



The Latest from Sparrow Care Network

Save the Date!

“The Transition to Value-Based Reimbursement”

Thursday, Sept. 29 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

(Dinner available at 5:30 p.m.)

The James B. Henry Center for Executive Development

Large Amp Room (A-170)

3535 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48910

Audience

Sparrow Care Network Physicians and Office Leadership

Program Agenda

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Presentation

- Introduction/SCN Update
- Federation/ACO Update
- MACRA Presentation
- Population Health Management

8 p.m. Adjournment

Why Attend:

- Get the latest SCN updates
- Earn Engagement Points in SCN’s Incentive Model
- Participate in transforming care

To RSVP:

Contact Nicole Allen with your name, email address, and clinic information at 517.364.8158 or nicole.allen@sparrow.org

March and May Educational Program Recordings Available

If you were unable to attend the March and/or May educational programs, you have the ability to view the recording(s) online. You can also earn Engagement Points in the SCN Incentive Program should you choose to participate in a brief quiz after viewing the video. To learn more, please contact Nicole Allen at 517.364.8158 or nicole.allen@sparrow.org

SCN Incentive Agreement Update

In August, SCN distributed \$730,000 in 2015 incentives to participating SCN Physicians. These incentives were a result of improving the quality and efficiency of care for the Sparrow Self-Funded Benefit Plan and Physicians Health Plan (PHP).

In 2016, in addition to a PHP Commercial shared savings incentive agreement, SCN began participating in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP). Through July, SCN has received \$1.6 million in incentive payments from BCBSM for PGIP. SCN's performance, along with the corresponding incentives, reflect the commitment SCN Physicians have made to delivering care in the most efficient manner to Patients across the continuum. All SCN PGIP incentives are expected to be distributed to SCN Physicians in March 2017, at the conclusion of the SCN PGIP calendar year. If you have any questions regarding PGIP, incentives earned, or your performance, please contact Nicole Allen at 517.364.8158 or nicole.allen@sparrow.org

Announcements

It is an honor to announce that the following Physicians have joined SCN:

- Allergy and Asthma Clinic of East Lansing, PLLC
- Capital Urological Associates – A Division of Compass Health
- Comprehensive Psychological Services, PC
- EPMG of Michigan, PC
- Lansing Institute of Behavioral Medicine
- Lansing Institute of Urology – A Division of Compass Health
- Lansing Ophthalmology, PC
- Lansing Psychological Associates, PC
- New Horizons Pediatrics
- Patrick Noud, MD
- Red Cedar Oncology
- Barbara Saxena, MD
- Manjali Shastry, MD
- Total Family Health Care

Population Health Services Organization

Population Health is a strategic, organization-wide approach focused on optimizing the performance of the healthcare delivery system. At the center of Population Health is a focus on improving Patient experience while enhancing the health of a defined population, such as Patients with congestive heart failure, diabetes or any other chronic condition. Population Health also concentrates on increasing Provider satisfaction and reducing per capita healthcare costs.

In 2016, Sparrow, Physicians Health Plan, and SCN have collaborated to lead the development of a Population Health Service Organization (PHSO). Sparrow's PHSO is focused on growing our Population Health core competencies in the following areas:

- Care Transformation
- Clinical and Financial Analytics
- Information Technology
- Payment Strategy

A Population Health Steering Committee (PHSC) and a Care Collaborative Workgroup (CCW) were recently developed to provide guidance and advice for the PHSO on adopting best practices spanning the continuum of care for specific disease states, health promotion, segments of Patients and/or payer populations. The initial focus will be on congestive heart failure (CHF).

Success in Population Health Management is achieved through the development of an accountable network of providers with a centralized infrastructure, and combining well-coordinated programs while aligning with local market resources. SCN, partnered with Sparrow and PHP, is poised to fulfill the needs of an effective and successful Population Health organization.

SCN Best Practice Adoption

SCN, with the guidance of the PHSO Population Health Steering Committee (PHSC) and a Care Collaborative Workgroup (CCW), have adopted the Mayo best practice clinical guideline for Patients diagnosed with congestive heart failure (CHF), including the approval of corresponding inpatient CHF Order Set changes. Other CCW accomplishments are systematizing the use of palliative care and the development of an Epic CHF Patient Registry to assist with classifying CHF Patients by severity.

Recently, the CCW recommended to the SCN Board of Managers systematizing the use of Advanced Care Plans for all CHF Patients. Only 20-30 percent of the population has completed an advanced directive, leaving the majority of Physicians unaware of their Patients' wishes. One result of this knowledge deficit is more than 70 percent of Americans state their wish is to die at home. However, less than 25 percent have that wish fulfilled.

Adopting and implementing an Advanced Care Plan for CHF Patients is a best practice that is beneficial for all Patients, and especially those with chronic conditions. SCN is currently exploring opportunities to implement and standardize an Advanced Care Plan across the network. We will keep you updated as we make progress in this important initiative.

SCN Participation

A clinically integrated organization is successful when Physicians come together and function as an organized group. You can help further the transformation of SCN by participating in SCN Governance. To learn more, please contact Nicole Allen at 517.364.8158 or nicole.allen@sparrow.org

Choosing Wisely: Evidence-Based Recommendations

For this month's Choosing Wisely recommendations, we are spotlighting Adult Medicine.

The American Academy of Family Physicians makes the following Choosing Wisely recommendations designed to help clinicians simplify and improve Adult Medicine regarding **Low Back Pain**:

- Don't do imaging for low back pain within the first six weeks, unless red flags are present.

The Infectious Diseases Society of America makes the following Choosing Wisely recommendations designed to help clinicians simplify and improve Adult Medicine regarding **Adult Acute Bronchitis**:

- Avoid prescribing antibiotics for upper respiratory infections.

Further in-depth discussion and other practical recommendations can be found through the links below.

Information for Physicians:

- **Low Back Pain:**
<http://www.choosingwisely.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/AAFP-Choosing-Wisely-List.pdf>
- **Antibiotics:**
<http://www.choosingwisely.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/IDSA-Choosing-Wisely-List.pdf>

Information for Patients:

- **Low Back Pain:**
<http://www.choosingwisely.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/ChoosingWiselyBackPainAAMPR-ER.pdf>
- **Antibiotics:**
<http://www.choosingwisely.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/ChoosingWiselyColdFluAntibioticsIDSA-ER.pdf>

How To Learn More

If you'd like to learn more about Sparrow Care Network either via conference call or an informational in-office visit, please don't hesitate to contact SCN leadership.

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