



Physician leaders chosen for new EMR initiative

Several Sparrow physicians have been chosen to help spearhead the implementation of a system-wide electronic medical record (EMR) system. They are:

- Michael Zaroukian, MD, EMR Project Medical Director
- Julia Spalding, MD, Ambulatory Care Champion
- James Olson, MD, Inpatient Care Champion
- James DeMuth, MD, Physician Champion

With these key physician leaders and the recruitment of Thomas Bres as Sparrow's new executive vice president and chief information officer, and Kathy Smith as EMR project director, Sparrow has an outstanding foundation to begin this ambitious project.

A job fair in June drew more than 200 experienced applicants for 30 new Information Technology positions that will help to complement this endeavor. Sparrow also recently acquired a building at 825 E. Michigan that will be renovated and equipped to house the new EMR project team.

Coming Up:

Sparrow and Michigan State University Annual Medical Staff Conference

Keynote address: "Regionalization"
Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero

Friday, Sept. 12, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Eagle Eye Conference Center

For tickets and to RSVP, call 1.888.793.4325

New physicians welcomed



Sparrow Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs Larry Rawsthorne, MD, is flanked by (left) Khaled Mustafa, MD, and Samer Ali, DO, at the New Physician Meet and Greet event in the Sparrow Professional Building on Aug. 14. Dr. Mustafa serves as medical director of Sparrow Urgent Care Services. Dr. Ali is a member of the Sparrow Hospitalist service.

CEO E-mail messages

Sparrow President and CEO Dennis Swan is sending regular e-mail updates to the Medical Staff. He is seeking feedback regarding questions, suggested topics for future e-updates, or suggestions on what can be done to make it easier for you to practice at Sparrow, to make a referral or schedule a patient procedure. Feel free to e-mail him at dennis.swan@sparrow.org or call his direct line at 517.364.5605.

Lauds and applause

Sparrow Emergency Resident Physician **John Dery, DO**, has been selected as one of the top two emergency residents in the nation by the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians. He will receive the award at an upcoming national conference.



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