

## Advanced Wound Center of Distinction

### The Advanced Wound Center

at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street has been recognized with a national award for excellence. Healogics, the nation's leading wound care management company, presented the award to recognize our wound center's outstanding clinical outcomes for 12 consecutive months, including patient satisfaction of higher than 92 percent and a wound healing rate of at least 91 percent in less than 31 median days. Out of 630 centers eligible for the Center of Distinction award, only 334 achieved this distinction. Healogics and its affiliated companies manage nearly 800 wound care centers.

"This award is a tribute to the scope and level of services we provide at the Advanced Wound Center," says

LVH–Schuylkill President William Reppy. "More importantly, it shows patients are getting the results they want and deserve. We are very proud of the clinical results and the positive patient experience."

"The entire team has established a caring environment and commitment to excellence," says Advanced Wound Center Program Director Scott Stephenson. "It starts with our office coordinator, continues with our phenomenal nursing staff in wound care and hyperbaric treatment, and finally with our panel physicians. This truly is a team award."

Our Advanced Wound Center offers highly specialized wound care to patients with diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds that have not healed in a reasonable amount of

time. Treatments provided include negative pressure wound therapy debridement, application of cellular-based tissue or skin substitutes to the wound, offloading or total contact casts, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

"Our team does an excellent job in treating hard-to-heal wounds, and that is a significant differentiator for patients," says Mohammed Meeran, MD, Advanced Wound Center Medical Director. Other local practitioners who staff the Advanced Wound Center include general and vascular surgeons Neil Fisher, DO, and Carlos Villarreal, MD, general surgeon Daniel Bobrowski, MD, internist Diana Lazur, MD, and family medicine physician Cynthia Lubinsky, MD.



In the hyperbaric chamber suite of the Advanced Wound Center are (l-r) Program Director Scott Stephenson, HBO technician Gail Zerby, LPN, Clinical Nurse Manager Cathy Cruz, RN, Colleen Babinsky, RN, and Office Coordinator Cindy Ferhat.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Memorial Day Observance

Wednesday, May 24  
Noon-12:20 p.m.

Live at LVH-Cedar Crest auditorium  
Simulcast to LVH-Schuylkill E.  
Norwegian St. Wall Auditorium  
All colleagues are welcome. Veteran  
colleagues are welcome to wear  
military uniforms to work. Read the  
story in this newsletter for more details.

### Nerve Injuries of the Hand and Wrist

*A Free Community Lecture*

Wednesday, May 17

6 p.m.

Rehabilitation Center-Schuylkill  
300 Schuylkill Medical Plaza, Pottsville



## Memorial Day Observance

**LVHN is continuing its tradition** of hosting a special Memorial Day Service on all campuses. The fifth annual Memorial Day Observance is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, from 12-12:20 p.m. A network-wide broadcast will be simulcast in the Wall Auditorium, located on the third floor of LVH-Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street.

An LVHN colleague who served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marines, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard will join in the annual flag bearing ceremony honoring the flags of the respective services. Lawrence Riddles, MD, LVH-Schuylkill Senior Medical Director and retired U.S. Air Force veteran, will bear the American flag in the ceremony. "I am both honored and proud to participate in this most solemn ceremony which honors the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in our country's armed forces," Riddles says.

Flyers have been posted at both facilities and an email has been sent inviting all colleagues to attend the brief and very moving observance that honors our fallen heroes.

All service colleagues (active duty military, honorably discharged veterans and members of the guard and reserve) are welcome to wear their uniforms (in whole or in part; caps and fatigue jackets acceptable, class A, B or C acceptable) to work on May 24. Please consult with your supervisor, as appropriate, if you plan to wear your uniform.

## Join Our Golf League

**LVH-Schuylkill** is continuing to offer a local golf league. Interested colleagues, family and friends are welcome to join. You do not have to be employed by LVHN to be part of the league. The nine-hole league plays at Hidden Valley Golf Course every Thursday after 1 p.m. Our hospitals have participated in the local league for more than 20 years. A registration fee covers an end-of-year picnic and prizes. To join the league or for more information, please call Hidden Valley at 570-739-4455.

## Become an Organ Donor and Save Lives

**LVHN has joined** the Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) and Gift of Life Donor Program as a hospital partner in a campaign to educate hospital communities on the critical need for more organ, tissue and cornea donors and to encourage individuals to register as donors.

Every day new people are added to the national organ transplant waiting list. That list now exceeds 118,000 people whose lives depend on a life-saving organ transplant. This week, more than 100 of them will die because not enough organs are available. Thousands of others whose lives would benefit from the gift of eye and tissue donation continue to wait and hope.

As a hospital partner in this initiative, all colleagues are encouraged to join with the Gift of Life Donor Program, our partner organ donation organization, in educating our hospital community on the critical need for donation and providing opportunities for people to sign up as organ, eye and tissue donors.

We are aiming to register new organ donor designations to the state registry to contribute to the national goal and to earn state recognition from HAP for conducting activities that promote enrollment in state organ donor registries. We will earn points for each activity we implement between April 1 and Aug. 31, 2017, and will be recognized for reaching a titanium, platinum, gold, silver or bronze level.

In the months ahead, you'll hear more about LVHN's participation in this important campaign. For event information and details on ways you can become actively involved, contact Leigh Yocum at 610-402-4520 or visit [donors1.org](http://donors1.org). Please support LVHN's involvement, spread this message and help us save lives.



## Kim Hashin, MD, Recognized as a Patient Favorite

The **Republican-Herald** recently published its annual celebration of the quality and quantity of goods, services, merchants and businesses offered to local residents. As has become the tradition, readers respond by taking a survey on everything from entertainment to health care.

Kim Hashin, MD, Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) was named Best Family Physician. Join in congratulating Hashin for being recognized by patients and thank her for her service to LVPG, LVHN and the residents of Schuylkill County.



## MEETING A STEELER

**Robert DeColli, DO**, LVPG Internal Medicine–Laurel Boulevard and Medical Director, LVPG–Schuylkill, was among about 300 people who attended the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon. DeColli is a Chamber Board Member.

The keynote speaker was former Pittsburgh Steeler great Merrill Hoge. He told the gathering that a person can always “find a way” to accomplish goals if one applies himself or herself to reaching them. During a motivational speech, Hoge discussed his rise to the NFL on his boyhood’s favorite team, his early retirement due to concussions and his battle with cancer. A decade after leaving the NFL, Hoge was diagnosed with and successfully battled non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He currently is a sports analyst with ESPN and the author of “Find A Way.”