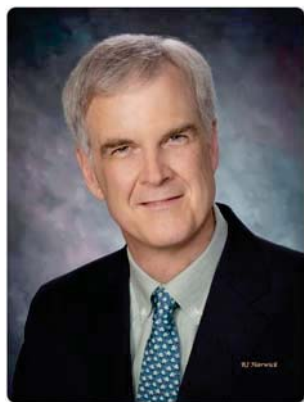


Progress Notes

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



**The white coats are coming!
The (short) white coats are coming!**

Within just a few months, Lehigh Valley Health Network will become “home” to 18 University of South Florida (USF) medical students for all of their third and most of their fourth year rotations. By now, you have no doubt heard of the SELECT (which stands for **S**cholarly **E**xcellence, **L**eadership **E**xperiences, **C**ollaborative **T**raining) Program partnership between LVHN and USF – but why USF and why now?

“LVHN has had a longstanding commitment to training medical students to become good clinicians,” says J. Alan Otsuki, MD, MBA, Associate Dean and Chief, Medical Education, University of South Florida, “and USF has a reputation for innovation. This is a unique opportunity to create a medical school environment that is different – medical students will make their ‘home’ here. They won’t be finishing up one rotation and running off to another ‘big city’ hospital. We can offer them a more personalized experience, blending good clinical training with ‘new era’ skills.”

Health care today is different than it was years ago. According to Dr. Otsuki, “Everything is

more complex. The demographics of our population have shifted – we have more elderly patients and those living with chronic conditions. Advances in medical knowledge and technology have been enormous, and health care delivery systems are now more team-based. This additional complexity demands new skills and innovative ways to apply clinical knowledge.” That’s why, in addition to their clinical studies, USF students get exposure to interdisciplinary care and process improvement in their curriculum. Prior to their acceptance into SELECT, our USF students also participated in an additional layer of qualitative interviews designed to identify students with leadership potential and emotional intelligence skills. The goals of SELECT include developing excellent clinicians who can deliver personalized patient care and who are health system savvy.

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Work has been underway for a couple of years now to prepare for the arrival of our SELECT students. Faculty members from multiple clinical disciplines have been working with the Division of Education and the leadership of the Morsani College of Medicine at USF to develop curriculum and to facilitate small groups of students during their preclinical Doctoring and Professional Development courses. More recently, the SELECT Readiness Team has surveyed over 5,200 LVHN employees to get feedback about our clinical settings as learning environments. Many doctors and APC's can share stories about how their best or worst rotations were influenced by the behavior of their preceptor or the support they received from helpful nurses or staff. The survey will help us identify where we are strong and where we have opportunities to improve before the students arrive in May. This first cohort of students will also provide valuable feedback to us as they make their way through their first full year here.

What can we do to prepare for the arrival of the USF students? Think back to your student days – try to see things through those eyes. Take a critical look at the teams with whom you work – is there open communication? Do teammates display PRIDE behaviors? Do they make newcomers feel welcome and help orient them to the work? Think about the skills you use with students who work with you – do you offer encouragement? Is your feedback specific to what you observe? Ask others on your team about non-verbal behaviors you exhibit. Do you role model professional behavior, even when under stress?

SELECT will give our LVHN community a unique opportunity to help shape the next generation of clinicians – including some of those who will care for us! Dr. Otsuki shares some of this sentiment: “When I’m in the bed looking up, I want to see a caring, compassionate doctor there – one that knows what he or she is doing – one of our graduates.” Indeed, one of the hopes of this program is to make our LVHN culture attractive to our USF students and have them join us as residents and future colleagues. There is no better way for us to share the best of our profession. Have a great month – and share a med student story or two about one of the “good times.”



Robert J. Motley, MD
Medical Staff President

PCE PRESCRIPTION: CREATING A CLEAN CONNECTION

The goal of Lehigh Valley Health Network’s Patient-Centered Experience (PCE) initiative is to give patients and their loved ones the best possible health care experience. Through PCE, the health network is continually looking for ways to enhance its environment of care, including the cleanliness of patient rooms.

PCE Outcomes: Through a new program at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest, housekeepers are encouraged to engage patients to better understand their cleaning needs and preferences. Equally important is their ability to provide comfort and reassurance when patients are anxious or concerned. Performance on general cleaning tasks and priority areas is tracked on “patient expectations” boards.

Why it’s important to you: “Actively involving our patients in all aspects of their care pays dividends on many levels,” says Bruce A. Ellsweig, MD, Vice Chair of Family Medicine for Community Practices. “Identifying and prioritizing a patient’s cleaning preferences does more than create a safer, more comfortable room environment. It also demonstrates respect, builds trust and creates a closer connection with the entire care team.”

Next step: Have a suggestion or want more information on initiatives to keep patient rooms clean, quiet and comfortable? Call Craig Onori, Vice President of Support Services, at 610-969-4298.

For information about PCE, contact James Geiger, Senior Vice President, Operations, at 610-969-4290; Anne Panik, Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services, at 610-402-4267, or James Prowant, Associate Executive Director, Primary Care Operations, at 484-884-8531.

PULMONARY REHABILITATION AT LVH

Pulmonary rehabilitation is offered at both Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. It is a 12-week program in which participants meet two times per week for a time commitment of approximately three hours per week.

What is Pulmonary Rehabilitation?

Pulmonary rehabilitation, as defined by the American Thoracic Society and the European Respiratory Society, is an evidence-based, multidisciplinary, and comprehensive intervention for patients with chronic respiratory diseases. Pulmonary rehabilitation is integrated into the individualized treatment of the patient and designed to reduce symptoms, optimize functional status, increase participation, and reduce health care cost by stabilizing or reversing systemic manifestations of the disease¹.

The main areas of focus are lower and upper extremity exercise conditioning, breathing exercises, education and psychosocial support with additional focus on smoking sensation, oxygen therapy, bronchodilators, antibiotics, nutritional support, and respiratory muscle training and energy conservation.

What are the Goals and Benefits?

The goal of pulmonary rehabilitation is to decrease the cycle of dyspnea and deconditioning of patients with advanced lung disease. Benefits of pulmonary rehabilitation include decreased dyspnea, improved health related quality of life, fewer days of hospitalization, and decreased healthcare utilization².

Who can be enrolled?

Most of the patients referred to pulmonary rehabilitation have moderate to severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease based on GOLD³ criteria with an FEV₁ less than 70 percent, however other patient populations such as those with interstitial lung disease have been demonstrated to have clinical improvements and can be evaluated for enrollment. Most insurance plans will cover up to 36 visits.

Who can refer patients?

Any physician can refer a patient. Consultation with a pulmonologist is not required. Patients should have had pulmonary function testing and an EKG within the last 12 months.

Contact Information

For more information or if you have questions, please contact C. Gerard Petersen, MD, Medical Director, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, at c_gerard.petersen@lvh.com or contact Pulmonary Rehabilitation at LVH-Cedar Crest at 610-402-5915 or LVH-Muhlenberg at 484-884-2559.

¹Nici L, Donner C, Wouters E, et al. American Thoracic Society/ European Respiratory Society statement on pulmonary rehabilitation. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2006; 173:1390.

²Troosters T, Casaburi R, Gosselink R, Decramer M. Pulmonary rehabilitation in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2005; 172:19.

³Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease. Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management, and Prevention of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Revised 2011.

LEHIGH MAGNETIC IMAGING CENTER NEWS

Lehigh Magnetic Imaging Center (LMIC) has increased its coverage and is now open 24 hours a day, every day of the week, including weekends. The expanded hours will allow a quicker response for emergent inpatient and ER studies and provide routine inpatient scanning at any time, night or day.

LMIC has also introduced its new website to better serve referring practices and patients. The website provides practices guidance in ordering the appropriate study and detailed information about insurance requirements

(e.g., pre-certification) or restrictions for the major insurers. The website facilitates many activities for patients such as scheduling appointments and completing paperwork in advance and describes what to expect upon arrival and during the study. Patients may also pay bills securely on-line. The LMIC website is www.lehighvalleymri.com.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Richard Challes, Business Director, Lehigh Magnetic Imaging Center, at 610-740-9731.

ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS UPDATE



Meet the APC Staff

A member of the LVHN Allied Health Professional staff since June, 2009, **Jamie L. Reynolds, PA-C**, is this month's featured practitioner.

Cancer is a word that typically does not put a patient at ease. However, Jamie Reynolds, physician assistant with Hematology-Oncology Associates, helps care for patients who love her and ask for her by name. It takes a special blend of warmth and intelligence to do what she does. It is no surprise that she was the recipient of the Friends of Nursing Award for the Promotion of Patient Care in 2012.

Jamie begins her day at 7 a.m., on the fifth floor at LVH-Muhlenberg rounding on a variety of patients who are undergoing intensive inpatient chemotherapy regimens for leukemia, lymphoma, and other cancer diagnoses. She replaces electrolytes, orders medications for symptom relief, and provides education to patients. Chemotherapy teaching is an important part of her job and affords time in which she can educate her patients regarding the process, expectations, and complications of chemotherapy. After rounds, Jamie attends to the patients on the consult service to provide recommendations for new cancer or hematologic diagnoses. Over time, she develops a repertoire with patients. In some situations, this relationship will require discussing difficult end of life decisions. By 10 a.m., she partakes in group rounding with her attending physicians. Jamie spends her afternoons completing initial consultations and oncology admissions or discharges.

Jamie's favorite part of her job is spending "quality time" with her patients each day. She appreciates the ability to share in her patient's journey – a journey that at times brings reasons for celebration and at others, reasons for sadness. Nevertheless, these situations present times of need for her patients, and Jamie is grateful to provide the care and support necessary.

Jamie is a graduate of Columbia College where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She also earned a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from DeSales University.

On a more personal note, Jamie is married to Shawn Reynolds, a physician assistant with LVPG-Emergency Medicine, who is currently serving in the U.S. Army. Although she lives in Upper Macungie, Jamie is a St. Louis girl at heart and loves to cheer for the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. She enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends, traveling, and hanging out with her two German Shepherds – Raiko and Nikita.

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USF College of Medicine and
Lehigh Valley Health Network

Meet Our Students – Class of 2015



Name: Ian Mark

Hometown: Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Undergraduate College: Oberlin College

Major: Philosophy

Hobbies/Interests: Exploring other cultures and traveling abroad

Why did you choose SELECT?

I chose SELECT for the outstanding opportunity to learn from faculty mentors in a classroom setting during the first two years and the LVHN learning experience in the clinical years. The excitement amongst the faculty members was extremely apparent when I visited LVHN during my interview and second look. Already, through one year, my relationships with my faculty mentors have been outstanding opportunities to enrich my medical education.

Future Goals/ Interests:

To merge my interest from my previous career in operations management with my passion for medicine.

For more information, contact Michael J. La Rock, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine and Associate Clinical Professor, Morsani College of Medicine, USF Health, at michael.j.larock@lvhn.org.

CHANGES TO MEDICAL STAFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following revisions to the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations received approval by the Medical Executive Committee on November 6, 2012, the General Medical Staff on December 10, 2012, and the Boards of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg on January 9, 2013.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - The following revisions were made to adhere to Act 68 of 2012, introduced to Senate Bill 1351, amending the Vital Statistics Law to allow a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP) to certify the cause of death and sign a death certificate or fetal death certificate for a patient under the care of the CRNP.

K. DEATH CERTIFICATES AND AUTOPSIES

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3. Death Certificates must be signed by the attending Medical Staff Member or credentialed certified registered nurse practitioner unless the Coroner assumes jurisdiction.

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5. If the Emergency Department physician is unaware of the cause of death, the patient’s personal physician or credentialed certified registered nurse practitioner whose care the patient was under, should be contacted to sign the death certificate. If neither the personal physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, nor the Emergency Department physician is are willing to sign the death certificate, the Coroner must be contacted.

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If you have any questions regarding these revisions, please contact Karen Fox in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8957.

At the January 9, 2013 combined meeting of the Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg Boards of Trustees, the Boards approved updates to the Hospital Staff Development Plan (Manpower Plan), which is now available for your information on the Medical Staff Services website. To access the website from the LVHN Intranet, select “Resources” – “Medical Staff Services” – “Medical and Allied Health Staff Resources (Internet)” then select “Documents and Policies” and “Staff Development Plan.”

NEW MEDICAL STAFF SERVICES WEBSITE

Take a minute to visit the new Medical Staff Services website accessible from both the LVHN Internet and the Employee Intranet.

To access from the internet – www.lvhn.org – select “For Health Professionals” from the black top menu bar. Then select “Services for Members of the Medical Staff.”

From the LVHN Employee Intranet (available from any network computer), select “Medical Staff Services” from the blue top menu bar. Then select “Medical and Allied Health Staff Resources.”

The new user-friendly website features Directories and Lists, Documents and Policies, Newsletters, and a host of useful information for new applicants to the Medical and Allied Health staffs.

If you have any questions regarding the new Medical Staff Services website, contact Leila Antoniazzi-Hejda or Janet Seifert in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8980.

The screenshot shows the Lehigh Valley Health Network Medical Staff Services website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "For Referring Physicians", "For Health Professionals", "For Employers", "Careers", "Online Billpay", and "Español". Below this is the Lehigh Valley Health Network logo and a search bar with the text "Search Medical Staff Services...". A secondary navigation bar contains links for "Home", "Conditions & Treatments", "Our Services", "Facilities & Directions", "Patient & Visitor Information", "Wellness Resources", and "Research & Education". The main content area is titled "Medical Staff Services" and includes a "Welcome" message, a photo of three medical staff members, and a list of services and documents.

PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

Document According to Standard Definitions

Please consider the following evidence-based clinical definitions when documenting diagnoses in the medical record.

NEW Malnutrition Definition

New guidelines published in the May 2012 *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* represent a consensus statement of the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN). The Academy and ASPEN both advocate for use of a standard set of diagnostic criteria to identify and document adult malnutrition.

The Academy and ASPEN state that malnutrition should be diagnosed when providers identify/document **at least two or more** of the following six characteristics* *in the setting of an acute illness or injury, a chronic illness, or social or environmental circumstances.*

- Insufficient energy intake (expressed as a specific % of the estimated energy requirement over a specific time)
- Weight loss (specific % over specific time)
- Loss of muscle mass (mild, moderate, or severe)
- Loss of subcutaneous fat (mild, moderate, or severe)
- Localized or generalized fluid accumulation (mild, moderate, or severe)
- Diminished functional status as measured by hand grip strength

* For additional characteristics, refer to: White et al, Consensus Statement: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition: Characteristics Recommended for the Identification and Documentation of Adult Malnutrition (Undernutrition), *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, May 2012, Volume 112, Issue 5, Pages 730-738.

Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) = An abrupt reduction in kidney function defined by:

- Increase in serum creatinine of ≥ 0.3 mg/dl within 48 hours
- OR
- Increase in serum creatinine to ≥ 1.5 x baseline Cr, known or presumed to have occurred within the prior seven days

Source:

- **KDIGO**, Volume 2, Issue 1, March 2012.

Accelerated Hypertension = A rapid and sudden increase in blood pressure over the baseline level that, if untreated, poses a threat for damage to organs and tissues.

- Systolic pressure >180 and/or diastolic pressure >120 .
- Symptoms may include headache, blurry vision and/or nausea.

Sources:

- Maria Alexandria Rodriguez, MD, Siva K. Kumar, MD, and Matthew De Caro, MD. Hypertensive Crisis. *Cardiology in Review* 2010, 18 : 102-107
- Handler, J. Hypertensive Urgency. *Journal of Clinical Hypertension*, 2006 January; 8 (1) : 61-4.
- Cherney, D., Strauss, S. Management of Patients with Hypertensive Urgencies and Emergencies: A systemic review of the literature. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 2002 December; 17 (12) : 937-45.

Sepsis = Any two SIRS criteria (Temp $>100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $<96.8^{\circ}\text{F}$, HR >90 bpm, RR >20 breaths/min, WBC count $>12,000/\text{mL}$ or $<4000/\text{mL}$ or $>10\%$ bands) + source of infection.

Severe Sepsis = Sepsis + associated organ dysfunction, hypoperfusion or hypotension. Manifestations may include: lactic acidosis, oliguria, and encephalopathy.

Septic Shock = Severe Sepsis + Acute circulatory failure unexplained by other causes. SBP <90 or MAP <60 , reduction in SBP 40 mmHg from baseline despite adequate volume resuscitation; patient requires inotropic or vasopressor support despite adequate fluid replacement.

Sources:

- 2001 SCCM/ESICM/ACCP/ATS/SIS International Sepsis Definitions Conference. *Critical Care Medicine* 2003;31:1250-56.
- American College of Chest Physicians/Society of Critical Care Medicine Consensus Conference: Definitions for sepsis and organ failure and guidelines for the use of innovative therapies in sepsis. *Critical Care Medicine* 1992 June; 20(6):864-74.

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Cardiogenic Shock:

- A sustained (>30 minutes) episode of systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg, and/or
- A cardiac index <2.2 L/min/m² determined to be secondary to cardiac dysfunction, and/or
- The requirement for parenteral inotropic or vasopressor agents or mechanical support to maintain blood pressure and cardiac index above these specified levels (e.g., intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP), extracorporeal circulation, ventricular assist devices).
- Hemodynamic compromise (with or without extraordinary supportive therapy) must persist for at least 30 minutes.

Exclusions:

- Transient episodes of hypotension reversed with IV fluid or atropine.

Source:

- Acute Coronary Syndrome Data Standards (*Journal of the American College of Cardiology* 2011 38:2114-30).

If you have any questions, please email John Pettine, MD, FACP, CCDS, Director, Clinical Documentation Improvement, at john.pettine@lvhn.org.

CONGRATULATIONS



Richard C. Boorse, MD, Chief, Division of General Surgery, was recently recertified in Surgery by the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Boorse, who has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1990, is in practice with General Surgical Associates.



Joseph Kavchok, Jr., MD, a member of the Division of Ophthalmology, was recently recertified in Ophthalmology by the American Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Kavchok has been a member of the Medical Staff since March, 1989, and is in solo practice in Allentown.



Kristin M. Menconi-Drost, MD, a member of the Division of General Pediatrics, was recently recertified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. She is also board certified in Pediatrics. Dr. Menconi-Drost has been a member of the Medical Staff since March, 2008. She is in practice with ABC Family Pediatricians.



Orlando J. Penaloza, MD, a member of the Division of General Internal Medicine, has satisfied the credentialing requirements established by the American Academy of HIV Medicine and has earned the designation of HIV Specialist. Dr. Penaloza has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2010. He practices at Centro de Salud and the Hepatitis Care Center.



Mahim Shah, MD, a member of the Division of General Pediatrics, has met all the requirements and has become board certified in Pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics. A member of the Medical Staff since August, 2009, Dr. Shah is in practice with ABW Pediatric Associates.



Mark S. Trachtman, MD, a member of the Division of Ophthalmology, was recently recertified in Ophthalmology by the American Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Trachtman has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 1992. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Eye Center, PC.

PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



Sigrid A. Blome-Eberwein, MD, Division of Burn/Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/Plastic Surgery; **Daniel D. Lozano, MD**, Chief, Division of Burn; **Rohit Sharma, MD**, Division of General Surgery, Section of Surgical Oncology; Sherrine Eid, MPH, Department of Community Health and Health Studies; and Christina Gogal, BS, Network Office of Research and Innovation, were co-authors of the article – “Effect of Subcutaneous Epinephrine/Saline/Local Anesthetic vs. Only Saline Injection on Split Thickness Skin Graft Donor Site Perfusion, Healing, and Pain” – which was published in the December 12, 2012 issue of the *Journal of Burn Care and Research*.



Meredith L. Rochon, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics; Julia Gogle, MSN, Labor and Delivery; Sherrine Eid, MPH, Department of Community Health and Health Studies; **John C. Smulian, MD, MPH**, Vice Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and **Joanne N. Quinones, MD**, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics, co-authored the article – “Oxytocin discontinuation during active labor in women who undergo labor induction” – which was published in the December 2012 issue of the *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology*.



Sweetie Jain, MD, Department of Family Medicine, and Nyann Biery, MS, Manager, Program Evaluation, Department of Family Medicine, were two of the co-authors of the article – “Patients With Disabilities as Teachers” – which was published in *Family Medicine*, Volume 45, Number 1, January 2013.



Thomas D. Meade, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was an invited lecturer at the North American Sports Medicine Forum held on January 7 in southwest Florida. Dr. Meade was part of a point-counterpoint debate on Kinematic vs. Mechanical Axis Approach to Total Knee Arthroplasty.



Juhan Paiste, MD, MBA, Department of Anesthesiology Vice Chair, Operations, attended the American Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting held October 13-17, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Paiste was a member of a panel presentation titled “ICD-10-CM: What You Need to Know NOW and What You Should Be Doing NOW.”



In addition, Dr. Paiste, along with Loretta Kowalick, RN, practice manager; **Maria D. Thomas, CRNA**, and **Ivan J. Perry, DO**, Department of Anesthesiology co-authored the article – “Conversion to ICD-10: Implications for Anesthesiologists and Their Practices” – which was published in *Advances in Anesthesia*, Volume 30, Issue 1, 2012, p 131-146.



Jeffrey L. Sternlieb, PhD, psychologist, Department of Family Medicine, authored the article – “Teaching the Value of Continuity of Care: A Case Conference on Long-Term Healing Relationships” – which was published in *Families, Systems and Health*, Volume 30, Number 4, December 2012.



Julie K. Wachtel, DO, former Emergency Medicine resident, along with members of the Department of Emergency Medicine, **Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH**, **Kevin R. Weaver, DO**, and **Bryan G. Kane, MD**, and Amy B. Smith, PhD., Medical Educator, Center for Educational Development and Support, were co-authors of the article – “Residents as Teachers: Residents’ Perceptions Before and After Receiving Instruction in Clinical Teaching” – which was published in the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*, January 2013, Volume 113, Number 1.



UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Update in Cardiology 2013 for Physicians

“Update in Cardiology 2013 for Physicians” will be held on **Saturday, March 2**, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest. The guest speaker will be Rick A. Nishimura, MD, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Professor of Medicine, Judd and Mary Morris Leighton Professorship in Cardiovascular Diseases and Hypertension. His topic of discussion will be “Hemodynamics of Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases.”

For more information or to register for this free symposium, please call 610-402-CARE (2273).

Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on **Tuesday, February 5**, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 10 at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg. “A Significant Incidental Abnormal Lab Value” will be presented by James W. Manley, DO, Department of Family Medicine, and Brian Caswell-Monack, DO, Chief Family Medicine Resident.

For more information, contact Tammy Winterhalt in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4950 or via email at tammy.winterhalt@lvhn.org.

Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays, from Noon to 1 p.m., in Lehigh Neurology’s Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor, and teleconferenced to Lehigh Neurology’s Bathgate office. Topics to be presented in February include:

- February 7 – “Seizures and Post Anoxic Coma” – Soraya E. Jimenez, MD (Additional Location: Kasych ECC Room 5)
- February 14 – “Stroke and Pregnancy” – Hermann C. Schumacher, MD (Additional Location: Kasych ECC Room 9)
- February 28 – “Sleep Related Neurological Disorders” – Clarissa J. Liew, MD (Additional Location: Kasych ECC Room 9)

For more information, contact Angeline Regis, Coordinator, Neurosciences, at 610-402-9008.

OB-GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds are held on Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m., at the noted location. The topics for February include:

- February 1 – “Maternal Hemorrhage, CHyst, and Placenta Acreta” – Daniel G. Kiefer, MD (Location: Kasych ECC Room 10)
- February 8 – “Ancestry, Geography, and Reproductive Health: How Race, Ethnicity, and Environment Impact Outcomes Across the Lifecourse” – Samantha Butts, MD, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Penn Medicine

For more information, contact Julie Gualano in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at 610-969-4515.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds on Tuesdays at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest. The topics for February include:

- February 5 – “Bullying” – Sarah L. Stevens, MD, MPH
- February 12 – Pulmonology topic – Robert W. Miller, MD
- February 19 – “The Relation Between Tylenol and Asthma” – Robert M. Zemble, MD
- February 26 – Quality topic – Michael J. Consuelos, MD

For more information, contact Cari Coelho in the Department of Pediatrics at 610-969-2540.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on **Thursday, February 21**, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms B, C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg. The presentation will also be teleconferenced to the Presidents’ Room at LVH-Cedar Crest.

“Adolescent Suicide Prevention” will be presented by Matthew B. Wintersteen, PhD, Director of Research, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Temple University.

For more information, contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at tammy.schweizer@lvhn.org.

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Spine Conference

Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 a.m. Clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Interesting Case Conference will be held on **Wednesday, February 6**, in Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

For more information, please contact James C. Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery, or Lori Zimmerman, Nursing Manager, at 610-973-6271

Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics for February include:

- February 5 – “Plus CA Change, Plus C’est La Môme Chose” or The Past, Present, and Future Trends of Hemodynamic Monitoring in the ICU – E. James Frick, MD, Surgical Critical Care Fellow
- February 12 – “Utilization of Mobile and Social Networking to Enhance Surgical Education: An Update” – Dale A. Dangleben, MD, Co-Director, Medical Student Clerkship
- February 19 – “Pancreatic Tumors” – Ryan A. Lawless, MD, Chief Surgical Resident
- February 26 – “Diverticulitis” – Liam Smith, MD, Colon-Rectal Surgery Resident

For more information, contact Cathy Glenn in the Department of Surgery at 610-402-7839.

Emergency Medicine Institute – Life Support Classes

Upcoming life support classes sponsored by the Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI) are listed below:

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

ACLS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to Noon, at the Emergency Medicine Institute located at 2166 S. 12th Street, Allentown, on the following dates:

- February 22, 25
- March 6, 18, 19
- April 4, 24, 25, 26

In addition, a two-day provider course will be held on March 11 and 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

PALS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute on the following dates:

- February 18
- March 15, 28
- April 2, 15, 30

In addition, two-day provider courses will be held March 13 and 14, and April 11 and 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

Registration information and a list of additional classes are available on the EMI website. To access the website from the LVHN Intranet homepage, select “Departments” – “Non-Clinical” – “EMI.”

For more information regarding these classes, contact Christine Ash at the Emergency Medicine Institute at 610-969-0299.

What’s New in Continuing Medical Education?

FYI – Upcoming Events

- **Mindfulness Training for Medical Professionals**
7 week course – Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 7, 14, 21 – 6 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 9 – 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kasych ECC Room 10 – LVH-Cedar Crest
- **Neurology Update for the Non-Neurologist**
February 20 and 21 – 4:30 to 9 p.m.
Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 – LVH-Cedar Crest
- **Update in Cardiology 2013**
Saturday, March 2 – 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 – LVH-Cedar Crest
www.updateincardiology.com
- **Annual Risk Symposium**
“Perception vs. Reality: Effective Care and Effective Communication”
April 12 – 8 a.m. to Noon
Auditorium – LVH-Cedar Crest

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- **6th Annual Ethics Symposium**
April 17
DeSales University

- **Madness and Wasted** – Medallion Lecture 2013
Wednesday, May 8
2 p.m. – Live Event - ECC Rooms B, C and D –
LVH-Muhlenberg
Videoconferenced to Auditoriums – LVH-Cedar
Crest and LVH-17th Street and Conference Room 1
at 2100 Mack Blvd.
7 p.m. – Live Event – Cedar Crest College, Samuels
Theatre, Tompkins College Center

To register for any of the listed events, please call 610-402-CARE (2273).

For more information regarding these programs, view brochures for the events on the Division of Education's website on the Network Events Calendar.

If you have any questions regarding CME/CNE accreditation, PI CME, or the CE Advisory Board, contact Jane Grube, Associate Director, Continuing Education, at 610-402-2398.

ETHICS CORNER

Coming Attractions...Ethics Symposium 2013: Walk the Talk

by Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair, Ethics Committee

“What we have here is a failure to communicate.”... Many of you have heard that line before, and many more have experienced it. Well, we have just the thing for you. The **6th Annual Ethics Symposium: Walk the Talk** will be held on **Wednesday, April 17, 2013** at DeSales University. The full-day event will be held from 7:45 a.m. until 4 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Lori Roscoe, Associate Chair of the Department of Communication at USF. For the first time, the event will be teleconferenced to the USF campus. The symposium is being offered to all healthcare providers, from EMS to hospitalists, as well as local universities with Ethics programs. There will be interactive breakouts on communication for varied purposes and environments. Topics regarding office communication, team communication and family meetings will be addressed. Speakers will include our own Eric J. Gertner, MD, MPH, Division of General Internal Medicine, and Sarah Nicklin, MD, Section of Palliative Medicine and Hospice. In addition, Krista Hirschman from the Center for Interprofessional Collaboration, will speak on a special form of communication in our educational environment – feedback. Continuing education credits are being applied for in the following areas: Prehospital, Medicine, Nursing and Social Work.

So you don't have to go far from home for the Medical Ethics you need. It is right here in the Valley. Save the date and register early! Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other Ethics topic, please contact Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair, Ethics Committee, at robert.barraco@lvhn.org.

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Walk the Talk

Save the Date
6th Annual Ethics Symposium
Wednesday, April 17, 2013 • DeSales University

Conference details to follow

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This section contains an update of new appointments, address changes, status changes, resignations, etc. Please remember to update your directory with this information.

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