experienced physicians who provide secondary physician review of Medicare and BCBSM admissions that do not meet inpatient screening criteria.

To learn more, please attend "*Patient Status is No Longer Just a Hospital Concern*," by Dr. Larry Rawsthorne:

- Oct. 14, 8 - 9 a.m. Sparrow Auditorium
- Oct. 21, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the SPB, room E

### **CABG post-operative infection rate among nation's best**

**Kudos to a multidisciplinary Sparrow team, led by the efforts of our cardiovascular surgeons, for reducing the coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) post-operative infection rate by more than 80 percent. This outstanding achievement elevated Sparrow into the top 25 percent of all hospitals, according to national benchmarks.**

## *Extreme Makeover: Sparrow Edition*



TV star Ty Pennington, of ABC's popular *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* shares a smile with Sparrow Emergency resident physicians from left, Henry Nygren, MD, Pete Tanner, MD, and Brent Felton, DO. A segment of an upcoming episode was recently filmed in Sparrow's Emergency Department and many Sparrow associates served as volunteers at the home site in Holt. The episode is scheduled to air in early December.

## Thanking Dr. Loomis

We say goodbye to Dr. Glenn Loomis, who served as president of the Sparrow Medical Group since March, 2008. Dr. Loomis will join a former employer, St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers in Indianapolis. We wish him and his family success in the years ahead. A search committee of SMG physician and administrative leaders is being formed to identify an interim medical director.

### **-OBITUARY-**

With sorrow, I report the death of **Howard Comstock, MD**, on Sept. 26, at age 82. Dr. Comstock was one of the first pediatricians in the Lansing area. Among his many leadership positions, he served as Chief of Staff at St. Lawrence Hospital (1960-1970) and President of Ingham County Medical Society (1974). On behalf of Sparrow's medical staff, I extend my deepest condolences to his friends and family.



**FINAL FORUM OF THE YEAR** -- Please join me at my next Chief of Staff Open Forum, **Thursday, Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m.** at the Eagle Eye Conference Center's Log Cabin Room, 15500 Chandler Road, Bath. Come with your questions and thoughts about how we can make it easier for you to practice at Sparrow. Dinner is provided.