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# DOCTORS' DAY

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March 30, 2022



### **Samantha Yamil, D.O.**

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“Dr. Yamil goes above and beyond for the Pediatric Hospitalists Group. She recently became the practice leader and does an amazing job advocating for the group and her patients. She is kind, hardworking and always goes the extra mile in all she does. She is amazing to work with!” – Anonymous



### **Cynthia Buchweitz, M.D.**

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“Dr. Buchweitz is a great physician who cares about and communicates very well with her patients. She is a good listener which helps her be a great physician. Thanks for all that you have done to make SMG North a great practice!” – Sue Stock

## **All Sparrow Doctors**

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“We have a wonderful team of providers!” – Anonymous



### **Marissa Miller, D.O.**

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“Marissa has been my family’s PCP for several years now. She is not only an amazing physician, but is also a wonderful human. My family and I have essentially placed her on a pedestal and we rave about her to everyone we know. Marissa is highly intelligent, is a problem solver and is extremely thorough. You will not leave her office confused or without knowing what the “next steps” are. Happy Doctors’ Day to you Doc Miller! Thank you for setting the bar so high!” – Tracy Trumble

“Dr. Miller is fantastic. She takes the time to listen, is bright, thorough, and shows genuine care. She goes above and beyond by advocating and making calls personally.” – Anonymous

## Mohamed Falaha, M.D.

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“Dr. Falaha goes above and beyond for his patients. He pulls up a chair to sit down and listen to patient concerns and makes sure all questions are answered. He reassures them, and ensures they are being taken care of.” – Mackenzie Walter



## Angela Griffin, M.D.

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“Dr. Griffin has been my doctor for many years. She has always provided exceptional care and has walked with me through several procedures over the years. Her bedside manner is wonderful, making you feel like she really cares about you. It is clear she puts her patients first and I am grateful she is a doctor on our team!” – Susan Allen

“Dr. Griffin goes above and beyond for her patients. She explains things thoroughly and walks patients through each and every step of the process of doing an in office procedure. It is obvious that she cares deeply about both her patients and her colleagues. I feel very privileged to have worked alongside her for two years!” – Anonymous



## Shimia Isaac, D.O.

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“Dr. Isaac is innovative and compassionate. I've never had a doctor be as proactive in my health as she has been. She is the epitome of what Sparrow would want in a physician.”

– Lori Adams Simon

“Dr. Isaac is wonderful! She is so knowledgeable. Her patients all love and respect her very much. She always has such a busy schedule because her patients are willing to wait to see her. And it is no wonder; she does an amazing job making each patient feel very well cared for and important. So grateful I get to work with such an amazing doctor and woman! Happy Doctors; Day, Dr. Isaac!!! :-)” – Sarah Hopkins

“Outstanding care and compassion for her patients. Advocates for physical and mental health.”

– Anonymous



## **Steve Martin, M.D.**

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“Dr. Martin made such an impact on the lives of my family, especially my newborn son while in the hospital. He always put us and our needs first as mother and son. It’s the first time I ever witnessed a physician who was truly there for the patient and not just because it was their job and we happened to be the people in front of them. He talked with me as long as I needed to talk with him and he never made us feel rushed or out of place. When we were at Sparrow Hospital, Pediatric ICU, we were home. Thankfully, we were able to go to our actual home relieved, informed and with a healthy, recovering and happy baby boy. Not only this, it was very apparent that his guidance to the Resident Physicians and medical students will undoubtedly set them up to have a similar impact on patients during their careers. Thank you!”  
– Luisa Rhynard

“I think of your incredible compassion and leadership and deeply seeded intrinsic passion to get it right and to improve and to learn and to grow and make yourself better and the team you serve better. You are a selfless incredible physician and those who surround you grow and become better because of the ripples that you create for those who surround you. Thank you for demonstrating the essence of that exceptional physician leader. You mentor without knowing and lead by example. You have helped countless families and patients in the darkest of days. You and the team of physicians in Pediatric ICU absolutely embody patient centered care. It is with deep gratitude and admiration that I honor your sacred work! Happy Doctors’ Day!”  
– A grateful Mom



## **John Baker, M.D.**

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“Dr. Baker is one of the kindest and compassionate physicians I have met. He genuinely cares about the patients he serves and desires to do everything he can to help this vulnerable population. Even with his large caseloads he is always available to answer questions and assist when he can. He is well respected among the Behavioral Health leadership team and we truly appreciate his leadership.” – Tammy Banker



## **Kimberly Friar, M.D.**

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“Dr. Friar has been our family doctor for many years, seeing us through a variety of situations. She is always very thorough, ensuring appropriate testing is complete and finding answers with us. We feel her compassion when we see her and feel confident in her expertise. She is an asset to Sparrow and our family is very grateful for her!”  
– Susan Allen

## **Jim Sylvain, D.O., and Michael Andary, M.D.**

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“I want to take a moment to thank you for the incredible opportunity to work with each of you in our efforts at Mary Free Bed at Sparrow. When I think of our early journey together that started many years ago, we had a vision and then together as a team, built that vision into a reality. Thank you for the difficult work and the leadership and unrelenting commitment to improvement that helped to guide the team at Mary Free Bed. I was able to witness unbelievable and often difficult change for a team of inspired caregivers and a grateful group of patients and their loved ones. You each took excellence so personally and jumped in the boat to row with the rest of the team. You were responsible for adding additional team members in Dr. Tokhie and Dr. Gilmour who continue to share their incredible work and share in the same vision. Collectively, your efforts and commitment to excellence are EXCEPTIONAL and it truly was my sheer pleasure to work as your teammate. Thank you for being such a critical part of the change we all wished to see for those we served. It is truly an honor to call you my colleagues! Happy Doctors’ Day!” – Kris Tennant



## **Megan Brzezinski, D.O.**

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“When my daughter was born, she was slightly jaundiced, but her bilirubin level was in a normal range for a newborn. When she was 6 days old, we went to Dr. Brzezinski for her first infant exam. She was still jaundiced, so Dr. Brzezinski asked if we could double check to make sure things were still heading in the right direction. A few hours later, my daughter was admitted to Sparrow Hospital for a critically high bilirubin level. Thanks to Dr. Brzezinski’s proactive practices, my daughter received timely care and is now a healthy 7-month-old!” - Kelly VanSyckle

## **Galyna Clous, M.D.**

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“As a recent addition to the Palliative Care team, Dr. Clous is committed to contributing to and supporting the compassion and dedicated care provided by this team.” – Anonymous



## **Todd Otten, M.D.**

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“Best Dr I have ever seen. He is compassionate, caring, understanding and (has a) great bedside manner. He listens and provides feedback. He is thorough and has patience with me and my anxiety and fears. Would never see another Dr.” – Denise Miller

**Peter Yoo, Mark Weismiller, Anurag Tikaria, James Richard, Randy Pearson, Kevin Orr, Jim Olson, Steve Martin, Andrew MacKersie, Heidi Johnson, David Freestone, David Castle, Cynthia Buchweitz, Rao Bandi, Suneil Aggarwal**

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“Thank you for your leadership and service as a member of the iSparrow (Epic) Physician Advisory Group, helping to guide decisions and promote actions to promote better health by optimizing the effectiveness, efficiency and satisfaction of people, processes and information technology.” – Michael Zaroukian



## **Mythri Ramegowda, M.D.**

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“Dr. Ramegowda is an asset to Sparrow. She is one of the best physicians not only to patients and their families but to all caregivers no matter their title. She is very supportive to therapy staff and very approachable. We are so lucky to be able to work with her. We love her!!” – Dusty Seta

“Dr. Ramegowda continues to go above and beyond for her patients, and the staff caring for them. It never fails that she checks in with the nurses to ask for concerns or questions regarding the patient. She asks how the nurses are doing, about our families, and is genuinely a good person and all around GREAT doctor to work with.” – Mackenzie Walter

## **Erin Sarzynski, M.D.**

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“As a part of the Palliative Care team, Dr. Sarzynski provides outstanding care for patients and their loved ones. Additionally, Dr. Sarzynski has been a supportive colleague for doctors that have recently joined the team.” – Anonymous



## **Brett Gerstner, D.O.**

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“Thank you for taking our calls from outside facilities without sounding annoyed even though you are busy and answering the phone when we need you.” – Penny



## **Anthony Marl, D.O.**

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“In addition to his usual responsibilities, he is a member of the physician advisor team that assists the Utilization Review Department. The demands can be time consuming and difficult at times, but is an integral part of our success! All of the UR nurses thank you for your dedication and assistance!” – Teresa



## **Kristin Bredin, D.O.**

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“Dr. Bredin is an outstanding member and leadership presence on the Palliative Care team that has been a part of invaluable work at Sparrow Hospital and Hospice House. Further, Dr. Bredin has invested in making sure the Palliative team has grown to include additional outstanding doctors.” – Anonymous

“Dr. Bredin is always very compassionate and caring when taking care of hospice patients and families. She listens to concerns and answers questions very thoroughly with empathy and a great wealth of knowledge. Dr. Bredin is available if having an emergent patient even if it's not her own patient she will help get patients pain under control and medications ordered in a timely manner. She is a very dedicated physician and accepts her role with great compassion for our hospice patients.” – Sonia Rayburn

## **James Fletcher, M.D.**

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“As a recent part of the Palliative Care team, Dr. Fletcher has brought not only his expertise in caring for patients, but also energy and interest in creating a Palliative Care fellowship program.” – Anonymous



## **Heidi Egloff, M.D.**

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“I have been a nurse at Sparrow for over 30 years and have worked with MANY amazing physicians. It has been an honor and pleasure to work beside them and care for patients. This past year I met Dr. Heidi Egloff. I did not meet her through work, but when my mother was diagnosed with CMML. Dr. Egloff is simply put, “The whole package.” She provides sincere, kind, compassionate care and support to both the patient and their family members. She explains the diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan in layman’s terms. She encourages questions and takes extra time to ensure understanding. Her presence conveys comfort and support. Sadly, my mother’s leukemia became aggressive and she passed away much sooner than expected. It was a very sad and dark time for my family. Within this darkness, Dr. Egloff shined a light. Meeting her was the one blessing that came out of this horrific time. She truly has a special gift and we were blessed to experience it. As mentioned previously, “She is the whole package.” Knowledgeable, experienced, but also kind and compassionate. She touches lives at Sparrow at a time when it is needed most. She is an exceptional physician and person and I would like to recognize and thank her for all she has done and continues to do for her patients.” – Liz Smith



## **Gordon Srkalovic, M.D.**

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“Dr. Srkalovic is a kind, compassionate physician. His expert care guided my family through a very challenging time, from receiving a cancer diagnosis to receiving end of life care. Dr. S. was exactly what we needed. It was a blessing to have such skilled care without having to leave our community.” – Candace Metcalf

## **Kent Yaney, D.O.**

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“We as One Call RN’s talk frequently to Dr. Yaney on the phone when conferencing in other physicians with him. He never makes us feel like a bother. He is also witty, kind and treats us and the other physicians with respect.” – Penny Zerka



## **LaKeeya Tucker, D.O.**

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“She is a wonderful, caring physician who is easy to talk to. She is an excellent listener and explains medical terminology in an understandable manner. She is a gem!!!”

– Sue S. Safir

“Dr. Tucker is a wonder. She is serving as our Chief of Staff, while continuing to care for her patients at Alliance OB-GYN. She is a skilled physician and a hard working leader. She always has a kind word for her co-workers and gives wise council to her patients. She has always been willing to serve her community when asked to sit on a panel or speak at an event. Dr. Tucker is a treasure!” – Candace Metcalf



## **Katrina Weirauch-Engle, D.O.**

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“Thank you for being a part of our physician advisor team. Your support of our nurses/staff have helped the Utilization Review Department be successful. Thank you for your dedication and for being part of our team! We appreciate you!” – Teresa



## **Andrew Zwyghuizen, M.D.**

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“I’d like to recognize Dr. Zwyghuizen for being an exceptional surgeon and a top advocate for his patients. He always does what’s right and safe for his patients. He is eager to teach others and explain procedural steps. He treats everyone with respect and completely believes that it takes the team to be successful.” – Sylvia Pauda

## **Rosemary Roper, D.O.**

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“Dr. Roper and her staff exemplify the ideal family doctor. Dr. Roper is thoughtful, knowledgeable and kind. She listens well and considers her patient’s needs. I always feel truly cared for by her and her team at Mason Family Practice.” – Candace Metcalf



## **Robin DeMuth, M.D.**

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“Dr. DeMuth is an amazing physician leader. She is one of the best listeners I have known. She gives thoughtful feedback and always looks deeply into an issue before giving her counsel. Her broad knowledge base and insight into the Sparrow culture make her a valuable person to have at any table or at the bedside.” – Candace Metcalf



## **Ilsa Ittner, D.O.**

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“Dr. Ittner is literally one of the best physicians I have worked with in the 13 years I’ve been at Sparrow. She provides the best care that even her patients from her previous practice in Flint have followed her to Sparrow. She truly and always puts any patient first, whether the patient is her patient or not. She is the first doctor in the practice to say “hello” to everybody and ask how everybody is doing that day. Her quality scores are above average and her patient experience rate is very high. Her patients absolutely love her and the care she provides. She will answer her MySparrow messages from her patients at 9 p.m. and follow through on the next day, which are her days off. She works constantly for her patients. Her mission as a physician at Sparrow Health System is literally exactly the same as Sparrow’s. Dr. Ittner strives to improve the health of her patients in West Lansing and the surrounding communities by providing the best quality care, very compassionate care to every single patient. She has never once made any patient feel down on themselves, even if they are 460 lbs, smoke tobacco, diabetes, etc. Dr. Ittner definitely deserves recognition!!” – Anonymous



## **Paul Entler, D.O.**

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“Dr. Entler is the whole package! He is a skilled physician, working with underserved patients in the post discharge clinic; he is an exemplary physician leader, working to improve the quality of care provided at Sparrow; and he is a compassionate colleague, always being aware of the well-being of his fellow caregivers. We are lucky to have him on our team.” – Candace Metcalf

“In providing accolades for your incredible work, I think first of heart and empathy and compassion, then deep conviction of heart that connects to action toward excellence. Your passion shines through in your daily work, it inspires individuals and others to become better tomorrow than we are today! I, like so many others, am deeply grateful for that inspiration in the tough work of the everyday. Thank you for your selfless work to push us to be better and learn and grow! You are a catalyst leader and it is deeply appreciated by the many recipients of those efforts. Happy Doctors’ Day! I hope that you continue to allow your passion and commitment to improve our system and who we want to be. Thank you from a grateful recipient of the ripple effect of your efforts, it is appreciated!” – Kris Tennant

## **Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Newman, and Dr. Isaac**

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“I have chosen to recognize not one, but the incredible 3 physicians I have the pleasure of working with every day. The care they provide to their patients, our staff, and every other person in their lives is something I strive to do as well as they do. I have learned so much from all of them during my time in family medicine, not only about patient care but also about being a better person. They are women I look up to every day. They are my family and I am so very blessed to work along side them.” – Danielle Richards



## **Jill Stephenson-McCole, M.D.**

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“Her compassion towards her patients is one of a kind! Her knowledge is outstanding! She is a great provider, she deserves all praises coming her way! She is a 10 out of 10!” – Sarell Driver

## **Nagham Jafar, M.D.**

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“Work at One Call and doing conferences between doctors with her I feel she is brilliant in hearing a short report and narrowing in on the concerns and diagnosis.”  
– Penny



## **Kenneth Kaneshiro, M.D.**

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“Dr Kaneshiro represents everything you want in a primary care physician. Five stars aren't enough.” – Anonymous



## **Kristi DeMock, D.O.**

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“Dr. DeMock is our family PCP. Although all the doctors and APPs at SMG Saranac are outstanding, Dr. DeMock is lovingly referred to as the energizer bunny at our house. My husband and I know that she truly cares about us. She is full of energy at every visit. She shows genuine care when we have areas of health we need to work on and celebrates with smiles and high fives when we meet our goals. It's important to patients to not feel like they're being rushed through appointments or not listened to. Dr. DeMock always takes the time needed to listen to concerns and problem solve. As my husband likes to say, 'She's a keeper!'” – Mary Whitelock



## **Lisa Ludwig, M.D.**

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“Dr. Ludwig is such a wonderful caretaker. She truly takes her time with her patients and you can tell that she makes it a priority to give them the best care possible. She also juggles a family of 6 and many other activities outside of work. She is a truly amazing woman and I have a great deal of respect for her. So grateful that I get the opportunity to work with and learn from her. Happy Doctors' Day, Dr. Ludwig!!! :-)” – Sarah Hopkins

“Dedicated to educating and advocating for her patients. Goes the extra mile to make sure things are understood and patients are taken care of.” – Anonymous



### **Dana Fletcher, D.O.**

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“Dr. Fletcher has made a significant impact on how I care of my diabetes, and myself. With her help I have achieved an A1C that I only dreamed of. I am very thankful for her care.”

– Melinda Rapelje



### **Hillary Shemes, D.O.**

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“Your versatility at Sparrow is tremendously valuable to our departments and the patients we serve. Thank you for all that you do!!”

– Patrick Sustrich



### **Haley Neef, M.D.**

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“Dr. Neef recently started treating our 14 year old daughter for severe abdominal pain. She was determined to find an answer and help our daughter get her life back. After many months with other physicians, Dr. Neef indicated that we needed to do an exploratory scope and was able to see what she believed was causing all of my daughter’s issues. She did not give up and has made a world of difference in our daughter’s life. Physicians like her are amazing and truly a blessing to the field of medicine. I am so happy that she was the doctor that we received a referral to and even happier that Sparrow has partnered with Michigan Medicine to bring doctors like Dr. Neef to Sparrow to help patients and families in the Lansing and Greater Lansing area.” – Gina Gibson



### **Brooke Lemmen, D.O.**

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“You brighten and change people’s lives everyday by making them healthier and happy. (including myself and husband). You are greatly appreciated.” – Diane Cortis

## Honest Lee, D.O.

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“An amazing doctor with an excellent bedside manner!!”  
– Anonymous

“Dr. Lee cared for my husband when he was in the hospital and was awesome. He is very compassionate and made sure that I was ok, as well as my husband. I am grateful he was there that day and hope everyone sees what a great doctor he is!” – Marie



## Supratik Rayamajhi, M.D.

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“Dr. Ray has been on the physician advisor team for the Utilization Review Department for many years. We appreciate your dedication, support, and long time commitment to our department and staff. Thank you!” – Teresa

## TCI Cardiologists

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“It is so wonderful working for such a great group of cardiologists. They are intelligent, caring and always looking for ways to improve the care we offer our patients whether it be the efficiency of our clinic or learning new technology to bring to the area. Not only are they concerned about their patients, they care for their team as well. Thank you all for all that you do!” – Kris Woodworth



## Madalina Opreanu, M.D.

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“Dr. Opreanu is an exceptional doctor and is very thorough in her care. She treats every aspect of the patient (physical, emotional, and mental) when dealing with a health concern. The office as a whole provides great care!” – Melinda Rapelje



## Scot Randall, D.O.

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“Dr Randall is the most caring Dr I have ever had in my life. He will go the extra mile to help me and my sons and grandbabies! Thank you for all you do!!” – Lorna Bliven



### **Shirin Doshi, D.O.**

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“In addition to her many other responsibilities, she is the lead physician advisor for the Utilization Review Department. Her clinical experience, critical thinking skills, along with her knowledge of insurance guidelines/mandates, assists UR staff and physicians regarding correct patient status during admits. These determinations are often multifactorial and complicated. This is a crucial role for UR nurses, physicians, our patients, and the financial welfare of Sparrow. Her and her team of physicians act as liaisons between medical staff and UR nurses, not only with case determinations, but with education of insurance rules regulations as needed. Her open communication and dedication makes her an intricate part of the UR team. Thank you, Dr. Doshi!” – Teresa



### **Lisa Kimball, D.O.**

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“She has gone above and beyond to get my extended family members referrals in a timely fashion. Her patience and expertise are greatly appreciated, especially when I send them with my list of questions. Thank you - you are appreciated!!”  
– Kim Roberts



### **Jami Newman, M.D.**

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“Dr. Newman is our lead physician here at SMG Lansing. She is such an amazing doctor, wife, mother, and friend. It is amazing to me how she juggles everything in her life and seems to be so calm, cool, and collected all the time. She also always has a smile on her face! I highly respect her and the excellent care she gives to her patients and all of the caregivers here at SMG Lansing. She has a huge heart and it shows! So incredibly grateful to work with such an amazing woman! Happy Doctors' Day!!! :-)” – Sarah Hopkins

“Extreme compassion for staff and patients. Cares for both like they are family.” – Anonymous

## Michael Yokell, M.D.

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“You are leading with passion and example and a commitment to improve the lives of those you serve. Thank you taking on the challenges with outstanding commitment. Change is difficult and courageous and your difficult work is to be commended! Thank you for the role you are playing to make the work world around you better! Happy Doctors’ Day.” – Kris Tennant



## Ali Sheikh, D.O.

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“Excellent taking care of my many ablation currents with my heart defect”  
– Ariana Jewels DeGroot



## Matthew Dubiel, M.D.

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“Dr. Dubiel and his staff deserve this five star rating. From start to total shoulder replacement, I have been taken care of knowing I was in good hands because he simplified the process by explaining things in a way that is easily understood. I was told direct where I was at and what was needed. I strongly recommend Dr. Dubiel to anyone with elbow and shoulder issues.” – Brian

“Dr. Dubiel recently performed carpal tunnel surgery and a lipoma removal surgery for me. His skill has eliminated all numbness in my hand and is allowing strength and mobility to return to my arm and hand. His professionalism and attention to detail is exemplary. His staff conducts themselves with the highest degree of integrity. I highly recommend Dr. Dubiel.” - D Wa



## James Barton, M.D.

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“Very caring and thoughtful doctor. Always has your best Interest at heart. Very good bedside manner and will always listen and not rush you in and out like a lot of doctors do. I was very grateful for him to deliver my son January 2020. He explains everything in depth and makes sure you leave without having any questions.” – Anonymous



### **Adriss Faraj, M.D.**

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“Thank you for all you do for SIH and the MS unit. We appreciate your commitment to us.”  
– Lisa Harris



### **Karen Kent VanGorder, M.D.**

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“It is inspiring to watch you operate with the deep conviction of heart and passion to get it right for those we serve. Thank you for your leadership, guidance and mentoring.”  
– Kris Tennant



### **Elaine Du Plessis, M.D.**

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“Best doctor I’ve even seen! Only person who took the time to talk and really brainstorm what’s going on. Very thorough, knowledgeable and caring. I would absolutely recommend this doctor!” – Anonymous



### **Thais Fortes, M.D.**

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“Dr. Fortes is absolutely amazing.”  
– David Zerbe



### **Muhammad Hamdan, M.D.**

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“Dr Hamdan is very professional, and kind and caring and loving doctor that always has your best interest at heart. He has very good people skills. and someone always get back with you from his office. I couldn’t have a better doctor. Thank you, Dr Hamdan.” – Renay Harper

“Dr. Hamdan is one of most empathetic, thorough and intelligent doctors I have had.” – Haneen Mustafa



### **J. Anthony Rakowski, D.O.**

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“Dr. Rakowski, his surgical team and all the staff in his office was the best! I received the best care from them and I am grateful. Everyone in his office were so kind and compassionate to me and my husband, from the follow up in the hospital after surgery to them making time for us when I wasn’t feeling well. I can’t say enough about their professionalism, their compassion and care. I felt valued and cared for. Thank you, Dr. Rakowski and staff.” – Kim Andrejczuk



### **Kayleigh Saucier, D.O.**

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“She is very genuine and is very thorough. She takes the time and makes sure that she has addressed every concern and communicates very well. She listens as well as hears. I appreciate her being compassionate and professional.”  
– Tiffany Jefferson



### **Kristy Beckholt, D.O.**

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“All of us at Sparrow Specialty just love her!”  
– Lauren Mendez



### **Dorothea Edmunds, D.O.**

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“Each day you have and TAKE the opportunity to carefully listen and be a haven of comfort for the patients you serve. You are appreciated for the incredible efforts you take to thoughtfully listen and understand the needs of the patients you serve! It is important and it does matter and our family is grateful for your commitment to being an incredible physician. May you continue to remember the impact of those you serve. Thank you’s do not come as often as they should but you do an incredible job in each day in your life work and IT DOES make a difference! Happy Doctors’ Day.”

## Jenifer Krause, M.D.

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“Thank you for all you to for MS and SIH. Your commitment to the community we serve.” – Lisa Harris



## Amy Blasen, D.O.

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“Thank you for your leadership efforts and commitment to creating a culture of empowerment, support, and serving those in the challenging moments of their lives. I truly appreciate your passion and commitment to continue to improve on our opportunities. Each interaction is a chance to make an impact and you help ease that impact of life events in a wonderful and meaningful way. Happy Doctors’ Day!” – Kris Tennant

## Nephrology Physicians

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“Providing quality care to our very ill patient population. Through this pandemic they have shown such great teamwork and compassion. Wanted to let them know they are awesome humans and deserve to be celebrated on this Doctors’ Day.” – Anonymous



## Patricia Crowe, M.D.

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“Dr. Crowe is the medical director for the Sparrow urgent cares and fast care. I have worked with Dr. Crowe for many years and she is an amazing director. She provides support to all of the providers and to managers. I can call Dr. Crowe anytime and she is never too busy for me. She has been a mentor and a support system to me over the years. I would like to take this time to acknowledge her and say Thank you.” – Tomika T.



## Hisham Quandeel, M.D.

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“Dr. Qandeel is the best doctor I’ve ever seen. He is very dedicated to his patients and takes phenomenal care of them.” – James B.

## Sitara Kishore, M.D.

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“Dr. Kishore is always willing to take extra time with patients and families if needed. She doesn’t make them feel rushed even if she is extremely busy herself. She is great with nursing and other staff as well. Happy Doctors’ Day, Dr. Kishore!” – Anonymous



## Fleur Broughton, M.D.

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“I am a new MA with the Sparrow program for the last 2 years. I work now at SMG Okemos. Dr. Broughton is my doctor here in the office. She truly believes in the ICARE values when it comes to her patients. She also goes that extra mile for them. She is one of the best doctors to work for. I will come back from lunch and I will have a cup coffee on my desk to help me through the end of the day. She will always stop to help when me when I am learning something new. She is a very caring person and a great mom and wife. I would just like her to know that I love working with her every day. I look forward to the next 15 years with her and to learn more from her.” – Sophia Ernst



## Travis Short, D.O.

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“Dr Short is awesome!! Helped me in many ways!” – Nathan Kemner



## Mike Zaroukian, M.D.

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“You are a tireless and compassionate physician and your zest for knowledge and acknowledgment are absolutely inspiring! You strive to mentor and lift those around you with education and understanding and do so with a compassionate heart. Thank you for your excellence with the patients you serve and the leaders you inspire. Keep sharing that flame of passion as it serves to ignite a thousand candles!” – Sparrow leader



## **James Richard, D.O.**

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“I want to take a moment to wish you Happy Doctors’ Day. I have had the pleasure to watch your compassion and commitment to action be exemplified over and over again. I appreciate the leadership you show and the conviction of heart that you carry with you wherever you go! Thank you for demonstrating a repeatedly deep conviction for what you do. It helps make all of us better and is truly appreciated. You provide mentoring often without realizing that you are. Thank you for all you do in your role, it makes a difference!” – Kris Tennant



## **Doug Poff, D.O.**

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“Dr. Doug Poff comes from a family of physicians including his father Harold Poff. A legacy of dedicated and caring physicians that have truly supported our hospital for many years. Dr. Doug is an exceptional physician who listens to and cares for his patients. Thank you Dr. Poff for years of excellent care!” – Laura Fitzgerald



## **Amy Jentz, M.D.**

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“Sparrow Ionia Hospital would like to thank Dr. Amy Jentz for her hard work and dedication to our community hospital! Recently, the hospital had a Med-Surg patient who was brought to the surgery department for a procedure. The patient started deteriorating very quickly and crashed. The Surgery Manager was immediately notified and multiple SIH team members, including Dr. Jentz, were brought together to save this patient and get them transferred to Sparrow Lansing, quickly and safely, for a higher level of care. The patient had a very bad diagnosis of e-coli, sepsis, and more. Shortly after, the patient was removed from the ventilator and showed continuous improvement. Without Dr. Jentz and the surgery team’s help, the patient might not be here today.” – Anonymous

“Thank you for all you do to SIH and the surgery. We appreciate you.” – Lisa Harris

## Michael DeGrand, M.D.

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“I recently ended up in the ER and Dr. DeGrand was the ER doctor that I saw. He has an amazing bedside manner. I work with him and have always enjoyed working with him and have never seen him on the patient side. He didn’t recognize me with my mask on so it wasn’t like he was giving me extra attention because he knew me from work. I have always been impressed with him as a coworker, and now I am even more impressed with him as a patient. He is a true asset to Sparrow Clinton. We are lucky to have him.” – Anonymous

## Pain Center Providers

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“The Pain Management Center Physicians have come together to collaborate with Sparrow Hospital to provide our patients with an excellent experience. Through their compassion and emphasis on patient flow, every patient receives amazing care to return the patient to a life filled with purpose with decreased pain.” – Jennifer Deibel



## Benjamin Mosher, M.D.

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“Each day you provide care in the worst of days for the lives of many. Many years ago, you served our family in the darkest day of our lives. It is a gratitude that will never end and a debt that can never be repaid. Each moment that I have the blessing to watch my kids evolve into who they were meant to be, I expand my grateful heart. As we partner together to learn and grow, I am appreciative of your efforts to make the team better for each tomorrow, each patient, each family we have the opportunity to serve. I remain forever grateful for a skilled doctor and a team of skilled doctors who forever in my mind will wear capes!” – A grateful Mom



## James Herman, M.D.

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“...treated me so well and with the upmost respect.” – Sharonda Rush



### **Milind Karve, M.D.**

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“Dr. Karve genuinely cares about not only his patients but also the staff supporting him in caring for his patients. He is always kind and has always been a joy to work with from the day I met him 20 years ago.” – Anonymous



### **Jamie Bartley, D.O.**

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“This has been the best urologist I’ve been to by far. I have had bladder issues since I was a little girl and Dr. Bartley actually listened to me and gave me the care I needed...” – Nikki Z.



### **Kirill Zakharov, D.O.**

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“Very impressed with Dr Z who did the triple bypass for me was very professional very caring very kind and very good support staff and always gave me the time I needed for questions.”  
– Jim Helms



### **Denny Martin, D.O.**

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“Denny is a strong advocate for patient safety. He always has that in mind and does a great job ensuring we are meeting the needs of our patients and their families.” – Amy Brown

“Your exceptional leadership lead with kindness, patience, and conviction of heart creates a compelling trail to follow. I am so appreciative of the mentoring that you provide probably without knowing that you do.”  
– Kris Tennant



### **Michelle Becher, D.O.**

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“Dr Becher and her staff are the best thing I’ve encountered in health care. She answered all my questions made me at ease and was very kind and compassionate. Before and after my surgery she made me feel comfortable with her caring bedside manner. The staff at Carson City hospital were nothing short of amazing! I would highly recommend Dr. Becher and Dr. Benencourt to anyone for their medical needs especially surgery.” – Lori Baxter



### **Mindy Lane, D.O.**

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“I absolutely LOVE Dr. Lane!! She is a very caring, professional woman who speaks the truth and tells it how it is....She is smart and helpful, and I wouldn’t change a thing with choosing her for my sleeve this year (2021).”  
– Tonya Demars



### **Nicholas Doman, D.O.**

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“My son broke his leg (Both tibia and fibula) during his 5th grade football game. It was set and splinted in Hastings as that is where the break occurred. He was then set to have surgery in Hastings. Thankfully the day before surgery a friend strongly encouraged us to cancel surgery ... and see Dr. Doman instead because of the wonderful experience her daughter had just had with Dr. Doman with a similar break. His office graciously got us in the next day and surgery was scheduled a day after that. My son was scared and had many questions prior to surgery and Dr. Doman was so amazing with him, calming his fears as he explained things. The surgery went phenomenally well. Dr. Doman took the time to call me personally the next day to see how he was doing. The follow ups and care we received after surgery was also top notch. We couldn’t have had a better experience and today my son has absolutely no issues with his leg. He is back to playing all the sports he loves. I have since recommended Dr. Doman to other friends and will continue to do so. He is the best of the best!” – Marcia French



### **John Siano, M.D.**

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“Most excellent. Extremely knowledgeable, communicates very well, handles patients with caring professional skills.” – Dave



### **Valerie Levitt, M.D.**

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“Had an excellent experience with Dr. Levitt throughout my first pregnancy. She was very knowledgeable and answered all of my questions and concerns, and was great at reassuring me and checking in with me before my c-section in May of 2019.” – Anonymous

## **Aaron Abramovitz, M.D., and Nabil Bahu, M.D.**

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“Dr Abramovitz is always kind on the phone with Patient Placement. Dr. Bahu is always super kind on the phone when calling Patient Placement.” – Kristi Fent



### **Martin Schoenmaker, M.D.**

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“Dr. Schoenmaker makes me feel like I’m the only patient in his office every single time I visit. His compassion and expertise are why I trust him not just with my health, but with bringing my children into this world as well.”  
– Tiffannie Linnabary

“Dr. Schoenmaker is wonderful and all the office staff is so friendly, caring and very responsive when it comes to any care or questions. Highly recommend.”  
– Ofelia Castilla

This month (and every day), we celebrate our physicians' dedication and care.

*Thank a Sparrow doctor today.*

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