

# Progress Notes

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### LVHN Surgeons' Overseas Medical Mission Trips

When delving into the involvement of the Department of Surgery in the community, I was struck by their strong international focus. In addition to all the contributions being made to the local community, many of our surgeons give of their time and talent to perform procedures for those without access to modern medical care throughout the world. Tom Whalen, MD, Chair of the Department of Surgery, was kind enough to put me in touch with the following surgeons.

The most active group within the department is the Division of Plastic Surgery. For the past 21 years, **Raj Chowdary, MD**, has assembled teams of plastic surgeons and traveled to Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia on short-term medical mission trips with the non-profit organization, Healing the Children (HTC). HTC is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing care for children around the world. Dr. Chowdary has been accompanied by **Walter Okunski, MD**, and

**Randy Wojcik, MD**, in addition to many other attending and resident physicians



over the years. Our current Plastic Surgery Chief Resident, Christian Subbio, MD, has traveled with Dr.



Chowdary's teams twice to Thailand. The trips tend to last approximately eight days with a day and a half for traveling on each end and five days of operating in the middle. The teams of surgeons and anesthesiologists operate on anywhere from 60 to 200 patients a day depending on the need in the community and the number of surgeons, anesthesiologists, and operating rooms available to the team. They tend to many different maladies, the most common being cleft palate, cleft lip, burn contractures and ear deformities. Our plastic surgeons describe the work as very rewarding.

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**Peter Rovito, MD**, is another of our surgeons who routinely does short-term medical mission trips overseas, traveling with the World Surgical Foundation (WSF) to Ethiopia and the Philippines. Similar to HTC, WSF provides surgical treatments to people in developing and impoverished countries where modern surgical capabilities are either not available or too costly. In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Pete worked in the 800-bed Black Lion Hospital where he resected many different varieties of tumors, goiters and corrected hernias as well. Pete also taught the hospitals' residents modern surgical techniques. He describes his experiences as being "always busy and always operating."

Two of our surgeons from the Division of Urology are also active overseas. **Jonathan Bingham, MD**, returned from his first international medical mission trip on October 13, having traveled to the West Bank with the Palestine Children's Relief Fund. Once he made it safely to his destination, the teams of surgeons and anesthesiologists set up the operating rooms where Jon performed procedures on children in need of pyeloplasty, ureter reimplantation, hypospadias correction and hernia repair. Over a very busy five-day period, Jon operated on 55 different children.



About to take the international plunge is Jon's colleague, **Paul Berger, MD**, who is the medical director of a group from Life Church in Allentown that is involved in building an orphanage and clinic in the eastern Haitian city of Pouly. I would be remiss not to mention Paul's contributions here in the Lehigh Valley at 17<sup>th</sup> Street where he runs the Urology Clinic and sees as many as 80 patients a month.

I am always impressed when physicians leave their comfort zone and travel overseas on short-term medical mission trips and am proud of these surgeons listed above. Most of our surgeons work an average of 60 hours a week. The fact that these physicians pay as much as \$7,000 and use their vacation time to travel and operate in underprivileged, remote areas of the world speaks volumes about the type of surgeons we have working at LVHN.

Have a Very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Matthew M. McCambridge, MD  
Medical Staff President



## 2009 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

**Who's the Next Lehigh Valley Hero?**

**You! All You Need to Do is Give to the United Way**

People in need in the Lehigh Valley aren't looking for someone who can leap tall buildings in a single bound. But they certainly are in need of someone equally as heroic – "Super" heroes who will better our community not through brute strength or extraordinary powers, but through simple generosity, contributing to after school programs that keep students engaged in learning, neighborhood services that help families become financially secure, and home visitation services that ensure a lifetime of good health for newborns of at-risk mothers and older adults living at home.

If you have not yet pledged to this year's United Way Campaign, please take five minutes and click on the United Way icon on your SSO toolbar and follow the prompts, or you can complete a paper donation form. This year's campaign runs through November 30.

Please be a hero to those who need your help!

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin A. Vrablik, MD, United Way Committee Physician Team Leader, via email at [kevin.vrablik@lvh.com](mailto:kevin.vrablik@lvh.com) or pager 610-402-5100 8323, or any of the LVHN United Way Committee Co-Chairpersons – [robert.begliomini@lvh.com](mailto:robert.begliomini@lvh.com), [duane.ott@lvh.com](mailto:duane.ott@lvh.com) or [donnie.robison@lvh.com](mailto:donnie.robison@lvh.com).

# NOMINATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR SPECIAL PHYSICIAN RECOGNITION AWARDS



Mark your calendar! The next **Physician Recognition Dinner** will be held on **Saturday, March 27, 2010**, at **Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center** in Macungie. Plan to attend this grand event to celebrate with your colleagues and recognize those who will be celebrating 50 and 25 years of service on the hospital's Medical Staff. In addition to the years of service awards, several special awards will be presented

at next year's big event. These special awards will be presented to the individuals who best meet the criteria for each award. The awards and criteria for each are as follows:

**Community Service Award** – This award will be presented to the doctor who best embodies the importance of participation in community activities in terms of service on boards, involvement in community groups, philanthropic interests, or other community activities over a period of years.

**Team Building Award** – This award will be presented to the doctor who best embodies the ability to build a team of doctors, allied health professionals, or other health care workers and to nurture the cohesive actions of the team over a period of years.

**Physician Research Award** – This award will be presented to the physician who has shown excellence in the pursuit of academic activities in clinical research, primarily in terms of peer reviewed publications.

**Friend of the Medical Staff Award** – Given to the allied health professional, management professional, or other health care worker who over a period of years has shown exceptional ability in assisting physicians in improving the care of patients at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network.

Nominations for these awards will be accepted until Thursday, December 31, 2009. To submit a nomination, please list the name of the award, the nominee's name, your name, and a brief explanation of why you feel the nominee should receive the award, and send them to John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, P.O. Box 689, Allentown, PA 18105-1556, or send an email to [john.hart@lvh.com](mailto:john.hart@lvh.com).

If you have any questions regarding this event or the special awards, please contact Janet M. Seifert in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8590.

## NEW ETHICS COMMITTEE PROCESS

The Ethics Committee announces an effort to be more responsive to consult requests. For the foreseeable future, when an ethics consult is requested, the Ethics Committee will endeavor to have someone come to the unit within 24 hours on weekdays. That person's responsibility will be to assess the case and report to the Chair of the Ethics Committee or designee about the prospect of a full consult. For lack of a better term, the person is designated a "scout" for the Ethics Committee. The goal is to more quickly identify those cases that need full consultation and those cases that are either not really appropriate for the Ethics Committee or that can be handled without using

the resources of a full consult team. If a full consult is needed, the appropriate persons will be brought together for a discussion followed by a recommendation to the staff caring for the patient. To activate this process and request a consult, please call 610-402-6000.

An assessment tool will be developed to determine how well this new process is working and how it might be improved. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair of the Ethics Committee, at [Robert.D.Barraco@lvh.com](mailto:Robert.D.Barraco@lvh.com).

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS —

## SECURITY RESPONSE DRILL



On December 7, 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 Allentown Police Department, Salisbury Township Police Department, City of Bethlehem

Police Department, Lehigh County SWAT, Allentown Fairgrounds Police and as well as the coordination with our regional Homeland Security counter-terrorism task force. The goals of the exercise for our organization are to present a life-like scenario to 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 17th Street facility (specific location to be determined and announced). Part of the scenario will take place testing access to our facility and may lead the actors through various areas within the facility, for example the main hospital or the ER entrance. For your protection, notices of the exercise 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 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. Additionally, at no time will this interrupt direct patient care.

For the awareness of all hospital staff, patients and visitors, there will be an announcement 30 minutes in advance, 15 minutes in advance and just as the scenario begins, as well as during and at the conclusion of the exercise. The announcement will reinforce the posted signs that an emergency preparedness - security drill will be taking place in the particular area and that the noted presence of emergency personnel is due to the exercise. Although preparation for the exercise will begin at 7:30 a.m., the scenario will occur in the evening hours and will conclude at the completion of the exercise in the late evening. Additional emergency response activities will be noted in various other locations of the hospital campus including the areas of the Emergency Department, hospital main entrance, various roadways and parking lots at the 17th Street Campus. At the conclusion of the event, a defusing of the scenario will occur along with a formal debriefing by all agencies involved. Within the week following the incident, a structured evaluation will be sent to Department Heads to solicit employee feedback. In addition, a formal evaluation will be presented at the Network Emergency Management Council meeting and Network Safety Council meeting.

If you have any question about this exercise, please contact Michael Wargo, Director, Emergency Preparedness, at 610-402-2332.



# NEWS FROM CAPOE CENTRAL

## Want to Become Fast on the View?

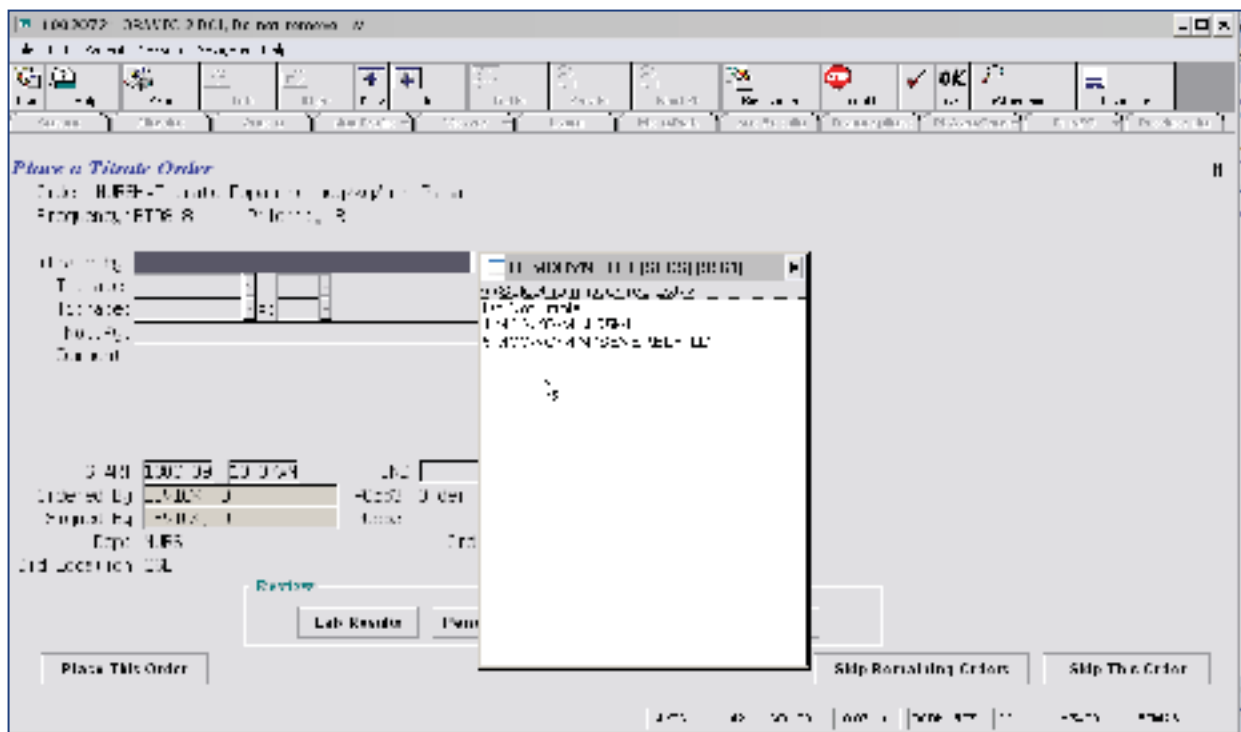
Remember to minimize (and not close) the Viewer when not using it or when changing patients. This will improve the screen re-draw time on the LifeBook and decrease screen freeze-ups. Just click on the minimize (-) icon at the top of the screen or use Alt-Tab or click on the Viewer icon at the bottom of the screen to re-expand the Viewer. The Viewer will display data for the current active patient when it re-expands.

Another tip to improve Viewer performance is to limit the number of days of data that is being displayed in the Viewer. The shorter the timeframe, the faster the Viewer will load and display. To change the number of days displayed, select “Definition Screen” at the bottom of the list of the Viewer tab, or click on the Back Arrow button on the upper left of the Viewer Screen. The definitions screen will appear, and you can change the “Going Back” field on the upper left “Display Options” to the number of days that is appropriate. Then click “Save Changes” to make this your default for this view, or “Display in Viewer” for a temporary change. Another option is to display less information in the Viewer by choosing one of the limited views, such as the Anti-Coag view.

## Change to Titratable Drips

In early November, you will notice a change to the way many of the titratable medications will be ordered. The goal is to enhance accuracy of the orders and improve communication of the parameters for the titration of the medication. These changes should reduce callbacks from Nursing and Pharmacy, and will address a concern raised by The Joint Commission during their recent visit.

Each of the titratable medications listed in the “Critical Care Medications” under the “Meds by Category” button will be replaced by a mini-order set. The order set will contain the medication order (i.e., “Dopamine 400mg/250ml – TITRATE”) and a “Titrate Dopamine ” order. The detail of the medication order will contain information regarding the initial rate and the maximum. If standards exist, these will be filled in on the detail of the order (in the comment section of the order). If not, the clinician should fill in these areas as is happening today. The “Titrate Dopamine” order contains fields for titration parameters (i.e., “Keep SBP > 110”) and instructions for how quickly Nursing can modify the drip rate.



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.

# NEWS FROM HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

## Clinical Documentation and Authentication of Medical Record Entries

This past summer, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg participated in both Department of Health and The Joint Commission surveys. Overall, the surveyors were extremely impressed with our facilities, commending the organization on our network practices and procedures. However, upon medical record review, the surveyors compared guidelines from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and The Joint Commission, Medical Staff Rules and Regulations, as well as other hospital policies and procedures, and identified the following medical record documentation as requiring improvement. The following RFIs (requirements for improvement) were issued to the hospital to develop action plans for improvement in these areas.



### Timing of ALL Entries in the Medical Record

Make sure that all handwritten entries in the medical record are signed, dated and **TIMED**. The current compliance rate of timed handwritten entries in the medical record is at about 50%. Over the next four months, the goal is to increase compliance to at least 90%. To assist physicians in remembering to time their handwritten entries, reminders have been posted throughout each hospital campus and pop-up reminders are appearing on the hospital's Intranet as well as on individual Life-Books. PLEASE – take an extra few moments to sign, date and TIME all handwritten entries in your patients' medical records.

### Histories and Physicals Reviewed and Updated within 24 Hours of Admission and Prior to Operative Procedures

H&Ps must be updated within 24 hours of admission and prior to operative procedures. If, upon examination, the credentialed practitioner finds no change in the patient's condition since the H&P was completed, he/she must indicate in the patient's medical record that:

- (a) the H&P was reviewed,
- (b) the patient was examined, and
- (c) "no change" has occurred in the patient's condition since the H&P was completed.

***ACTION PLAN: H&P template(s) will be updated in November to comply with this requirement.***

### Immediate Post-Operative Progress Note Contains All Required Elements

When a full operative or other high risk procedure report cannot be entered immediately into the patient's medical record after the operation or procedure, a progress note is entered in the medical record before the patient is transferred to the next level of care.

This progress note must include the following information:

- (a) name(s) of the primary surgeon(s) and his/her assistant(s),
- (b) procedure performed,
- (c) a description of each procedure finding,
- (d) estimated blood loss,
- (e) specimens removed, and
- (f) post-operative diagnosis

***ACTION PLAN: Immediate post-op progress note template will be updated in November and available in the medical record to comply with this requirement.***

Your support is both requested and appreciated to assure that LVHN meets all medical record documentation requirements for the quality and safety of our patient population.

For additional information or clarification, please contact Zelda Greene, Administrator, Health Information Management, at 610-402-8330.

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## **Coding Tip - Critical Care & Trauma Activation Documentation**

Documentation is the key to providing proof of quality care and to communicating continuity and outcomes to other care providers and third parties.

Critical care provided in the Emergency Department is recorded with CPT code 99291. This is a “time based” service which requires the physician to document the total time that critical care services were provided. In other words, the physician is required to document “critical care – time spent ‘x’ minutes” in the patient’s medical record in order for the coders to assign the code for critical care. Additionally, the code for critical care is a prerequisite for the assignment of the code for trauma activation.

Unfortunately, if critical care time is not documented, the service cannot be coded even though all other criteria for critical care may be met. Likewise, the code for Trauma Activation also cannot be recorded. The end result is that the services provided for the patient are under-represented and appear much less comprehensive than those actually provided.

Therefore, whenever you provide critical care services in the Emergency Department, please make sure that you document the critical care time “x” minutes.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Lilit Margolin, Health Information Management, at 610-969-2867.

## **Outpatient Diagnostic Orders**

To order diagnostic tests for a patient, the treating physician/practitioner must request that the tests be performed via a script. Incomplete or inaccurate scripts may cause delays in service. Whether scripts for services are generated via an electronic medical record or by paper, the script must be clear and signed by the physician or practitioner requesting the diagnostic test. The script or order document signed by the treating physician/practitioner may be hand-delivered, mailed or faxed to the hospital.

Your continued assistance in providing ongoing excellent customer service to our patients is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Lisa Coleman, Director, Support Services, Diagnostic Care Center, at 610-402-8066.

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# **NEWS FROM THE DIVISION OF EDUCATION**

Lehigh Valley Health Network continues on its journey toward incorporating lean thinking into all of its processes. LVHN’s Systems for Partners in Performance Improvement, or SPPI, is based upon the Toyota Lean system. This system incorporates a method known as the “A3.” This method of problem framing is described in the book “Managing to Learn” by John Shook. “A3” refers to the paper size, upon which multiple iterations of thoughts surrounding process change can be captured.

Through the efforts of our organizational development and eLearning teams, we now have access to a series of online modules that are meant to supplement the “Managing to Learn” book. These modules contain video vignettes from our colleagues who have successfully gone through the A3 process.

These shared learnings will both encourage and highlight our efforts at performance improvement throughout the institution. These modules also count for a total of one hour of category one CME credit.

To get to the courses, simply open the eLearning platform by pressing the eLearning button on your SSO toolbar, then type A3 in the catalog search box. Be sure to register for the CME course because other registrations are set up for other learner groups.

If you have questions on the course or wish to provide feedback on its content, please contact Scott Higgins, Senior Organizational Development Consultant via email at [scott.higgins@lvh.com](mailto:scott.higgins@lvh.com) or by phone at 610-402-4219.

# PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

by John P. Pettine, MD, Lead Coach, Clinical Documentation Improvement Project

## Documentation of Drop in Hemoglobin

While Medicare sees fit to introduce new documentation rules and changes every year (most recently on October 1), we have a great Physician Documentation team in place to bring these changes to your attention immediately. As you know, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has its own “vocabulary” that we must use in order to get credit for our work. Accordingly, we have revised our “yellow notes” to reflect their brand new changes this year. One small change is that as of October 1, 2009, the phrase “Drop in Hgb” is now a CMS-accepted phrase that may be used in addition to “Drop in Hct” to reflect a significant drop in blood count for any reason, as long as it is treated in some way. Prior to October 1, 2009, CMS would only recognize “Drop in Hct.”

One of my goals as Lead Coach is to meet with many of you in person to provide you with data showing your progress in our program and also MEDPAR data to show you how your severity of illness data or CMI (Case Mix Index) compares to that of your peers in the Eastern Pennsylvania area. As you may know, your severity of illness data is being kept right now by Medicare (and has been since October, 2007) for use in the near future as the government shifts to Pay for Performance using Quality metrics (CMI scores). Though the focus of our program so far has been on

inpatient cases, my long range goals are to help you with improved documentation and E/M coding in the outpatient arena also.

Additionally, as of August 1, 2009, we have begun fighting Medicare RAC denials with numerous appeals and will be refining our program to reflect information learned from RAC audits, which may total 200 every 45 days.

The bottom line is we are here to help you improve your documentation any way we can, using a multidisciplinary approach that includes 35+ rounding “Coaches,” myself and Dr. Larry Levin (Lead Coach at LVH-Muhlenberg), Zelda Greene and the HIM/Coding Department, all under the leadership of Dr. Ron Swinfard. Thank you for helping us make great strides in the documentation arena here at LVHN over the past three years. Let’s work together to make it even better.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact me via email at [john.pettine@lvh.com](mailto:john.pettine@lvh.com) or pager 610-402-5100 8373, or Larry L. Levin, MD, at [larry.levin@lvh.com](mailto:larry.levin@lvh.com) or pager 610-402-5100 0752.



## LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

### Try Out PEPID’s Differential Diagnosis Tool in November

For the month of November, Library Services is trialing PEPID’s DDX Generator. By selecting symptoms, potential diagnoses for a chief complaint are displayed and may be filtered by gender, age, severity, etiology and onset. The diagnosis grading scale (5=high probability) is scored by how many selected signs/symptoms are consistent with each potential differential diagnosis. Each sign/symptom has been further assigned a unique score/weight relative to its importance in differentiating among specific differential diagnoses. Further disease information about a particular diagnosis can be selected by clicking on the highlighted link in the differential diagnosis list.

To try out PEPID’s DDX Generator, go to the Digital Library home page. From the intranet homepage, click on Find Fast/Library Services OR from LastWord, click on the Resources tab/

PEPID. On the initial PEPID screen, click to open the first module, Emergency Physician Suite, and click on the target button (the last button) on the top toolbar. In the right frame, click on a symptom from the list to add it to the Selected Symptom list at the bottom of the frame. Continue to add symptoms. Use the filters to limit the diagnosis by gender, age, severity, etiology and onset. NOTE: the screen will change after the selection of each filter. For additional information on any diagnosis, hold the cursor over the diagnosis. If it is highlighted in yellow, click on it to open information about that diagnosis in the center frame.

If you have any comments or questions concerning the program, please send an email to [Linda\\_M.Schwartz@lvh.com](mailto:Linda_M.Schwartz@lvh.com).



# CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, October 10, the DeSales University Physician Assistant Program held its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Preceptor Appreciation Dinner at its Center Valley Campus. Three members of the Medical Staff were honored at the event.



**Edward J. Rosenfeld, MD**, Division of Hospital Medicine/General Internal Medicine, was honored as Preceptor of the Year. Dr. Rosenfeld has been associated with the DeSales Physician Assistant Program since its inception. He and his practice partners accept DeSales graduate physician assistant students for five-week internal medicine rotations. According to his students, Dr. Rosenfeld consistently goes out of his way to teach them and that he excels at helping students to assimilate information that they learned in the classroom to apply it in the clinical setting. Dr. Rosenfeld has been a member of the Medical Staff since January, 2000. He is in practice with Lehigh Area Medical Associates.



**Charles C. Worrilow, MD**, Department of Emergency Medicine, Director of Education, was honored as the Educator of the Year. Dr. Worrilow has been part of the clinical training of DeSales Physician Assistant students since 1998. His students noted that Dr. Worrilow held extremely high academic expectations and that he was able to integrate the students into the overall outstanding educational experiences that are available at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Dr. Worrilow has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 1996, and is in practice with LVPG-Emergency Medicine.



**Syed A. Subzposh, MD**, Division of Cardiology, was awarded the Didactic Preceptor of the Year. Dr. Subzposh has also been associated with the DeSales Physician Assistant Program since its inception and trains the didactic students on a weekly basis every Friday morning. Dr. Subzposh has the first year students in the didactic phase follow him on patient rounds. He fine tunes the students' knowledge and clinical skills in the areas of internal medicine and cardiology. Dr. Subzposh joined the hospital's Medical Staff in July, 1985. He is in practice with Allentown Cardiology Associates, LLC.

DeSales University has over 900 clinical preceptors who train graduate physician assistant students on their clinical rotations. Approximately one-half of their professional education is performed in the clinical rotations and the program is dependent on these clinical preceptors to help the students to integrate information that they learned during the didactic phase of their education. The local community has fully supported this graduate education venture which has allowed the DeSales Physician Assistant graduates to achieve national board scores that are the highest in the nation.



# MANAGING HOLIDAY STRESS



Though the winter holidays are happy in nature, and merry tunes may be playing everywhere, the holiday season may nonetheless bring on significant stress and distress. During the holiday and pre-holiday season, there

are many competing demands for your time. Shopping in crowded stores, cleaning and decorating your home, cooking special meals and snacks, planning a family vacation, and attending holiday parties make for a very hectic, albeit exciting, schedule.

These tasks, when added to the usual demands of work and family, combine to place stress and strain not only on you, but on your pocketbook as well. No matter what your income level, there never appears to be enough. Even with unlimited income, one must balance generosity with the potential problems of spoiling and excess.

Unfortunately, these holiday stresses and demands come on top of the usual sources of stress such as job pressures (commuting, decision making, relationships with superiors, subordinates, and co-workers), demands of children, parents and spouses, academic pressures, general financial stress and the overall problem of needing to do more things than you have time for.

Yet, although stress has gotten a bad name, it is not necessarily bad. Stress is really just the body's response to change. Requiring our minds or bodies to accept challenges is not, in and of itself, negative.

It is distress that occurs when the needs for change and adaptation are required too frequently, and for long periods of time, that stress becomes a problem.

How do you know if you are under too much stress? Look for these symptoms:

**Emotional Symptoms:** anxiety, depression, moodiness, phobias, major personality changes, trouble getting along with others

**Behavioral Symptoms:** restlessness, withdrawal, lessened productivity, overeating, excessive alcohol consumption, problems on the job

**Cognitive Symptoms:** increased distractibility, negativism, poor concentration, worrying, memory problems, obsessive thoughts, trouble sleeping

**Somatic Symptoms:** high blood pressure, muscle tension, rapid heartbeat, headaches, gastrointestinal problems, decreased immunity

What should you do if you find you are frequently experiencing these symptoms? First, recognize it as a problem and be willing to change. Second, try some of these suggestions:

**Help your body cope with stress** – Through relaxation, good health care, a nutritious diet and physical exercise, your body will become more adept at handling stress. Try walking more frequently. Develop an exercise program and stick to it. And take time to sit occasionally.

**Learn to set priorities** – You can't possibly respond to all demands. Decide what is important to you and take care of that first. Choosing to let go of unnecessary obligations frees up your time and your mind.

**Learn to manage time better** – Establish long and short-term goals. Do the most difficult tasks when you feel most energetic. Make a schedule for yourself and stick to it.

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**Set limits for yourself and others** – Know when enough is enough. Don't overload yourself. Learn to say "No" when it is appropriate and to take time for yourself.

**Enlist the support of others** – Don't isolate yourself when pressures begin to mount.

If you have many of the symptoms of stress listed above, try the suggestions given. But if they don't seem to work or if you have trouble implementing them, you should consider seeking professional help.

Preferred EAP's professionals have extensive experience helping individuals cope with the pressures of dialing living. And with early intervention, you can prevent a problem from becoming a serious emotional, and possibly physical, crisis. And that will mean many more happy and healthy holiday seasons for years to come.

This information is brought to you by the Preferred EAP. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the EAP at 610-433-8550.

## TEST UTILIZATION COUNCIL UPDATE

The Test Utilization Council, a multidisciplinary group of clinicians and ancillary personnel who evaluate appropriate use of diagnostic studies, recently proposed three test menu improvements which were approved by the Medical Executive Committee at the October 6 meeting. These improvements include:

### Elimination of "Coagulation Profile" from the CAPOE test menu

In the majority of clinical situations, the ordering of PT/INR and PTT should suffice for the evaluation of bleeding diathesis. Fibrinogen levels may be additionally required in the clinical setting of massive transfusion. Therefore the "Coagulation Profile" order that routinely included 5 tests (PT/INR, PTT, Fibrinogen, Thrombin Time and Mixing Studies) has been eliminated in order to improve the appropriate utilization of lab tests. Additional testing (Thrombin Time and/or Mixing Studies) should be separately ordered based on the initial test results and as the particular clinical situation demands. All tests remain individually orderable. This change was developed in concert with Anesthesiology, Hematology, Cardiac Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Trauma, the LVHN Test Utilization Council, the Clinical Decision Support Committee and Health Network Laboratories.

### Change in Lyme Disease Testing Orders

The CAPOE test menu has been updated to only include tests that have evidence-based efficacy in the screening and diagnosis of Lyme Disease: 1) Lyme Disease Antibody Profile (ELISA screen with reflex Western Blot confirmation); 2) CSF-PCR; 3) CSF-Index (both CSF and blood samples required); and 4) Synovial Fluid-PCR. This test menu improvement was developed by Infectious Disease together with the LVHN Test Utilization Council and Health Network Laboratories. This change will be effective December 1, 2009.

### Algorithm for Celiac Disease Testing

Pediatrics, Gastroenterology, Health Network Laboratories and the LVHN Test Utilization Council have collaborated to produce an evidence-based best practice algorithm in the screening and diagnosis of celiac disease. This algorithm will go live on December 1, 2009. Total IgA and Tissue Transglutaminase IgA (tTg IgA) will now be performed as the initial Celiac Disease screening tests. In patients with low or less than age-matched IgA levels, the testing algorithm will include Gliadin Peptide antibody testing. The entire detailed testing algorithm is available on the Health Network Laboratories web site.

If you have any questions regarding these test menu changes or suggestions for other Test Utilization Council initiatives, please contact Bala Carver, MD, at 610-402-8142.

# PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



**Sigrid A. Blome-Eberwein, MD**, Division of Burn/Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/Plastic Surgery, attended the 11<sup>th</sup> European Society of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

Congress, held September 20-26, in Rhodes, Greece. During the program, Dr. Blome-Eberwein presented a poster titled “The Effect of Subcutaneous Epinephrine/Saline/Local Anesthetic Injection on Split Thickness Skin Graft Donor Site Perfusion, Healing and Pain.”



**Yuebing Li, MD, PhD**, Division of Neurology; Debra Walicki, MT, Research Lab Coordinator; Claranne Mathiesen, RN, Manager, Stroke Center; Donna Jenny, RN, Director, Neuro-

sciences Center; **Qiang Li, MD**, Section of Neuroradiology; **Yevgeniy Isayev, MD**, Division of Neurology; James Reed III, PhD, Health Studies; and **John E. Castaldo, MD**, Chief, Division of Neurology, co-authored an article – “Strokes After Cardiac Surgery and Relationship to Carotid Stenosis” – which was published in *Archives of Neurology*, Volume 66, Number 9, September, 2009.



**Paul J. Mosca, MD, PhD**, Department of Surgery Vice Chair for Research and Chief, Section of Surgical Oncology, co-authored an article — “Predictive Factors of Regional

Toxicity and Serum Creatine Phosphokinase Levels after Isolated Limb Infusion for Melanoma: A Multi-Institutional Analysis” — which was published in the September issue of *Annals of Surgical Oncology*.



**Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD**, Plastic Surgery Residency Program Director, and Medical Director, LVH-Muhlenberg, and **Aaron D. Bleznak, MD**, Department of Surgery Vice

Chair of Operations and Clinical Affairs, co-authored the article “Progressive Wound Necrosis Associated with Post-operative Thrombocytosis in Mastectomy and Immediate Breast Reconstruction Surgery: Report of a Case” which was published in *ePlasty* (2009;9:319-324).



**Michael D. Pasquale, MD**, Department of Surgery Senior Vice Chair and Chief, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care, co-authored the article

“Trauma Quality Improvement Project of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma” which appeared in the October issue of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (2009;209:521-530).



**Adnan Qayyum, DDS**, Division of General Dentistry, was the lead author of the article “Implant Placement in the Maxillary Anterior Region — A Staged

Approach” - which was published in the August, 2009 issue of *Oral Health*.



**Orion A. Rust, MD**, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics, was a co-author of an article —

”Comprehensive Amniotic Fluid Cytokine Profile Evaluation in Women with a Short Cervix; Which Cytokine(s) Correlate Best with Outcome?” — which was published in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* (2009;201:276.e1-6).



**Andrew D. Sumner, MD**, Division of Cardiology, was co-author of two articles that were recently published. The first article, “Statin Use is Associated with

Improved Survival in Patients with Advanced Heart Failure Receiving Resynchronization Therapy,” was published in *Congestive Heart Failure* (2009;15(4):159-164). The second article, “Prevalence of Peripheral Artery Disease Varies Significantly Depending on the Method of Calculating Ankle Brachial Index,” was published in the *European Journal of Cardiovascular Prevention & Rehabilitation* (2009;16(3):377-381).



# PHYSICIAN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Over the next several weeks, Lehigh Valley Health Network will be conducting a satisfaction survey among our medical staff members. We will use the results from this survey to help improve the quality of care and service we provide to you and your patients, and we hope you will take a few minutes to give us feedback on your recent experience with our hospital. It is very important that every medical staff member participates in this survey.

LVHN will be using a survey system administered by HealthStream Research, a national healthcare research firm in Franklin, Tennessee. Since HealthStream Research will administer and tabulate the questionnaires, please be assured that all of your responses will be completely confidential.

You are encouraged to be completely candid in your replies and to plan now to participate in the survey process. Thank you for your help with this very important project.

National Medical Staff Services

Awareness Week



November 1-7, 2009

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# UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

## Combined GMS/APC Meeting

For the first time in history, the quarterly General Medical Staff meeting will be combined with the Advanced Practice Clinicians (APC) on **Monday, December 14**, beginning at **6 p.m.** The meeting will be held in **Kasych ECC 6, 7 and 8** at **LVH-Cedar Crest**, and teleconferenced to **ECC B, C and D** at **LVH-Muhlenberg**.

In addition to the regular agenda items, members of the Advanced Practice Clinicians Executive Council will provide an overview of the APCs and what they have accomplished since the formation of the group.

All members of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Cardiology Grand Rounds

The next Cardiology Grand Rounds will be held on Friday, November 6, from Noon to 1 p.m., in Kasych ECC 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest and in ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg.

**“Advanced Treatments in Acute Myocardial Infarction: The Horizons AMI Study”** will be presented by Roxana Mehran, MD, Director, Outcomes Research, Data Coordination and Analysis, Center for Interventional Vascular Therapies, Columbia University Medical Center.

For more information, please contact Caroline Maurer in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8215.

## Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds will be held twice a month on Tuesdays, beginning at Noon, in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg and the VTC Room at LVH-17<sup>th</sup> Street. Topics to be discussed in November will include:

- November 3 – **“Thyroid & Pregnancy”** – Alex Stagnaro-Green, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Chair, Academy of Medical Educators, Touro University College of Medicine
- November 17 – **“Update in Infectious Diseases”** – Suzanne Templer, DO, Division of Infectious Diseases

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

## 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. Topics to be discussed in November will include:

- November 6 – **“Disclosure of Medical Errors”** – Fran Miranda, RN – Kasych ECC 7
- November 13 – **“Benign Gynecology M&M”** – Joseph D. DeFulvio, DO – Kasych ECC 8
- November 20 – **“Gynecologic Oncology M&M”** – Martin Martino, MD – Kasych ECC 8
- November 27 – No Grand Rounds – Happy Thanksgiving

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 on Tuesdays beginning at 8 a.m., in ECC Room 1 on the first floor of the Anderson Wing at LVH-Cedar Crest. Topics to be discussed in November will include:

- November 3 – TBA
- November 10 – **“Back to the Future – The Patient Centered Medical Home”** – William L. Miller, MD
- November 17 – **“Intractable Epilepsy: The Vagal Nerve Stimulator (VNS) and Newer AEDs Case Presentations”** – Boosara Ratanawongsa, MD
- November 24 – **“Ostomy Care in Children”** – William D. Hardin, Jr., MD

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

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## Psychiatry Grand Rounds

“Psychiatric Medication Adverse Effects” will be presented at the next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds on Thursday, November 19, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Banko Family Center on the LVH-Muhlenberg campus. The guest speaker will be Krina Patel, PharmD, Pharmacist on the Behavioral Health Unit.

For more information, please contact Melissa Walters at [melissa\\_l.walters@lvh.com](mailto:melissa_l.walters@lvh.com) or by phone at 610-402-5766.

## Schwartz Rounds

The next Schwartz Rounds will be presented on **Wednesday, November 4**, from **Noon to 1 p.m.**, in **ECC 1** located on the first floor of the Anderson Wing at LVH-Cedar Crest. **“The Challenge of Saying No: Compassionate Nursing to Addicted Patients”** will be presented by Sharon Clark, E. Gerald Kresge, and members of 4K

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

## Spine Conference

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

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 4, in Kasych ECC 10 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

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 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and via teleconference in the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in November will include:

- November 3 – “General Surgery: Past, Present and Future” – Michael Abboud, MD, Chief Surgical Resident, LVHN
- November 10 – “Soft Tissue Sarcoma” – Murray F. Brennan, MD, Benno C. Schmidt Chair in Clinical Oncology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
- November 17 – “Integrating NSQIP into a Comprehensive Quality Improvement Strategy” – James F. Reilly, MD, Director of NSQIP, LVHN
- November 24 – “DaVinci Robotic Surgery: Is This the End of Laparoscopic Surgery of Just the Beginning?” – Martin A. Martino, MD, Director of Robotics and Minimally Invasive OB/GYN, LVHN

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



Corporate Compliance Program promotes following federal and local laws and regulations and LVHN standards. It is critical that every staff member follow these regulations and uphold the highest ethical standards.

eLearning courses are mandatory for all network-employed physicians, however, private practitioners are encouraged to complete them. If you have any questions regarding eLearning, please call the I/S Help Desk at 610-402-8303.

# 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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**Devang M. Gor, MD**  
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Removal of: Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley – James F. Reilly, MD, MBA



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***Inflate your Tires*** – If your tires are inflated properly at all times, your car will run more miles on less gas plus the tires will last longer.

# *Happy Thanksgiving!*



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