LVPG Welcomes Ivor F. Lewis, MD to Family Medicine Practice in St. Clair

Ivor F. Lewis, MD, board-certified family medicine physician, has become the latest physician to join Lehigh Valley Physician Group–Schuylkill (LVPG). LVPG is the employed medical group of Lehigh Valley Health Network. LVPG has established a family medicine office in St. Clair with Lewis as the physician. LVPG Family Medicine–St. Clair is now accepting new patients by calling 570-621-4364. Dr. Lewis will begin seeing patients in mid-May.

Previously, Lewis practiced at Geisinger Health System, Frackville, in the community practice service line. Before that, he was part of Family Practice Associates of Schuylkill County.

Lewis earned his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and completed a physician management program at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa.

“The family doctor plays such an integral role in the well-being of the patient,” says Lewis. “I practice medicine by the motto ‘always put the patient first’ in every decision I make regarding their care.”

In addition to his family medicine board certification, Lewis completed a fellowship with the American Academy of Family Physicians, maintains board certification from the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians and is a fellow of the American Institute for Healthcare Quality.

Lewis has authored numerous health-related articles and has given public and clinical presentations.

Everything in Place for President’s Town Hall Forums

LVH–Schuylkill President William “Bill” Reppy will host a series of Town Hall Forum’s for colleagues. Here you will learn important LVHN information, LVH–Schuylkill updates and have the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback. We hope to see you there.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017
7:15 AM – East Wall Auditorium

Thursday, May 4, 2017
7:15 AM – South Conference Rooms A & B
9:00 AM – East Wall Auditorium
11:00 AM – East Wall Auditorium
1:00 PM – South Conference Rooms A & B
5:00 PM – East Wall Auditorium
7:00 PM – South Conference Rooms A&B

Proudly displaying their new LVHN volunteer uniforms are from left to right Margaret Wilson and Peter Ellis.

Volunteers received their new attire this week during a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.
Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill paused this week to honor, recognize and thank volunteers as part of National Volunteer Recognition Week. The celebration luncheon was held at the Norman Wall Auditorium where 64 adult volunteers, 30 junior volunteers, eight baby cap knitters and three organizations that assist with the caps were also recognized. A separate junior volunteer event was held in August after our summer program concluded.

“On behalf of our entire organization, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do each and every day for our patients and visitors,” says Bill Reppy, LVH–Schuylkill President who also handed out service hour pins to volunteers. Volunteers are awarded “hour charms” that attach to their volunteer pin after logging in 100 hours. Additional charms are awarded in increments of 500.

Honorees this year are:
- 9,000 hours – Rosalind V. Rux and Eleanor Stefansky
- 5,000 hours – George Troxxel
- 3,500 hours – Dolores Zemantauski
- 2,000 hours – Janet Daubert
- 1,500 hours – Mary Louise Godwin
- 1,000 hours – Barbara Klauger, Yvonne Quandel, Dororthy Stangl and Margaret Tobias
- 500 hours – Dawn Buongiovanni and Kathleen Young
- 100 hours – Bea Allen, Thomas Dalvet, Carolyn Elison, Peter Ellis, Sandra Bablick, Jeanette McGovern, Lucille Pulaski, Marianne Shaeffer, Sandra Sippel and Linda Smith.

Martin Walko, MD, general and bariatric surgeon at LVH–Hazleton will host a second weight-loss Info night here in Schuylkill County. Walko has scheduled the Community Info event for Monday, May 8 from 6-8 p.m. in conference rooms A and B at the south campus.

A native of New Jersey, Walko graduated from Rutgers University with a bachelor’s degree in biology, and earned his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He performed his general surgery residency – serving as chief resident – at Abington Memorial Hospital located outside of Philadelphia. He recently completed a year-long fellowship in bariatric surgery and minimally invasive surgery at the Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Maryland.

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill will hold a FREE Skin Cancer Screening on Saturday, May 6 from 9 -11 a.m. at the Outpatient Surgery Center, 200 Schuylkill Medical Plaza, Pottsville.

No registration necessary. Refreshments will be served. Screenings will be conducted by Advanced Dermatology Associates.

National Appearance on The Doctors

Several weeks ago, we shared with you the remarkable story of Mary Clancey, the Schuylkill County woman who had a 140-pound tumor removed at LVHN. Mary’s story will be featured on The Doctors show on May 3.

One night in November 2016 after going to bed in pain, Mary Clancey woke up unable to walk. After eight hours in the emergency department and blood-work that showed everything was normal, Clancey, now 71 years old, had a computed tomography (CT) scan. It revealed a very large abdominal mass. She was transferred to LVH–Cedar Crest, where gynecologic oncologist Richard Boulay, MD, with LVPG Gynecologic Oncology–1240 Cedar Crest, met her.

At that meeting, Boulay learned that Clancey had steadily gained weight since her 50s. “I thought I was destined to be a short, fat, round old lady,” she jokes. Little did she know the mass in her abdomen weighed more than 100 pounds.

Clancey’s remarkable story, which appears in the latest edition of LVHN’s Healthy You magazine, will reach a national audience when Boulay appears on The Doctors syndicated television show. The program is scheduled to air Clancey’s story on Wednesday, May 3.

- On WFMZ, The Doctors airs at 8 p.m.
- On KYW-TV, the show airs at 9 a.m.
- WQMY MY TV, Channel 19 airs 10 a.m.