



Dear colleagues:

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your Chief of Staff for the past two years. Thanks to your daily efforts in providing high quality care to our patients and their families, Sparrow has had an outstanding 2009, achieving significant improvement in every organizational pillar of success.

Your many creative suggestions and positive input have helped us make tremendous progress in physician engagement and ease of practice issues. Our new Centralized Peer Review Committee creates greater opportunities to improve clinical practices, emphasizes educational intervention and the attestation of professional behavior. Our renovated Physician Communication Center was designed using your input and best ideas and will, hopefully, better serve your needs now, and in the future.

I relinquish the role of Chief of Staff with more physicians on our medical staff than at any time in our 113-year history, and with strong leadership in place.

I want to thank Dr. Michael Clark for serving as an outstanding Chief of Staff-elect and wish him all the best as he ascends to his new leading role. I also want to congratulate Dr. John Armstrong for his recent election as our new Chief of Staff-elect. I am confident these two extremely talented physicians will lead the Sparrow Medical Staff to new heights of excellence.

Once again, thank you for your support and friendship over the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as the Chief of Staff for such a talented and dedicated group of physicians.

I extend my best wishes to you and your families for a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and a happy and productive New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Dawn Springer, MD



John Armstrong, MD, was recently elected to serve as Sparrow Chief of Staff-elect through 2011. Dr. Armstrong has been a member of the Sparrow Medical Staff since 1982. He has served as director of Critical Care Services since 1995. In 2007, he was named “Sparrow Physician of the Year.”

TCI joins Sparrow

Sparrow and Thoracic and Cardiovascular Institute (TCI) have completed a deal allowing TCI to join the Sparrow family beginning in 2010. Through this new partnership with TCI, the Sparrow Heart and Vascular Center expands its cadre of world-class cardiovascular experts, enhancing care for Sparrow patients.

TCI will continue to operate out of its current offices throughout mid-Michigan, and will open a new, outpatient diagnostics office in the Sparrow Professional Building in early February.

Physician survey – There’s still time

There’s still time to participate in Sparrow’s annual Physician Engagement Survey. The deadline for submission has been extended until the end of December. Surveys may be mailed or completed online. All responses are received anonymously. Please complete your survey if you have not already done so. Let your voice be heard.