

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS



Gusko Moran

tie and was awarded the Chiropractic Intern of the Month Award. Although he was offered a position of senior intern at S.C.H.C, he chose to finish his internship in his hometown at the Shaner Center.

NEW CFO

St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia has named Michael Gusko of Birmingham, the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Gusko worked for Trinity Information Services of Farmington Hills where he served as Vice President, Finance and Administration since 2000. He has worked for Trinity Health for almost 14 years. Gusko has been a Certified Public Accountant for 16 years

and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

ISD DIRECTOR NAMED

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia has named Julie Moran of St. Clair Shores, as the new Director of Information Services. Moran comes to St. Mary Mercy Hospital from Trinity Information Services of Farmington Hills where she served as System Design Manager since 2000.

Moran has over 20 years experience in health care management. She holds a bachelor of arts in journalism degree from American University, Washington D.C., and a master's of public administration from the University of Michigan - Dearborn.

HIPAA

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ject to fines of up to \$250,000 and/or 10 years in prison.

EXCEPTIONS

Hospitals or other covered entities, pursuant to the HIPAA privacy regulations, may disclose information regarding a patient's health to a public or private entity authorized by law to assist in disaster-relief efforts. Statistics and names can be reported to the Department of Public Health, but not to the media.

"Hospitals could release aggregate information, such as the number of patients and prevention tips to the media," said Charter. He added that he did not know

if callers could get information from the Department of Public Health, which is not a covered entity under HIPAA. Conversely, EMS is a covered entity and could not provide any information to callers or the media.

Police, who are not a protected entity, have more access to information regarding medical information. For example, hospitals must disclose levels of alcohol on DUI suspects.

In addition to those patients who voluntarily opt out of the hospital directory, some patients are automatically excluded, including prisoners, psychiatric patients and victims of domestic violence.

Look for upcoming articles on HIPAA regarding personal medical information, medical records, prescriptions and confidential communications.

CORRECTION

Dr. Theodore Ruzsa, associate director of Botsford General Hospital's Geropsychiatry Unit, was incorrectly identified as "Dr. Rusa" in the April 27 Health article "Depression and the Elderly." The Observer apologizes for the mistake.

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DOCTOR PRACTICES LOCALLY

A new doctor, Brandon K. Wallis, the son of Gaylen and Ellen Wallis of Livonia, is working in his hometown as an associate of Shaner Chiropractic Health Center. Wallis graduated from Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg, S.C. While completing his internship at the Sherman College Health Center he was certified in pediatric chiroprac-

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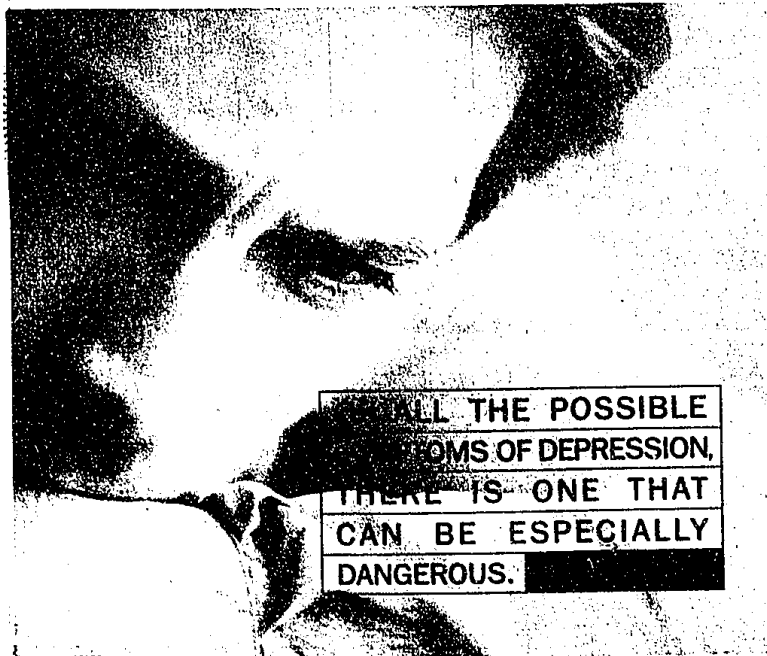
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