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NEWS BRIEF

News about Covenant HealthCare from the Office of Physician Relations
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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

New Technology in Pacemaker and Defibrillator Lead Wire Removal Comes to Covenant

Dr. Asim Unus, cardiologist at MCVI, recently adopted the Spectranetics Excimer Laser System for pacemaker and defibrillator lead wire removal. The Covenant HealthCare Center for the Heart is the first hospital in Michigan to offer laser lead removal, offering physicians an efficient means to safely remove chronically implanted pacemaker and defibrillator (ICD) leads. For more information contact Center for the Heart at 583.7150.

Geriatric Fracture Program To Launch Next Month

Covenant HealthCare is launching its new Geriatric Fracture Program August 1. The new program utilizes a strategy where each patient is co-managed, using evidence based strategies, by an orthopaedic surgeon and hospitalist/intensivist or PCP. This collaborative effort's goal is to avoid complications and decrease the length of time in acute care. For more information please contact Meachelle Funk at 583.6579.

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ECC Sets New Record for ER Patients Served

The Covenant Emergency Care Center served 85,000 patients with emergency care in the 2012 fiscal year. Last year the ECC celebrated a record breaking stat for serving 81,000 patients in a fiscal year. The ECC is a level 2 trauma center for adult and pediatric patients. It is a significant achievement because ER visits often translate into admissions. In the 2011 fiscal year, a quarter of all admissions (21,152), came through the ER. Congratulations to the ECC!

Covenant Earns ACR Accreditation

Covenant HealthCare has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in computed tomography (CT) as the result of a recent voluntary review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. All four CT scanners at Covenant HealthCare in the Cooper and Mackinaw facilities received the gold seal of approval.

Get Ready for Red Carpet!

As a convenience for physicians, tickets for the 9th Annual Red Carpet Premier and Golf Classic will be available for purchase beginning Tuesday, July 17, 1-3 pm at Cooper and Harrison campuses. The three events at Apple Mountain Resort in Freeland will be held on Thursday, August 16 and Friday, August 17.

Covenant employed physicians can purchase tickets for a discounted price of \$80 each. Payroll deduction forms are available, if needed. The same form can be used toward purchase of Walk of Fame stars, Flag sponsorships and the Ladies on the Links golf outing. Details, call Ken Cichewicz at, 583.7602.