

Friday FACTS

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Emergency Medicine Institute Satellite Officially Open

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) officially opened the Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI) Satellite at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Hazleton on Monday, Dec. 14. Local emergency medical services (EMS) and MedEvac providers were the first to attend a continuing education session conducted at the satellite on Monday. Located on the first floor of the Business and Education Center, the EMI Satellite is a sub-division of the George E. Moerkirk EMI in Allentown. This exciting addition will provide monthly continuing education programs, multiple certification classes such as Prehospital Trauma Life Support and Basic Life Support/Advanced Life Support skill review sessions, and EMS town hall meetings. It is the hope to provide community cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes in the near future. EMS providers are at the frontline for our patients, and with their dedication, our community can feel grateful to be in the hands of such skilled providers. The EMI Satellite at LVH–Hazleton is a huge step to providing local education and programs right here in our community.



Information Systems Notice

Beginning on Monday, Dec. 14, colleagues from LVHN will be visiting all departments to begin placing additional asset tags on information systems (IS) equipment. These colleagues will be wearing LVHN identification badges. They will introduce themselves and make every effort not to be invasive to your department. Please do not remove any of these tags, as these new identifiers will be needed for IS support calls in the future. Note: BIO-MED equipment is not included in this task.

Please contact Kevin McNamara, systems analyst, at 610-782-5332 or via email at Kevin.Mcnamara@lvhn.org with any questions you may have about this process.

Outpatient Imaging Earns Re-accreditations

Congratulations to the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton's outpatient diagnostic imaging department for receiving re-accreditations for a three-year term in both mammography and breast ultrasound as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR practice guidelines and technical standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field.

The department also passed the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) annual inspection through the Pennsylvania Department of Radiation Protection. The MQSA requires mammography facilities across the nation to meet uniform quality standards.

The Spirit of Giving

Area children at Brandon's Forever Home and recipients of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program will have a brighter Christmas thanks to the selfless efforts of LVH–Hazleton colleagues. The intensive care unit (ICU) conducted a toy drive for Brandon's Forever Home, a non-profit organization established to raise adoption and foster care awareness. They collected 100 gifts and "adopted" two older children who have aged out of foster care.

With the same giving spirit, the surgical services department collected three large bins of gifts for Toys for Tots. The program goal is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.



ICU team from L-R: **Sandy Cusatis**, unit clerk; **Nicole Samec, RN**; **Krista Wilson, RN**; **Dave Hirko, RN**; **Lori Ogurkis**, Brandon's Forever Home president; **Katie Moore**, LVH–Hazleton pharmacist and Brandon's Forever Home secretary; **Amy Loyd, RN**; **Amanda Kalinowski, RN**.



Surgical services team from L-R: **Joann Zavitsky, RN**; **Mary Sweeney**; **MaryAnn Kolcun, RN**; **John Woodring, RN**; **SSgt David Ciero**, Marine Corp; **Lee Novatnak**; **MaryAnn Segelia, RN**; **Michele Konitzer, RN**, director of surgical services.

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