IR offers a plethora of non-surgical options for area patients

Exciting things are happening in the area of Interventional Radiology (IR) at MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center. Dr. Neal Khurana, who was recently named the Medical Director of Interventional Radiology at MercyOne Siouxland, is providing patients with alternative options that have been previously unavailable in Siouxland.

Dr. Khurana is offering the latest vascular and nonvascular IR procedures which include nonsurgical options for spine compression fractures, pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis, portal hypertension and cirrhosis, uterine fibroids, and prostate hypertrophy. In addition, his interventional oncology expertise includes catheter directed chemo-embolization/radioembolization and thermal ablation.

He believes there are three profound changes taking place in the IR field. The first being minimally invasive treatment for cancer. For the first time in Siouxland, Dr. Khurana is offering higher end intraarterial radioembolization (Y90) therapy. In some cases, Y90 radioembolization has been shown to be as effective as hepatic segmentectomy in primary and secondary liver cancer.

The second change is the approach to vascular disease. Dr. Khurana notes that in conjunction with Dr. Chad Laurich of Vascular Surgery, Siouxland patients can now have every venous or arterial disease process approached in a minimally invasive endovascular manner – from acute bleeding, chronic occlusions, or aneurysmal disease. Khurana has a special interest in complex IVC filter retrievals and chronic DVT as well, employing advanced techniques he curated during his training at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL.

Thirdly, a comprehensive clinical approach is at the core of IR. Dr. Khurana is consulted like any other specialty service, follows inpatients daily, has outpatient clinic for consults and follow ups, and attends tumor board at the cancer center weekly. In 2018, IR became an ACGME accredited independent 6-year residency program, with a focus on full clinical management of patients. For the past two years, it has become the most competitive residency program for medical students to match in.

“The best thing about IR is the limitless possibilities with today’s imaging technology along with the types of catheters and devices that are available to us; all while providing quicker recovery, increased safety, and lower cost,” says Dr. Khurana.

Dr. Khurana encourages Siouxland physicians and patients to consult IR to have the latest nonsurgical treatments.

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MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center is debuting a new Interventional Radiology Suite. The new Siemens IR equipment will be installed in January and the first procedures will be scheduled in February.

The complex machines will have the ability to move from head to toe around the patient in several dimensions. This allows the patient to be more comfortable, gives the physician the ability to see from several angles and perform the procedure with greater safety and ease.

The new machines will feature software that will allow 3D mapping of vessels, 3D reconstructions of images, and even allow overlay of older scans/images onto the live shot.

To contact Dr. Khurana, call 312-622-1346.
Golden Stethoscope awards given to two Siouxland physicians

Two MercyOne Siouxland Internal Medicine physicians are recipients of the Golden Stethoscope award.

Dr. Larry Sellers and Dr. Amy Callaghan were chosen for the award for their exceptional practice of healing.

Dr. Sellers was nominated by MercyOne Siouxland Skilled Care. The staff says Dr. Sellers ‘Owns It!’ daily by educating his colleagues on pathophysiology including pharmacology and that his patient care is stellar.

Dr. Callaghan was nominated by a colleague for exhibiting all of MercyOne’s cultural beliefs in her interactions with staff and patients. Her teamwork on readmissions is appreciated by her colleagues.

Both doctors were recognized for their concern for the coordination of patient care, high degree of patient and family involvement, and interaction and successful patient outcomes.

Message from the Med Staff President

I hope all have had a good year and look forward to the challenges of the new year. I would like to take a moment to ask all members of the medical staff to make a renewed effort to improve communication around consultations. The policy does require that provider to provider communication occurs for every consult and an order in PowerChart does assist consultants in locating the patient. There many ways to communicate available including phone and DocHalo. Please avoid asking nurses to call consults as there have been several instances when pertinent information was not passed along leading to potential for patient harm.

Thank you for your efforts,
Mark Abraham

Focused Physician Recognition cards are available for patients, colleagues and visitors to recognize a physician who has demonstrated a cultural belief and impacted our key results. Request a Physician Recognition card by contacting Angie Flaugh at 712-279-2297 or flaugha@mercyhealth.com.

FOCUSED PHYSICIAN RECOGNITION

I want to recognize [Name] for demonstrating

Be One  Own It!  Personalize Care  Improve Daily

Dr. Larry Sellers, MD
Dr. Amy Callaghan, DO

February 6
What’s Up Doc
Bodega 401,
401 Pearl Street

This is a CME event with appetizers and refreshments.

Contact Angie Flaugh at flaugha@mercyhealth.com or call 712-279-2297, by Feb. 4.

March 30
MercyOne Medical Staff Appreciation Dinner
Sioux City Art Center,
225 Nebraska St.

Heavy hors d’oeuvres and recognition ceremony.

Save the date

New providers

Ali Novin, MD
MercyOne Siouxland Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation

Daniela Ferrell, NP
MercyOne Siouxland Heart and Vascular Center