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## NEW MEDICAL STAFF LEADERSHIP BEGINS REIGN



*New Medical Staff Leadership pictured from left to right: Michael J. Pistoria, DO, President-elect; Linda L. Lapos, MD, Past President; and Matthew M. McCambridge, MD, President.*

On January 1, 2009, leadership of the Medical Staff changed hands as **Matthew M. McCambridge, MD**, began his term as President of the Medical Staff, and **Michael J. Pistoria, DO**, joined the Medical Staff leadership as he began his two-year term as President-elect. **Linda L. Lapos, MD**, who served as President from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008, will serve as Past President for two years.

Please note that all mail for Dr. McCambridge, relating to his position as **President of the Medical Staff**, should be addressed to Medical Staff Services, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, P.O. Box 689, Allentown, PA 18105-1556. Mail relating to patient matters should continue

to be sent to Dr. McCambridge at his patient office at Pulmonary Associates, 1210 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 2300, Allentown, PA 18103-6252.

Mail for Dr. Pistoria should be sent to him at his office at LVPG-Hospitalist Services, 1240 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 409, Allentown, PA 18103-6218.

Mail for Dr. Lapos should be sent to her office at Colon-Rectal Surgery Associates, PC, 1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 3900, Allentown, PA 18103-6250.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Paige Roth in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8980.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Physicians and the Community

Members of the Medical Staff, I am humbled and greatly honored to begin my term as the 19th President of the Medical Staff for Lehigh Valley Health Network. I want to thank and acknowledge those who came before me, particularly Linda Lapos and Don Levick, who have patiently helped me learn the intricacies of a 1,200 member medical staff during my past two years as President-elect.

I would like to take a few moments to introduce myself. I am Matt McCambridge, a native of Allentown, and the sixth of seven children who grew up just off Fish Hatchery Road behind the Cedar Crest campus. At age four, my family moved to the Lehigh Valley when my father took a job in the Tax Division at Bethlehem Steel. I attended St. Thomas More for grade school, Central Catholic for high school, and then Johns Hopkins in Baltimore for my undergraduate work. I was fortunate to receive an Army scholarship for medical school which allowed me to attend Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. After medical school, I spent six years training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where I completed my internship and residency in Internal Medicine followed immediately by a Pulmonary and Critical Care fellowship. In 1998, at the completion of my training, the Army sent my wife, three children, and me to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. There, I served as Chief of Critical Care at Womack Army Medical Center and also was assigned as Battalion Aid Surgeon to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. After 11 years of active duty service, in 2003, I separated from the military and we returned home to Allentown. I was delighted to join one of the best Pulmonary and Critical Care groups in the nation at one of the best hospitals in the country.

Because of the proximity of my childhood home to the hospital, I was greatly influenced by the physicians in my community. From my perspective, my neighborhood seemed to be where all the physicians lived. During my childhood, I had regular contact with Dr. John Kucharczuk, Dr. Steve Olex, Dr. Hugh Gallagher, Dr. Paul Weiss, and Dr. John Galgon. I would see Dr. Michael Scarlotto, Dr. Leo Scarpino, Dr. Walter Dex, Dr. Tony Panebianco, and Dr. Bill Gee while waiting for the school bus and would run into Dr. Robert Sherman, Dr. Ken McDonald, Dr. Patrick McCarthy, Dr. John Kibelstis, Dr. Walter Okunski and Dr. Robert Feeney at church. I was surrounded by physicians and they were excellent role models and leaders in our community.

As a result of my upbringing here in the valley and being raised in a community where the physicians were prominent members, role models, and leaders, my focus over the next two years will be to highlight physicians involved in our community. On this topic, a 2006 study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* showed that more than 90 percent of physicians surveyed felt that participation in the community was important and two-thirds of respondents were directly involved. Contrary to what I would have thought, those physicians who were working more than 50 hours a week clinically were equally involved in the community as those working fewer hours. I am thankful for the contributions of the doctors in the Lehigh Valley when I was young and continue to be grateful for the participation of the physicians I am pleased to call colleagues.

I am proud to be a physician in my hometown, in the community where I was raised, and hope to serve you well over the next two years.

Matthew M. McCambridge, MD  
Medical Staff President

# HOSPITALIST TO SERVE AS MEDICAL STAFF PRESIDENT-ELECT



Michael J. Pistoria, DO, Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, and Medical Director of 5K, was recently nominated and elected to serve as Medical Staff President-elect for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2009.

Since joining the Medical Staff in September, 1999, Dr. Pistoria has served on a number of Medical Staff and Hospital committees including Medical Executive Committee, Credentials Committee, Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Medicine Executive Committee, and the Department of Medicine Education Committee, of which he served as Chair. He also served on the Physician Leadership and Mentoring Advisory Council and was a Physician Leader for the Capacity Throughput Council.

Dr. Pistoria is a graduate of Vanderbilt University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Biology. He received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Pistoria completed his three-year Internal Medicine residency at Lehigh Valley Hospital where he also served as Chief Medical Resident.

Dr. Pistoria is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, and is a member of the Adjunct Faculty, Department of Internal Medicine, at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. In addition, Dr. Pistoria is a member of the Society of Hospital Medicine, the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, and the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has been an active member of the Society of Hospital Medicine, serving on the Education Committee since 2000 and chairing the Core Competencies Task Force for four years.

A member of Lehigh Valley Physician Group, Dr. Pistoria is in practice with LVPG-Hospitalist Services, located at 1240 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 409, Allentown, Pa.

Dr. Pistoria and his wife, Angie, who is a Physician Assistant with Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley, live in Macungie with their three-year old daughter, Giana.

Looking forward to his term as President-elect, Dr. Pistoria has the following thoughts: "I am honored to have the opportunity to represent this outstanding medical staff. I look forward to working with everyone to help us continue our journey as a premier academic community hospital and welcome everyone's thoughts and ideas over the coming years."

## PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

### Acute Kidney Injury

Coding changes as of October 1, 2008 now recognize AKI (Acute Kidney Injury) which will code to ARF (Acute Renal Failure). This is important since AKI has three "stages" using modified RIFLE criteria from the Acute Kidney Injury Network.

Classification/staging system for acute kidney injury\*

Stage 1 = Increase in serum creatinine of more than or equal to 0.3 mg/dL or increase to more than or equal to 150 to 200 percent (1.5 to 2-fold) from baseline

Stage 2 = Increase in serum creatinine to more than 200 to 300 percent (>2 to 3-fold) from baseline

Stage 3 = Increase in serum creatinine to more than 300 percent (>3-fold) from baseline (or serum creatinine of more than or equal to 4.0 mg/dL with an acute increase of at least 0.5 mg/dL)

\* Modified from RIFLE (Risk, Injury, Failure, Loss, and End-stage kidney disease) criteria.

The first stage in AKI denotes a change in creatinine of 0.3 and should prompt IV fluids with close monitoring as this first stage carries a mortality of 8 to 10%.

Please consider documenting "AKI" if creatinine has change by 0.3 mg/dL and IV fluids are being used to treat the patient.

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

# NEWS FROM HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

## Dictated Consultation Reports

At the December meeting of the Medical Record Committee, the committee recommended and strongly encouraged providers to dictate all consultations. Dictated consultation reports are legible and usually provide more thorough information for the provider requesting the consult. Many consultants choose to write a short note in the record referring to the full dictated consultation report to prevent delays in patient care. Transcription turnaround time on consultations is 12 hours from the time of the dictation.

As an enhancement to patient care, providers are able to view dictated consultations in the LastWord Clinical Repository both inside the organization and remotely as well as copies auto-faxed to the (1) provider requesting the consultation, (2) consultant, and (3) primary care physician.

## Rubber Stamp Signatures

Rubber stamp signatures are not permitted as authentication in the LVH medical record. Effective February 1, 2009, rubber stamp signatures will not be accepted as part of medical record documentation and will be returned for appropriate authentication.

If you have questions regarding these issues, please contact Zelda B. Greene, Administrator, Health Information Management, 610-402-8330.

## Physician Query Completion

Physician Query deficiencies are available for completion in EHMR under the signature deficiency module. Several physician queries are being returned to physicians because they are being signed without the query being answered. In order to expedite the process and avoid queries being reinstated as a deficiency, please follow the directions below.

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In the deficiency module, click “signature completion”

1. Note document field in alphabetical order
2. Click on the box to select the “physician query” deficiencies
3. Click “process” to complete all physician queries

Click and begin typing below “query response”

Click “check mark” following completion of each query

Once you have completed all the queries, system will return to remaining signature deficiencies

If you have questions or for additional information, please contact Susan Cassium, Operations Director, Health Information Management, at 610-402-8330.

## “ADMIT FOR PLACEMENT”

Mrs. Jones has been brought to the Emergency Department (ED) by her daughter who states, “I can’t take care of my mother at home any longer.” The ED doctor decides to run a battery of tests, all of which are concluded to be negative. The Emergency doctor knows that medical necessity for an inpatient stay cannot be met. However, the physician feels it is not safe to discharge the patient back to her home setting. Sound familiar? All too often, similar scenarios result in patients being admitted to the hospital until alternate arrangements can be made.

Many times, the physician’s order to admit or chart documentation reads: “admit for placement.” Please be aware that “placement” is an outcome. This type of phrase should NOT be noted as the reason for admission. Indeed, the need for additional work-up; the need to observe the patient; or “patient not safe for discharge back to home,” may all be reasons for keeping the patient in the hospital.

Case Management would like to take this opportunity to make physicians aware that they have increased their ED coverage to provide case management services in the Emergency Department until 11 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekend coverage is available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at LVH-M, and on-call coverage is available at Cedar Crest. Additionally, Case Management’s experience with these patients makes them a valuable resource to the physician and the patients/families. The Case Manager can explore options for care that can possibly prevent an unnecessary hospital stay, or facilitate disposition in a timely manner.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Maureen Sawyer, Director, Case Management, LVH-M, at 484-884-2304, or Kim Prokurat, Director, Case Management, LVH-CC, at 610-402-8604.

## CODEINE METABOLISM AND RISK OF NEONATAL MORPHINE TOXICITY

In August 2007, the FDA released an alert regarding maternal codeine use while breastfeeding. The alert was prompted by a case report published in *Lancet* in August, 2006 involving the death of a term newborn infant that appeared to be the result of morphine toxicity. The only identifiable source of morphine was the infant’s mother’s use of Tylenol #3 (codeine 30mg and acetaminophen 500mg) for post-delivery episiotomy pain. Codeine is metabolized to morphine through the CYP450 2D6 enzyme in the liver, and this infant’s mother was found to be a CYP450 2D6 “ultra-rapid” metabolizer of codeine. Ultra-rapid metabolizers have gene duplication of the 2D6 allele and, therefore, produce abnormally high levels of morphine.

Infant morphine toxicity from maternal codeine exposure is related to accumulation of morphine over time, influenced especially by the length of therapy. In the case report discussed here, the infant’s mother remained on Tylenol #3 for two weeks post delivery. The infant began to express symptoms - difficulty breastfeeding and lethargy - on day 7 of life and died on day 13. Genotyping for CYP2D6 alleles is expensive and not easily available to help determine those infants at risk.

### How you can help:

- Encourage the use of NSAIDs, such as ibuprofen, or acetaminophen preferentially for post-delivery pain.
- When ibuprofen or acetaminophen is not adequate for pain control, prescribe Tylenol with Codeine in the lowest effective dose for the shortest time period possible. Try to limit prescriptions to three to five days of therapy. *\*Limiting the total exposure time may be the most important factor in preventing toxicity.*
- Be aware and monitor for signs and symptoms of morphine toxicity in your patients taking codeine.
- Continue to encourage breastfeeding as a priority and assure mothers that when needed, use of Tylenol with Codeine can be safe and effective together with proper monitoring.

For more information, contact Jenny Boucher, PharmD, in Clinical Pharmacy Services at 610-402-8844.

# NETWORK EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – SECURITY RESPONSE DRILL



Over recent years, many health care facilities have experienced crisis situations that presented in the form of violence, such as domestic relations disputes, bomb threats, hostage incidents and shootings within these facilities. Lehigh Valley

Health Network's Security and Office of Emergency Preparedness are taking a proactive approach in responding to such critical incidents. LVHN's Security Department and local law enforcement agencies utilize preventative action and try to deter such incidents within our organization; however, the reality is it may happen. LVHN has recently introduced a new policy to the Network Safety manual titled "Code 45."

"Code 45" is a new code that will be announced on the overhead paging system that will **alert staff to STAY CLEAR** of the announced area. This code will be used for any critical incident that presents a life hazard to people in that general area and should act to alert them to immediately evacuate the area if possible or shelter-in-place if unable to evacuate safely.

On Tuesday January 6, 2009, LVHN will host a full-scale emergency preparedness "active shooter and hostage exercise." This exercise will involve the planned coordination and participation of the LVHN Security, Office of Emergency Preparedness, City of Bethlehem Police Department, Salisbury Township Police Department, City of Allentown Police Department as well as the coordination with our regional DHS counter-terrorism task force. The exercises goals for our organization are to present a life-like scenario to our first responders to test their response and abilities to handle such a critical incident, as well as to test the coordination between

LVHN and the community first response agencies. This joint exercise will also provide a great learning experience and test to the community first responders on how best to function/respond to a critical incident in a unique industrial environment, such as our hospital.

The "Active Shooter and Hostage Exercise" will take place in the main building first floor of the Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. The primary location will be located on the first (main) floor of the building near the health network lab and nuclear medicine. Part of the scenario will take place testing access to our facility and may lead the actors through various areas within the facility. For your protection, notices will be posted and each participant will be clearly identified by wearing a brightly colored mesh vest, police uniforms or the hospital security uniform. In addition, the law enforcement agencies will be taking extra precautions and steps to ensure that no-real firearms or weapons are brought into the exercise. Anyone entering in the exercise area may undergo additional security safety checks to ensure that no one responds out of ignorance to the exercise. This is a standard procedure for security exercises to ensure everyone's safety. If at any time during the exercise you find yourself as becoming involved in the simulation or in the area of simulation, a hospital security representative will be nearby to guide you and assist you in participating. At no time will anyone be in real danger during the exercise.

If you have any question about this exercise, please contact Gerry Kresge, Director of Network Security, at 610-402-8220 or Michael Wargo, Director of Emergency Preparedness, at 610-402-2332.

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital recognizes that a wide range of problems in life can affect a physician's health and well being, and, at times, professional performance. In fact, studies have shown that physicians, along with other caregivers, may have a higher than average risk of developing debilitating personal problems.

Since 1993, the Physician Assistance Program has been available to help members of the Medical Staff deal with personal problems before they affect health, family life, or professional effectiveness.

The Physician Assistance Program is a confidential (and if so desired, anonymous), professional counseling and referral service available to all members of the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital and their dependents.

This service is provided through an agreement with Preferred EAP which operates the Lehigh Valley Hospital's Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

In January, 2007, the behavioral health counseling services of Preferred EAP were expanded to cover the office staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital Medical Staff members through funding by the LVHN Medical Staff Treasury.

The program offers physicians, their families, and their office staff members counseling services for a wide range of personal problems – anything that can turn stress into distress – including marital or relationship difficulties; depression and anxiety; alcohol or drug abuse; family problems, or stress from work or personal concerns.

To make an appointment, call Preferred EAP's office at 610-433-8550 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and identify yourself ONLY as a member of Lehigh Valley Hospital's Medical Staff, a family member, or a member of the office staff. Preferred EAP will ask you for some general information, including a brief description of the problem so that an appointment can be scheduled with an appropriate counselor.

The number of visits will vary with the nature and severity of the problem. Up to five sessions with Preferred EAP are available to members of the Medical Staff, their families, and members of their office staff at no cost. These sessions are used to assess needs and, when appropriate, provide brief counseling. About half of Preferred EAP's clients resolve their problem within the five-visit benefit.

If there is a need for further service or treatment, a referral will be made to a private practitioner or community resource. The cost of these services may be partially covered by your health insurance plan.

For more information, contact Robin Chase or Oliver Neith at Preferred EAP at 610-433-8550 or visit their website at [www.PreferredEAP.org](http://www.PreferredEAP.org). Any general questions may be directed to John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8980.

# CONGRATULATIONS



**Aaron D. Bleznak, MD**, Department of Surgery, Vice Chair of Operations and Clinical Affairs, was elected to the position of Chair, Committee on Cancer Liaison of the Commission on Cancer (CoC). The elec-

tion occurred during the Annual Meeting of the CoC on October 12, 2008, in San Francisco, during the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons.

The CoC was formed in 1922 jointly by the College and the American Cancer Society, and is responsible for accrediting more than 1,400 cancer programs throughout the United States. These programs, representing approximately 25% of U.S. hospitals, provides care for 80% of newly diagnosed cancer patients annually. Lehigh Valley Health Network is accredited as a Network Cancer Program.

The Committee on Cancer Liaison has the responsibility of training and coordinating the activities of more than 1,600 cancer liaison physicians and 64 state chairs for the CoC-accredited programs. Dr. Bleznak served as state chair for Pennsylvania from 1999-2007 and has been one of 100 members of the Commission since 2004. In 2005, he was the recipient of the first award for excellence in performance as a state chair. Dr. Bleznak was Vice Chair for the Committee on Cancer Liaison from 2005-2008. He has served as Cancer Liaison Physician for Lehigh Valley Hospital since joining the staff in September, 2004.



**Michael R. Goldner, DO**, Division of General Internal Medicine/Geriatrics, and **Martin A. Martino, MD**, Division of Gynecologic Oncology/ Gynecology, were recently selected as the latest winners



of the Physician Patient Satisfaction Award.

This award was initiated by the Patient Satisfaction Improvement Council team at LVH-Muhlenberg in 2007. When Medical Staff Leadership learned about the initiative, it was decided to expand the idea across the Network. Beginning in 2008, all physicians, dentists, and podiatrists have been eligible for the award, which is presented every six months to two Medical Staff members who excel at promoting patient satisfaction. The selection of winners is based, in part, on the results of the Press Ganey surveys, in which discharged patients rate their experience, including their experience with their doctors. Many doctors do pay extra attention to those areas that lead to high levels of patient satisfaction, such as spending time talking with patients and their families, listening well, and working collaboratively with nurses, advanced practice clinicians and others to ensure that patients have the best possible experience and the best possible outcomes. Through this award, the exemplary efforts of our colleagues can be recognized. The recipients of the award will each receive a \$500 check for their efforts.

Dr. Goldner has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 1989. He is in practice with Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC.

Dr. Martino joined the Medical Staff in October, 2005. He is in practice with Gynecologic Oncology Specialists.



# PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



**George A. Arangio, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma/Foot and Ankle Surgery, was an invited speaker at the Pennsylvania Orthopedic Society meeting on November 22, in Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Arangio presented “Mathematic Model of Medial Displacement Calcaneal Osteotomy and Flexor Digitorum Longus Transfer in Flatfoot.”



In October, 2008, **David S. Glosser, ScD**, Psychologist, presented a special topic symposium at the annual meeting of the National Academy of Neuropsychology held in New York City. The symposium was titled “Psychogenic Pseudo-Neurological Disorders (PND): Theory and Practice.” The symposium focused on the phenomena of psychogenic non-epileptic seizures and psychogenic/functional movement disorders. Also, in December, 2008, Dr. Glosser presented research data at the annual meeting of the American Epilepsy Society, held in Seattle, Wash. Topics included “Psychogenic Non-epileptic Seizures (PNES): Clinical Outcomes and Diagnostic Amnesia” and “Do PNES Risk Factors that Discriminate for Diagnosis Predict Outcome?”



**William L. Miller, MD, MA**, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, was invited as Visiting Professor to present to the Department of Family Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Ore., in December, 2008. His presentations were titled “The Sciences of Transformation: An Enchanting Cauldron” and “Transforming Your Practice: National Lessons.”

Dr. Miller also co-presented at the 36th NAPCRG Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico in November, 2008. The presentations were titled “Doing It Our Way: Lessons from the Self-Directed Practices of the National Demonstration Project,” “Tales of Tailored Facilitation from the National Demonstration Project,” and “Organizational and Interpersonal Attributes of Primary Care Health Practices: Testing a Theoretical Path Model.”

In addition, Dr. Miller co-authored the refereed original report, “Understanding Healing Relationships in Primary Care.” This report was published in *Annals of Family Medicine* (2008;6 (4):315-322).



**Edward R. Norris, MD**, Department of Psychiatry, Vice Chair, Education and Research, presented two oral presentations – “Growing Organizational Capacity to Streamline the Transfer of Medical Inpatients to Psychiatric Inpatients - a Five Year Review” and “Can Staff Education Change Nursing Attitudes toward Suicidal Patients?” and one poster presentation – “Intentions for Medication Compliance at Time of Discharge from an Inpatient Psychiatric Unit” at the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine in Miami, Fla. in November. Co-authors from the Department of Psychiatry include Karen Burke, RN, Clinical Research Coordinator; Gail Stern, RN, Administrator; **Laurence P. Karper, MD**, Vice Chair (LVH-M); Rosanne Teders, LCSW, Director, Psychiatric Evaluation Services; Jim Ezrow, MSW, Assistant Administrator; **Ralph A. Primelo, MD**, Vice Chair, Quality Assurance, and **Michael W. Kaufmann, MD**, Chair.



## LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

LVHN access to Essential Evidence Plus, which included InfoPoems and InfoRetriever, has ceased as of December 31, 2008. There was not enough documented use to continue this subscription.

Alternatives include:

- EvidenceUpdates from BMJ – Register at <http://plus.mcmaster.ca/EvidenceUpdates/>
- MDConsult News – To subscribe, go to the Digital Library homepage, click on MD Consult and then on News. Click on the link to set up your own RSS feed or on the link to sign up for MDConsult’s free weekly email newsletter.

- Journal Watch – Contact Wanda Fatzinger at 402-8542 to receive monthly emails when the new issue of Journal Watch is published. You can choose from the following Journal Watch newsletters: AIDS, Cardiology, Emergency Medicine, Gastroenterology, General Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Oncology/Hematology, and Pediatrics.

Access to the Cochrane Library will be available in the future through EBSCOHost instead of Wiley. The Digital Library homepage has been adjusted to reflect this change.

To get to the Digital Library homepage from the intranet, click on Find Fast and Library Services or click on the Resources tab in LastWord. For more information, please contact Linda M. Schwartz, Library Information Specialist, at 484-884-2237.

# ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS (APC)

## UPDATE

Members of the Advanced Practice Clinicians (APC) Executive Council and its subcommittees have been meeting regularly. The mission of the APC Executive Council is to support, advocate, promote, facilitate and integrate the professional interests of Advanced Practice Clinicians who maintain active clinical privileges within Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). APCs include Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, Psychologists and Chiropractors.

The APC group provides a forum for communication and collaboration with each other and the medical staff. They also provide support and integration of new APCs into the health care team and network environment. Their vision includes the promotion of excellence, provision of access to professional education and participation in LVHN projects involving research, quality assurance and health care policy.

To encourage communication, a dedicated phone line for APCs to voice issues or concerns has been established. The number is **610-402-APC1**.

### Subcommittee Updates

- The **Professional Advancement Committee** members are currently working on projects that provide organizational support and guidance to APCs and explore growth and advancement opportunities for APCs.
- The **Education Committee** members are planning an Infectious Disease Conference on September 18, 2009, that will include opportunities for pharmacology CMEs.

- The **Community Outreach Committee** members are collaborating with leaders from the 6th Street Health Clinic and the Allentown Rescue Mission to provide volunteer APCs for each site. Members are also exploring fundraising opportunities to benefit local organizations.

The Advanced Practice Clinicians Executive Council welcomes and encourages new and existing APCs to join a committee. Listed below is the contact information for each committee.

#### **Professional Advancement Committee Chair:**

Debra Kramer (Debra.Kramer@lvh.com)

#### **Education Committee Chair:**

Nancy Crane-Roberts (Nancy.Crane-Roberts@lvh.com)

#### **Community Outreach Committee Chair:**

Nancy Minnich (Nancy.Minnich@lvh.com)

### Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the Advanced Practice Clinicians will be held on Thursday, January 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8. All APCs are encouraged to attend the meeting.

An exciting agenda is being planned for the meeting which will include information on the Heart Failure Program, an update from the Division of Education, and information from Library Services. If you are interested in presenting at a future meeting, please leave a message on 610-402-APC1.

# ALLIED HEALTH STAFF BIENNIAL REAPPOINTMENT

In compliance with the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Medical Staff and Hospital Bylaws, and the standards of The Joint Commission, each member of the hospital's Allied Health Professional staff must be reappointed a minimum of once every two years.

On **January 1, 2009**, this year's biennial reappointment process was put into motion when Reappointment Packets were distributed to over 500 members of the Allied Health Professional staff. Each packet contains the following items:

- An 11-page Application for Reappointment to the Allied Health Professional staff
- A copy of the individual's current privilege sheet
- Activity summary and Continuing Education summary forms
- Supervising Physician(s) appraisal
- Peer appraisal(s)
- Nursing Administrator appraisal form (for Nurse Practitioners)
- A malpractice claims report
- A self-addressed return envelope
- A checklist to assist in completing the information

Although much of the information on the application is preprinted for each practitioner, it is of paramount importance that ALL the information is reviewed, changes made where necessary, and missing data completed. Before returning the application, the practitioner should review the checklist to make sure all the information is complete and all the required documents have been attached to the application.

Again this year, it is a requirement that all members of the Allied Health Professional staff receive annual Tuberculosis skin testing (PPD Mantoux). For those who have a history of a positive test, they must annually provide the date of screening by their private physicians for signs and symptoms of tuberculosis. Practitioners will self-report compliance through directed questions on the reappointment application. The following information will be requested: 1) the date of the test, 2) the results, 3) if corrective action was necessary, when the action took place, and 4) if a positive history, the date of screening by their private physician for signs and symptoms of tuberculosis. If the practitioner is unable to obtain PPD testing in the private practice setting, arrangements can be made through the hospital's Employee Health Office during walk-in hours.

The deadline to return reappointment applications is **January 21, 2009**. Your prompt attention in facilitating the return of the application(s) is both requested and appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding the Allied Health Professional staff reappointment process, please contact the Medical Staff Services Office at 610-402-8900.

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## RESEARCH CORNER

### Neuroscience Research

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

**MK-0974-034 - This is a study for patients who have a history of migraines and also have a history of stable Cardiovascular disease for three months. This is a randomized, placebo-controlled study.**

MK-0974 is a Calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) antagonist, which is a potent neuropeptide that is believed to play a key role in the pathophysiology of migraine. Patients must have stable cardiovascular disease for three months and will be able to treat up to 12 migraines over a six-week period of time.

**Principal Investigator:** John E. Castaldo, MD, Chief, Division of Neurology  
**Study Coordinator:** Carol Fox

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

# IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THE NPSG UNIVERSAL PROTOCOL

As of January 1, 2009, certain changes go into effect to meet the new requirements of the Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goal on Universal protocol. For all surgical, invasive or bedside procedures, a pre-procedure checklist, site marking and an eight step time-out is required. In order to meet this requirement, several new forms have been established. For any operative procedures, the Ticket to the OR will be used. For Deliveries and post-partum procedures, the Ticket to L&D will be used. For bedside procedures, the Invasive procedure checklist (Form: Nsg-238) will be used.

## Key Points:

When the patient is in the pre-procedure area, immediately prior to moving the patient to the procedure room, a checklist is used to verify the following:

- Relevant documentation is present and consistent (H&P, script, nursing assessment, pre-anesthesia assessment)
- Accurately completed and signed consent forms
- Correct diagnostic and radiology test results
- Any required blood products, implants, devices, and/or special equipment for procedure

**Take away** – we MUST utilize a checklist for all invasive procedures

The procedure site is marked by a Medical Staff member or Advanced Practice Clinician who is privileged or permitted by the hospital to perform the intended surgical or non-surgical invasive procedure. This individual will be involved directly in the procedure and will be present at the time the procedure is performed. Marking must be done for procedures involved laterality (left, right), the surface (flexor, extensor), the level (spine), or specific digit or lesion to be treated. For procedures that involve laterality of organs but the incision(s) or approaches may be from the mid-line or from a natural orifice, the site is still marked and the laterality noted.

**Take away** – the proceduralist MUST do the site marking using his initials which is to occur prior to the patient being transported to the procedure room. Site mark must remain visible after prepping and draping.

- For cases in which it is technically or anatomically impossible or impractical to mark the site (mucosal surfaces, perineum, premature infants), an alternative method for visually identifying the correct side and site is used. At Lehigh Valley Health Network, a grey wristband will be used for the alternative process. The proceduralist must write the procedure, laterality, and initials on the wristband.

The time-out is conducted immediately prior to starting the procedure and contains eight essential elements:

- Correct patient identity
- Confirmation that the correct side and site are marked
- An accurate procedure consent form
- Agreement on the procedure to be done
- Correct patient position
- Relevant images and results are properly labeled and appropriately displayed
- The need to administer antibiotics or fluids for irrigation purposes
- Safety precautions based on patient history or medication use

**Take away** – a time-out is conducted immediately prior to starting the procedure, and is NOT optional. All invasive procedures require more than one member present. All eight elements must be addressed during the time-out.

If you have any questions, please contact Georgene Saliba, Administrator, Risk Management/Patient Safety, at 610-402-3005; Brian Leader, Vice President, Perioperative Services, at 610-402-8030, or Aaron D. Bleznak, MD, Department of Surgery, Vice Chair of Operations and Clinical Affairs, at 484-884-3024.

# UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

## Teaching Leader Series: Inter-professional Faculty Development

The Division of Education is sponsoring the Spring 2009 Inter-professional Faculty Development Teaching Leader Series for all clinical educators. This series has been designed to assess and build our capacity and capabilities for teaching and competency-based education in our network. Below is a listing of dates, times, topics and locations. Please mark your calendars now for the topics that will benefit you in your role and practice and choose the date or location that will fit into your schedule.

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION
January 8	“Difficult Feedback/ Bad News”	7-9 a.m.	Kasych ECC 6
January 26	“Adult Learning”	7-9 a.m.	LVH-M, ECC C & D
February 6	“American Healthcare System”	7-9 a.m.	Kasych ECC 7
February 23	“Feedback and Microskills”	7-9 a.m.	LVH-M, ECC B-D
March 5	“Professionalism Education”	7-9 a.m.	Kasych ECC 8
March 26	“Professionalism Education”	7-9 a.m.	LVH-M, ECC B-D
April 3	“Ethics: Peer and Patient Care”	7-9 a.m.	LVH-M, Banko 1-2
April 9	“Ethics: Peer and Patient Care”	7-9 a.m.	Kasych ECC 6
April 23	“E-Learning Technology”	7:30-9:30 a.m.	Kasych Computer Labs
May 14	“Difficult Feedback/ Bad News”	7-9 a.m.	LVH-M ECC B-D
May 28	“E-Learning Technology”	Noon-1 p.m.	Kasych Computer Labs

Registration is available through the E-Learning button on your WebSSO toolbar. Watch your e-mail and bulletin boards for more information and further descriptions of these workshops.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Kirsten L. Ryan, Medical Education Coordinator, at 610-402-2316.

## Save the Date

“Emergent Stroke 2009: Multidisciplinary Approach to the First Six Hours” will be held on Thursday, May 14, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Friday, May 15, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. More information to follow!

## 2009 General Medical Staff Meetings

Please mark your calendar – the dates for the 2009 General Medical Staff meetings are as follows:

- Monday, March 9
- Monday, June 8
- Monday, September 14
- Monday, December 14

Meetings will begin at 6 p.m., and will be held in Rooms 7 and 8 of the Kasych Family Pavilion at Cedar Crest & I-78 and videoconferenced to Room C of the Educational Conference Center located on the first floor of the LVH-Muhlenberg Tower.

## Cardiology Grand Rounds

“Is Cardiac Auscultation a Technical Skill?” will be presented at Cardiology Grand Rounds on Friday, January 9, from Noon to 1 p.m., in Kasych ECC 6 and teleconferenced to ECC Room D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The guest speaker will be Michael Barrett, MD, Director, Fellows Cardiac Clinic, and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine.

For more information, please contact Debra Yelovich in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8518.

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## Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association

### Annual Membership Meeting

The Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association (GLVIPA) Annual Membership meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 6 p.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to Room C of the Educational Conference Center on the first floor of the LVH-Muhlenberg Tower.

If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Hildenbrandt, Coordinator, GLVIPA, at 610-969-0423.

### 2009 GLVIPA General Membership Meetings

The dates for the 2009 GLVIPA General Membership meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 24
- Monday, June 22
- Tuesday, September 22

All meetings are held at 6 p.m., in the hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to Room C of the Educational Conference Center located on the first floor of the LVH-Muhlenberg Tower.

## Medical Grand Rounds

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

- January 6 – “Drug Eruption” – Anthony J. Gust, MD, MPH
- January 13 – “Managing Metastatic Central Nervous System Disease” – P. Mark Li, MD, PhD
- January 20 – “The Kenyan Medical Experience” – Medicine Residents and Core Faculty
- January 27 – “TB Global, Regional & Local Update: An Old Foe Has Learned New Tricks” – Marcelo Gareca, MD

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 January will include:

- January 1 – No Conference – Happy New Year
- January 8 – “Alternative Method of Headaches” – Gary W. Clauser, MD – Kasych ECC 7 (No videoconferencing to LVH-Muhlenberg)
- January 15 – “Hot Topics in Migraines” – Marcelo Bigal, MD – Auditorium and videoconferenced to Third Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg
- January 22 – “Psychiatric Aspect of Pain Management” – Mireille M. Meyerhoefer, MD, PhD – Kasych ECC 7 and videoconferenced to Third Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg
- January 29 – Division of Neurology Meeting – No Conference

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 the hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in January will include:

- January 2 – No Grand Rounds – Happy New Year
- January 9 – GYN M&M – Joseph DeFulvio, DO
- January 16 – “Centricity QS System” – Greg Burns
- January 23 – No Grand Rounds – Resident CREOG Exam
- January 30 – “Breast Imaging” – Aaron Bleznak, MD

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

## 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 January will include:

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- January 6 – “Ethics, Part II” – William Hardin, MD
- January 13 – “Vaccines” – Paul Offit, MD
- January 20 – Dermatology topic
- January 27 – TBA

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

## Psychiatry Grand Rounds

“Therapy Boundaries” will be presented by Phyllis N. Black, PhD, Professor and Director, Marywood University, at the next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds on Thursday, **January 15**, beginning at Noon in the Banko Family Center on the LVH-Muhlenberg campus. Registration will begin at 11:45 a.m.

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 Lehigh Valley Hospital, 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 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, **January 7**, in Kasych ECC 10.

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 Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and via videoconference to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg.

Topics to be discussed in January will include:

- January 6 – “Three Hot Topics in Renal Transplantation” – Michael Moritz, MD
- January 13 – Research in the Department of Surgery: “Not Just a Third Wheel” – Paul Mosca, MD
- January 20 – TBA
- January 27 – “Campathology” – Sunil Patel, MD, Transplant Surgery, Kaleida Health, Buffalo, NY

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

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# ANNUAL TUBERCULOSIS SKIN TEST REMINDER

Since January 1, 2006, members of the Medical and Allied Health Professional staffs have been required to receive **annual** Tuberculosis skin testing (PPD Mantoux) and self-report compliance through directed questions on their initial and reappointment applications.

As part of this year’s Allied Health Professional staff biennial reappointment, members of the Allied Health staff are reminded that they are required to obtain an annual PPD test.

Any member of the Allied Health Professional staff who is unable to obtain PPD testing in their private practice setting may arrange to have their PPD testing done through the hospital’s Employee Health Office during walk-in hours. For a list of walk-in hours, please contact the Employee Health Office at 610-402-8869.

# 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



**Steven H. Berman, MD**  
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Department of Surgery  
Division of General Surgery  
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Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
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Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
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Department of Medicine  
Division of Hospital Medicine/General  
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Division of Emergency Medicine  
Provisional Active

### Medical Staff Leadership Appointments

#### Department of Emergency Medicine

**John F. McCarthy, DO, Chief**  
Division of Emergency Medical Services

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## **Change to Division Assignment**

### **Gavin C. Barr, Jr., MD**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
From: Division of Emergency Medicine  
To: Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine

### **Gary Bonfante, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
From: Division of Emergency Medicine  
To: Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine

### **David B. Burmeister, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
From: Division of Emergency Medicine  
To: Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine

### **Gerald A. Coleman III, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
From: Division of Emergency Medicine  
To: Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine

### **Jeffrey M. Kuklinski, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
From: Division of Emergency Medicine  
To: Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine

### **Richard S. MacKenzie, MD**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
From: Division of Emergency Medicine  
To: Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine

### **John F. McCarthy, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
From: Division of Emergency Medicine  
To: Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine

### **Alexander M. Rosenau, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
From: Division of Emergency Medicine  
To: Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine

### **William E. Zajdel, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
From: Division of Emergency Medicine  
To: Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine

## **Status Change**

### **Gerrienne Burke, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
From: Provisional Limited Duty  
To: Provisional Active

## **Resignations**

### **Christopher J. Conners, MD, MPH**

Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging  
Division of Diagnostic Radiology

### **Reynaldo C. Guerra, MD**

Department of Family Medicine

### **John N. Heid, DO**

Department of Family Medicine

### **Elizabeth B. Houshmand, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine

### **John J. Ialeggio, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Orthopedic Surgery

### **Pamela F. LeDeaux, MD**

Department of Family Medicine

### **Todd M. Melegari, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Orthopedic Surgery

### **James H. Reid, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Orthopedic Surgery

### **Priya P. Roy, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine

### **Jason W. Rudolph, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Orthopedic Surgery

### **David B. Shanley, MD**

Department of Family Medicine

## **Practice Changes**

The practices of John J. Cassel, MD and Syed A. Subzposh, MD have joined to form Allentown Cardiology Associates, LLC. Both physicians will remain in their current locations:

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**Raymond A. Durkin, MD**

(No longer with The Heart Care Group, PC)  
Progressive Physicians Associates  
3735 Nazareth Road, Suite 206  
Easton, PA 18045-8346  
610-252-6942 Fax: 610-253-5321

**W. Michael Morrissey, Jr., MD**

(No longer with Aesthetic Surgery Associates)  
W. Michael Morrissey, Jr., MD, PC  
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Hellertown, PA 18055-1320  
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**Allied Health Staff**

**New Appointments**



**Robert T. Bantivoglio, Jr.**  
Pacemaker/ICD System Support Technician  
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West Chester, OH 45069-4812  
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Supervising Physician: James K. Wu, MD



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Lehigh Valley Hospital  
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Diagnostic Care Center  
Allentown, PA 18105-1556  
Phone: 610-402-0078 Fax: 610-402-1965  
Supervising Physician: Bruce A. Feldman, DO



**Susan E. Hoffman, CRNP**  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
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Supervising Physician: Ronald Freudenberger, MD



**Jeffrey L. Luckenbach, CCP**  
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Allentown, PA 18106-0447  
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Supervising Physician: James K. Wu, MD



**Carmen J. Rocco III**  
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Supervising Physician: Robert Malacoff, MD



**Craig A. Ronco, CRNP**  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
Pulmonary Associates  
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Supervising Physician: C. Gerald Petersen, MD



**Mitchell G. Sava, Jr.**  
Pacemaker/ICD Technician  
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Supervising Physician: Vadim A. Levin, MD



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Supervising Physician: C. Gerald Petersen, MD



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Secaucus, NJ 07094-1804  
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**Max Yesalavage, GRNA**  
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Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC  
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Supervising Physician: Thomas McLoughlin, Jr., MD

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### **Additional Supervising Physician and Group**

**Katie E. Ehrhardt, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley – Robert Barraco, MD)  
Addition of: Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC – Clinton Holumzer, MD

**Mindy L. Houck, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley – Rovinder Sandhu, MD)  
Addition of: Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC – Wayne F. McWilliams, MD

**Lucretia A. Keefer, CST**

Certified Surgical Technician  
(Allentown Center for Plastic Surgery – Raj P. Chowdary, MD)  
Addition of: Allentown Center for Plastic Surgery – John A. Altobelli, MD

**Jaclyn C. Lustig, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine – Anthony T. Werhun, MD)  
Addition of: Eastern Pennsylvania Gastroenterology & Liver Specialists, PC – Glenn M. Short, MD

**Nicholas M. Rini, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Neurosurgical Associates of LVPG – Chris A. Lycette, MD)  
Addition of: Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC – Larry Levin, MD

**Erin P. Rooney, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Lehigh Valley Infectious Diseases Specialists – Jaan Naktin, MD)  
Addition of: Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC – Michael Ehrig, MD

**Suzanne M. Skweir, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(The Heart Care Group – Raymond A. Durkin, MD)  
Addition of: Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC – Michael Ehrig, MD

**Charles A. Tucker, Jr., PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons – Raymond Singer, MD)  
Addition of: Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC – Wayne F. McWilliams, MD

### **Change of Supervising Physician**

**Patricia A. Muller, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley)  
From: Pamela A. Howard, MD  
To: Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH

**Angela R. Pistoria, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley)  
From: Pamela A. Howard, MD  
To: Dale A. Dangleben, MD

**Nicole C. Schock, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(Eastern Pennsylvania Gastroenterology & Liver Specialists, PC)  
From: Anthony G. Auteri, MD  
To: Frederick A. Stelzer, MD

### **Removal of Supervising Physician and Group**

**Bodhi M. Anderson, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine – Vivian B. Kane, MD)  
Removal of: OAA Orthopaedic Specialists – Stephen Falatyn, MD

**Melissa S. Hix, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(Pulmonary Associates – Daniel E. Ray, MD)  
Removal of: LVPG-Emergency Medicine – Anthony Werhun, MD

### **Resignations**

**Christopher J. Amoroso**

Anesthesia Technical Assistant  
(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC)

**Diane J. Butkus, CRNA**

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist  
(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC)

**Lori M. Crouse, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Easton Orthopaedic Group)

**Maria Mamounas, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Easton Orthopaedic Group)

**Cynthia L. Ward, RN**

Registered Nurse  
(The Heart Care Group, PC)

**Trishann M. Zanders, RN, BSN**

Registered Nurse  
(VSAS Orthopaedics)

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