

Progress Notes

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

After reviewing some statistics on the medical staff, I was intrigued by some of the figures including the size of some departments, the diversity of specialties, as well as areas that have remained constant while others have changed dramatically. I thought it might be fun for you to have a chance to test your knowledge about our LVHN medical staff.

LVHN Medical Staff Quiz

1. How many members are on staff (including active, associate, affiliate and medical administrative)?
2. What percent of the current medical staff are women?
3. What is the average age of the current medical staff?
4. What are the four largest departments in order?
5. Of the following departments, which has the most members on staff – OB/GYN, Dental Medicine or Emergency Medicine?
6. Which group of physicians is larger – neuroradiology or cardiac anesthesiology?
7. Which department is the smallest – Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, or Pathology & Laboratory Medicine?
8. How many times larger is the current medical staff of LVHN than it was in 1986?
9. Is the current medical staff older or younger than the medical staff in 1986?
10. What is the increase in the number of admissions over the last five years?

Answers on next page

Answers to Medical Staff Quiz

1. There are currently **1,193** members on the medical staff. This number increases by 115 to 1,308 when those physicians with honorary status are included.
2. **24.8%** of the medical staff are women.
3. **48.3 years** - This figure does not take into account those physicians with honorary status.
4. **The Department of Medicine** is the largest department with 383 physicians. Within the Department of Medicine, the largest division is General Internal Medicine with 142 members, followed by Cardiology with 78 members, then Hospital Medicine with 40 (also in the Division of General Internal Medicine.) The Department of Medicine also includes 21 pulmonologists, 12 of whom are also critical care physicians, 21 nephrologists, 17 hematologist/oncologists, 16 neurologists, 16 gastroenterologists, 11 infectious disease physicians, 9 endocrinologists, 8 rheumatologists, and 8 allergists.

The Department of Surgery is the second largest department with 211 surgeons. The largest division in the Department of Surgery is Orthopedic Surgery with 42 surgeons, followed closely by General Surgery with 41. Also within the department are 32 members of Podiatric Surgery, 18 urologists, 16 plastic surgeons, 12 trauma surgeons, 11 colon and rectal surgeons, 11 spine surgeons, 10 ENT surgeons, 8 oral and maxillofacial surgeons, 7 vascular surgeons, 7 cardio-thoracic surgeons, 7 burn surgeons, 6 hand surgeons, 5 neurosurgeons, 4 pediatric urologists, and 3 pediatric surgeons. (Please note: Several members of the Department of Surgery are members of multiple divisions.)

The Department of Family Medicine ranks third with 195 physicians, 9 of whom are practicing occupational medicine.

The Department of Pediatrics ranks fourth with a total of 94 pediatricians, 64 of whom are generalists and 30 are specialists.
5. **Dental Medicine** – LVHN has a large representation of the area's dentists with 68, 45 of whom are practicing general dentistry. Next largest is Emergency Medicine with 58 physicians, followed by OB/GYN with 54. In OB/GYN, there are 30 general OB/GYN physicians, 11 general gynecologists, 7 maternal-fetal medicine specialists, 2 gynecologic oncologists, 2 reproductive endocrinologists, and 2 urogynecologists.

6. **Neuroradiology** - LVHN currently has 44 radiologists with 9 neuroradiologists, 6 interventional radiologists and 1 neurointerventional radiologist. In Anesthesiology, there are 34 physicians, 6 in the cardiac area, 7 in OB, and 5 who specialize in pain medicine.
7. **Radiation Oncology** is the smallest department with 5 physicians. Psychiatry has 28 physicians, and Pathology & Laboratory Medicine has 17. Of our pathologists, 14 are specialized.
8. **2.7** – In 1986, the medical staff had 442 members which has grown to 1,193.
9. The current medical staff is only slightly older now than it was in 1986. The average age of the medical staff in 1986 was 45.1 years and is now 48.3 years.
10. **19,862** - The number of admissions in FY03 was 41,209 which increased to 61,071 in FY08, an increase of 48%.

(Current medical staff numbers are based on information as of December 31, 2008.)

Were these figures what you expected? Did the departments rank in size as you thought they would? Were you surprised by any of these numbers? I was most struck by the fact that women physicians make up almost 25% of our staff. Recently, I read approximately 50% of medical school graduates are women and I would expect the percentage of women on staff at LVHN to rise in the future. It will be interesting to watch this percentage over the next decade.

It is not surprising that our average age has increased since 1986. We have seen this trend with nursing staffs as their average age has increased in response to a national shortage. The literature suggests a national shortage in physicians and it reasonably follows that the average age of physicians will increase as older physicians continue to work more years to fill in the gap.

Have a good month!



Matthew M. McCambridge, MD
Medical Staff President

PALLIATIVE MEDICINE CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES END SOON

In 2006, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) accepted Hospice and Palliative Medicine as a discrete medical sub-specialty. Concurrently, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) created an accreditation process for fellowships that will lead to board eligibility. For the next three years, physicians who are currently boarded in one of 10 sponsoring specialties who have substantial experience in palliative medicine may petition to sit for the certifying exam in 2010 or 2012. After this point, only physicians who complete an ACGME fellowship may become certified. Physicians currently certified by the previous credentialing body, the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (ABHPM), must recertify during the grandfathering period as well, but do not have to petition for eligibility.

In the grandfathering period, physicians who do not hold ABHPM certification can petition to sit for ABMS boards after showing a commitment to the care of patients who suffer advanced complex illnesses or who are at the end-of-life. It is required that each physician care for at least 50 patients who die and participate in interdisciplinary rounds for patients with advanced complex illnesses.

Recognizing the difficulty of mid-career physicians to leave a practice and enroll in a fellowship, the OACIS program is willing to help any physician at least two years out of training and certified by one of the 10 participating boards to have the clinical experience needed to sit for ABMS boards. It is anticipated that a fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine will be certified at Lehigh Valley Hospital in 2010.

Topics Covered by the Examination in Hospice and Palliative Medicine

- Approach to care, including relief of symptoms, bereavement care, and treating the family and patient as a unit of care
- Cultural, spiritual, socioeconomic, and psychiatric considerations of the patient and the family, including during grief and bereavement
- All aspects of the management of impending death
- Medical management of pain, of common conditions (such as dysphagia, pruritus, and skin breakdown), and of urgent conditions (such as agitated delirium and acute airway obstruction)
- The ethical and legal aspects of decision making, and effective communication with coworkers, patients, and families
- Prognostication and the natural history of serious illness
- General medicine as encountered in the practice of hospice and palliative medicine (including hospice and palliative care of both adult and pediatric patients)

Sponsoring Boards

- American Board of Anesthesiology
- American Board of Emergency Medicine
- American Board of Family Medicine
- American Board of Internal Medicine
- American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- American Board of Pediatrics
- American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
- American Board of Radiology
- American Board of Surgery

If you have any questions or are interested in this issue, please contact Daniel E. Ray, MD, Medical Critical Care Director, via email at daniel.ray@lvh.com, or Donna Stevens, Program Director, OACIS Services, at 610-969-0263.

CONGRATULATIONS



Jaime A. Bastidas, MD, Division of Plastic Surgery, was recently notified that he successfully completed his oral examination and has become a Diplomate of the American Board of Plastic Surgery. Dr. Bastidas has been a member of the Medical Staff since January, 2008. He is in practice with Atul Amin, MD, and J. Alberto Bastidas, MD, in Easton.



Najma Khanani, MD, Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, passed the 2008 Certification Examination in Internal Medicine and is now certified as a Diplomate in Internal Medicine. She is also certified by the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology. Dr. Khanani, who joined the Medical Staff in September, 2003, is in practice with LVPG-Psychiatry.



Glenn A. Mackin, MD, Division of Neurology, was recently informed by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology that he passed the examination for certification in the subspecialty of Neuromuscular Medicine held September 8-12, 2008. This was the first time this board has been offered. Dr. Mackin is also certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine and in Neurology and Clinical Neurophysiology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Dr. Mackin joined the Medical Staff in March, 1999, and is in practice with Lehigh Neurology.



LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

PEPID, with its emergency medicine, primary care and critical care nursing modules, is **one of the Library's most used electronic resources!** In FY 2009, nearly 124,000 items have been viewed!

Some of the benefits of using PEPID include:

- **ONE STOP RESOURCE FOR DISEASE AND DRUG INFORMATION**
 - ◇ Over 2,700 diseases and conditions
 - ◇ Over 6,500 drugs
 - ◇ All CPR, ACLS, PALS, ATS life support information
- **CONVENIENT – AVAILABLE TO ALL LVHN LOCATIONS**
 - ◇ From the intranet: Find Fast/Library Services/Drug Resources/PEPID
 - ◇ From LastWord: Resource tab/PEPID
 - ◇ Available remotely via WebSSO
- **FAST**
 - ◇ Most answers obtained within 2-3 minutes
 - ◇ Outline format makes finding/verifying information efficient

➤ AUTHORITATIVE

- ◇ Drug info from the American Society of Health System Pharmacists
- ◇ Integrated Family Practice Inquiry Network (FPIN) evidence inquiries
- ◇ Best Evidence in Emergency Medicine (BEEM) information
- ◇ Nursing diagnoses from North American Nursing Diagnosis Association (NANDA)
- ◇ Screening info from U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

➤ INTERACTIVE

- ◇ Over 3,000 clinical calculators allow input of actual patient data – just right click the calculator after using it to print the results.

For more information or to arrange a demo for your group, please contact Linda Matula Schwartz, MDE, in Library Services at 610-402-8410.

PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

Inconsistent Terminology

Many times, clinicians document quite well and daily progress notes and discharge summaries are detailed. However, the terminology required by current coding guidelines to capture the patient's severity of illness may be different.

Examples to remember include:

Terminology Used	CMS Recognized Coding Terminology
Morbid obesity	BMI>40
Hypertensive urgency	Accelerated hypertension
Hypertensive emergency	Accelerated hypertension
Hypertensive crisis	Accelerated hypertension
Severe hypertension	Accelerated hypertension
CHF	Acute/chronic systolic/diastolic CHF
Paroxysmal a-fib	PSVT
Pulmonary insufficiency	Acute respiratory failure
Respiratory insufficiency	Acute respiratory failure
Respiratory distress	Acute respiratory failure
Hypoxemia	Acute respiratory failure
Troponin spill	Possible NSTEMI
Demand ischemia	Possible NSTEMI
Mental status change	Encephalopathy (>24) Acute delirium (<24)
Dehydration	AKI (creatinine change ≥ 0.3)
Renal insufficiency	ARF (creatinine change ≥ 0.5)

The CDI program (yellow notes) contains this background data. Please use these as learning tools to provide documentation which will help to capture the severity of illness for your patients.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Anthony V. Matejicka II, DO, at 610-868-6880.

PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, gave a keynote address on “Changing Patterns of Colon and Rectal Surgical Care” at the 64th

Annual Congress of the Association of Surgeons of India held December 30, 2008, in Ludhiana, India. The Governing Council of the Association voted to award Dr. Khubchandani Honorary Fellowship at their next Annual Meeting in 2009.

In addition, Dr. Khubchandani was invited to write comments on the Annual Report on “Management of Pelvic Floor and Proctological Diseases” which was published in the December 2008 issue of *Techniques in Coloproctology*.

RESEARCH CORNER

Department of Medicine Research

The Department of Medicine is currently enrolling patients in the following studies:

Rheumatoid Arthritis Study – This Phase 4, open-label, assessor-blinded for 30 weeks, switch study is designed to provide treatment to patients with active Rheumatoid Arthritis who are experiencing inadequate response to Etanercept or Adalimumab, in combination with Methotrexate. The study drug, Infliximab, is a Monoclonal Antibody TNF α inhibitor. All eligible patients will receive open-label 3 mg/kg Infliximab infusion at weeks 0, 2 and 6. Patients who achieve EULAR response will remain on their current dose of Infliximab. An increase will occur at week 14 and week 22 for those patients who have not demonstrated a EULAR response at the visit evaluations.

Principal Investigator: James M. Ross, MD, Chief, Division of Rheumatology

Clinical Research Coordinator: Marika Vermeersch, RN

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DVT Prophylaxis Study – The purpose of this study is to compare the safety and effectiveness of the study drug Apixaban to Enoxaparin for the treatment of DVT prophylaxis. Apixaban is a factor X inhibitor and is taken by mouth for a period of 30 days. This could prove beneficial as patients continue prophylactic coverage post discharge during convalescence. Frequent blood draws and dietary restrictions are not necessary. During this phase 3 study, acutely ill medical subjects will be randomized to either the Apixaban group or Enoxaparin in this double-blind, parallel, multi-center study. The study lasts for 90 days. The first 30 days are the treatment period where subjects will undergo bilateral compression ultrasounds at discharge (or day 7) which ever occurs first and at the completion of study medication – day 30. The observation period is from day 30 to day 90, where subjects will come in for assessments and labs. This study is projected to stop enrolling in February, 2010.

Principal Investigator: Uzma Z. Vaince, MD, Division of Hospital Medicine/General Internal Medicine

Clinical Research Coordinator: Maggie Sharkey RN, BSN

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Neuroscience Research

The Neuroscience Research Department is currently enrolling patients in the following studies:

Duloxetine in Patients with Central Neuropathic Pain due to MS - This is a randomized double-blind placebo controlled trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Cymbalta in patients with central neuropathic pain due to MS. Patients must be 18 years old or greater. They must have MS for one year and central neuropathic pain for three months. They must have a pain score of 4 or greater on 0-10 scale. They must be on stable prescription or non-prescription meds for one month.

Principal Investigator: Gary W. Clauser, MD, Division of Neurology

Study Coordinator: Carol Fox

Elan...Mild to Moderate Alzheimers Disease - This is a study for patients who have mild to moderate Alzheimers disease. Patients will receive a monthly infusion of bapineuzumab which is a Monoclonal Antibody. Patients must be between the ages of 50 and 89 with a mini mental score of 16-26. Patients on Coumadin are excluded from participating. The study visits are extensive and patients must be able to tolerate having frequent testing and MRI's performed. Patients must be accompanied by a caretaker.

Principal Investigator: Lorraine J. Spikol, MD, Associate Chief, Division of Neurology

Study Coordinator: Kathleen Knapp

For more information regarding the above studies, please contact Carol Fox, Research Coordinator, at 610-402-9005.

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Meet the Department of Trauma/Surgery Research Staff

The Department of Trauma/Surgery Research consists of five Clinical Research Coordinators (CRC), one Research Nurse specializing in laboratory driven research, one Clinical Research Specialist, an Administrative Secretary, and two Research Associates. Members of the team offer 24/7 research coverage and work closely with Lehigh Valley Health Network clinicians and industry sponsors to facilitate initiation, implementation, and maintenance of research studies from specialties, such as trauma, surgery, infectious disease, pulmonology, orthopedics, burn, critical care, etc.

Members of the Research Staff include:



Leslie Baga



Song-Hee Bohn



Beverly DeSignor



Emese Futchko



Jean Novak

To learn more about available services or if you would like to become an Investigator or Sub-Investigator in a currently active or prospective study, please stop by the office, which is located on the Cedar Crest campus on the second floor of the General Services Building next to the Health Network Laboratories, or page the Trauma/Surgery Research Coordinator on-call at 610-402-8999 or through WebXchange via the hospital's intranet.

Save the Dates!

17th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic

Monday, May 18, 2009
Saucon Valley Country Club

48th Annual Summer Festival

August 12-15, 2009
Campus of LVHN-Muhlenberg

14th Annual Nite Lites Gala

Saturday, October 3, 2009
Campus of LVHN-Muhlenberg

For event information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sandi Marsh at 610-402-9119 or sandra.marsh@lvh.com or Amy Burrows at 610-402-9123 or amy.burrows@lvh.com

UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Cardiology Grand Rounds

“Severe Refractory Hypertension” will be presented at Cardiology Grand Rounds on Friday, **February 6**, from **Noon to 1 p.m.**, in the Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to ECC Room D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The guest speaker will be John Bisognano, MD, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Cardiology Division, Director of Outpatient Cardiology, Cardiac Rehabilitation, and Clinical Preventive Cardiology, at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

For more information, please contact Nancy Schmidt in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-5200.

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, beginning at Noon, in the Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to the ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- February 3 – “Integrative Medicine: Beyond Alternative & Complementary” – Adam Perlman, MD, MPH, Chair, Primary Care, School of Health Related Professions, UMDNJ
- February 10 – “The Structure and Process of Achieving High Quality and Efficient Care: The Case of Hospital Medicine” – Linda Dynan, PhD, Assistant Professor of Economics, Northern Kentucky University; and Rebecca Stein, PhD, University of Cincinnati
- February 17 – “Advances in Malignant Melanoma” – Suresh Nair, MD
- February 24 – “Medical Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease in 2009” – Ellen J. Scherl, MD, Roberts Center for Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Weill Cornell Medical College

For more information, please contact Becky Sherman in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8045.

Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at Noon at the noted location. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- February 5 – Journal Club – Peter J. Barbour, MD – Kasych ECC 7 and teleconferenced to Third Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg
- February 12 – “Diagnosis of Functional Movement Disorders” – David Glosser, ScD – Kasych ECC 6 and teleconferenced to Third Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg
- February 19 – “Gait Disorders” – Peter J. Barbour, MD – Cedar Crest Auditorium and teleconferenced to Third Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg
- February 26 – Division of Neurology Meeting

For more information, please contact Sharon Bartz, Conference Coordinator, at 610-402-9001.

OB/GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology holds Grand Rounds every Friday from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., in Kasych ECC 8. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- February 6 – Tumor Board – Martin Martino, MD
- February 13 – OB M&M – Orion Rust, MD
- February 20 – “Physician Report Cards” – Michael Sheinberg, MD and Fran Miranda, RN
- February 27 – “Late Preterm Birth” – Cynthia Gyamfi, MD, Visiting Professor, Department of OB/GYN, Columbia University

For more information, please contact Teresa Benner in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at 610-969-4515.

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Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics holds Grand Rounds every Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in ECC Room 1 on the first floor of the Anderson Wing at Cedar Crest & I-78. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- February 3 – Pediatric Dermatology – Anthony Gust, MD, MPH
- February 10 – “Apnea Monitors” – Richard Mazzacaro, MD, PhD, and Lorraine Dickey, MD, MBA
- February 17 – TBA
- February 24 – “PICU Update” – Diane Begany, MD

For more information, please contact Kelli Ripperger in the Department of Pediatrics at 610-969-2540.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds

“Mental Health Issues in Burn Care” will be presented by Elizabeth Dideon-Hess, LCSW, at Psychiatry Grand Rounds on Thursday, **February 19**, beginning at **Noon** (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Banko Family Center on the LVH-Muhlenberg campus.

For more information, please contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at 610-402-5255.

Schwartz Center Rounds

“Findings from the Difficult Case Resolution Project” will be presented by Dr. Jay Baglia, Department of Family Medicine Medical Educator, and the DCRP team at the next Schwartz Center Rounds on Wednesday, **February 4**, in **Kasych ECC 6** at Cedar Crest & I-78. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m., followed by rounds at Noon.

For more information, please contact Krista Hirschmann, PhD, Medical Educator in the Department of Medicine, at 610-402-1583.

Spine Conference

Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held on the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 a.m. Attendees typically include spine surgeons, neurosurgeons, physiatrists, pain management specialists, radiologists, among others. All clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, **February 4**, in **Kasych ECC 10** at Cedar Crest & I-78.

For more information, please contact James C. Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery, or Laura Warner, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973-6338.

Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, beginning at 7 a.m., in the hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and via teleconference to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- February 3 – Annual GME Report – Thomas V. Whalen, MD and J.P. Orlando, MEd
- February 10 – “Surgical Dogma *Fact or Fetish?*” – David Milia, MD
- February 17 – “Future of Minimally Invasive Surgery” (N.O.T.E.S., Robotics, etc.) – Paul Cesanek, MD
- February 24 – “Wound Care” – Charles J. Scagliotti, MD

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

WHO'S NEW

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

Medical Staff

New Appointments



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Department of Dental Medicine
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Medical Staff Leadership Appointment

Donald L. Levick, MD

Medical Staff Treasurer

Change to Departmental Assignment

David P. Carney, MD

Department of Medicine
From: General Internal Medicine/Geriatrics
To: General Internal Medicine

Change of Status

Scott Naftulin, DO

Department of Medicine
Division of Physical Medicine-Rehabilitation
From: Provisional Active To: Associate

John P. Fitzgibbons, MD

Department of Medicine
Division of Nephrology
From: Active To: Honorary Status

Resignations

Amy M. Aldrich, DO

Department of Emergency Medicine
Division of Emergency Medicine

John A. Yulo, MD

Department of Anesthesiology
Division of Pain Medicine

Practice Changes

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Allied Health Staff

New Appointments



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Supervising Physician: Thomas McLoughlin, Jr., MD



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Supervising Physician: Anthony T. Werhun, MD



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Supervising Physician: Matthew McCambridge, MD



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Change of Supervising Physician

Michael D. Figard, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
From: OAA Orthopaedic Specialists – James C. Weis, MD
To: Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc. – Lisa A. Keglovitz, MD

Carol A. Romano, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(Allentown Cardiology Associates, LLC)
From: Jeffrey C. Snyder, MD
To: John J. Cassel, MD

Additional Supervising Physician and Group

Catherine E. Donati, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc. – Lisa A. Keglovitz, MD)
Addition of: Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC – Wayne F. McWilliams, MD

Resignations

Ryan J. Beachy, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(Neurosurgical Associates of LVPG)

Kaitlin G. Maloney, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(VSAS Orthopaedics)

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Physician Assistant-Certified
(OAA Orthopaedic Specialists)

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