Hurley Adds Speech and Language Pathologist to Complete Pediatric Therapy Team

Hurley Outpatient Rehabilitation Services is proud to introduce the addition of our pediatric therapy team to the Hurley community. In addition to offering physical therapy and occupational therapy services, we now offer speech therapy services as well. Our pediatric clinicians see patients at the West Flint Campus – Hurley Family Rehabilitation Center located at 1085 South Linden Rd. Team members are also involved in the Developmental Assessment and Cleft Palate Clinics held monthly at Mott Children’s Health Center. At these clinics, screenings are provided to help identify children in need of outpatient rehabilitation therapy services and to make recommendations specific to any rehabilitation needs.

We are also pleased to announce that our pediatric therapists will soon be working in collaboration with Genesee Health Systems to provide additional therapies for children with autism in the community. The pediatric therapy staff is very excited to be an extension of the great care provided by Hurley Children’s Hospital. Referrals for pediatric therapy services may be made by calling the Rehab Central Scheduling office at 810.262.2350.

Dr. Khalid Ahmed Accepts Hurley Pinnacle Award

On October 11, 2013, Dr. Khalid Ahmed was joined by family, friends, colleagues and the Hurley family as he received the 2013 Hurley Pinnacle Award for Primary Care Physician.

“It is an honor to receive the Hurley Pinnacle Award. I am thankful that my family, friends, colleagues and Hurley community were able to share in this celebration. I look forward to many more wonderful years of working with my Hurley family and bringing excellent care to our community,” adds Dr. Ahmed.
Hurley Receives $10,000 Donation from Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation

The Hurley Foundation received a $10,000 donation from the Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation. The funds will be used to support the Hurley FREE Teen Health Checks for students ages 13 through 19 who live throughout Genesee County and beyond. The Foundation was created in memory of Thomas N. Smith, 17, a Flushing High School senior, who passed away in January 2011 from an undiagnosed, enlarged heart. Thomas’ memory will live on by helping young athletes through these teen heart screenings.

Hurley Welcomes New Physicians:

- Rebecca Baril, DPM – Podiatric Surgery
- Diane Hallinen, MD – Emergency Medicine
- Christopher Iacobelli, MD – Family Medicine
- Christopher Szyarto, DO – Hematology/Oncology

Dr. Susumu Inoue Honored for Commitment

Dr. Susumu Inoue, Hurley Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Physician, was awarded the 2013 Hurley Children’s Hospital Honorary Distinguished Alumni Award during the Annual Pediatric Alumni Event held on October 17. Dr. Inoue was recognized for his long-standing commitment and dedication to Hurley pediatrics. Dr. Inoue has been on staff at Hurley Medical Center since 1987.

March of Dimes Honors Dr. John Hebert

The March of Dimes held their annual Signature Chef’s Auction, a Recipe for Healthy Babies, on October 28, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre. To raise money, about 300 guests dined on some of Flint’s finest dishes, prepared by 12 chefs from local restaurants.

During the event, the March of Dimes honored John Hebert, III, MD, FACOG, Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology Education, Hurley Medical Center, for his outstanding commitment to the community and in appreciation for his passion of the health of moms and babies everywhere.

Dr. Scott Kaatz, Hurley Chief Quality Officer, Receives 2013 Laureate Award

Dr. Scott Kaatz, Chief Quality Officer at Hurley Medical Center and Director of Academic Hospitalist Program, received the prestigious 2013 Laureate Award at the American College of Physicians (ACP) Scientific Meeting, September 27 – 29, 2013, in Bellaire, Michigan. Dr. Kaatz is an active supporter and contributor to the Michigan ACP chapter. He is a recognized leader in internal medicine hospital-based clinical practice, medical education, clinical investigation, and quality of care assessment and management. Dr. Kaatz serves on the Council of the Michigan ACP Chapter, was a former chairman of the Program Planning Committee, and is currently the chair of the Public Relations and Communications Committee. Since 1996, Dr. Kaatz has regularly been an ACP abstracted judge.

Left to right: Dr. Carl Lauter, Governor, Michigan Chapter, American College of Physicians; Dr. Kaatz; and the Awards Chair and Governor Elect, Dr. Louis Saravolatz.
Diabetes Prevention Program

Hurley’s Center for Health Outcomes department has partnered with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFMI) and Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) to offer the National Diabetes Prevention Program through the Diabetes Prevention Team of East Central Michigan. The National Diabetes Prevention Program is a public-private partnership of community organizations, private insurers, employers, health-care organizations and government agencies. These partners are working to establish local evidence-based lifestyle-change programs for people at high risk for type 2 diabetes.

Hurley, NKFMI and MSUE have each received the status of CDC Recognized Diabetes Prevention Program with each organization employing CDC-certified diabetes prevention program lifestyle coaches trained to provide the program.

“It made sense that we should look at partnering within our community to maximize the potential for providing this much-needed program to as many individuals within our community as possible,” according to Dawn Hiller, Hurley Senior Director for Wellness Services. “It has been a great collaboration between Hurley, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and Michigan State University Extension.”

To qualify for the program, individuals must:

- be 18 years or older,
- have a BMI over 23,
- have established risk factors for developing type 2 diabetes, OR
- be diagnosed with prediabetes within the past year or previously diagnosed with gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) while pregnant.

The Diabetes Prevention Team of East Central Michigan partners are currently offering four pilot programs within East Central Michigan and hope to expand their services.

If you have a patient that falls within any of the qualifying program criteria listed above, please have them contact the Diabetes Prevention Team of East Central Michigan at 810.262.2208 to learn more about how this program may benefit them.

Hurley Reports Vaccinations Electronically

Hurley is improving infant and children’s health by ensuring appropriate documentation and information sharing of immunization records. When a care giver records an immunization in Epic, the system now electronically tracks and reports immunizations to Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) in real time. This allows collaboration with providers to ensure patients are receiving the right immunizations at the right time. Electronic reporting through Epic will also improve the accuracy and completeness of the vaccination record.

Hurley began using electronic immunization reporting in October in the Mott Pediatric Clinic. Plans are in place to roll it out to all Hurley Epic locations that administer immunizations including Peds, NICU, Family Birthing, Emergency Department and Urgent Care. Epic ambulatory sites using the new Epic Community Connect, like Michigan Health Specialists and HHS Geriatrics, will also benefit from this feature.

Although still a ways off, MCIR is developing a function for Epic to electronically retrieve a patient’s complete immunization history. This will make it even easier to determine which immunizations are due.

For more information please contact Joe Grathoff, Hurley Information Technology, at 810.262.6792.
You are Cordially Invited to attend the Annual Medical Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2013
Flint Golf Club, 3100 Lakewood Drive, Flint, MI
5:30 pm - Cocktails & Hors D’Oeuvres
6:30 pm - Dinner
Chicken, Beef or Vegetarian Entrée

Please RSVP your attendance and meal choice by December 3, 2013 to Hurley Medical Center -
(855) 310-3627

This is a closed business meeting for members of the Hurley Professional staff.

During National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week, we recognize medical services professionals - important members of the healthcare team who are dedicated to thoroughly investigating and verifying the credentials of healthcare practitioners. These women and men also have expertise in areas such as medical staff organizations, accreditation, regulatory compliance, and provider relations.

Charice Tenson  Michelle Landis  Valerie Southall  Andrea McBurney  Angelica Johnson