



## Practice Notes:

**Edmund Messina, MD**, recently earned certification from the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties in Headache Medicine, becoming one of only 200 certified headache specialists in the United States. His Michigan Headache Clinic is offering online CME credits in collaboration with other headache specialists. Log in to [www.flobase.com/tafpintro/](http://www.flobase.com/tafpintro/) for two Category 1 credits.

## Sparrow Health System Medical Staff Forums

### 2009 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, Feb. 17  
Tuesday, Apr. 21  
Tuesday, June 16  
Tuesday, Aug. 18  
Tuesday, Oct. 20  
Tuesday, Dec. 15

All meetings are 7-8 a.m. in the Sparrow auditorium.  
To register, call 517.364.5286 or e-mail  
[Mark.Wehner@Sparrow.org](mailto:Mark.Wehner@Sparrow.org)

### Sparrow and Michigan State University Medical Impact Series

**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 5:30 – 8 p.m.**

**“Michigan’s Economic and Healthcare Future”  
Charles Ballard, PhD & John Goddeeris, PhD**

**Thursday, Jan. 29, 5:30 - 8 p.m.**

**“Medical and Surgical Controversies in the  
Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric UTIs”  
H. Dele Davies, MD, Donald Bartkowski, DO,  
and Pinhas Geva, MD**

**Eagle Eye Conference Center, Hillside Room  
15500 Chandler Road, Bath, Michigan**

**Physicians, house staff, nurses, and medical  
students, call 1.888.793.4325 for tickets, \$10.**



**Omero Iung, MD**, announced his retirement at the end of 2008, after 46 years of practice at Sparrow Hospital. Dr. Iung performed tens of thousands of surgeries in his long career, and at age 80, was most likely the oldest practicing surgeon in Sparrow history.

## Lauds and Applauds

Congratulations to **Roshni Kulkarni, MD**, on receiving the National Hemophilia Society Lifetime Achievement Award at the foundation’s 60th annual meeting in Denver. Dr. Kulkarni was cited for her lifesaving work and advocacy in treating bleeding and clotting disorders.

## Psychiatrist joins Behavioral Health Services

Please welcome **Stephanie Commings, MD**, to the Sparrow Medical Staff. Dr. Commings recently completed her residency at the Michigan State University Department of Psychiatry. She received her medical degree from MSU’s College of Human Medicine.

## Ionia names Emergency Medical Director

**Laurence Gebler, MD**, has been named medical director of the Emergency Department at Sparrow-affiliated Ionia County Memorial Hospital. Dr. Gebler, who earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan, is board certified in emergency medicine

**Obituary** -- With deepest regrets, we announce the death of **Kevin Kelly** on Dec. 15 at age 52. Kevin was past president of the Michigan State Medical Society and served on the Board of Directors of the Sparrow Foundation. On behalf of the entire medical staff, I extend my condolences to Kevin’s many friends and his family.



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](mailto:dawn.springer@sparrow.org)