



Communication Center Update

Sparrow Hospital's Physician Communication Center expansion will be complete by early April. Along with a decor upgrade, the additional space includes a break room, conference room, lounge, locker room, and two new restrooms. All existing physician mailboxes will be scrapped and a new modular system installed. To request a mailbox, contact Melinda Rapleje, 364-2429.

One call center begins March 2

Beginning Monday, March 2, a new, toll-free, one-call center, **1-87-Sparrow-1** will streamline patient access for rural hospitals and physicians outside our region. The one-call number coordinates transportation, bed assignments, clinical action plans and eliminates multiple phone calls. Appropriate parties will be included by way of conference call to assist with patient transfers. For physicians within the (517) area code, 364-1111 connects you to the one-call center.

Upcoming Medical Staff Forums

Please attend to hear the latest CEO updates, news and issues. The next forums are Feb. 17 and Apr. 21. All forums are 7-8 a.m. in the Sparrow auditorium. To register, call 517.364.5286, or, e-mail Mark.Wehner@Sparrow.org

Medical Records Tips

Physician group members may agree to sign and/or dictate medical records for their partners. Simply notify the Health Information Management Department of your group's desire to participate.

Include a list of participating physician names and tasks partners will perform for each other, i.e., signature only, or dictation and signature.

Also, notify us if members of your group change, either through addition or deletion

Call the Health Information Management Department at 364-2551 or e-mail kim.roberts@sparrow.org or diana.henthorne_stoddard@sparrow.org



From left, Sparrow cardiovascular surgeons **Scott Johnson, MD**, **J.D. Talbott, DO**, and **Ara Pridjian, MD**, help commemorate the 15th anniversary of Sparrow's open-heart surgery program at a celebration in the Sparrow Professional Building on Jan. 30. Since 1994, the program has successfully performed nearly 5,000 open-heart surgeries and received many quality accolades.

Sparrow adds air-ambulance service

Through a new arrangement with LifeNet of Michigan, Sparrow has added 24-hour access to helicopter medical transport service. The new service expands the range of transit options to better serve our region, improving access to patients in surrounding areas who require specialized care or critical care services.

Beginning March 2, healthcare facilities and first responders can access Sparrow's new LifeNet air ambulance by calling 1-87-Sparrow-1.

Dr. Briningstool to lead ED

Anthony Briningstool, MD, was recently named Sparrow's Medical Director of Emergency Services. A graduate of the Georgetown University School of Medicine, Dr. Briningstool completed his residency in emergency medicine at Sparrow Hospital and served as chief resident for the program. He is board-certified in emergency medicine and, for the past five years has served as an attending physician at Sparrow Hospital's Emergency Department.



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