

# PHYSICIAN

## **NEWS BRIEF**

News about Covenant HealthCare from the Office of Physician Relations  
December 16, 2013

### **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

#### **2014 Diabetes Challenge Enlists Help from Physician Offices**

The YMCA of Saginaw and the Covenant Outpatient Diabetes Center wants to work with physician offices to encourage patients to become healthier through participation in the 2014 Diabetes Challenge. The focus of the challenge is the outcome measurement of HgA1C, Blood Lipid Levels and BMI. These values will be assessed and determined by the patient in conjunction with the Outpatient Diabetes team. Please share this opportunity with your patients. The winning physician's office will receive a certificate as a symbol of commitment and partnership in wellness initiatives related to diabetes. For more information, call the Covenant Diabetes Center at 583.5193.

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#### **Happy Retirement Cathie!**

Celebrate 30 years of service with Cathie Strongrich, 2-4 pm, Wednesday, December 18 in the Doud Executive Room, Cooper campus. Details, call Maryvonne DeSmyter at 583.4040.

#### **Dr. Boike Relocates to Cancer Care Center**

Dr. Guy Boike, Denise Railing, RN and his office staff, will be relocating his practice to the Covenant Cancer Care Center fifth floor, Mackinaw campus on December 30, and will begin seeing patients on January 6, 2014. The Cancer Care Center is designed to provide a greater level of cancer care excellence to the region by bringing all of our leading oncology services together, under one roof, at one location. The new telephone and fax numbers are as follows: Office - 989.583.5168, and Fax - 989.583.5178.

#### **Covenant HealthCare Receives Women's Choice Award**

Covenant HealthCare has received the 2014 Women's Choice Award® ranking among America's Best Hospitals for Patient Experience in Obstetrics. The distinction is the only award that identifies the country's best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction, clinical excellence, and what women say they want from a hospital, including quality physician communications, responsiveness of nurses and support staff, cleanliness and trusted referrals from other women. Awarded hospitals must provide comprehensive obstetric services and meet criteria for patient satisfaction and surgical excellence based on female needs and preferences.

#### **The Coffee Clinic Offers Starbucks Coffee**

The Coffee Clinic is now open in the Cooper Gift Shop. The Coffee Clinic will proudly be serving Starbucks from 6 am to 1:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Walk-through window hours are 6 am to 8:30 am, please use the Gift Shop entrance from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. For a price sheet, click here: [\*\*Coffee Clinic Price Sheet\*\*](#). For more information, call Tim Schultz, manager, at 583.07053.

#### **Dr. Lowell Butman Selected for Distinguished Physician Award**

The Covenant Medical Staff leadership has selected Lowell Butman, MD, to receive its Distinguished Physician of the year for 2013. Given each year by the medical staff, this award recognizes an individual who has distinguished him/herself by making significant contributions to the medical profession, community, and Covenant HealthCare. Throughout his multifaceted medical career, Butman's work in quality and governance made a major impact on the practice of medicine at Covenant HealthCare. Under his administrative leadership, the medical staffs of St. Luke's and Saginaw General came together during the formation of Covenant HealthCare. Butman is also credited with obtaining approval to establish the Covenant hospital medicine program, the first one in the region. Congratulations, Dr. Butman!