



Kellogg Center to host Quarterly Staff Meeting

Michigan State University's Kellogg Center will be the site of the last Quarterly Staff Meeting of the year on Dec. 8. Please plan on attending, as we recognize the achievements of 2009 and celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. This meeting will also include the voting for the new Chief of the Medical Staff-Elect. This year's election will feature three outstanding candidates:



John Armstrong



Dan Havlichek



John Kepros

John Armstrong, M.D., 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."

Dan Havlichek, M.D., was one of the first MSU physicians to provide regular medicine services to Sparrow Hospital. He has served on the Department of Medicine Executive Committee, the Quality Improvement Committee, and chaired the Infection Control Committee at St. Lawrence Hospital before the merger.

John Kepros, M.D., serves as medical director of trauma services. He is actively involved with numerous committees including the Surgery Executive Committee and the Board Quality Committee.

Have you completed your survey?

Sparrow's annual Physician Engagement Survey was mailed to all active members of our medical staff in October, with responses due by the end of November.

I personally want to thank each of you who have completed this survey in the past, and encourage those of you who did not, to do so this year. Only by learning what your concerns are, can we take action to address them.



Carol Slomski, M.D., recently served on a panel at the National Institute of Health. She authored a State of the Science Conference Statement on the diagnosis and management of ductal carcinoma in situ.

Hall of Fame nominations sought

Nominations are sought for Sparrow's Physician of the Year and Physician Hall of Fame with responses due by Jan. 15, 2010. The 2010 inductees will be honored at the annual Sparrow Physician Recognition Dinner, scheduled for Apr. 24 at the Country Club of Lansing. Nomination forms will be inside Quarterly Staff Meeting packets and also can be found on the Sparrow Internet and Intranet under Volunteer Services.

Tips and Tricks sessions

Information Services is presenting "Tips and Tricks" sessions to help physicians access STAR, check census, access lab results remotely, use IRHIS and view radiology results. The next Tips and Tricks sessions will be held in the Physician Communication Center on these dates -- Nov. 17, 4 – 7 p.m.; and Dec. 15, 4 – 7 p.m.

CDMP team improving med record accuracy

In October, Sparrow Hospital implemented a compliant document management program (CDMP) to improve documentation of Medicare patients. To date, the team has reviewed 80-90 percent of Medicare admissions. Of records reviewed, approximately 22 percent have required clarification. Of those, more than 80 percent of the physicians have responded and agreed. The team will return in January.



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