Congratulations!
Kaddurah to Receive Michigan State University-College of Human Medicine (MSU-CHM) Volunteer Teaching Award

One Hurley pediatric faculty member – known for his clear, patient teaching – just learned that medical students appreciate his work.

Ahmad Kasim Kaddurah MD, a Hurley pediatric neurologist, was selected to receive the Volunteer Faculty Teaching Award from the 2016 graduating class of Michigan State University College of Human Medicine-Flint Campus. He is an associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development at MSU-CHM.

This award is to be presented to him during the MSU-CHM Commencement Ceremony May 14, 2016, at the Breslin Student Events Center on the main campus of MSU.

Each year, the graduating MSU-CHM class is asked to nominate faculty who are excellent teachers and role models, said Kathy Assiff MA, director of student programs and community administrator at the Flint Campus of MSU-CHM. After the nominations are received, the students vote to select the winner. Dr. Kaddurah received the highest number of votes from the 2016 class of 37 students, who rotate at the three teaching hospitals that make up the MSU-CHM Flint Campus.

Dr. Kaddurah is part of the core faculty of the Hurley [Pediatric Residency Training Program](http://education.hurleymc.com/gme/residencies-and-fellowships/pediatrics/).
**March Birthdays**

Abdul K Alawwa MD, FACC  
Nuzhat J Ali MD, FAAP  
Muhammad H Al-Midani MD  
Suresh Anne’ MD  
Judy L Arrand MSW  
Ghassan I Bachuwa MD MS, FACP  
Michael E Boczar DO  
Guy M Boike MD  
Michaelina R Bolton MD  
Sidney M Broder MD  
Katherine Burrell PsyD  
Mark R Dalton MD  
Keith B Daniels DPM  
Rizwan Danish MD, FACP  
Jerry J Dawes CRNA  
Dilip M Desai MD, PhD  
Samantha R Hauff MD  
Dara L Headrick DO  
Matthew W Hettle MD  
Sherry D Hodge LMSW  
Mohammed A Hussain MD  
Susumu Inoue MD  
Asif Ishaque MD  
Bradford L Jones PA-C  
Kelley A Labonty CRNA  
Scott E Langenburg MD  
Wendy B Lawton MD  
Angela C Lickey CRNA  
Robert F Majewski DDS, MS  
Hussein A Mazloum MD  
Eileen McKee PhD  
Osman Mohamed-Saeed MD  
Vijay Naraparaju MD  
James M Neubeck MD  
Joshua I Newblatt DO  
Harold E Rutila MD  
Anju Sawin MD, FAAP  
Frank R Sebest CRNA  
Elfateh M Seedahmed MD  
Jawad A Shah MD  
Kenneth W Shaheen MD  
Ahmed Shalabi MD  
Sweety A Srivastava MD  
Tiana N Stinneford PA-C  
Megan E Stowers DDS, MS  
Krystle L Swatsell CRNA  
Ibrahim N Syed MD  
Christopher Szynolet DO  
Joseph Varghese MD  
Lisa L Walter PA-C  
Pamela J Young PA-C  
Asim Yunus MD  
George Y Zureikat MD

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**March 2016 Anniversaries**

Hurley congratulates the following providers who reached milestone Hurley anniversaries during the month of March:

**5 Years**
- Elma L. Gacoscos, FNP-BC  
- Edward J Holden, MD  
- Rajesh Rao, MD  
- John Sushinsky, DDS  
- Ibrahim Syed, MD  
- Louinda Zahdeh, MD

**10 Years**
- Joshua Newblatt, DO

Hurley recognizes the dedication and commitment of all doctors. As a feature in the Physician Connection, Hurley will acknowledge five (5) year anniversaries each month.

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**Welcome New Providers**

At Hurley Medical Center, everything we do is about bringing the best possible care to our patients. That’s why we are excited to have these new providers on our team.

- **Marcia Johnson, PsyD** – Psychology  
  Hurley Brain Function Assessment Center  
  2700 Robert T. Longway Blvd, Flint, MI 48503  
  Phone: 810.262.2320  
  Department: Psychology / Specialty: Psychology

- **Donna Sutton, NP** – Psychiatry  
  Hurley Behavioral Medicine  
  One Hurley Plaza, Flint, MI 48503  
  Phone: 810.262.9406  
  Department: Psychology / Specialty: Psychology

For an up to date list of physicians currently on staff, please visit Hurley’s intranet page.

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**Hurley Medical Center Elevator Update**

A multidisciplinary group has been working to improve the patient experience as it relates to the use of elevators within the hospital. Phase I of the project included the designation of two of the Special Elevators as “Service Elevators” requiring badge access. These elevators are designated for patient transport and for staff members with large carts or equipment.

- Special elevators will continue to be used by visitors and staff to access to the west tower.
- The Main elevators will be the “workhorse” elevators and will be used by both visitors AND staff whenever possible.

Phase II of the project involves the renaming of the elevators based on colors is now in progress. The elevator clings and overhead signs have been installed.

The naming is as follows:

- **Main** = Green Elevators  
- **Special** = Blue and Service Elevators  
- **North** = Pink Elevators  
- **West** = Orange Elevators

Please use these new elevator names when communicating with patients, staff and visitors!

Other signs and directionals are on order and will be updated as needed. We are also in the process of labeling all of the Lobby level buttons with an “L” on the various elevator panels.
Physicians – You are the Patient’s Experience!

Voice of the Patient

“I’d like to give a big thanks to Dr. [Navin] Kumar for taking time ... to take care of my premature child, explaining all the needs and the procedures that were going on with my child, and taking on the patience to deal with everything that was going around, but also taking the time out of his day to explain everything.”

“I would like to thank Dr. [Frederico] Rocha, Dr. [Mohamed] Khedr and Nurse Mary for respecting me and my wishes and taking care of me as I visited Hurley Hospital.”

“Dr. Fernandez, I feel better now than I probably have in the last 20 years. I would recommend him to anybody.”

“Oh, in the emergency room I think I had a doctor. I believe his name was Dr. [James] Weber. He was very nice and [k]new that I needed to be admitted instead of being just discharged with pain meds and he was very on top of what I needed to do and I really appreciated that...”

“I’d like to thank my primary doctor, [Dr.] Tommy Stevens. He came to see me once a day.”

“Dr. Mamoon Elbedawi. I was so scared because I didn’t know what was going on. I didn’t know whether I was going to live or die. He came in two or three times a day and just kept reassuring me that I was going to be okay. He held my hand and just let me know everything was going to be alright and I appreciated that. He’s not only a doctor, he’s... I don’t know how to say this without getting emotional. I had a rough time and I really didn’t know if I was going to live or die. He let me know that I was going to be okay, and I was. So, I appreciate him. He’s a very good doctor. Very good doctor.”

“I’d like to give thanks to Dr. Imad Modawi.”

Hurley in the News (up until February 15, 2016)

Thanks for Putting Your Money Where the Miracles Are!
The 102.5 FM WIOG “Cares for Kids” Radiothon on February 4 and 5 was a wonderful success.

This two-day event raised $72,011.34 to help the kids at Hurley Children’s Hospital and the Hurley Children’s Center at the Flint Farmer’s Market! A special thank you to our sponsors, countless volunteers, and our amazing miracle families! You have made a world of difference. The event was covered by ABC12.

Cold Weather Safety Tips – Dr. Joshua Newblatt, Hurley ER Physician gave safety tips for families during ABC12’s Medical Minute. He talked about how to avoid frostbite and the warning signs. Dr. Newblatt also talked about the potential hazards with winter sports. He noted the potential dangers of experiencing chest pain while shoveling snow, and how it could be harmful to your back.

Free Bariatric Event Coming Soon – Dr. Jamal D. Farhan was featured in an ABC12 in an ABC12 Medical minute and spoke about the weight loss surgeries the Hurley Bariatric Center offers. Hurley is hosting a free event on March 9 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center in Flint at 6pm. This is a free, no obligation event and Dr. Farhan will take questions from the audience. To learn more and to register call 810-262-4855.

Take your medicine

Medical Staff Leader Insider, February 4, 2016

Recent studies found that sending patients text message alerts reminding them to take their medication increased their chances of complying. A paper published in JAMA Internal Medicine looked at 16 studies which collectively tracked 3,000 chronically ill patients in different countries. The results were that patients went from a 50% compliance rate to a 68% compliance rate for taking their medications.

“Text-message based interventions can be delivered at low-cost; they can be easily scaled with computerized message management systems. So they are likely to be cost effective in healthcare,” says study co-author Clara Chow who directs the cardiovascular division of the George Institute for Global Health in Sydney, Australia.

Source: Kaiser Health News
Hurley Medical Center is excited to announce the opening of their new physical therapy and aquatic therapy clinic in Lapeer. The facility has been completely remodeled and is outfitted with a new pool and state-of-the-art rehabilitation equipment. Dr. Joshua Carlson, lead physical therapist, and his team have years of experience and expertise.

Golfers with pain can make an appointment with our Titlest Performance Institute (TPI) Certified Medical Golf Expert specifically trained in “The Body-Swing Connection.” Hurley is proud to have the area’s only certified medical expert with this training.

Tell your physician you choose the experts at Hurley for your therapy needs. All you need to get started is a physician’s prescription for physical therapy and a call to our central scheduling office at 810.262.2350.

Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) Monthly Tip:

**Encephalopathy**

When documenting “altered mental status,” “confusion” or “mental status changes,” consider the diagnosis of Encephalopathy when appropriate. Encephalopathy, by definition, is the global cerebral dysfunction in the absence of structural brain disease. This diagnosis adds severity of illness (SOI) to the patient that AMS does not provide.

Encephalopathy is a frequently audited diagnosis due to overuse. When documenting Encephalopathy it should be linked to the specific cause, if known. Also, you should document the treatment warranted to this underlying cause. The type of encephalopathy is also important to include, even if possible, probable or likely (toxic, drug induced, anoxic, etc.).

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**Introducing Hurley Medical Center’s New Lapeer PHYSICAL THERAPY & AQUATIC THERAPY CLINIC**

**Experts in Physical Therapy Care—Here for you!**

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**The YMCA and Hurley Wellness Services have partnered to bring fun, interactive, and educational activities for kids in 3rd-6th grade, that will help them build healthy habits for life and reduce health risks associated with being overweight.**

**CAMP MOVE IT** is an overnight camp, July 31-August 5, 2016.

Campers will be introduced to various healthy lifestyle practices, such as fit and fun games and nutritious eating activities while enjoying the atmosphere and activities of camp. Help your child grow with the tools they need to live a life of wellness! Camp normally costs over $500 per child, but Hurley Medical Center has special funding to provide financial assistance to help several families pay only a small fee ($75 or less, depending on the financial hardship of the family).

Don’t wait—these scholarships will go quick! Please email or call Hurley Community Wellness at 844.WELL4ME (844.935.5463) or email well4me@hurleymc.com.

**REGISTER NOW, SPOTS ARE LIMITED!**