

New Robot Enhances ER Stroke Care

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Count to 100 and in that time two people will have suffered a stroke. That's 750,000 strokes a year.

To provide the community with the most high-tech treatment for the emergent stroke patient, St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron (SJMPH) is pleased to announce it recently obtained a new remote presence telemedicine stroke robot through its affiliation with the Michigan Stroke Network (MSN).

This second robot

(pictured below) offers advances available nowhere else in the community for the treatment of stroke patients.

The self-propelled robot provides for one-to-one communication between stroke neurologists and neuroendovascular specialists located at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Pontiac, MI, and the clinical staff, patients and family members in the Emergency Department at SJMPH.

New robotic enhancements include a telephone for directed conversations as well as an electronic stethoscope, otoscope and ultrasound which can be connected to transmit medical data to the off-site, remote specialist directly providing care.

"It's an innovative piece of technology that provides the most recent advances in stroke care along with the most highly-trained specialists," explains Peter Karadjoff, FACHE, President and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. "Due to our affiliation with the Michigan Stroke Network, we are able to offer a service at St. Joseph Mercy not normally available in a community our size. This is just one more example of

how we are continually working to elevate the health status of our region."

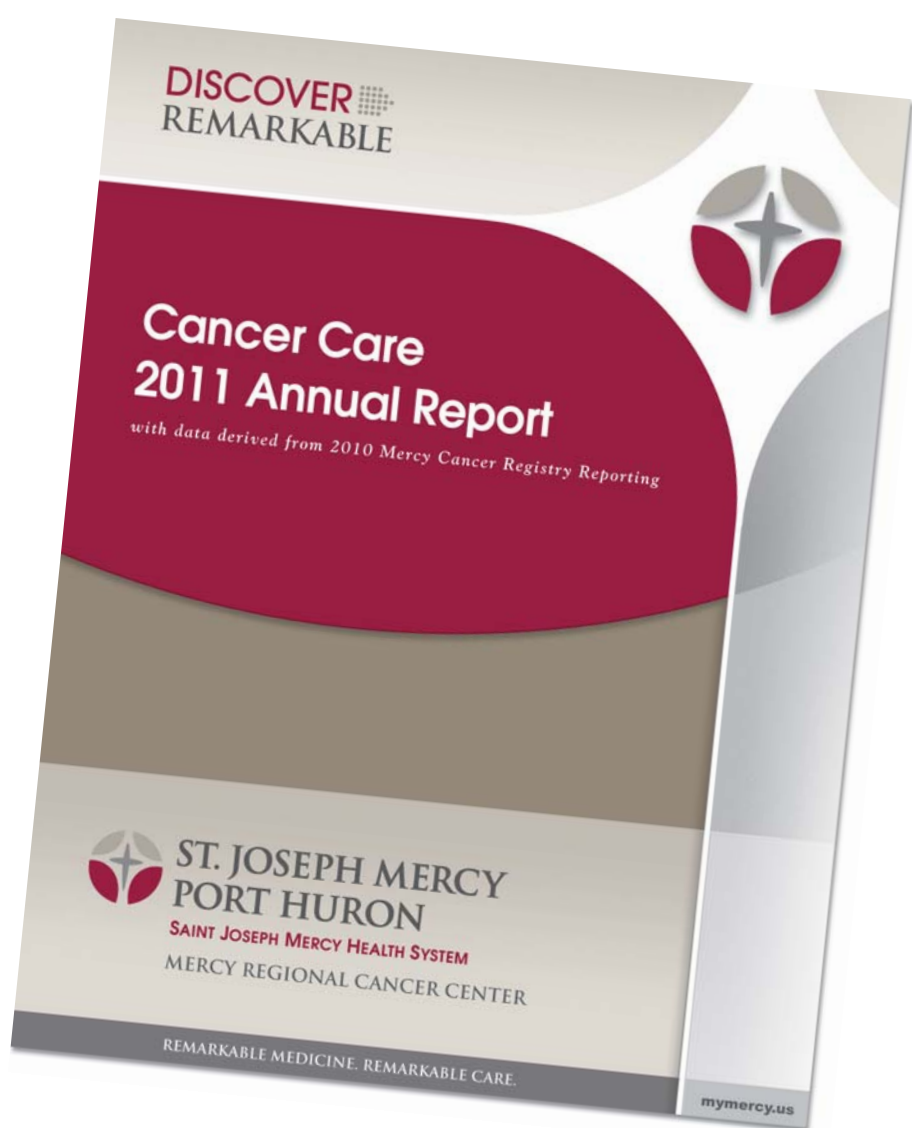
Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and disables more adults than any other condition. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain becomes blocked or bursts. The result can be as serious as brain damage or even death.

With the availability of advanced specialists through the robot, patients can begin life-saving treatment locally and then be transferred to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland where their treatment and care is followed by the staff of a certified Primary Stroke Center.

The affiliation with the MSN brings specialists and technology closer to home for stroke patients in the Blue Water area, increasing the chance for successful rehabilitation and ultimately saving lives.

Since receiving the first telemedicine robot in October 2006, approximately 1,000 patients have been assessed utilizing the expertise of the stroke specialists through the MSN.

For more information on this and other incredible advances in emergency care, visit St. Joseph Mercy online at mymercy.us.



Regional Cancer Center Issues Annual Report

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Providing an in-depth review of local breast cancer treatment and survival statistics, St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron is pleased to present the Mercy Regional Cancer Center 2011 Cancer Care Annual Report.

The annual report,

featuring Five-Year Cancer Survival data as it relates to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), can be accessed by going to the St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron website at: mymercy.us, and visiting the Cancer Section.

The report provides detailed information regarding the programs, services and accomplishments of the Mercy Regional Cancer Center as one of the area's leading providers of cancer services, screening and treatment. "We continually work to update our advanced medical equipment and the services offered to patients throughout the Blue Water and Thumb communities," comments Kanu Dalal, MD, Radiation Oncologist and Co-Chair of the Mercy Cancer Committee.


"We served as the premier sponsor of the 20th Annual Mercy Cancer Symposium, and we introduced the Second-Opinion Telemedicine Robot, designed to offer patients

second opinion access to cancer specialists via robot interlink, without the patient having to leave the community," he said.

"Through our extensive oncology program, St. Joseph Mercy continues to lead extraordinary cancer care," states Peter Karadjoff, President & CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron. "Because we are a not-for-profit hospital, we reinvest our profits back into the communities we serve through services such as our ever-expanding cancer center, while providing patients with the utmost compassion and care."

For more information about the Mercy Regional Cancer Center 2011 Cancer Care Annual Report or to request a copy of the report, please call the Mercy Cancer Registrar at 810-985-1603.

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