Remembering Dr. Benjamin Schuster

Dr. Benjamin Schuster
1923-2012

Dr. Benjamin Schuster will be remembered for his commitment to saving lives and improving our community.

Like our namesake, Charles F. Kettering, Dr. Schuster believed in bringing innovative technology to the Greater Dayton area to improve the lives of others.

Affectionately known as the “Father of Dayton Cardiology,” Dr. Schuster was a pioneer of the Kettering Medical Center cardiology program. He led the creation of Kettering’s dedicated cardiac cath lab, cardiac rehab program, and founded and oversaw the acclaimed Kettering Cardiology Colloquium. Above all, he cared for countless patients with a compassionate, personal touch.

“He took care of hearts of corporations, he took care of people from the working class, unfortunate people, and he treated them all equally with great compassion, great dignity, and great care,” says Franklin Handel, MD, cardiologist of the Schuster Cardiology Associates.

“The real reward of giving with passion is you receive more in return.”

— Benjamin Schuster, MD

Schuster Heart Commercial

His life’s work as a cardiologist culminated in 2010 with the dedication of the Benjamin and Marion Schuster Heart Hospital at Kettering Medical Center. With this gift, Dr. Schuster brought a new level of heart care to our community, combining the latest cardiac technology, testing, and rehab services in one facility designed to promote healing and peace.

Gifts made in memory of Dr. Schuster benefit the Benjamin and Marion Schuster Heart Hospital and help to continue his legacy. Make gifts online at www.kmcfoundation.org or make checks payable to: Kettering Medical Center Foundation, 3533 Southern Blvd, Kettering, OH 45429.
How Physicians Are Improving Patient Satisfaction

Network physicians are going to great lengths to improve the inpatient experience. By working individually and in teams to analyze data to create more efficient processes, they are improving communication with one another as well as clinical staff, patients, and families. If these physicians are successful in improving patient satisfaction, their efforts will not only affect their hospital’s reputation, but impact its bottom line as well.

Beginning next year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will use patient satisfaction survey scores to determine how much to reimburse hospitals for care. The survey, also known as HCAHPS, includes 27 questions, six of which directly relate to physicians:

- How often did doctors treat you with courtesy and respect?
- How often did doctors listen carefully to you?
- How often did doctors explain things in a way you could understand?
- How often was your pain well controlled?
- How often did the hospital staff do everything they could to help you with your pain?
- How often was the area around your room quiet at night?

Network physicians say they are working to improve these scores.

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Since launching the campaign in June, scores have reached the 80th percentile with an average door-to-doctor time of 15 minutes. “Improving our HCAHPS scores requires teamwork, and doctors can play a critical leadership role,” says CJ Guarnieri, director of patient and family experience at Kettering and Sycamore medical centers. “This has to be a priority for nurses, for aides, for administrative staff and for doctors. Everyone can make a difference.”

To receive up-to-date HCAHPS scores for yourself, your department, or your hospital, please contact Greg Wise, MD, vice president of Medical Affairs at Kettering Health Network, at email: Greg.Wise@kwnetwork.org or call (513) 395-8858.

All hospitals are now live with Epic Upgrade 2013 LOOKING AHEAD

Charles C. Watson, DO
Chief Medical Information Officer

All hospitals are now live as we prepare for our first upgrade from our current Epic 2009 to Epic 2012. Some of the enhancements physicians have requested are incorporated into the upgrade. The plan for upgrade training is to have upgrade labs at each hospital campus. These will consist of four to six stations demonstrating the specific highlights of the new functionality. More information on upgrade labs will be forthcoming.

We are renewing the physician super user program for the upgrade. Super users will be participating in validation of upgrade functionality, support of pre-go live labs and support of the go-live itself. Remember that go-live (tentatively scheduled for 04/21/13) is a big-band go-live with all campuses going live at the same time. If you are interested in participating as a super user, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Lisa Laravee.

Physician and user support continues to assist physicians on all campuses and is collecting optimization requests from the medical staff. Following completion of the upgrade next spring, preparations for the conversion to ICD-10 will take priority. The Epic 2012 version supports ICD-10 coding, so the upgrade is essential to the coming coding changes in ICD-10.

If you have any questions concerning the Epic upgrade, ICD-10, or the Super User program, please do not hesitate to call (937) 914-7359.
Terri Day Named New President

Kettering Health Network CEO Fred Manchur named Terri Day president of the network. Previously Fred held both the titles CEO and president. For the last two years, Terri Day has served as network executive vice president of operations. As president for the network, Terri will continue her current operational duties and integrate network operations so patients can count on the same exceptional experience at each of our hospitals and outpatient facilities. Network leaders Roy Chew, Richard Haas, Jennifer Swenson and Terry Burns will report directly to Terri in her new role.

First woman president
Terri is the first woman to serve as network president in Kettering’s 48-year history. Prior to joining Kettering, she was vice president of Adventist Health in Roseville, California. She also served as vice president of hospital finance with financial oversight for six Adventist Health hospitals in central and southern California. In addition, she was chief financial officer for Loma Linda University Medical Center. Terri’s successful 30-year career began at Ernst & Young, where her practice focused on non-profit health care and education throughout the country. Terri lives in Kettering with her husband Tim. They have two children, Andy and Nicole.

Advantages of Gamma Knife® and Synergy

Douglas Einstein, MD, PhD, Medical Director and Chairman of Radiation Oncology

Over the past several years, the network has created the Kettering Health Network Radiosurgical Center of Excellence which contains some of the most advanced radiosurgery equipment in the world. During my transition to Kettering, I was pleased to continue to treat my brain tumor patients with the most accurate brain radiosurgery platform that exists; the Gamma Knife Perfexion. We also had to decide which body radiosurgery platform to acquire as none was available in the region prior to my arrival over two years ago. Although I had extensive experience with the Cyberknife platform, I recommended the Synergy Stereotactic Body radiosurgery platform with Body Fix radiosurgical immobilization because it has distinct patient care advantages:

1. It delivers truly touchless treatment for our patients that does not require any invasive fiducial marker placement or on-board CT scanning to use detailed X-ray images of the tumor continuously during treatment delivery.

2. Delivers body radiosurgery much more rapidly than Cyberknife which adds to patient comfort during the treatment. The KHN Synergy takes an average of 30 minutes for a treatment outside the brain versus 1.5 hours for Cyberknife.

3. The accuracy of the KHN Synergy is the same as the Cyberknife (approximately 1.2-1.3mm), but the KHN Synergy is truly non-invasive for patients whereas the Cyberknife requires invasive marker placement for many patients.

4. We can treat a patient with a radiation beam from any angle for a full 360 degrees, which enables the KHN Synergy to reach many tumors more easily than with Cyberknife which is limited to smaller subset of beam angles.

5. Utilizes detailed CT image guidance to non-invasively visualize the tumor and surrounding normal tissue continuously during treatment. This provides superior imaging and image guidance over the Cyberknife which uses only plain X-ray images.

6. For tumors within the brain, the KHN Gamma Knife Perfexion is the most precise radiosurgery device available in the world. Part of the precision comes from the fact that there is no moving gantry on the Gamma Knife. The Cyberknife requires movement of the accelerator which creates inaccuracies. The accuracy of Gamma Knife for brain tumors is 0.2mm, which is at least five times more precise than the Cyberknife.

Over the past year and a half since acquiring the KHN Stereotactic radiosurgery system, we have successfully delivered several hundred Synergy Body radiosurgery treatments and presented our 94% local control rate at recent scientific meetings. With our KHN Gamma Knife, we have delivered over 1,000 brain radiosurgery treatments. This extensive Gamma Knife Brain Radiosurgery program combined with our Synergy Body Radiosurgery Program makes Kettering Health Network the most experienced radiosurgery center in our region.

Please call me directly with any questions or to discuss any patients that you feel may benefit from radiosurgery. (937) 305-8686

Brain Treatment Commercial

Check out the new Gamma Knife Perfexion commercial on Kettering Health’s YouTube channel or scan the QR code for quick access.

Flu Vaccine Compliance

The Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association announced flu vaccine policy changes at hospitals throughout the area. Kettering Health Network joined other area hospitals with policy changes that keep the health and safety of patients our first priority. While flu vaccines are required for Kettering Physician Network, it is highly recommended that all physicians receive the vaccine. We made this decision on the recommendation of the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association and the Centers for Disease Control. Both organizations recommend that everyone six months and older receive a flu vaccine.

By requiring flu vaccines, we’re helping to ensure a safe and healthy environment for patients. This helps to further our mission to improve the health of the people in the communities we serve. Each year in the United States, more than 36,000 deaths and 200,000 hospitalizations are associated with the influenza virus. When our workforce is protected from seasonal flu, we’re also protecting our patients.

Protect Me

Thank you for doing your part to protect the health of our patients.

FLU SHOTS are required for all Kettering Health Network employees, volunteers and employed physicians. Thank you for helping us protect the people in our community who are the most vulnerable to the flu and related complications. Find out more at the online khn.org site.
Cloud Storage: Know the Risk
Shannon McMorris, Director, Information Security

While cloud storage sites are often used as convenient business tools and might appear to be harmless, these services can actually be quite dangerous if not used properly. Anecdotally, tools such as Google Docs, Dropbox, Snapfish, etc., are some of the tools that are more popular with users nowadays, but also present the greatest risk. For example: recently, Dropbox made the news when it was discovered that their database was compromised and user IDs and passwords were exposed.

As an organization, we do not allow any business sensitive data—especially patient data—to be stored on external applications to conduct Kettering Health Network business without proper approval and the necessary agreements signed by both parties to ensure the security of that data. It is important that we are aware of these risks and are educated on what is the best practice to keep our organization in compliance with security and privacy regulations.

Using these tools puts a tremendous amount of strain on our ability to be compliant with security and privacy regulations. If you have any questions with this communiqué please feel free to contact the Corporate Integrity Department.

THE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION:

1st Place
Clinical Research
L. Kraut, M.D.
Kettering Medical Center
"The Early Effects of Femoral Nerve Catheter Analgesia in Total Knee Arthroplasty"

2nd Place
Clinical Research
K. McFadden, M.D.
Kettering Medical Center
"Management of Locally Advanced NSCLC at Kettering Health Network: A Retrospective Analysis"

1st Place
Clinical Case Study
M. DePeters, M.D.
"75-year-old Male with Frontal Temporal Dementia (FTD) Presents with Respiratory Failure"

2nd Place
Clinical Case Study
K. DePeters, M.D.
"Isolated Pleural Metastasis from Intracranial Meningioma: Case Report and Review of the Literature"

1st Place
Basic Science Research
L. Mathur, M.D.
"Biomechanical Evaluation of the New ProRei-Ulnar Collateral Ligament Reconstruction Technique Compared to the Dockey Technique"

Why PET/CT?
Lisa Heilmann, MD, Chief Radiologist, Fort Hamilton Hospital

The radiologists at Fort Hamilton Hospital are specially trained experts in PET/CT who are committed to excellent patient care. Additionally, patients have access to advanced PET/CT equipment, convenient scheduling, and phenomenal support staff. PET/CT is a non-invasive, diagnostic imaging test that can detect subtle changes in cellular activity to enable accurate lesion localization. PET/CT scans encompass the base of the skull to mid-thigh, which includes the chest, abdomen and pelvis—more sensitive and precise scanning processes than using CT alone. Physicians are then able to more effectively determine prognosis and devise appropriate and timely treatment plans options for the patient.

Indications for PET/CT
- Diagnosing and staging of non-small cell lung cancer
- Diagnosing and staging of colorectal cancer
- Diagnosing and staging of cervical cancer
- Diagnosing and staging of esophageal cancer
- Diagnosing and staging of melanoma (not covered for the evaluation of regional lymph nodes)
- Staging and re-staging of head and neck cancers (not covered for central nervous system or thyroid cancers)
- Staging and re-staging of breast cancer
- Characterization of solitary pulmonary nodules (SPNs)
- Diagnosing, staging, and re-staging of lymphoma

Re-staging of recurrent/residual thyroid cancers after thyroidectomy and ablation under specific conditions

The Uses of PET/CT
- Medical Oncology
  Can initially be used to determine the extent of disease, planning treatment, and monitoring the progress of the treatment plan
- Radiation Oncology
  To determine the best course for radiation treatment
- Neurology
  Can distinguish between various forms of dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.
- Cardiology
  To discover hibernating myocardium

To order a PET/CT scan, call:
Fort Hamilton:
(513) 867-2382
Kettering & Soin:
(937) 396-8508
Ready for the Tiniest Babies

The network delivers more than 5,000 babies a year. Part of providing excellent maternity services includes providing special care when babies need it most.

Kettering Medical Center is a Level IIIB Obstetric unit and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). This allows Kettering to provide continuous care in one location for our patients coping with high-risk pregnancies and fragile infants.

Kettering Health Network’s neonatology and sub-specialty care is provided by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. Soin, Southview, and Fort Hamilton maternity units continue to provide Special Care Nurseries. When a mom or baby requires an advanced level care within our family of hospitals, we transport the mom, baby, and family to the OB and NICU department at Kettering Medical Center based on the level of care needed.

New Sycamore Private Rooms Scheduled for Fall Opening

Wally Sackett, Vice President, Sycamore Medical Center

The reconfigured family lounge area is ready for use and the Unit 2 Private Rooms are anticipated to be ready by the end of November, if everything goes according to plan. The project is beginning the renovation of the existing rooms on Unit 2 which will yield to the new rooms to give us eight additional private beds and a new “on unit” rehabilitation space. Watch for an open house announcement when we will show off the space before we open for services.

Please be sure to thank the plant engineering and construction crew who have stayed on time and minimized the disruption to current operations. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation during these renovation projects.

Running for a Purpose

As part of his personal commitment to improving the lives of disabled children, Hemant Shah, MD, internal medicine physician, recently ran the Dayton River Corridor Marathon Classic while pushing Natasha, his 21-year-old disabled daughter. Despite gusts of wind at 40 mph, Dr. Shah and his daughter finished the half marathon in 1 hour, 52 seconds.

Kettering Team Delivers Quadruplets

A team headed by David Doucette, MD, including three neonatologists, one neonatal nurse practitioner, four respiratory therapists, and six nurses delivered Kettering Medical Center’s first set of quadruplets in over 30 years. The quadruplets were delivered at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 23, after 23 weeks of gestation. All four babies were born within 3 minutes 5 seconds.

Tom and Amanda Barnhart of Middletown had been trying to conceive for over a year. When they finally conceived and visited their doctor, they were a little shocked at the blood work results.

“Whenever she had her blood work, the numbers came back over 2000, and we said, ‘What does that mean?’ The doctor said it means if you’re over 45, then you’re pregnant,” recalls Tom. “So that means we’re really, really pregnant.”

The Barnharts now have five children. Big brother Thomas, 3, also born at Kettering, sported a “big brother” t-shirt on the day of delivery. The new babies: Ashlyn Maria, 2 pounds, 2 ounces, 15 inches; Beau Hunter, 2 pounds, 11 ounces, 14 inches; Christian Lee, 2 pounds, 6 ounces, 14 1-2 inches; and Dakota Elaine, 2 pounds, 11 ounces, 15 inches, are named A, B, C, and D in honor of what they were all called during the pregnancy.

The babies and Amandas are doing well. The babies will remain in the NICU at Kettering Medical Center for about seven to eight weeks and should be home just in time for Thanksgiving.

Ashlyn
Beau
Christian
Dakota

Ashlyn, Beau, Christian, and Dakota remain under the care of Kettering’s Level III NICU.
Kettering & Sycamore Quarterly Staff Meeting
Thursday, December 6
Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center
RSVP to medicalstaffservices@hinetwork.org

Housestaff Awards Banquet

Medical Education held their 46th Annual Housestaff Awards Banquet on May 23, 2012, to honor those completing residency training at Kettering Medical Center. At the banquet, faculty awards were bestowed upon the following. Please join us in congratulating these award recipients.

Internal Medicine Third-Year Residents’ Award
Stephen D. McDonald, MD
Internal Medicine Residents’ Association ‘Teacher of the Year Award’
Parkal Sharma, MD

20-Year Faculty Awards
Bryan P. Schwartz, MD
Catherine D. Bachelor, MD
Jonathan C. Saxe, MD
Albert A. Bunzl, MD
Angeena Urs Ahale, MD
Niraj Reddy, MD

Cardiovascular Fellowship Award of Excellence
Steve Chavez, MD

Kettering Health Network selected Steve Chavez as Vice President of Finance and Operations at Kettering Medical Center System.

Chavez Named VP of Finance & Operations

Steve Chavez,
Vice President of Finance and Operations at Kettering Medical Center System.

Anesthesia
D. Mortensen, DO
Kettering Anesthesiology Associates, Inc.
(937) 293-8228

Cardiology
Joseph Gunasekera, MD, FACP
(937) 558-3021

Cardiovascular Disease
Frank Chen, MD
Southwest Cardiology
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Rehan Ahmed, DO
Southwest Cardiology
(937) 293-3486

Raja Newaz, MD
Kettering Cardiovascular Consultants
(513) 835-3331

Behavioral Health
Jamie Chiu, MD
Kettering Behavioral Medicine Center
(937) 534-4651

Dermatology
Rocco Serna, MD
Dermatologists of Southwest Ohio, Inc.
(937) 433-7536

Diagnostic Radiology
Robert Porter, MD
University Hospital
(937) 644-3062

Emergency Medicine
Suzanne Gayton, MD
Prestone Billing
(937) 436-4658

Christina Smith, MD
Prestone Billing
(937) 436-4658

ENT
Matthew Garrett, MD
Southwest Ohio ENT Specialists, Inc.
(937) 496-3600

Family
Muddassir Ali, MD
Southwest Dayton Acute Care Consultants, Inc.
(937) 433-8990

Gastroenterology
Urmee Saraiya, MD
Digastro Specialists, Inc.
(937) 293-2169

General Surgery
Steven Rudich, MD, PhD
Dayton Surgeons, Inc.
(937) 293-4116

Internal Medicine
Malak Arib, MD
South Dayton Internists
(937) 531-5020

Southwest Dayton Acute Care Consultants, Inc.
(937) 433-8990

Muhi Ahmad, MD
Karlovufo, MD

Medical Imaging
Nathan Bennington, DO
Kettering Network Radiology, Inc.
(937) 297-6036

Neonatology
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Newborn Care Associates
Beth Branden, MD
(513) 205-4820

Jay Ditz, MD
(937) 478-2791

Girish Gowda, MD
(937) 251-1979

Crystal Hill, MD
(937) 490-9000

Pediatrics
Scott Murray, MD
Dayton Center for Neurological Disorders
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Physical Medicine & Rehab
Jacob Yannett, DO
Dayton Vascular & Thoracic Associates
(937) 302-0202

Vascular & Thoracic Surgery

Medical Imaging Study highlighted in Nuclear Medicine Journal

A comparison study performed by three doctors in the department of nuclear medicine at Kettering Medical Center was published in the online Journal of Nuclear Medicine on October 10. Martin Jacobs, MD, and Joseph Martini, MD, internal medicine physicians as well as Tarique K. Narayen, MD, senior nuclear medicine physicist, worked alongside Tarique K. Narayen, MD, physician at Partners Neurology Program at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to determine which type of imaging was best in locating gliomas. Between 1998 and 2006, the researchers reviewed imaging data for 102 patients with histologically confirmed gliomas who underwent MPR, 11C-MET PET and 18F-FDG PET at Kettering Medical Center, with 11C-MET appearing to outperform 18F-FDG PET and MPR in predicting survival in low grade gliomas.

The research team would like to see future studies comparing the various imaging techniques focused on detecting patients with gliomas. The study, “11C-Methionine PET for Grading and Prognostication in Gliomas; A Comparison Study with 18F-FDG PET and Contrast Enhancement on MRI” will be published in an upcoming edition of The Journal of Nuclear Medicine.
Improvements Made to Pre-Admission Testing

In recent months, both Southview and Grandview pre-admission testing have improved their services by simplifying office spaces and consolidating their locations. The purpose of these changes is to provide better patient care and communication for physicians.

"It’s important to have a full understanding of each patient's history," explains Dennis Ward, RN, manager of pre-admission testing/surgery scheduling for Grandview and Southview. "Thanks to Epic, pre-admission testing provides this knowledge in great depth."

Both Southview and Grandview pre-admission testing services offer physicians a broad amount of patient knowledge and background information including the health, surgery, anesthesia, and family histories—allowing for a safe surgical outcome.

While Grandview pre-admission testing is currently located in separate offices, the service expects to move into their updated area as part of the West Wing update. This move will triple their office space.

Also, Southview pre-admission testing recently consolidated to the Cornerstone Medical Building at 7700 Washington Village Drive, Suite 12S in Centerville, behind Champs. Prior to this move, services had been split between Yankee Medical Center and Cornerstone.

Transfer Call Center Adds Grandview & Southview Campuses

On Oct. 1, the network’s Transfer Call Center expanded its service to include Grandview and Southview campuses.

Before the center served Kettering and Sycamore Medical Centers with more than 4,200 admissions and transfers since April 2011.

The addition of Grandview and Southview campuses will help eliminate multiple phone calls and prevent the delay of appropriate patient care based on poor communication, thus streamlining the patient admission and transfer process.

"Physicians and referring facilities alike have reported difficulties with getting patients transferred into Grandview/Southview and that it requires multiple phone calls," says Jim Crews, manager, Transfer Call Center. "The idea is for this to be a ‘one call’ type approach."

Physicians can call the network’s Transfer Call Center with any type of potential admission or transfer from other facilities into Grandview, Southview, Kettering or Sycamore hospitals. The line is manned 24/7 by an RN. Taking a minute or less, the call center RN will ask a few brief questions in order to contact the appropriate member of medical staff for the requested transfer.

After doctor-to-doctor communication results in an agreement to admit, the call center RN will handle all transfer details including obtaining a bed assignment, arranging for any transportation needs, and coordinating communication between facilities.

Call to transfer a patient
(937) 752-2400

The Network’s First Senior Behavioral Care Center

On Thursday, July 12, Kettering Health Network opened the doors to its first dedicated geropsychiatric unit. The Senior Behavioral Care unit is located at Grandview. It cares for patients over 65 with illnesses such as dementia, depression, and psychiatric disorders.

Seniors are the fastest growing population in Montgomery County, yet dedicated psych care for seniors has been almost non-existent until now.

"Traditionally, adult psych units and nursing homes care for these patients. Often, they are not cared for at all," says George Broderick, DO, Grandview psychiatry medical director. "Research showed plenty of behavioral beds for adults and adolescents, but none for seniors. A dedicated center was the next logical step for the community."

Keith Achorn, RN, administrative director of nursing at Grandview, says the new area will offer great benefits for patients.

"In traditional settings, treatment is not as effective for the senior-adult patient," says Keith. "It is difficult to treat a 25-year-old severely bipolar patient in the same room as a 75-year-old dementia patient with depression."

The center was carefully developed and researched, with safety as a top priority since seniors have a high fall risk.

"We wanted this center to treat the whole person. The center offers excellent care while having access to hospital services and expert teams of caregivers," says Dr. Broderick.

Primary care providers and nursing homes can refer patients to the center through the Emergency Department. Patients enter the unit after the ER team medically clears them and confirms a primary diagnosis of a psychiatric disorder.

For questions about this new service, call (937) 723-4515.

Going the Extra Mile

The Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, Dayton Region, honored Sharon Meryman, DO, as a role model for young girls by selecting her as the recipient of the Women of Leadership award on September 18. The award honors women leaders in the greater Dayton region who demonstrate strong initiative and personal leadership on issues relating to women and girls.

Dr. Meryman, a physician with the Dayton Center for Neurological Disorders, is described as a humanitarian who goes above and beyond in caring for her patients, young women, and the Dayton community.

As troop leader for Kettering Girl Scout Troop 43153, Dr. Meryman is able to spend quality time with her daughter and positively influence young girls in the community.

"We have talked about modern-day slavery, the economy, car repair — we get into a lot of topics that I normally would not address," says Dr. Meryman. "Leading a troop is challenging, exhilarating, sometimes frustrating, ever-changing, and fun."

Dr. Meryman also helps the Dayton area by volunteering at two nursing homes near Grandview.

About 10 years ago, she realized that some of her patients in the hospital had no visitors. She found the same situation while visiting patients at local nursing homes. Worried about these patients around the holidays and wanting to make sure they had a wonderful Christmas, she began to participate in holiday parties at robotic Oaks.

Rehabilitation & Nursing Center and Harborside Healthcare.

If a patient’s suffering is more than physical, Dr. Meryman feels it is essential to share those other ailments, which come in many forms. As a DO and as a woman, she treats more than just the body—she treats the whole person.

"Sharon Meryman embodies the heart and soul of Kettering Health Network," says Grandview Medical Center President Richard Haas. "Her work at Grandview, in her practice, and throughout the Dayton area makes our community a better place to live."

Dr. Meryman says she is humbled by the Women of Leadership Award.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," Dr. Meryman says. "I’m in a position where I can help people."
A Family Tradition: Remembering Dr. John Vosler

A good friend of Grandview, physician John Vosler, DO, passed away recently. Regarded as a Grandview "pioneer," Dr. Vosler was the driving force behind the Preble County Medical Center in Eaton. He will be missed and remembered for his tremendous contributions to Grandview and Preble County.

Throughout his career, which included 40 years as the Preble County coroner, Dr. Vosler was passionate about providing his community access to quality health care. Born and raised in Piqua, Ohio, Dr. Vosler was inspired to become an osteopathic physician in high school after a local DO treated him for a neck injury. After serving in the U.S. Air Force in Europe, he received his medical degree from Kirksville in 1955.

In the 1960s, Dr. Vosler moved to Eaton to raise his family and start a family medicine practice. He would later say that he had no idea that his work as a family physician would evolve into the Preble County Medical Center. Affiliated with Grandview, the center brought a new level of health care to the area with multiple physician offices, a dialysis center, pharmacy, medical imaging services, and physical therapy.

Dr. Vosler was honored that all four of his children followed him into the field of medicine. Three of whom (Mark, Scott, and Jill) practice at Preble County Medical Center. His youngest son, Kent, practices medicine in Arizona.

Dr. Vosler and his wife of sixty-one years, Muri, remained in Eaton. He stayed active in retirement, and continued to pursue his other passion—music. A trumpet player since childhood, Dr. Vosler performed with a local swing band, "One More Time," in the Eaton area.

Radiologist Hotline Open for Ordering Physicians

Sharal Mall, DO
Chair of Grandview Radiology Department

Ordering physicians now have direct access to the Grandview Radiology Hotline. Sharal Mall, DO, chair of Grandview Radiology Department, now carries the Grandview Radiologist Hotline cell phone in which you, an ordering physician, can call to speak directly to him.

Improved Access and Service

Dr. Mall will answer your questions about proper imaging modalities to order based on patient's presenting symptoms and suspected pathology. He will also answer questions about the imaging results delivered by the team of radiologists serving Grandview and Southview, as well as our ambulatory care centers in Huber, Beavercreek, Englewood, Preble, Sugarcreek, Lebanon, Yankee Medical Center, and Cornerstone Imaging. Also included are the two Dayton Medical imaging locations in Centerville and Vandalia. We are very thankful to Dr. Mall for his commitment to providing the highest level of service to our physician community.

Dr. Mall is available via cell at (937) 701-2517 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Grandview Residents Receive $25,000 Grant, Update Lounge

Known as "The Perch," the resident lounge and learning center recently received a major facelift thanks to a $25,000 grant from the Physicians' Charitable Foundation of the Miami Valley. The Resident Advisory Committee initiated the project to improve Grandview's resident experience and took approximately a year to write, edit, and perfect the grant.

"The new update makes our hospital more competitive with other residency programs throughout the state and region," says Megan Mackenzie, M2, medical resident and current member of the committee.

"Facilities are something many medical students take into account when deciding which program to choose," says Kelly Fackel, vice president, Grandview Foundation. "It's constantly being used," says Kelly Fackel, vice president, Grandview Foundation. "It's their 'home away from home' when on call."

"The Perch offers residents and medical students a place to study, complete medical records, relax, sleep, watch TV, and spend time together.

After hours, you may leave a voicemail with the best number for Dr. Mall to reach you, and he will return your call. For messages, please provide the patient name, MRN #, and patient date of birth. You may also text message Dr. Mall at the same number.
Physicians to Join Ollie Davis Pavilion

Officially opened on July 6, 2012, the Ollie Davis Pavilion at Soin Medical Center houses specialty doctors and practitioners in orthopedics, oncology, urology, women’s health, and other medical services like digital mammography. The pavilion also contains a physician’s lounge and dining facility where the top floor will eventually include a medical education conference center to serve the medical and general community.

Soin Becomes Level III Trauma Center

After months of collecting data and undergoing a stringent review process that looks at the hosptial’s commitment to the program, preparedness, dedication of resources and capability to respond to the American College of Surgeons standard quality trauma care, Soin Medical Center received its Level III trauma certification on October 9.

The survey team, which visited in July, only stated two criteria deficiencies—the usual deficiency count is around 15.

“We are pleased to be able to provide trauma care at both our Greene county facilities for our patients, closer to their homes than previously available,” says Misty Johnston, MD, chief medical officer, Greene & Soin. “Rokus and congratulations to the Soin Team.”

The lead survey physician complimented Soin on their dedicated trauma leadership—Lynn Bailey, trauma medical director, Greene & Soin; Deb Myers, trauma program manager, Greene & Soin; and Peggy Doyle, administrative nursing director, Soin. Ten medical staff physicians and hospital staff from every department participated in the survey.

Soin proudly joins other Kettering Health Network trauma programs: Greene Memorial Hospital, accredited fully as a Level III Trauma Center, and Kettering Medical Center, currently holding a provisional Level II designation.

Retail Pharmacy: Convenient for Patients and You

Soin’s retail pharmacy is now filling prescriptions. Along with competitive prices, in-network rates, and patient concierge services, you can transfer your prescriptions from other Kettering Health pharmacies, or any local pharmacy. Enjoy the convenience of this full-service pharmacy on the 1st level in the Shops at Soin or call (937) 702-4900 ext. 24900. Open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Grandview • Southview Med Staff Welcomes New Docs! (July-Oct 2012)

PULMONARY
Robert Sickinger, DO* Grandview Pulmonology (937) 223-6637

RADIOLOGY
Nathan Bennington, DO Kettering Network Radiologists, Inc. (937) 297-6366
Robert Porter, MD University Hospital (216) 844-3062

SURGERY
Carey Brown, MD Kettering Bariatric Surgery at Sycamore Hospital (937) 914-7510

Sukhbirnan Sinnathamy, MD Buckeye Heart and Vascular (937) 342-9301
David Westbrock, MD Specialty Medicine Care (937) 429-0607
Umar Gaurah, MD (203) 835-3673

NEURO PSYCH PMR
William Resch, DO Chimlico VA Medical Center (740) 773-1141 x7922
William Kettering Neuroscience Institute (937) 395-8002

INTERNAL MEDICINE
Mohammed Ahmed, MD Buckeye Heart and Vascular (937) 424-3599
Malek Safa, MD Dayton Cancer Center-Medical Oncology Hematology Associates (937) 223-2183

OB/GYN
Thomas Reid, MD Women’s Cancer Center (937) 395-8020

* Kettering Physician Network doctor
Soin Becomes Second Network Robotic Location

Brian Ondlick, DO, general surgeon, performed Soin’s first robotic surgery using the da Vinci system on August 1.

One of the major benefits of robotic surgery is its efficiency. Doctors also report less scaling and blood loss with the robotic surgery.

“With this technology, you only have to use one single port and make one single incision during (gall bladder) surgery,” says Dr. Ondlick.

“The biggest advantage with this surgery is the lack of pain.” — Dr. Ondlick

There are currently five doctors performing robotic surgeries each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Gallbladder: Brian Ondlick, DO OB/Gyn: Michael Clark, MD, and Steven Crawford, MD Prostate: Michael Yu, MD, and Anees Aminzare, MD

Also, William McCullough, MD, and David Doucette, MD, are planning to join the OB/Gyn robotic surgery team soon. Other physicians are looking to utilize the da Vinci system for thoracic procedures.

The program is currently using the First Assistants from Kettering Medical Center. However, negotiations are being held to hire a single site FIN or CST.

The program averaged three to five robotic surgeries per week in September.

Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Expand in Hamilton

Fort Hamilton Hospital is honored to welcome Dr. Krista Migliore to the Hamilton community.

With the addition of Dr. Migliore, the hospital is now able to provide athletic services at Badin and Hamilton High schools.

“My goal is to provide cutting edge orthopedic care while encouraging, building, and maintaining community relationships.” — Dr. Migliore

Dr. Migliore recently finished a fellowship with Methodist Sports Medicine in Indianapolis which included field coverage and game preparation for the Indianapolis Colts.

She is now accepting patients for orthopedic procedures and sports medicine at both the East Butler YMCA and on Coral Avenue in Hamilton.

Bronchial Thermoplasty Arrives

Fort Hamilton Hospital now offers the Alair® Bronchial Thermoplasty System for the treatment of severe persistent asthma in patients 18 years and older whose asthma is not well controlled with inhaled corticosteroids and long acting beta agonists.

The Alair® System is not for use in patients with an active implantable electronic device or known sensitivity to medications used in bronchoscopy. Previously treated Airways of the lung should not be retreated with the Alair® System.

Bronchial thermoplasty is performed through the working channel of a standard flexible bronchoscope that is introduced through a patient’s nose or mouth, and into their lungs. The tip of the small diameter Alair® catheter is expanded to contact the walls of targeted airways. Controlled thermal energy is then delivered to the airway walls to reduce the presence of excess airway smooth muscle that narrows the airways in patients with asthma.

Lung Screen for $99

1. Low-dose lung CT screening has been shown to decrease lung cancer mortality by 20% and is recommended by major societies.

2. Current or former smokers 50-74 years old with a history of smoking 20 or more packs per year are eligible. Otherwise, patients can be considered on a case by case basis. Currently, a $99 copy applies.

3. Preprinted prescription can be used. Lung CT uses 20% of regular chest CT radiation dose. Screening test results will be mailed to the patient and ordering physician.

4. If no abnormalities were found, repeated CT in 12 months is recommended. If pulmonary nodules/masses are seen, patient will be evaluated by pulmonologist with further necessary workup ordered.

Refer patients with a script to Fort Hamilton Hospital Outpatient Radiology.

Open Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
Kettering Cardiovascular Consultants
(513) 867-3331
Sateesh Kesari, MD*
Patrick Lytle, DO*

CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC SURGERY
Kettering Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgeons
(937) 294-3811
Karl Borsody, MD*
Thomas Marie, MD
Peter Pavline, MD
Bruce Rank, DO*

INTERNAL MEDICINE
Fadi Ballowy, MD
Medicine Inpatient Group, LLC
(513) 616-7430

ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MEDICINE
Midwest Orthopedics & Sports Medicine
(513) 867-4665
Krista Migliore, DO*
Jon Moore, DPM*
Joseph Scheidler, DO
Fort Hamilton Orthopedics
(513) 563-0222

SURGERY
Steven Rudich, MD,PhD
Dayton Surgery, Inc.
(937) 295-4126

TELESTROKE
UC Physicians
Opeolu Adeoye, MD
Jordan Bonomo, MD
Joseph Broderick, MD
Simona Ferraro, MD
Matthew Flaherty, MD
Anna Gensic, MD
Aaron Grossman, MD
Daniel Kanter, MD
Pooja Khatri, MD
Brett Kissela, MD
Dawn Kleinendorf, MD
William Knight, MD
Sharyi Martini, MD
Erin McDonough, MD
Arthur Pancioli, MD
Brian Stettler, MD
Daniel Woo, MD

PULMONARY/Critical Care/Sleep
Oluwale Onadeko, MD
Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Associates
(513) 893-5884

RADIATION ONCOLOGY
Rajanish Singla, MD
OncoCare/Fellowship, Care, Inc.
(513) 860-2092

RADIOLOGY
Matthew Neitz, MD
Professional Radiology Inc.
(513) 527-9999

URGENT CARE
Fort Hamilton Urgent Care
(513) 898-6700

* Kettering Physician Network doctor

Farewell to Physician Services Vice President
Howard Denth
Kettering Physician Network
Physician Services Vice President

KPN Physician Breakfast Club
Friday, December 14, 7 a.m.
Olive Davis Pavilion, Sol Medical Center

KPN All Physician and Guest Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 19, 6-8 p.m.
Moraine Country Club

KPN Important Dates

Lainie Dean Named KPN Director of Network Development

Kettering Physician Network is investing $400,000 in faculty improvements for several primary care practices to improve growth and patient experience.

The facilities were selected in an effort to bring all primary care physician offices to the same level.

“We chose to update primary care practices because we want to elevate the patient experience in a specialty that’s consumer driven,” says Lainie Dean, director of Network Development.

Lainie Dean
Kettering Physician Network
Director of Network Development

Please welcome Lainie Dean to Kettering Physician Network as director of network development. Lainie brings a wealth of experience as she has been the owner of Dean Strategy, a consulting company specializing in operations, marketing, strategy formation and business development.

Over the past several years, she has been involved in a variety of Kettering Health Network projects, including the opening of the Schuster Heart Hospital. Most recently, she spearheaded the business development and physician recruitment plans at both Som and Fort Hamilton.

Lainie will be responsible for the Kettering Physician Network recruitment, practice operations and acquisition strategies, and other growth strategies in the future.