HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT – JANUARY 2016

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Hurley Medical Center

“I understand that I may not be able to cure every patient, but I try my best to help mitigate the suffering. To quote Dr Osler, “As physicians, we should strive to cure a few, help most, but comfort all.”

Dr. Tabrez Shaik Mohammed

1. **What are your challenges as a pediatrician?**

On the inpatient side, since I see patients on the staff service who are not necessarily the Hurley Clinic patients, it can become challenging to establish a doctor-patient relationship. On the outpatient side, providing the current best treatment while navigating around insurance coverage issues can be difficult.

2. **What keeps you coming back each day?**

The hope to see a patient I cared for the previous day getting better, the humbling experience of learning something new each day and to witness the combined efforts of all the healthcare personnel working together to put a patient on the road to recovery.

3. **What do you believe patients value the most in their physician?**

Listening to them keenly, spending time with them and being non-judgmental.

4. **Share with us some of your favorite hobbies.**

Hobbies: Reading (both fiction and non-fiction). I am a huge fan of Robert Ludlum, John Grisham and Jeffrey Archer. I also enjoy listening to music, watching television, gardening, photography, and traveling.

5. **Tell us about your family:**

My wife, Shaheen, is a Med-Peds PGY3 resident here at Hurley Medical Center. I have three kids: 2 boys (Ayan (6 years old) and Atif (1 year old); one girl, Asma who is 4½ years old.
FITCH RATINGS UPGRADES HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER TO BBB- STATUS; OUTLOOK REVISED TO STABLE

The upgrade to BBB- from BB+ reflects Hurley Medical Center’s dramatically improved operating performance since Fitch’s last rating action. Hurley Medical Center last received BBB- investment grade rating status in 2006. Key rating drivers include sharp improvement in liquidity, challenging payor mix, manageable debt profile. Hurley’s liquidity position improved sharply in 2015 with several key liquidity metrics that now meet or exceed Fitch’s BBB category medians. Liquidity improvement has been driven by higher earnings, positive governmental payment adjustments and moderating capital spending. In addition, improvements in revenue cycle noticeably reduced accounts receivable balances.

“As an essential academic premier medical center, Hurley Medical Center is consistently working to transform the health and wellness of our residents in the greater Genesee County communities to improve overall health status. Our new Children’s Center located in the Flint Farmers’ Market and our Hurley Wellness Hub in that same facility are just a few ways we are continuously reaching beyond the walls of Hurley to increase access to care, provide information and outreach, and increase disease prevention. This upgraded rating status and our ongoing dedication to physician and patient collaboration have contributed to Hurley’s improved outlook overall,” adds Melany Gavulic, RN, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hurley Medical Center.

Operating performance improved dramatically in fiscal 2015 as Hurley posted a 6.1% operating margin, or $25.4 million in FY2015; this is the second year with positive operating margins since FY2010. The improved operating performance reflects strong volumes, lower bad debt expenses, management dedication to move care to lower-cost, more convenient settings, and tightly managed expenses.

Hurley’s most recent large capital project was the expansion of our ED to account for high volumes that could not be accommodated in the former space. This project has been successful on many fronts and the expansion and redesign allowed for better patient flow, operating efficiencies and improved patient care.

The Hurley Diabetes Center has received a grant for the MI Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Early Detection Program (MCRCEDP).

There is an emerging link between diabetes and colon cancer. The ways that can reduce risk for colon cancer are the same as how you can reduce risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Studies show that those with colorectal cancer and diabetes were more likely to die than those who did not have diabetes in addition to colon cancer.

The diabetes center will ask patients their colon cancer screening status as part of the initial assessment. The link between diabetes and colon cancer will be discussed as part of the regular diabetes program education. You will also notice a statement in the letter of program completion sent to you about the link between diabetes and colon cancer.

The goal is to increase the cancer screening rate of those with diabetes.

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Hurley Wellness Services
Welcome NEW Corporate Client

Genesee County Health Department
Hurley Corporate Wellness Services is pleased to announce a new corporate partnership with the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD.) Hurley Wellness Services will be enhancing GCHD’s current wellness program. January is a perfect time to start a wellness program or add to a current one because employees are usually ready to start eating healthier and exercising more.

Yoga classes are one of the first programs Hurley will be bringing to their program. In addition GCHD will receive discounts for gym memberships and have a personal wellness coordinator to make program scheduling easier and provide local resources.

If you have a business or know of a business who could benefit from a corporate wellness program, please contact Lisa Rensberger, Corporate Wellness Coordinator for Hurley Medical Center at (810) 262-7897 or email lrensbe1@hurleymc.com.
Hurley in the News …

Senior Grant
Hurley Medical Center received a $5,000 grant from the Merkey-Elderly Charitable Trust to provide haircuts/styles from a cosmetologist and massage therapy services for at least 160 hospitalized patients aged 65 years and older. The Flint Journal and CMU radio picked up the story, interviewing Theresa Powerski, Manager of Patient Experience at Hurley.

Prematurity Awareness
Dr. Frederico Rocha, Director, Hurley Maternal Fetal-Medicine, was interviewed live on ABC12 News First at Four about Prematurity Awareness month. He spoke about the prevalence of the issue, and what expert services Hurley offers to help with the problem.

Breast Cancer in Children
After news of an 8 year old girl with breast cancer made national headlines, ABC12 sought expert insight from Hurley Medical Center. The Director of the Pediatric Oncology & Hematology Clinic at Hurley Children’s Hospital, Dr. Nkechi Onwuzurike, spoke live about the disease in children and how parents can talk to their children about cancer if it should ever impact their family.

Toy Donation
Thank you to Santa’s helpers at The Bottomless Toy Chest! They ensured that pediatric clinic patients at Hurley will have a holiday to remember by delivering “Tons of Toys” to some of the region’s youngest patients. More than 50 children who are hematology/oncology and, sickle cell pediatric patients at Hurley Children’s Hospital will receive brand new holiday gifts straight from the North Pole filled with fun, love and joy. The Bottomless Toy Chest is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization devoted to delivering art projects, crafts and interactive toys to hospitalized pediatric cancer patients. ABC12, WNEM 5, NBC25 and the Flint Journal covered the event.

Dr. Marc Edwards speaks at Hurley
News about Flint’s water crisis continues to dominate news headlines. Marc Edwards, M.S., Ph.D., Charles Lunsford Professor of Civil Engineering at Virginia Tech delivered Pediatric Grand Rounds at Hurley Children’s Hospital on December 2nd. His presentation was called “The Washington D.C. Lead Crisis (2001-2004): Prelude to Flint 2015.” Similar to the events unfolding in Flint’s current lead in drinking water crisis, the 2001-2004 Washington D.C. lead in drinking water crisis is a case study in the history of engineering and scientific misconduct. As in Washington D.C., Dr. Marc Edwards led the water research that revealed Flint’s drinking water crisis. Dr. Edwards’ research findings prompted Dr. Hanna-Attisha to investigate elevated blood lead levels in Flint children. Their combined research is credited with the switch back to Detroit’s Water System. The story was featured on ABC12, WNEM TV5, NBC25, and the Flint Journal.

Nurse Lola
A local mother’s Facebook post, thanking Hurley’s own Pediatric Nurse Lola Dudley, went viral. The photo has over 10,000 likes and was shared almost 2,000 times from Hurley’s Facebook page. The Flint Journal featured the story. THANK YOU Nurse Lola Dudley for making a difference to this family, and so many others. #THISisHurley. Look for this post and many more great stores of how Hurley is here for you on the Hurley Facebook page, Twitter@HurleyMedical and follow us on LinkedIn.

The 35th Annual Hurley Benefit Ball is Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Riverfront Banquet Center in downtown Flint.

Proceeds from this event will support the creation of new, state-of-the-art “Hurley Medical Education Center.”

This year, our focus is creating a 6,800 square foot space for the Medical Education Center at Hurley Medical Center, which will integrate medical education for Hurley doctors, residents, nurses, and staff as well as allied health occupations and healthcare providers in the community who rely on Hurley for training and experience. The new state-of-the-art center will feature upgraded technology to meet the demands of the 21st Century Medical Center being fully Wi-Fi compatible and offering the most modern audio-visual and other technical equipment. The new center will strengthen our connection to our partners across the community, state, and the nation through webinars, live streaming of conferences, teleconferencing, and other means.

This new Education Center will also allow Hurley Medical Center to host educational training programs including our continuous Hurley Healthy Living Series, along with the promotion of Level I Trauma, Bariatric, Diabetes, Join Replacement, Wellness Services, and Hernia and Senior Center of Excellence to name just a few. This new initiative will help Hurley Medical Center increase our dedication to education, quality and innovation, as we continue to grow our connections within our local community.

All donations to the Hurley Foundation are tax-deductible by law.

For more information about the Benefit Ball, please contact Hope Ponsart Hansen, Special Events Director, at 810.262.9399.

Your support and commitment to the health care needs of our community is greatly appreciated.
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What if they find a suspicious lesion?

If you are informed that you have a suspicious lesion, often the first step is to obtain a biopsy of the lesion. This is normally an outpatient procedure that is performed on a very regular basis. Biopsy procedures give physicians the information they need to create the best treatment plan for each patient. If you are diagnosed, the treatment can usually be performed rapidly.

Don’t be scared

Be screened

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January Birthdays

Stacey J Carr, DNP
Sherrie M Brooks, DO
Maria Bernabe, MD
David Benjamin, NP
Maria Bernabe, MD
Sherrie M Brooks, DO
Stacey J Carr, DNP
Ramesh L Chheda, MD
Robert M Cleary, MD
Haris H Dabdeeen, DO
Amy J Daros, DO
Samuel R Dismond, MD
Katherine L Dunn-McKamie, MSW
John M Dysart, MD
Jason M Evans, MD
Alexander Ferda, CRNA
Amy G Filbrun, MD
Taneisha A Franklin, PA-C
Steven L Galliway, PAC
Balvant K Ganatra, MD
Elizabeth A Gomon, CRNA
Manjit S Grewal, MD
Fawaz E Haddad, MD
Marilyn A Harmon, PA-C
Sherif S Ibrahim, MD
Monique R Ice, MD
Leena Jindal, DO
Abdelmajid J Jody, MD
Ahmad K Kaddurah, MD
Litsa Karaozus, DDS
Haissam Khouri, MD
Ramesh C Kilari, MD
Justin D Klein, MD
Michael D Klein, MD
Arvind Kunadi, MD
Jennifer J Lara, CRNA
Zhanna L Levashkevich, MD
Joseph B Luna, MD
Ronald A Martin, DPM
Faisal Mawri, MD
Vickie B Mello, DO
Jacqueline F Metzger, NP
Jagdish Mirchandani, MD
Moussa S Mohamed, MD
Osman Mukhtar, MD
Kathryn I Murinas, MD
Jeffrey C Noroyan, DPM
Derek R Nowak, RTO
Danielle A Osterholzer, MD
Anant C Patel, MD
Clayton T Prescott, CTP
Paul Pustinger, DO
Sampath Ramachandran, MD
Nabila Rasool, MD
Dennis A Reiche, NP
Geeta D Rode, MD
Michael D Roebuck, MD
Gary T Roome, MD
Lindsey A Roth, NP
Andrew N Rutter, PA-C
Elmahdi M Saeed, MD
Barton A Scotland, PA-C
Tabrez Shafi, Muhammed, MD
Roderick R Smith, MD
Ajay K Srivastava, MD
Joyce K Stevens, MD
Nicole R Tantipitham, CRNA
Surya R Thota, MD
Henry C Tidwell, MSW
Rudolph P Valenti, MD
Kenneth Vobach, MD
Bryan Weinstein, DO
Ronald J Zuwalke, CRNA

Medical Dictation App for iPhone® and Android Mobile Digital Devices

Hurley is now using the M*Modal dictation/transcription platform. The M*Modal Fluency Flex™ Mobile app will allow you to quickly and accurately record clinical notes during patient encounters for easy integration with electronic health record systems (EHRs), increasing productivity and documentation quality. In addition, the app provides a secure platform that ensures patient information remains private. This flexible dictation platform provides the mobility and freedom that you need and will appreciate.

M*Modal developed this new mobile app with you in mind, delivering accurate, high-quality medical transcription with the convenience of anytime, anywhere dictation. Healthcare providers can streamline the clinical documentation process by using devices they already carry with them. It is a free App and there is no cost associated with using this product.

If you are interested in getting set up so you can dictate from your cell phone or tablet, please contact Sue Johnson at 262-9456 or see one of the Scribes in the Physician’s Lounge at Hurley.

Echo Department Relocation

Effective Monday, December 14, the Echo Department will be relocated to the old 1N outpatient lab space across from the library. For questions or concerns, please call 810.262.7124.