

August 2010

In the News

Medical Students Have Arrived at Lakeland

Last month four medical students from Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine began their third year of medical education, using Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, as their base hospital. This program includes 84 weeks of clinical education. Students will rotate through both the hospital and ambulatory environments.

Lakeland is also approved for two osteopathic residency programs, which will start in July 2011. The program will have openings for six Internal Medicine residents and four Emergency Medicine residents per year. *Read more in the Fall edition of Physician's News.*

Stevensville Physical Therapy

Lakeland HealthCare has begun providing physical therapy services at Lakeland Rehabilitation Services, Stevensville, located at 5709 St. Joseph Avenue, Stevensville. Lakeland assumed ownership of the practice from Southwestern Medical Clinic. Although the name of the practice has changed to reflect the new ownership, patients can expect a seamless transition and the same high level of service. For more information or to refer a patient, call (269) 556-0930.

Pediatric Orthopaedic Specialist Now Available in Southwest Michigan

Donnie Reinhart, DO, a specialist in pediatric orthopaedics from Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, has opened a practice in collaboration with Southwest Michigan Center for Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine and Lakeland HealthCare. The monthly clinic will provide orthopaedic care to children with congenital, developmental, infectious and traumatic disorders of the musculoskeletal system.

"The pediatric orthopaedic clinic will be of great benefit to our patients," said Kenneth Edwards, MD, of Southwest Michigan Center for Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, and medical director, surgical services, Lakeland HealthCare. "The capability to provide this specialized care complements our practice and allows for a single point of service for our community's orthopaedic needs."

The clinic is located at the office of Southwest Michigan Center for Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine at 183 Peace Boulevard in St. Joseph, Michigan. Patients should call the Grand Rapids office at (616) 391-9814 to schedule an appointment.

Hot Topics

Medicare Delays PECOS Enrollment Deadline

After numerous complaints from physicians about problems with Medicare's enrollment system, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 30 announced that it would delay implementation of changes that would automatically reject claims based on orders, certifications, and referrals made by providers that have not had their applications approved by the July 6 deadline.

CMS claims that more than 800,000 physicians and other health professionals have properly enrolled and received approved applications through the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS), but some doctors have reported problems such as application backlogs and other system glitches that have prevented them from doing so.

While regulation did take effect on July 6, the enforcement delay means that claims for medical equipment, home health, imaging, laboratory and specialist services should process as usual for now, even if one of the physicians listed on the claim has not yet had a PECOS enrollment application processed successfully. CMS has not determined when the automatic rejection process might start.

Events

Hip and Knee Pain Seminar

If your patients have failed to respond adequately to conservative treatment for their hip or knee pain, they can learn about other options, including diet, exercises, or surgery, during a free seminar called "The Good News About Knee and Hip Pain." This one hour program is presented by registered nurse Amy Jonatzke and physical therapist Nutan Dharwadkar of Lakeland HealthCare. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20 in the Frederick S. Upton Education Center, room four, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. For more information or to preregister a patient, call (269) 985-4539.

Berrien County Youth Fair

Lakeland HealthCare will provide free health information and wellness activities for all ages at the Berrien County Youth Fair in Berrien Springs, August 16-21. This year Lakeland will be at booths 65-70 located in Commercial Building 37, Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

New Providers

Please help us welcome the following new providers joining the more than 378 physicians on Lakeland's medical staff.

Physician Providers

Gregory Beck, DO

Anesthesiology

Sunset Coast Anesthesia,
St. Joseph

Lucas "Chip" Platt, DO

Ophthalmology

Great Lakes Eye Care,
St. Joseph

Other Providers

Teri Peak, NP

General Surgery

Comprehensive Weight Loss Center, Niles
Lakeland General Surgery, Niles

Welcome Back

Jose Gomez, MD

Family Medicine

Dr. Gomez has completed a one-year fellowship in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is working full-time at the Wound Care/Hyperbaric Center at Lakeland Specialty Hospital, Berrien Center.

Michael Wang, MD

Internal Medicine

Dr. Wang has completed a two-year fellowship in Infectious Disease at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois. He is working full-time as a hospitalist for Lakeland HealthCare.

Resources



Lakeland Care regularly posts important news updates, as well as other useful administrative information, online at www.LakelandCare.com. Physicians and their staff have password protected access to additional tools and a reference guide of employers and their payors. Five minutes, twice a month, can help Lakeland Care physicians stay informed about what's going on in their network.

Weekly Continuing Education

Lakeland Care CME provides Continuing Medical Education events on Thursdays between September and May from noon to 1:00 p.m. for Lakeland's general medical staff members and other appropriate patient care providers. For more information, visit www.lakelandhealth.org/CME or contact

Debra Killingbeck, CME coordinator,
Lakeland Care, at (269) 927-5153.

CME programs are held in the Frederick S. Upton Education Center at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, and via videoconference in the large meeting room at Lakeland Community Hospital, Niles; the Gardenview room at Lakeland Specialty Hospital, Berrien Center; and the Pharmacy conference room at the Center for Outpatient Services, St. Joseph. Participants can also teleconference CME programs at the Cass Family Clinic in Cassopolis.

*Topics for Fall are listed here,
but are subject to change.*

September 9

4D Ultrasound
Susan Fee, MD

September 16

Overactive Bladder and Urinary Incontinence
Daniel Cannone, DO

September 23

Trends in Renal Transplantation in 2010
Diane Cibrik, MD

September 30

*Anti nuclear Antibodies (ANA)—
How Not to Diagnose Lupus*
Richard Swanson, MD

October 7

*An Update on Allogeneic Stem Cell
Transplantation*
Koen Van Besien, MD

October 14

*Second Victims: The Psychological and
Emotional Aftermath of a Clinician
Involved in a Medical Error*
Laura Hirschinger, RN, MSN
Susan Scott, RN, MSN, CLNC

October 21

Bronson Annual Trauma Review
Speaker TBA

October 28

*Treatment Options for Advanced
Heart Failure*
Allen Anderson, MD

November 3

Neurology Symposium
Pre-registration is required

November 4

TBA

November 11

*Spasticity Management in the
Pediatric Population*
Wendy Burdo-Hartman