Mission
To collaboratively transform the delivery of health care through implementation and evaluation of research promoting innovative approaches to high quality, safe care, improved patient outcomes, at lower cost.

Vision
The Center will engage in nationally funded projects for the implementation and evaluation of innovative approaches for the delivery of patient centered, quality, safe care.

Within five years, the Center will be nationally recognized for the pursuit of a new innovative paradigm of patient care delivery.

Definition for Innovation
The development and implementation of new or altered products, services, processes, systems, policies, organizational structures, or business models that aim to improve treatment, diagnosis, education, outreach, prevention, and research with the long term goal of improving healthcare quality, disparities, safety, outcomes, efficiency, and costs.*

About the Center
- The Center is a partnership between Sparrow Health System (SHS) and Michigan State University (MSU).
- Include affiliates and colleges from MSU (CHM, COM, CON, CAS and COE).
- Projects supported by the Center focus on national health care priorities.
- The Center should be seen as an approach, not a location, that facilitates creativity in individuals and teams as they seek to solve problems, design new care strategies or processes, or utilize new technologies to improve the quality of patient centered care.

Structure of the Center
- Governing Board
- Advisory Board
- Director/Interim Director
- Administrative Assistant

Activities of Center
- Develop Priorities for Innovative projects.
- Develop Criteria for Innovative projects proposals.
- Develop Call for Innovative proposals.
- Meet with interested researchers or teams from MSU and Sparrow to discuss research ideas.
- Match Sparrow/MSU clinicians/research partners to facilitate project development.
- Review proposals when submitted.
- Recommend proposals for funding.

Research Priorities
- Over-prescribing and over-ordering procedures (Choosing Wisely).
- Patient-Centered Medical Home.
- Readmission.
- Coordination of Care.
- Medication Reconciliation.
- Discharge planning/Care transitions.
- Timing of palliative care referrals.
- Electronic communication with patients and families.
- Effective patient centered Communication.
- Engagement of patients and families as partners in care.
- Safe care by reducing harm.
- Reduction of disparities in care access.

Summary
We want to transform patient care in this community and beyond.

We believe that the partnership of MSU and Sparrow will enable us to have innovative approaches to do so.


1b Adapted from: see Source above, page 14