

Progress Notes

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Generational Differences in Physicians

At the beginning of the 1900s, Americans could be expected to live into their early 40s. By the close of the century, they had added more than 35 years and almost doubled their lifespan. As a result, there are more generations living simultaneously. In fact, there are four discernible adult generations now alive in the United States and are referred to as the Matures – born before 1945, the Baby Boomers – born from 1946 to 1964, Generation X – born from 1965 to 1978, and the Millennials – born from 1979 to 1988.



The **Matures**, often called traditionalists, are actually a combination of two generations, the Veterans – born from 1901 to 1924, and the Silent Generation – born from 1925 to 1942. The very oldest of the Matures remember the Great Depression. Others fought in World War II or were children during the war era. Matures are known for loyalty, patience, conformity, productivity and a “we first” attitude. They value national pride and sacrifice and often point to military and historical figures as their heroes. In our Pulmonary Associates practice, the gentlemen who started our practice – Joe Vincent, MD, and John Galgon, MD – are members of the Mature Generation. Other LVHN doctors who come to mind include Walt Okunski, MD, Gavin Barr, MD, and Ed Mullin, MD, to name a few. Many of these physicians were teenagers or young adults when American Bandstand aired in the 1950s.



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The **Baby Boomers** still represent the largest number of Americans at 77 million strong and still make up about 50 percent of the physician workforce. Formative events for this large group of physicians include the Civil Rights movement, the assassinations of JFK and Martin Luther King, Jr., Woodstock, and the Vietnam War. Baby Boomers are competitive people and approach work with a team attitude. This group of physicians is dedicated to a strong work ethic often measured by numbers of hours worked in a week. In our Pulmonary Associates practice, the Baby Boomer generation is represented by my excellent partners Jay Kaufman, MD, Frank Schweip, MD, and Jonathan Hertz, MD. Other Baby Boomers on our medical staff include Don Levick, MD, Linda Lapos, MD, John Welkie, MD, and Susan Wiley, MD. You might find these physicians listening to Bob Dylan, The Who, Joni Mitchell, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Led Zeppelin, the Rolling Stones and, of course, the Beatles.



Generation X, of which I am proud to say I am one of the older members, was initially labeled with unflattering characteristics such as unmotivated, lethargic and irreverent. Some of their formative events include Watergate and the space shuttle Challenger explosion. About 45 million Americans are in this group and currently make up 40 percent of the physician workforce, a number still growing. In fact, last year at LVHN, we brought on about 60 new physicians to our Medical Staff, almost all of which were from Generation X. These physicians enter practice with technical savvy typically unmatched by their older colleagues and, though loyal to principles, are less loyal to organizations. Members of Generation X are typically the children of the Baby Boomer generation. Generation X is described as valuing time above all else, a trait that often conflicts with the work ethic of the Boomers. In their free time, you might find them listening to Pearl Jam, U2, Stone Temple Pilots and Tori Amos. When I think of Generation X physicians at LVHN, I think of Robb Krukltis, MD, PhD, who specializes in the technical area of Interventional Bronchoscopy, and Shashin Shah, MD, one of our new gastroenterologists who specializes in endoscopic ultrasound and ERCP.



The **Millennials**, somewhat of a spin off of Generation X, is close in size to the Boomers with a total of 75 million Americans. They only make up about 10 percent of the overall workforce and an even smaller percentage of physicians. Formative events for this generation include the Oklahoma City bombing, September 11, and the Internet and technology boom. Born into a world of laptops and cell phones, they are ambitious and bright but have been accused of difficulty focusing on anything non-stimulating. They like open, constant communication and positive reinforcement. Millennials tend to be more optimistic than their Generation X counterparts. Although individualistic, they are also group oriented. Many of our residents are from the Millennial generation. I'm not sure, but I'm guessing they might listen to Wheezer, Fall Out Boy, and play Indie Rock at their social functions.



So what is the importance of understanding these four generations for LVHN's 1,189 physicians and 578 allied health professionals? We need to understand and consider each other's value systems, priorities, work ethic, and expectations as we communicate in complex environments such as healthcare. In addition, we should appreciate each of these generations and their viewpoints as we strive to work together more effectively.

Have a great month and enjoy the warm weather!

Matthew M. McCambridge, MD

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APPROPRIATE UTILIZATION OF BNP TESTING IN HEART FAILURE

The utility of Basic Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) measurement in the diagnosis and therapeutic management of heart failure has been well established in only limited clinical settings. These include:

- 1) **the emergency setting** where BNP levels can be used to assist in the diagnosis of acute heart failure and in the prediction of in-hospital mortality, and
- 2) **at the time of hospital discharge** after treatment for heart failure where BNP levels can help predict prognosis for adverse outcomes including readmission.

In contrast, **the common practice of guiding heart failure treatment using repeat or serial BNP measurement has not been shown to demonstrate clinical utility** in improving overall outcomes or quality of life. In fact, BNP guided therapy of heart failure has been associated with greater adverse events¹ and is suggested to actually be harmful in patients older than 75 years.

Based on the available evidence in the literature at this time, the following BNP testing guidelines are currently recommended.

BNP measurement is appropriate:

- 1) in the emergency setting of presentation with acute dyspnea of uncertain origin
 - BNP can effectively rule out heart failure as the cause of acute dyspnea
- 2) at presentation with acute heart failure
 - BNP levels can predict in-hospital mortality
- 3) at discharge following hospitalization for heart failure
 - BNP levels can predict adverse outcomes including readmission

Repeat and/or serial BNP testing is inappropriate for guiding the management of heart failure and may in fact be clinically misleading².

The efficacy of treatment for heart failure is appropriately monitored using the Heart Failure Society of America recommended guidelines³:

- 1) daily morning weight after voiding
- 2) monitoring fluid intake and output

- 3) symptomatic assessment including dyspnea and fatigue, nocturnal cough, orthopnea and paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
- 4) clinical assessment including orthostatic blood pressure, edema and pulmonary rales, hepatomegaly and liver tenderness, jugular pressure and hepatojugular reflex
- 5) lab assessment including renal function (BUN and serum creatinine) and daily electrolytes (sodium and potassium)

The following characteristics of BNP assays should be noted:

- wide fluctuations in BNP levels are inherent due to intra-individual variation and test methodology
- the clinical utility of repeat or serial BNP levels to evaluate aggressive treatment for heart failure has not been established

It should be further noted that a most recent study⁴ suggests that even in the emergency setting, no clinical outcome difference is seen between patients treated following BNP measurement and those treated based on clinical assessment alone. Our clinical knowledge base of BNP utility is clearly still under active investigation and our practice guidelines will continue to be refined as further evidence develops.

If you have any questions, please contact Ronald S. Freudenberger, MD, Acting Chief, Division of Cardiology, at pager 610-402-5100 1727; Daniel E. Ray, MD, Medical Critical Care Director, at pager 610-402-5100 7976; or Bala B. Carver, MD, Chief, Section of Transfusion Medicine & HLA, at pager 610-402-5100 3433.

- ¹ *Journal of the American Medical Association* 2009;301(4): 383-392 and 432-434
- ² *American Heart Journal* 2006;152:828-834
- ³ *Journal of Cardiac Failure* 2006;12(1):e1-e122
- ⁴ *Annals of Internal Medicine* 2009;150:365-371

RADIOLOGY NEWS

The Nuclear Medicine Department at Cedar Crest & I-78 recently installed two new scanners that provide quick and confident diagnoses for patients with heart disease, cancer, orthopedic problems especially in the feet, and for specialized studies such as sentinel lymph node localization in the head and neck and localization of parathyroid adenomas in the neck and mediastinum. The Infinia Hawkeye 4 Nuclear System from GE Healthcare is the latest in hybrid scanners that provides anatomic and functional information in a single image. It combines single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) with a fast 4-slice CT scan. This provides high resolution images, even in bariatric patients, in less time. The CT portion of the study is a non-diagnostic CT scan, but provides anatomic localization and attenuation correction for the SPECT images. The radiation dose is less than a diagnostic CT scan and is optimized to conform to ALARA principles (As Low As Reasonably Achievable).

Patients will likely find their exams quick and comfortable. The table is ergonomically designed to help patients get on and off easily. It is also very comfortable which means patients can easily hold still ensuring high quality studies and low likelihood of rescans. Typical scan times may take as little as 10 minutes, but may go as long as 30 minutes.



For more information about the scanner or how it may benefit your patients, please contact Robert J. Rienzo, MD, Chief, Division of Nuclear Medicine, or Wen Young, MD, Division of Nuclear Medicine, at 610-402-5017. To schedule a patient for a scan, please call 610-402-TEST (8378).

GO GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH



Adjust Your Thermostat – Each degree you turn down the heat saves 3% on heating costs; while each degree you raise the temperature of your air conditioner saves 3-4% on cooling costs. By changing the temperature 2 degrees all year, you can save about 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

NEWS FROM CAPOE CENTRAL

Once Daily Meds - Now You Won't Forget the Time

You will soon see an expert rule pop up under specific circumstances when ordering a once daily medication. If you order a once daily medication within two hours of the scheduled dose, the rule will remind you that the dose will not be given until the next day. For example, if you order Digoxin (normally given at 9AM) at 10AM, unless you click the "First Dose Now" checkbox, the first dose will be given tomorrow morning at 9AM. The rule will alert you of this and allow you to check the "First Dose Now" box to order a dose for today. Conversely, if you order the Digoxin at 8AM and you check the "First Dose Now" box, you will be alerted that two doses will be scheduled (one at 8AM and the normal dose at 9AM). The rule will allow you to uncheck the "First Dose Now" box, thus only ordering one dose for the day.

PACS on LifeBooks - It's Finally Here!

PACS is now available from all LifeBooks. You should have an icon on the SSO toolbar that launches the PACS viewer. The PACS viewer application should work as it does from desktop workstations. If you are having difficulties accessing PACS, please call the I/S Help Desk at 610-402-8303, Option 1.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or any other CAPOE issues, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Physician Liaison, Information Services, at 610-402-1426 or pager 610-402-5100 7481.

EDUCATION UPDATE

Expect to Hear the Language of Safety at LVHN

The Division of Education, together with colleagues from the Medical Staff, Patient Safety and Nursing, works continuously to improve patient safety through education. One example is the Central Venous Catheter Insertion Course, experienced by all relevant incoming interns, which ensures sound processes to reduce central line associated bloodstream infections and improves technical competence to reduce mechanical complications. This year's course now includes a series of video vignettes that specifically address communication and collaboration around the process of CVC insertion. In one training video, a resident having difficulty with an insertion calls for backup, rather than risk patient safety with further failed attempts. The transformative power of solid technical training, vicarious experience through video, and hands-on experience through procedural simulation are clearly demonstrated in this course.

The language of safety incorporated in the CVC course includes a series of scripted phrases that anyone may use to "stop the line" during the process of patient care. The expected escalating language, chosen from the TeamSTEPPS™ team training course, to express a safety concern is as follows:

- "Could I get some *clarity* on this?" "Could you please *clarify* this situation?"
- "I have a *concern*."
- "I am *uncomfortable*."
- "There is a *patient safety* issue here."

This language, designed to trigger the provider to stop and consider the next most appropriate actions, should be used to express concerns across any level of provider at any time when patient safety is in jeopardy. Future educational efforts are planned to disseminate this safety language to attending physicians, nurses, staff and residents in all specialty areas. In addition, this summer representatives from the Division of Education, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Surgery will attend TeamSTEPPS™ training sessions to further facilitate the spread of teamwork skills and the language of safety at LVHN.

For more information regarding this issue, please contact William F. Bond, MD, Chief, Division of Education, at 610-402-2413 or via email at william.bond@lvh.com.

ILLEGIBLE HANDWRITING



Illegible handwriting continues to be a challenge within the medical record documentation. Physicians and clinicians can help by documenting legibly and clearly. Some of the outcomes of illegible handwriting include:

- increased physician/clinician phone calls to clarify documentation
- delays in patient care
- medication errors
- delays in patient transfers
- inability to capture billing/severity of illness documentation
- reimbursement denials; some third party payers follow the premise “If it isn’t documented or cannot be read, it did not happen.”
- inadequate defense in malpractice cases

CAPOE is an excellent solution to illegible handwriting in reducing medication errors. However, the handwritten progress notes capture the ongoing progress of the patient and serves as a communication tool between caregivers, as well as documentation to support the patient encounter.

Everyone should take a role in assuring that medical record documentation is legible. The next time you document in the medical record and sign your name, ask yourself, “If I were a new caregiver on the unit, would I be able to read this?”

If you have already been identified with illegible handwriting, please make sure to print or stamp your name, credentials, and telephone number or pager after your signature.



If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Health Information Management Department at 610-402-8330.

PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

Pathology and Ancillary Reports

Pathology reports, radiology reports and nursing notes are all part of the medical record. They give insight and help describe care provided by practitioners. However, coding guidelines do not allow for coders to capture this data from these sources alone. Clinical correlation by the attending physician is always necessary. Therefore, our coaches and coders will try concurrently to get the attending of record to add the findings of the pathology, radiographic study, or nursing note into the daily progress notes and discharge summary.

Only when the attending of record validates or places these diagnoses into the chart can they be used to justify utilization of resources and severity of illness for your patient.

If not done concurrently, coders will need to send out a retrospective query in an attempt to clarify or add a diagnosis or pathologic finding.

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

ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIAN NEWS

Election of At-Large Members Held

At the quarterly meeting of the Advanced Practice Clinicians held on April 23, the following practitioners were elected to at-large seats on the Executive Council:



Lauren Jacobsen, CRNP, is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner with HealthWorks. At last year's Advanced Practice Clinician organizational meeting, Ms. Jacobsen was elected and served a one-year term as an at-large member. She has been re-elected to serve a three-year term. Ms. Jacobsen has been a member of the Allied Health staff since September, 1997.



Angela R. Pistoria, PA-C, is a Physician Assistant with Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley. Mrs. Pistoria has also served a one-year term as one of the original at-large members. She has been re-elected to serve a three-year term. Mrs. Pistoria has been a member of the Allied Health staff since February, 2001.



Gary A. Tarola, DC, is a chiropractor with Chiropractic Associates of the Lehigh Valley, LLC. Dr. Tarola is a new member of the APC Executive Council and was elected to serve a three-year term. Dr. Tarola has been a member of the Allied Health staff since September, 2005.

Additional members of the APC Executive Council include:

- **President** — James C. Miller, CRNA
- **President-elect** — Brian J. Damweber, PA-C
- **Secretary/Treasurer** — Wendy J. Prutsman, CRNP
- **At-Large Members:**
 - ◇ Susan E. Kunsman, CRNA
 - ◇ Eugenia V. Pearson, CRNP
 - ◇ Michele C.G. Hartzell, PA-C

Next Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the Advanced Practice Clinicians will be held on **Thursday, July 23**, at **5:30 p.m.**, in **Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8**.

If you have any questions regarding the Advanced Practice Clinicians Executive Council, please contact James C. Miller, CRNA, President, via email at james.miller@lvh.com or by pager at 610-402-5100 2820.

Therapeutics at a Glance, the newsletter that contains information and actions taken at the Therapeutics Committee meetings, is now available on-line through the hospital's Intranet. From the Intranet homepage, select Departments – Clinical – Pharmacy. On the Pharmacy homepage, select ***Therapeutics at a Glance*** — Current Issue or Archives.

CONGRATULATIONS



Michael R. Goldner, DO, Division of Hospital Medicine/General Internal Medicine, was the recipient of the Professional Excellence Council Physician Friends of Nursing Award which was presented at LVHN's annual Friends of Nursing Award Celebration on May 7 as part of National Nurses Week. Dr. Goldner has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 1989. He is in practice with Muhlenberg Primary Care.



Martin A. Martino, MD, Division of Gynecologic Oncology/Gynecology, was recently notified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology that he has fulfilled all requirements and has become certified in Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Martino was appointed to the Medical Staff in October, 2005, and is in practice with Gynecologic Oncology Specialists.



Andrew C. Miller, DO, Division of Emergency Medicine, completed all requirements and was recently certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Miller has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2005. He is in practice with LVPG-Emergency Medicine.



John P. Pettine, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians at the Convocation ceremony held April 23 in Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Pettine was appointed to the Medical Staff in September, 1999. He is in private practice in Allentown.



LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

NEW: PsychiatryOnline including Online DSM-IV-TR

The newest Digital Library resource, PsychiatryOnline, is a continuously updated collection of ebooks, ejournals, Quick References for APA Guidelines, patient education materials, and other features. Contents include:

- COMPLETE DSM Library: I, II, III, III-R, IV, IV-TR, Handbooks, Differential Diagnosis and Casebook/Treatment
- American Psychiatric Publishing Textbook of Psychiatry
- Gabbard's Treatments of Psychiatric Disorders
- Textbook of Psychotherapeutic Treatments
- American Psychiatric Publishing Textbook of Geriatric Psychiatry
- American Psychiatric Publishing Textbook of Substance Abuse Treatment
- American Psychiatric Publishing Textbook of Psychopharmacology
- Manual of Clinical Psychopharmacology
- American Journal of Psychiatry 1997-present
- Psychiatric Services 1997-present

- Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences
- Psychosomatics 1997-present
- Academic Psychiatry 1997-present

One caution – PubMed links in reference articles do not take you to the Library Services subscribed resources. Use the electronic journal list from the Digital Library to get to the full text of many of these articles. You will also find other psychiatry textbooks in the electronic book list on the Digital Library page.

PsychiatryOnline can be used for self assessment for the PRITE and PIPE examinations. Questions and their explanations are available for psychiatry, psychopharmacology, geriatric psychiatry and substance abuse treatment.

PsychiatryOnline is available from any intranet-connected computer on the Digital Library homepage – from the intranet (click on Find Fast/Library Services), from the Resource Tab in LastWord, and remotely via WebSSO connection.

For more information, please contact Library Services at 610-402-8410.

PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



An article co-authored by **Dennis B. Cornfield, MD**, Chief, Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine, and **Shereen M.F. Gheith, MD, PhD**, Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine, was published in the May, 2009 issue of *Cytometry Part B (Clinical Cytometry)*. The article is titled “Flow Cytometric Quantitation of Natural Killer Cells and T Lymphocytes Expressing T-Cell Receptors Alpha/Beta and Gamma/Delta Is Not Helpful in Distinguishing Benign from Malignant Body Cavity Effusions.”



William L. Miller, MD, MA, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, co-authored the article – “The Role of Conversation in Health Care Interventions: Enabling Sensemaking and Learning” – which was published in the March 13, 2009 issue of *Implementation Science* (2009, 4:15). In addition, Dr. Miller co-authored the article – “Initial Lessons from the First National Demonstration Project on Practice Transformation to a Patient-Centered Medical Home” – which was published in *Annals of Family Medicine*, May/June 2009, Volume 7, Issue 3.



Ryann E. Morrison, PA-C, and **Jaan P. Naktin, MD**, Division of Infectious Diseases, co-authored the article – “Bacteremia, Vertebral Diskitis, and Osteomyelitis in a Man with Cirrhosis” – which was published in the May, 2009 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants* (JAAPA).



Paul J. Mosca, MD, PhD, Department of Surgery, Vice Chair, Research, and Chief, Section of Surgical Oncology, co-authored the multi-institutional study titled “A Multi-Institutional Experience of Isolated Limb Infusion: Defining Response and Toxicity in the US” that was published in the May, 2009 issue of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (2009;208:706-717).



“Correlation of Breast Artery Calcification by Mammography with Coronary Calcification using 64 Slice CAT Scan: The BAC-CAT Study” was presented at the American College of Cardiology Scientific Sessions held on March 30, in Orlando, Fla. Authors include: **Michael A. Rossi, MD**, Medical Director, Regional Heart Center; **James A. Newcomb, MD**, Chief, Section of Cardiovascular-Interventional Radiology; **Kenneth H. Harris, MD**, Chief, Section of Mammography; **Crystal A. Maksimik, DO**, Cardiology Fellow; and **James F. Reed, PhD**, Director, Health Studies.



Brian Stello, MD, Department of Family Medicine, was interviewed for the article – “Point/Counterpoint: Testing Men for Prostate Cancer” – which was published in the April 12, 2009 edition of *The Morning Call*.



Malaika S. Stoll, MD, MPA, Department of Family Medicine, authored a report – “Medical Aspects of Malaria: Definition, Morbidity/Mortality, Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention” – which was published in the January 9, 2009 issue of *Berkley Center Reports*.



Joseph L. Yozviak, DO, Division of General Internal Medicine, presented a poster – “Training Tomorrow’s Providers and Expanding Access to Peginterferon/Ribavirin Combination Therapy for Chronic Hepatitis C in Underinsured/Uninsured Patients: Final Outcomes of a Pilot, Resident-Initiated, Multidisciplinary Hepatitis C Clinic” – at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine held May 13-16 in Miami Beach, Fla. The project was completed in collaboration with **Nicole M. Agostino, DO**, Division of General Internal Medicine; **Suzanne J. Templer, DO**, Division of Infectious Diseases; **Edward R. Norris, MD**, Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry; **Charles M. Brooks, MD**, Division of Gastroenterology; and **Eric J. Gertner, MD, MPH**, Division of General Internal Medicine.

UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

General Medical Staff Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on **Monday, June 8**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in **ECC Rooms 7 and 8** on the first floor of the Kasych Family Pavilion at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. The meeting will be videoconferenced to the **Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D**, at **LVH-Muhlenberg**.

The agenda for the meeting will include the election of four at-large members for the Medical Executive Committee, a review of proposed changes to the Bylaws, and a presentation of the proposed Medical Staff budget for FY 2010.

All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

GLVIPA Quarterly Membership Meeting

The quarterly membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association will be held on **Monday, June 22**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the hospital's **Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78**, and teleconferenced to the **Educational Conference Center, Room C**, at **LVH-Muhlenberg**.

Special guest will be U.S. Congressman Charles Dent who will present a "Health Care Update at the Federal Level" and "What Physicians Can Do to Facilitate Change."

For more information, please contact Eileen Hildenbrandt, Coordinator, GLVIPA, at 610-969-0423.

2009 Fleming Family Palliative Medicine Symposium

The Fleming Family Palliative Medicine Symposium will be held on **Friday, June 5**, from **7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, in the Auditorium and Kasych Family Pavilion at Cedar Crest & I-78. Physicians, medical students, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, nurse educators, pastoral care staff, respiratory therapists, social workers, case managers and other bedside clinical staff who are interested in implementing evidence-based practice and research for palliative care should plan to attend this symposium.

For more information, please contact the Division of Education at 610-402-2277.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds are held on Thursdays beginning at 8 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) at various locations. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- June 4 – LVH-M ECC Rooms C & D
 - ◇ Visiting Speaker – TBA
 - ◇ Rosen's Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD
 - ◇ Administration Hour
- June 11 – LVH-M ECC Rooms C & D
 - ◇ "Who Wants to be an ED Physician" – Perry Fooskas, MD, and Tony Werhun, MD
 - ◇ "Heart Murmurs of the ED" – Andrew Miller, DO
 - ◇ "Radiation Emergencies" – John McCarthy, DO
- June 18 – EMI – 2166 S. 12th Street
 - ◇ "Bioterrorism" – Gary Bonfante, DO
 - ◇ "Heat Related Illness" – Bryan Kane, MD
 - ◇ "Conflict Resolution" – Alex Rosenau, DO
 - ◇ TBA – Steph Goren-Garcia, DO
- June 25 – New Resident Welcome

For more information, please contact Dawn Yenser in the Department of Emergency Medicine at 484-884-2888.

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 June will include:

- June 2 – "Update in Allergy & Immunology" – Timothy Craig, DO, Division of Allergy & Immunology, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center College of Medicine
- June 9 – "Update on Skin Cancers in the Elderly" – Patricia Myskowski, MD, Professor of Dermatology, Cornell Medical College, and Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases

This will conclude the Medical Grand Rounds schedule for the 2008-2009 academic year. Medical Grand Rounds will resume on Tuesday, September 8. Have a safe and happy summer!

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

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Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at Noon. **All conferences are now in videoconference format and are videoconferenced to the locations listed. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.** Topics for June are as follows:

- June 4 – “Epilepsy – What’ New” – Clarissa Liew, MD
Location: Kasych 6 – Cedar Crest & I-78 and Third Floor Conference Room – LVH-Muhlenberg
- June 11 – “Neuroconvulsive Status Epilepticus” – Lawrence Hirsch, MD, Neurologist at Epilepsy Center, Columbia University Medical Center
Location: Kasych 6 – Cedar Crest & I-78 and Third Floor Conference Room – LVH-Muhlenberg
- June 18 – Case Presentations – John W. Margraf, MD
- June 25 – 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 on Friday mornings from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., in the location noted. OB/GYN will be adopting a “summer schedule” effective in June. The following two Grand Rounds are scheduled for June:

- June 12 – OB M&M – Kasych ECC 8
- June 19 – Faculty Development Session – Kasych ECC 8

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

Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds will be held on Thursday, June 18, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Banko Family Center on the LVH-Muhlenberg campus.

“Alcoholism and Treatment of the Withdrawal Syndrome” will be presented by Ralph A. Primelo, MD, Department of Psychiatry, Vice Chair, Quality Assurance.

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

Schwartz Rounds

The next Schwartz Rounds will be held on Wednesday, June 3, beginning at Noon, in Kasych ECC 6. “The Impact of Interdisciplinary Learning on Palliative Medicine” will be presented by the Palliative Medicine Scholars.

For more information, please contact Krista Hirschmann 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 spine cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 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

The Surgical Grand Rounds schedule has concluded for the 2008-2009 academic year, and will resume on Tuesday, September 15, with an outstanding slate of speakers. Have a safe and happy summer.

The Schaeffer Surgical Society 2nd Annual Research Day will be held on Saturday, June 13, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., in Kasych ECC 7 & 8.

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.

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New Appointments



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