

## Lakeland Welcomes New Cardiothoracic Surgeon

**Shawn L. Tittle, MD**, cardiothoracic surgeon, recently joined the practice of Lakeshore Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery, with offices in St. Joseph, Niles, Watervliet, South Haven, and Dowagiac, Michigan.



**Dr. Shawn Tittle (left) joins Dr. Kourosh Baghelai (right) in practice at Lakeshore Cardiothoracic**

Dr. Tittle, a *cum laude* graduate of David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, completed his medical degree at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. Dr. Tittle received his postdoctoral training at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor; Saint Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut; and Yale University School of Medicine. He is board-certified in thoracic surgery.

Prior to joining Lakeshore Cardiothoracic, Dr. Tittle

served as a clinical instructor at Yale, in addition to serving Saint Mary's Hospital as Director of Thoracic Surgery, Assistant Program Director of the General Surgery Residency Program, and attending surgeon.

Dr. Tittle has won numerous awards and honors, published a number of articles in peer-reviewed journals, and made several presentations at national conferences.

Initially attracted to the idea of returning to his home state to practice, Dr. Tittle decided to join southwest Michigan after discovering that his mentor at Yale trained with Dr. Fred Levine, who recently retired from practice with Lakeshore Cardiothoracic.

**Dr. Tittle joins the practice of Lakeshore Cardiothoracic, with Dr. Kourosh Baghelai, with main offices at the Medical Center at 2500 Niles Road, St. Joseph. He can be reached at (269) 408-1660.**

## Continuing Medical Education

Lakeland HealthCare holds MSMS CME accreditation to provide continuing education for staff physicians. Weekly CME programs are designated for 1.0 credit hours and are for Lakeland general medical staff members and ancillary medical staff. All area physicians are invited to attend symposium events, including the spring symposium.

CME programs are held every Thursday at noon in the Frederick S. Upton Education Center at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, and via teleconference in the meeting room at Lakeland Community Hospital, Niles; Garden View room at Lakeland Specialty Hospital, Berrien Center; and Center for Outpatient Services Meeting Room, St. Joseph. Lunch is provided. Topics and speakers for the balance of the season are listed here, and are subject to change.

**January 3**  
**Fatal Beriberi Illness in the Amazon Rainforest**  
Richard Douce, M.D.  
Lakeland Hospital

**January 10**  
**"Work-Up on the Solitary Pulmonary Nodule"**  
Kourosh Baghelai, M.D.  
Lakeshore Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery

**January 24**  
TBA

**January 31**  
TBA

**February 7**  
**Medical Economics: A Wake - Up Call**  
Kenneth Edwards, M.D.  
SW MI Center For Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine

**February 14**  
**Clineguide - An Evidence-Based Online Clinical Support Tool**  
Todd Hodsdon

**February 21**  
**EMTALA Update**  
Bill Jewell, Attorney  
Grand Rapids, MI

**February 28 Topic:**  
TBA  
Shawn Tittle, M.D.  
Lakeshore Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery

**March 13**  
**"Nephrogenic Systemic Sclerosis: New Understanding of an Emerging Disease"**  
Katherine Kwon, M.D.  
Lake Michigan Nephrology  
St. Joseph, MI

**March 27**  
**Pediatric Obesity and Its Health Implications**  
Ami Shah, M.D.  
Mukund R. Shah, M.D., PLC,  
St. Joseph, MI

**For more information, contact Debra Killingbeck, CME coordinator, Lakeland Care Inc., at (269) 927-5153.**