The Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model (CJR) was created by Medicare in an effort to create more efficient and standardized care for Medicare patients undergoing hip and knee replacements. Hip and knee replacements are the most common inpatient surgery for Medicare beneficiaries and at this time the cost to Medicare for the surgery, hospitalization, and recovery varies greatly among providers and geographic areas. The CJR Model went into effect April 1, 2016 for hospitals in 67 geographic locations and spans a period of five years. CMS has defined an episode of care for hip and joint replacement patients in the CJR program as beginning with the date of admission and spanning all care (inpatient and outpatient) until 90 days post discharge. Medicare has provided each hospital with a target episode price to achieve and at the end of each year the hospital’s quality and episode cost they may either receive a refund from Medicare or be required to repay Medicare for services. The ultimate goal of the program is to achieve more efficient utilization of resources possible.

Hurley was chosen as one of 100 of the most influential women in the state of Michigan — across areas of healthcare, automotive, science, technology, business and education. The article can be found at: http://www.cran.shtml.com/awards/most-influentialwomen/3406679/Melany-Gavulic

On behalf of the Hurley Medical Center Board of Managers, we congratulate Melany on receiving this prestigious honor.

Delicia Loyd
Chair, Hurley Board of Managers

Meet Hurley’s New Joint Replacement Navigator

Tana Brandt
Joint Replacement Navigator

Tana Brandt graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Saginaw Valley State University and spent several years working in inner city Detroit hospitals as a staff RN on Acute Care for the Elderly units where I specialized in care for medical and surgical patients 65 years and older. While working with the elderly population I became skilled in identifying acute clinical issues, as well as psychosocial and financial barriers unique to that population. I then relocated back to the Flint area where I worked in Utilization Management prior to accepting the role as Joint Nurse Navigator here at Hurley. I’m beyond excited to develop this role and provide a seamless surgical process for the CJR patients. I will provide the CJR patients with single point of contact for any questions and concerns as the go through the pre-surgical process, during their admission, and post discharge.
**Emergency Medicine**

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Hurlay Urgent Care  
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**OB/GYN**

Sierra Cuthbert, DO  
Obstetrics & Gynecology Health Care Associates  
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**Psychology**

Jodi Cavanaugh, LLP  
Advanced Neuro Psychology  
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111 East Court Street, Suite 1B  
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**Rescue 911**

Hurlay Medical Center, STAT EMS, and Genesee County Parks, partnered in June with local police and fire departments for FREE 911 event, for children ages 8 through 12 in Flushing, Fenton and Genesee Township. Activities included police and fire Vehicle Tours, bike and helmet safety, wellness information and much more.

**Staying Safe in the Heat**

Dr. Kristen Swor Wolf, Hurley Emergency Physician was interviewed by ABC12 last month on the potential dangers of hot weather. She offered advice on how to keep children cool and explained what can happen to the body when overheated.

**Being Prepared While Traveling**

Dr. Kenneth Wilson, Chief of Pediatric Trauma, was interviewed by Fox66 about safety tips while traveling over the summer. He offered insight for parents on how to be prepared for any situation and what to do in case of an emergency on the road.