

# Progress Notes

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### LVHN Physicians in Haiti

It takes courage to leave your home, family, and the comfort of the United States and go to a land where there is little food, clean water and almost no security. That is exactly what four of our LVHN physicians did five days after the devastating Haitian earthquake on January 12.

**Paul M. Berger, MD**, Division of Urology, **Scott A. Rice, MD**, Division of General Pediatrics, **Iqbal Sorathia, MD**, Division of General Internal Medicine, and **Sara S. Viessman, MD**, Division of General Pediatrics, all recently returned from Haiti.

Paul and Scott are both members of Lifechurch in Allentown which supports Rescue Children Orphanage in Port-au-Prince. When the earthquake hit, the phones went dead, and the church in Allentown did not know the status of the orphans in Haiti. Paul and Scott were asked by their pastor to join him in getting to Haiti as soon as possible to find the orphans and help them. Iqbal had previously been to Haiti four times and was looking to get back in the wake of the catastrophe. He joined Paul and Scott for the trip and, on January 17, a 14-man team left for Haiti with 28 bags of medical supplies.

Because the Port-au-Prince airport was open only to government and military aircraft, the team flew into Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. From there they managed to hire three vans and convince the drivers to take them to the orphanage in Port-au-Prince. The trip was difficult, to say the least. After 10 hours, in the early morning of January 18, the group arrived at the orphanage which had been destroyed. Fortunately, none of the orphans were injured and they had been moved to the nearby Love a Child orphanage which was still intact.

With no electricity and thus no light for work, the team napped until sunrise. When daylight broke, they found the Love a Child orphanage compound to be packed with hundreds of wounded Haitians. Our three physicians joined a Haitian pediatrician who, prior to their arrival, had no medical supplies, and began triaging and caring for the

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# NEW CHAIR NAMED FOR RADIATION ONCOLOGY



**Charles F. Andrews, MD**, who has been serving as acting chair since July, 2009, was recently appointed Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology. Dr. Andrews served as Vice Chair of the Department since May, 1988, a month after he joined the Medical Staff. Dr. Andrews has been president and

senior partner of Allentown Radiation Oncology Associates (ARO) since 1991, when ARO began an exclusive contract with Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Born in Bethlehem, Pa., Dr. Andrews graduated from Lock Haven University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Medical Degree from Hahnemann University School of Medicine.

Dr. Andrews completed an internship followed by a three-year Radiation Oncology residency at Hahnemann University Hospital. He is certified in Radiation Oncology by the American Board of Radiology.

Dr. Andrews and his wife, Dr. Thelma Quioque, have two children and reside in Center Valley, Pa.

## MEDICAL STAFF REAPPOINTMENT REMINDER

On March 3, this year's **Medical Staff Biennial Reappointment** process will begin when reappointment packets will be mailed to over 1,000 members of the Medical Staff. Following are a few helpful reminders to keep in mind when completing your reappointment application:

- Carefully review the nine-page Reappointment Application for accuracy, fill in any blanks, and remember to **sign and date** page 6 of the application.
- Review your privilege sheet and **relinquish any privileges** that you no longer perform.
- When returning your application, please remember to include an updated **Curriculum Vitae** and copies of **CMEs** for the last two years.
- Remember to get your **annual TB skin test** and make sure to complete the TB section in the reappointment application.
- The **Hospital Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Statement** must be completed annually. Completion for FY 2010 is required in conjunction with the biennial reappointment and must be completed by **April 1, 2010**. (Refer to the January issue of *Progress Notes* for more information.)

- All Medical Staff members with **Adult and/or Pediatric Moderate Sedation** privileges are required to successfully complete the appropriate eLearning Moderate Sedation module(s) and examination by **April 2, 2010**. This requirement is mandatory for continuation and maintenance of these privileges and for your 2010 Medical Staff biennial reappointment.
- **Associate** and **Affiliate** members of the Medical Staff are required to provide a letter of good standing from their primary hospital. It is the physician's responsibility to insure that the good standing letter is received by the Medical Staff Services office.
- **The deadline to return reappointment applications is March 23**. Your prompt attention in facilitating the return of your reappointment application is both requested and appreciated.

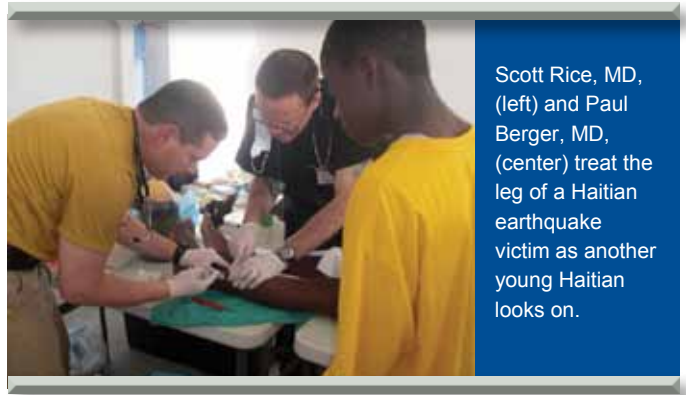
If you have any questions regarding the reappointment process, please contact Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8900.

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earthquake victims. Once the community learned of the group's arrival, more patients were brought to the orphanage by food trucks functioning as ambulances. The team worked 16 hours each day performing numerous fasciotomies, wound debridements, and providing general medical care for as many as 200 patients a day. Eight days later, after treating as many as 1,500 patients and being relieved by other health care providers, the team made the 10-hour return trip to Santo Domingo and returned to the Lehigh Valley.

Sara's experience was similar and yet different. She also felt called to Haiti. After searching the internet for three days, she ultimately found a group of Haitian-born physicians now living and practicing in Irvington, New Jersey, called the Haitian League. Sara found out on Saturday, January 16, that they would be leaving from Newark Airport at 7 a.m. the following morning and they welcomed her to join them. Sara and the group from New Jersey also flew into Santo Domingo then traveled many hours over land to Port-au-Prince. Once there, they met with the Haitian Minister of Health and were assigned to the Bernard Mevs public hospital.

On arrival, she found the Haitians to have no food, little water, and the hospital compound was covered with hundreds of earthquake victims and their loved ones – none of which, understandably, wanted to stay inside the hospital for fear of aftershocks and repeated earthquakes. As a pediatrician, also working from sunrise to sunset, Sara predominantly focused on children with crush injuries, wounds, and medical conditions aggravated by the earthquake such as sickle cell crisis, hepatitis and meningitis.



Scott Rice, MD, (left) and Paul Berger, MD, (center) treat the leg of a Haitian earthquake victim as another young Haitian looks on.

While in Haiti, Sara was also involved in operational earthquake relief activities. She was asked to develop a comprehensive antibiotic guide and called on the Lehigh Valley Infectious Diseases Specialists for help. Mark C. Knouse, MD, and others assisted her in putting together a flow diagram that would help health care providers throughout Haiti prescribe the appropriate antibiotics for the wounds they were treating. Sara was also asked to assist the United States Army in performing a comprehensive needs assessment on 27 tent cities. She developed an easily reproducible, color-coded, Excel spreadsheet that addressed the health, food, and water needs of the tent cities.

Thank you to Paul, Scott, Iqbal, and Sara for serving the people of Haiti and also for sharing your experiences with us.

Happy Spring!

Matthew M. McCambridge, MD  
Medical Staff President

## Seventh Triennial Physician Recognition Dinner

Invitations have been mailed for the upcoming **Physician Recognition Dinner** to be held on **Saturday, March 27**, in the **Mountain Ballroom at Bear Creek Mountain Resort** in Macungie, Pa. Plan to attend the seventh triennial 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. The event is Black Tie Optional. RSVP by March 12 by returning the Response Card or by completing the on-line form at the following web address: <http://www.lvhn.org/physiciandinnersvp>

Every effort is made to accommodate all who wish to attend this event, however, seating is limited. Therefore, any registered guests who fail to attend the dinner will incur a no-show charge.

For more information or seating requests, please call 610-402-8590.

# MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY CONSULTATION SERVICES

## NOW AVAILABLE AT LVHN

Traditionally, when caring for poisoned patients, LVHN physicians have received advice from the PinnacleHealth Toxicology Center in Harrisburg, Pa. However, with the addition of the Section of Medical Toxicology in the Department of Emergency Medicine, Medical Toxicology Consultation Services became available at LVHN in January. Now, LVHN is in the unique position of having an in-house specialist who will provide telephone and bedside consultation for patients suffering from overdose, poisoning, envenomation, withdrawal, or chemical exposure.



**Matthew D. Cook, DO**, who joined the hospital's Medical Staff in July, 2009, has become the first physician in the new Section of Medical Toxicology. Dr. Cook completed his Emergency Medicine residency at LVHN in 2004, and then went on to complete a Medical Toxicology fellowship at the University of California, San Diego, in 2006. Dr. Cook is a full-time attending physician with LVPG-Emergency Medicine and a consultant for the Philadelphia Poison Control

Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. A second toxicologist is expected to join LVHN in July.

The immediate goal of this new service is to provide an alternative for LVHN physicians who prefer physician-to-physician discussion when dealing with the challenging issues surrounding poisoned patients. To that end, Dr. Cook is available 24/7 by pager (610-402-5100 9623) for any telephone consultations. The need for bedside consultation can then be determined at the time of telephone contact. The long-term goal of this service is to provide a teaching rotation for LVHN residents and students who desire more exposure to the unique clinical and academic questions that arise from poisonings.

If you have any questions regarding this new service, please contact Matthew D. Cook, DO, at pager 610-402-5100 9623.

## REVISION IN LAB TESTING FOR MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION AND TRAUMA

The following Health Network Laboratories profile changes were approved by the Medical Executive Committee at the December 1, 2009 meeting:

### Revision of the ROMI (Rule out Myocardial Infarction) Algorithm

Troponin I is recommended as the single gold-standard biomarker of cardiac muscle damage in the diagnosis of myocardial infarction (ACC/ESC/AHA/NACB). In the past year, LVHN staff has been performing reflex CK and CK-MB testing on patients with positive troponin results ( $>0.04$  ng/mL). After discussion with the Division of Cardiology, the Division of General Internal Medicine, the Department of Emergency Medicine, and the Test Utilization Council, the laboratory will include only troponin measurement in the ROMI panel and eliminate the CK and CK-MB reflex testing algorithm on troponin positives. The revised ROMI panel will, therefore, comprise troponin I measurement performed at 0hr, 4-6hr and 10-12hr.

CK and CK-MB will continue to be individually orderable tests but will not be an automatically included reflex component in the ROMI test series.

### Change in Reporting of Very High Troponin Levels

The assay linearity range of Troponin I is limited to levels  $<50$  ng/mL. Patient samples with troponin values exceeding 50 ng/mL therefore require manual sample dilution in the laboratory to obtain an accurate absolute troponin level. This dilution step is labor intensive and time consuming, and does not add significant diagnostic clinical value in establishing the diagnosis of myocardial infarction. This dilution step also adds a significant processing delay to obtaining a final critical result that directly impacts patient management. For these reasons, the laboratory will limit the reporting of troponin results to absolute values that are less than 50 ng/mL. Patient samples that exceed this value will be reported as " $>50$  ng/mL."

The revisions to the MI profile will take place on March 9, 2010, and will replace the current profiles.

If you have any questions regarding these profile changes, please contact Bala B. Carver, MD, Chief, Section of Transfusion Medicine & HLA, at 610-402-8140.



# IN MEMORIAM — STANLEY E. ZEEMAN, MD



**Stanley E. Zeeman, MD**, a pioneer in modern cardiology who is widely credited with bringing bypass surgery to the Lehigh Valley, died on Wednesday, February 10, in Florida, where he lived since retiring from Lehigh Valley Hospital in 1991.

Born on January 7, 1924, in Mount Vernon, N.Y., Dr. Zeeman graduated from Allentown High School, Villanova University, and Jefferson Medical College. He completed a rotating internship at Jefferson Hospital followed by a year of Cardiology training at Philadelphia General Hospital and a year of Internal Medicine training at Bellevue Hospital in New York.

After serving as a captain in the Army medical corps in Germany, Dr. Zeeman joined the hospital's Division of Cardiology in 1954. He set up and directed the first cardiac catheterization lab at Allentown Hospital in 1963, which led to the region's first heart surgery program in 1968. He helped establish the first local cardiac care unit and initiated a cardiac rescue technician service. Dr. Zeeman was Chief of Cardiology at Allentown Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital Center from 1974 to 1980. He also served as President of the Medical Staff from 1980 to 1982.

In 1987, Dr. Zeeman received the Leonard Pool Prize for "more than 30 years of dedicated, intensive service" to the Valley. In 2004, he was honored for 50 years of service on the hospital's Medical Staff.

Dr. Zeeman is survived by his wife, Bonnie, five daughters, 11 grandchildren, and a great grandson.

*In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Dr. Stanley and Bonnie Zeeman Family Endowment Fund for Cardiology, 1247 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103.*

## Doctors' Day Celebration

In honor of Doctors' Day, a buffet luncheon will be available for members of the Medical Staff on Tuesday, March 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the following locations:

- LVH-Cedar Crest & I-78 — Medical Staff Lounge
- LVH-Muhlenberg — Medical Staff Lounge
- LVH-17th & Chew — ASU O.R. Lounge

**HAPPY DOCTORS' DAY — ENJOY!**

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# PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

## “UROSEPSIS” is Outdated

Please erase the term “Urosepsis” from your mind! Here’s why:

How many of you knew that the term “urosepsis” codes to a simple UTI (code 599.0)? Kudos to you if you did! You may be thinking your patient has sepsis from a GU source, but by documenting “urosepsis,” all it means is that they have a simple UTI from the standpoint of coding, severity of illness scoring, insurance/reimbursement, and utilization/length of stay.

Our coders wind up querying you to clarify if you mean a simple UTI or Sepsis due to UTI. Without clarification, coders can only code urosepsis to simple UTI. This discredits your hard work and time invested in the patient as well as wastes many thousands of health care dollars and resources. On paper, it will appear as though you hospitalized a patient for a simple UTI. This is just one common example of the huge difference accurate documentation can make.

Take home point: Instead of documenting “Urosepsis,” always document “Sepsis from UTP” if clinically indicated.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other issue relating to Physician Documentation, please contact John P. Pettine, MD, Lead Coach, Clinical Documentation Improvement Project, via email at [john.pettine@lvh.com](mailto:john.pettine@lvh.com).

# ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS UPDATE

## APC Quarterly Meeting

Please plan to attend the next quarterly meeting of the Advanced Practice Clinicians on **Thursday, April 22**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.**, in **Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8** at LVH-Cedar Crest. **“Creating an Ideal APC Environment”** will be presented by Robert J. Motley, MD, Department of Family Medicine, Section of Geriatrics. In addition, the election of a President-elect and two At-Large members of the Executive Council will be held at the meeting.



Jim Miller, President of the APC Executive Council, will conclude his two-year term as President. Brian Damweber, PA-C, current President-elect, will begin his two-year term as President.



The President-elect serves a two-year term and automatically becomes the President, also serving a two-year term. Therefore, it should be noted that this is a four-year commitment on the APC Executive Council. At-Large members serve a three-year term on the APC Executive Council.

The APC Executive Council meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 a.m., in the Medical Staff Services Conference Room at LVH-Cedar Crest. APC Executive Council officers are strongly encouraged to attend the Quarterly APC meetings as well.

In keeping with the APC Bylaws/Charter membership stipulations (a maximum of three PA’s, three CRNA’s, and three CRNP’s on the Council) and upon review of the current makeup of the APC Executive Council, nominations will be accepted as follows:

The APC Executive Council will accept nominations for President-elect and At-Large members. These seats may be filled from within the current APC Executive Council membership or from the LVHN APC membership. Nominations from the LVHN APC membership may include CRNP’s, CRNA’s, Nurse Midwives, Psychologists and Chiropractors. PA’s, outside of current Council members, are not eligible for election due to the maximum of three PA’s currently sitting on the Council.

To nominate an APC for President-elect or an At-Large seat, please call 610-402-APC1 (2721). Leave a message including your name, the name of the nominee, and the seat – President-elect or At-Large member. Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2010.



# PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



**Joseph W. Galassi, Jr., MD**, Department of Anesthesiology, and **Nanette M. Schwann, MD**, Division of Cardiac Anesthesiology, are lead authors of an abstract – “Ultrasound Visualization v. Electrical Nerve Stimulation for Interscalene and Axillary Nerve Block in Upper Extremity Surgery: A Prospective Randomized Trial” – that has been selected as one of the eight best abstracts from over 600 abstracts submitted to the 2010 International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS) Annual Meeting to be held March 20-23, in Honolulu, Hawaii. This is an investigator initiated, internally developed trial (with collaborators from Duke University) randomizing patients to two different nerve block techniques. Additional authors include **Jodie L. Buxbaum, MD**, **J. John Collins, MD**, and **Dorothy I. Hartman, MD**, members of the Division of Obstetric Anesthesiology; **Michael He, MD**, Department of Anesthesiology; Leslie Baga, RN, and Farheen Hussain, Office of Clinical Research, Department of Surgery; Sherrine Eid, Department of Community Health and Health Studies, and Mary Jane Cerrone, Pain Research.



**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.

In addition, Dr. Qayyum will be featured on “American Health Front” on March 6 on NBC-TV Channel 10. During the show, which is a public awareness medical news television program designed to educate viewers about advances in medical techniques and technology, Dr. Qayyum will talk about dental implants, one of his specialties.



**Luther V. Rhodes III, MD**, Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, co-authored an article – “Diagnosis of Acute Pulmonary Histoplasmosis by Antigen Detection” – which appeared in the December, 2009 issue of Clinical Infectious Diseases.



**Kamalesh T. Shah MD**, Division of General Surgery/Trauma-Surgical Critical Care, co-authored an article – “Guidelines for Prehospital Fluid Resuscitation in the Injured Patient” – which was published in Volume 67, Number 2, August, 2009 issue of The Journal of Trauma: Injury, Infection, and Critical Care.



When President Obama visited the Lehigh Valley in December, four members of the LVHN staff were selected as drivers for the Presidential Motorcade. LVHN staff members pictured with President Obama include (left to right): **Timothy J. Friel, MD**, Department of Medicine, Vice Chair for Research; **Edgardo G. Maldonado, MD**, Medical Director, Internal Medicine Community Practices and Patient Programs; **John W. Hart**, Vice President, Medical Staff Services, and (far right) **Jarret R. Patton, MD**, Division of General Pediatrics. The drivers were chosen by Motorcade Director Sara S. Viessman, MD, a member of the Division of General Pediatrics.

# ETHICS CORNER

## Communication – Installment 2: The Bearer of Bad News

Of the many roles we have to play as medical professionals, being the bearer of bad news is among the most challenging. Hopefully, the following will make it EASE-ier. One of our OACIS team members, Sharyn Lang, developed this mnemonic to guide us in delivering bad news. **EASE** stands for **E**nvironment, **A**sk, **S**hare information/Support, and **E**valuate and follow-up.

**Environment:** Choose a quiet, comfortable room with enough chairs for everyone to sit. Either turn off beeper and cell phones or have someone take your calls for you. Always check your personal appearance. Decide who should be present for both team and patient support. Find out who the patient wants to participate and clarify relationships to patient. Make certain the legal decision-maker is present. Obtain a certified medical interpreter if needed. Make sure you know basic information about the patient's disease, prognosis, and treatment options. Think through your goals for the meeting as well as the possible goals of the patient and/or the patient's family.

**Ask:** Determine what the patient and family already know. For example, ask "What is your understanding of your present condition?" Do not take for granted what the patient *wants* to know. There may be personal or cultural reasons for limiting information to the patient. So explore this before beginning. Do not be afraid to ask, "Is there anything else you want to know?"

**Share information/Support:** Before presenting bad news, provide a concise narrative overview of the patient's medical status so that everyone has a common source of information. Some basic communication tips include<sup>1</sup>:

1. Speak slowly, deliberately and clearly.
2. Give fair warning – "I am afraid I have some bad news for you" then pause for a moment.
3. Present the bad news in a succinct manner. Be prepared to repeat and present additional information in response to patient and family needs.
4. Give opportunities for questions and comments.
5. Present information at the patient's and family's pace. Do not overwhelm them with detailed information at the first setting.

Show support for the patient/loved ones. Sometimes this involves sitting quietly and listening, using therapeutic silence. Allow time to absorb the news. You may wait for the patient to respond, or you may offer support (e.g., "I'm so sorry"), but avoid the common mistake of rushing forward with the meeting. Acknowledge and validate the patient's and family's reactions, i.e., "This is very difficult news," "I know this is very hard."

**Evaluate and follow-up:**

Before proceeding with further information, evaluate the patient's/loved ones' understanding and emotional state. Help the patient and loved ones identify successful coping strategies. Address their concerns. Acknowledge uncertainties about the future but reassure by offering your presence, i.e., "we will work on this together." Agree on a follow-up plan (e.g., "I will return later today, write down any questions you have") and make sure this meets the patient's needs. Involve other team members in the follow-up plan. Be sure to document the meeting in the chart.



### Remember . . .

- Patients prefer direct, empathic communication that includes information about diagnosis.
- When patients no longer appear to be listening, bring the interview to a close and reschedule a follow-up.
- Healthcare providers consistently underestimate the type and amount of information that patients want to know.
- Anger is usually based on displaced fear and/or feelings of being ignored and devalued.
- Hope is having a plan, a way through, something that makes sense...<sup>2</sup>

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair of the Ethics Committee, at [robert\\_d.barraco@lvh.com](mailto:robert_d.barraco@lvh.com).

<sup>1</sup> *Improving End-of-Life Care: A Resource Guide for Physician Education*, 3rd Edition, David E. Weissman, MD, Bruce Ambuel, PhD, James Hallenbeck, MD.

<sup>2</sup> *AAHPM UNIPAC Series*, 2nd Edition, Hospice/Palliative Care Training for Physicians, Porter Storey and Carol F. Knight, MaryAnn Liebert, Inc., 2003



# CONGRATULATIONS



**Judith Brooks, CRNP**, and **Brian J. Damweber, PA-C**, members of the Allied Health Professional staff, were recently elected to the Department of Medicine's Executive Council. In this capacity, they will



represent their constituents at the Executive Council meetings and provide input for improved communication between the Medical Staff and Allied Health Professional staff.

Ms. Brooks was appointed to the Allied Health Professional staff in November, 1998. She is in practice with LVPG-Medicine.

Mr. Damweber was appointed to the Allied Health Professional staff in October, 2000. He currently is the President-elect of the Advanced Practice Clinicians Executive Council. He is in practice with Lehigh Area Medical Associates.



**Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was honored with Honorary Fellowship in the Association of Surgeons of India at the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting held in late December in Coimbatore, India. Dr. Khubchandani gave the keynote address – “Lower GI Bleeding, Changing Paradigm” – to the main assembly. He also addressed the Association of Colon and Rectal Surgeons of India with a lecture titled “All You Wanted to Know About Hemorrhoids and Were Afraid to Ask.” Dr. Khubchandani was appointed to the Medical Staff in January, 1968. He is in practice with John J. Stasik, MD.



**Fermin E. Morales, MD**, Division of General Surgery, was recently notified that he has become board certified in Surgery by the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Morales was appointed to the LVHN Medical Staff in September, 2008. He is in practice with Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley.



**Edward R. Norris, MD**, Department of Psychiatry, Vice Chair, Education and Research, was recently elected to Fellow status in the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in recognition of significant contributions to Psychiatry. Being a Fellow is an honorary designation that was created by the APA Membership Committee and Board of Trustees to recognize early career members who have demonstrated allegiance to their profession and commitment to the ongoing work of the Association. Dr. Norris was appointed to the Medical Staff in September, 2003. He is in practice with LVPG-Psychiatry.



**John F. Welkie, MD**, Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, was recently informed by the American Board of Surgery that he successfully completed the 2009 Recertification Examination and is now recognized as Recertified in Surgery. Dr.

Welkie was appointed to the Medical Staff in August, 1992. He is in practice with Peripheral Vascular Surgeons, PC.

The following members of the Department of Anesthesiology were recently certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology:



Chad C. Cripe, MD



Scott R. Dubow, MD



Michael He, MD



Cindy Wan, MD



Daniel P. Weil, MD

The following members of the Department of Anesthesiology have become recertified by the American Board of Anesthesiology:



J. John Collins, MD



Dorothy I. Hartman, MD



Juhan Paiste, MD



James C. Shaheen, MD

All of the above members of the Department of Anesthesiology are in practice with Allentown Anesthesia Associates.

# UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

## General Medical Staff Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on **Monday, March 8**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in **Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8** at LVH-Cedar Crest. The meeting will be teleconferenced to the Educational Conference Center Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

## Risk Reduction Symposium

This year's annual LVPG Risk Symposium will be held on **Friday, April 23**, from 7:30 a.m. to Noon, in the LVH-Cedar Crest Auditorium. The symposium will highlight concepts of a "Team-based Approach" in healthcare and opportunities for risk reduction. Featured topics will include:

- "The Science of Persuasion in Change Management"
- "How Malpractice Data Can Make the Case for Simulation Training"
- "Changing the Liability Equation Through Excellent Communication and Service"

The conference is sponsored by Lehigh Valley Physician Group and LVHN Risk Management and is open to physicians, nurses, allied health staff, and management.

For more information, contact Jessica Spack, Quality Improvement Coordinator, at 610-439-7508 or [jessica.spack@lvh.com](mailto:jessica.spack@lvh.com).

## Third Annual Ethics Symposium

Save the Date – the **Third Annual Ethics Symposium** will be held on **Tuesday, April 6**, from **7 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, at LVH-Cedar Crest. New for 2010 will be the inclusion of an EMS track. Stay tuned!

## Cardiology Grand Rounds

The next Cardiology Grand Rounds will be held on Friday, March 5, from Noon to 1 p.m., in Kasych ECC Room 10 at LVH-Cedar Crest and in ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg.

**"Adult Congenital Heart Disease for the General Cardiologist"** will be presented by William R. Davidson, MD, Penn State Heart & Vascular Institute.

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

## Family Medicine Grand Rounds

The next Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on **Tuesday, March 2**, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 9 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg.

**"GME Annual Report"** will be presented by J.P. Orlando, MEd, Director of Medical Education Development, Division of Education, and Thomas V. Whalen, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery.

For more information, contact Dorothy Jacquez in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4965.

## Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds will begin 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 on the following Tuesdays in March:

- March 9 – **"Update in Neurology"** – Presenters will include Lorraine Spikol, MD, Sulada Kanchana, MD, David Jones, MD, Soraya Jimenez, MD, John Margraf, MD, and Yevgeniy Isayev, MD, members of the Division of Neurology
- March 23 – **"Update in Rheumatology"** – Presenters will include James Ross, MD, and Marie O'Brien, DO, Division of Rheumatology

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

## Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences will begin at Noon on the following Thursdays in March. In addition to the location listed, each program will be videoconferenced to the Lehigh Neurology office on the LVH-Muhlenberg campus.

- March 4 – **"Interesting Cases in Neuroradiology"** – Joshua Bemporad, MD, Section of Neuroradiology – Location: Lehigh Neurology Conference Room, 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- March 11 – **"Paraneoplastic Syndromes"** – Joseph Dalmau, MD, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania – Location: Auditorium, LVH-Cedar Crest
- March 18 – Division Meeting – Location: Lehigh Neurology Conference Room

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- March 25 – **“New Immune-Modulating Therapy in Neurological Diseases”** – David Jones, MD, Division of Neurology – Location: Lehigh Neurology Conference Room

For more information, contact Sharon Bartz, Conference Coordinator, at 610-402-9001.

## Nutrition Grand Rounds

Nutrition Grand Rounds are being offered this year for physicians, nurses, pharmacy staff, allied health staff and any other interested patient care providers. CME, CNE, and pharmacy credits have been approved for all programs. Upcoming topics include:

- March 2 at Noon – **“Type I Diabetes in Adults/ Pediatrics”** – Deb Maurer, RD, LDN, CDE, and Laurissa L. Kashmer, MD, Pediatric Endocrinologist – Location: Auditorium, LVH-Cedar Crest; ECC Room B, LVH-Muhlenberg; VTC Room, LVH-17
- April 13 at Noon – **“Transplant”** – Jolene Bennett, RD, LDN, and Meredith Baum, RD, LDN, CSR – Location: Auditorium, LVH-Cedar Crest; First Floor Conference Room, LVH-Muhlenberg; VTC Room, LVH-17

For more information, contact Kimberly Procaccino, Director of Nutrition, at 610-4902-8609.

## OBGYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology will hold Grand Rounds from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 8 (unless otherwise noted), on the following Fridays in March:

- March 5 – **“MFM Subspecialty Programs”** – John Smulian, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- March 12 – **“Benign Gynecologic M&M”** – Joseph DeFulvio, DO, Chief, Division of Gynecology
- March 19 – **“Faculty Development”** – Krista Hirschmann, PhD – Location: Auditorium, LVH-Cedar Crest
- March 26 – **Combined OB/GYN and Surgical Grand Rounds – “Measuring and Improving Resident Performance”** – Gary Dunnington, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, Southern Illinois University

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

## Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds at 8 a.m., in ECC Room 1 on the first floor of the Anderson Wing at LVH-Cedar Crest on the following Tuesdays in March:

- March 2 – **“Learning From Tragedy – The Josie King Story”** – Georgene Saliba, Administrator, Risk Management/Patient Safety
- March 9 – **“Amenorrhea in an Adolescent: Common Complaint with Uncommon Cause”** – Sarah Stevens, MD, Section of Adolescent Medicine
- March 16 – **“Clinical Neuropsychology: Scope of Practice in Medical, Community Settings”** – Gianna Locascio, PsyD, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital
- March 23 – **“Vermont Oxford Network and Quality Improvement Activities in the NICU”** – Anthony Killian, MD, Division of Neonatology
- March 30 – **“Pediatric Polycystic Ovary Syndrome”** – Laurissa Kashmer, MD, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Endocrinology

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

## Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds will be held on Wednesday, March 24, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms B, C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg and teleconferenced to Kasych ECC Room 7 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

**“Stigma of Mental Illness”** will be presented by Brooke Katz, RN, author and advocate for the rights of the mentally ill.

As a large attendance is expected, please RSVP to Tammy Schweizer at [tammy.schweizer@lvh.com](mailto:tammy.schweizer@lvh.com).

## Spine Conference

Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 a.m. Clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting. The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 3, in Kasych ECC Room 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

For more information, contact James C. Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery, or Laura Warner, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973-6338.

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## Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds will be held at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and via teleconference in the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg on the following dates in March:

- March 2 – **“Chest Wall Deformities: Ravitch vs. Nuss, and More!”** – William Hardin, Jr., MD, Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties
- March 9 – Canceled
- March 16 – **“Surviving Sepsis”** – Erik Teicher, MD, Chief Surgical Resident
- March 26 - **Combined OB/GYN and Surgical Grand Rounds – “Measuring and Improving Resident Performance”** – Gary Dunnington, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, Southern Illinois University
- March 30 – **“Physician Activism”** – J. Lee Howard, MD, Chief Surgical Resident

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

## Teaching Leader Series

The Division of Education is sponsoring network faculty development workshops for all clinical educators. This series has been designed to identify and apply adult teaching principles to maximize training, assess performance, deliver constructive feedback, and create a safe learning environment using a diverse set of teaching methods tailored for the learner.

Listed below are the dates, times, topics and locations for the March workshops:

- March 4 – **“Difficult Feedback/Bad News II”** – 7:30-9 a.m. – Kasych ECC Room 8, LVH-Cedar Crest
- March 19 – **“Difficult Feedback/Bad News”** – 7:30-9 a.m. – Banko 1 & 2, LVH-Muhlenberg
- March 22 – **“Difficult Feedback/Bad News”** – Noon-1:30 p.m. – Kasych ECC Room 10, LVH-Cedar Crest

Registration is available through eLearning on your WebSSO toolbar.

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



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# WHO'S NEW

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### New Appointments



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## **Addition to Departmental Assignment**

### **Daniel F. Brown, MD**

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Section of Neuropathology  
*Addition of: Section of Molecular Pathology*

### **Dennis B. Cornfield, MD**

Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine  
Division of Anatomic Pathology  
Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine  
*Addition of: Section of Molecular Pathology*

### **Elizabeth A. Dellers, MD**

Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine  
Division of Anatomic Pathology  
Section of Breast Pathology  
*Addition of: Section of Molecular Pathology*

### **Peter E. Fisher, MD, MBA**

Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine  
Division of Anatomic Pathology  
*Addition of: Sections of Molecular Pathology and Trans-  
plantation Pathology*

### **Shereen M.F. Gheith, MD, PhD**

Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine  
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Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine  
*Addition of: Section of Molecular Pathology*

### **Jillian R. Grau, MD**

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Section of Gastrointestinal Pathology  
*Addition of: Section of Transplantation Pathology*

### **Gary A. Stopyra, MD**

Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine  
Division of Anatomic Pathology  
*Addition of: Section of Transplantation Pathology*

## **Six-Month Leave of Absence**

### **Theodore H. Gaylor, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery  
From: Active To: Active/LOA

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### **Robert M. Abbott, MD**

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### **Hong Jin, MD**

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### Change of Supervising Physician and Group

#### Georgette M. Guth, RN

*Registered Nurse*  
From: Valley Oral Surgery – Mark H. Grim, DMD  
To: Samina Wahhab, MD – Samina Wahhab, MD

### Additional Supervising Physician and Group

#### Mary A. Bealer, CRNP

*Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner*  
(OBGYN Associates of the LV – Michael Sheinberg, MD)  
*Addition of: College Heights OBGYN Associates – Patrick E. McIntyre, MD*

### Removal of Supervising Physician

#### Judith R. Chermansky, CRNP

*Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner*  
(Pulmonary Associates – Jonathan Hertz, MD)  
*Removal of: Clinton C. Holmzger, MD – Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC*

### Resignations

#### Brenda L. Edwards, CRNP

*Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner*  
(College Heights OBGYN Associates)

#### Luis A. Martinez, PA-C

*Physician Assistant-Certified*  
(Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists)

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