



Chief of Staff Message

Efficient medical care management with a continued focus on quality of care allows our physicians and care team to maintain a shorter length of stay (LOS) for our patients. To consumers of healthcare, a shorter length of stay means reduced exposure to risks associated with hospitalization. In addition, shorter LOS usually means lower cost of care

Recent studies have indicated there are opportunities to improve Sparrow's current LOS. Sparrow Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs Larry Rawsthorne, MD, is supporting several initiatives in this regard. I urge you to be aware of the benefits of reducing LOS.

As always, please contact me with your thoughts, comments and ideas regarding this issue or for any subjects featured in *Sparrow Physician*.

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Coming Up

July 10 | 6-8 p.m

Dr. Springer's open forum Medical Staff meeting.
Eagle Eye Conference Center

This will be a different type of event, with minimal business and an emphasis on socializing. Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend. Unique entertainment and lots of fun are promised.

Call Anne Leiby 517.364.6215 for details.

don't miss this one

Wide-bore MRI

In partnership with Michigan State University, Sparrow has a wide-bore MRI to provide imaging services for large frame or claustrophobic patients. Scheduling can be arranged at 517.364.2877.

Lauds and applause



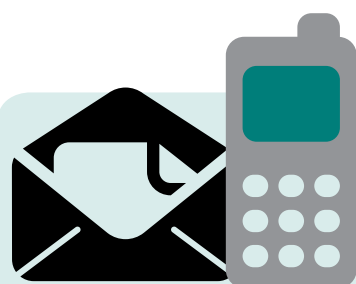
Michael R. Clark, MD, has been named a "Hero of Emergency Medicine," by the American College of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Clark, who is an attending physician in Sparrow's Emergency Department and Chief of Staff-elect of the Sparrow Medical Staff, was cited for mentoring more than 300 emergency medicine residents during his long career at Sparrow and for his skill, grace and humor in stressful circumstances.

Complete your Medical Records!

Delinquent medical records are a significant issue for many healthcare organizations. Incomplete, inadequate, or unsigned medical records can seriously impact patient care, as well as timely reimbursement. I welcome your suggestions on how to improve physician compliance.

Medical Staff Services reminder:

By now, all physicians should have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number, a standard unique identifier federally mandated for all health care providers. If you do not, go to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome> to register.



Medical Staff Services reminder

Any change in professional address, phone, beeper numbers, etc., must be reported to the Medical Staff Office, 517.364.2582 in order to be changed throughout the system.