



Chief of Staff Message:

As I begin my tenure as Chief of the Medical Staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Dawn Springer, who served so capably in this role for the past two years. Her many achievements have helped to improve the quality of our patient care while enhancing the ability of physicians to practice at Sparrow. I also would like to congratulate Dr. John Armstrong, who was recently elected as Chief of Staff-elect. He is an outstanding physician leader and I look forward to working with him to maintain the positive momentum we have achieved in quality care, patient safety and physician engagement.

This new role for me is a tremendous opportunity and it comes at a time when Sparrow has a strong and growing relationship with Michigan State University's human health colleges and also is involved in developing initiatives designed to reinvent the patient care experience. Our recent designation as a Magnet nursing hospital is an incredible endorsement of the quality of care and service provided at Sparrow, and of the strong partnership we have between physicians and our outstanding nursing staff.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas as we continually examine the way care is provided and work to enhance patient safety, improve outcomes, efficiency of workflow, and overall quality.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your Chief of Staff. I pledge to do my very best to be responsive to your concerns and to advance the quality of care we provide to our patients. I thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Clark, MD
Chief of the Medical Staff



Syed I. Hussain, MD, a neuro-interventionalist, has joined the Sparrow Medical Staff and the Sparrow-MSU stroke team. Dr. Hussain, a graduate of Aga Khan University, completed his residency training at the University of Wisconsin and an interventional radiology fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Physician Recognition Dinner

Sparrow's Women's Board of Managers will host the 5th Annual Physician Recognition Dinner to be held at the Country Club of Lansing, Saturday evening, Apr. 24. The event will be highlighted by the announcement of Sparrow's 2010 Physician of the Year and the inductees to the Sparrow Physician's Hall of Fame. For more details, call the Volunteer Services Office, 364-3606.

-- Obituary --

With regrets, I announce the death of John Egger, MD, on Dec. 20 at age 60. Dr. Egger joined the Sparrow Medical Staff in 1982 after serving his family medicine residency at Sparrow. For many years, he served with Lansing Family Physicians in the Sparrow Professional Building. On behalf of the entire medical staff, I extend my deepest condolences to Dr. Egger's colleagues, friends and family.



Please contact me with your thoughts, comments and ideas regarding this issue, or for any subjects featured in *Sparrow Physician*. Michael R. Clark, MD, Chief of the Medical Staff at clark1@msu.edu