

# Progress Notes

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Unsung Heroes at 17th Street

I walked out of the Cedar Crest cafeteria yesterday and was delighted to see a sign showing several health care providers from the 17<sup>th</sup> Street's Centro de Salud Latino-Americano who received the February, 2010 Service Star Award. One of my earliest memories of being raised in Allentown occurred as a four year old sitting in the Emergency Department at the then Allentown Hospital while my one year old sister was receiving care. Great things were occurring at that historic site back then and continue today. Since I no longer regularly visit the 17<sup>th</sup> Street site and wanted to learn more about what is happening there, I went straight to the best source – **Edgardo Maldonado, MD.**

Edgardo went to college and medical school in Puerto Rico and then came to LVHN in 2001 for his internship and residency in Internal Medicine. After graduating from our program in 2004, Edgardo went to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Clinic to start LVHN's Centro de



Edgardo Maldonado, MD

Salud LatinoAmericano. Edgardo and his team of all Spanish speaking health care providers keep very busy. They are part of the larger Lehigh Valley Physician's Practice (LVPP), an academic multi-specialty practice dedicated to providing superior quality and compassionate care to the neediest members of our community. Edgardo describes LVPP as a practice in evolution. They have made significant improvements to their infrastructure during the past two years. Specifically, they created a call center, switched to open access scheduling, and implemented an electronic medical record. Most of their quality improvement initiatives are patient centered. They are well on their way to becoming a Premier Academic Medical Home.

In addition to LVPP physicians, several LVPG and private practice physicians spend time at 17<sup>th</sup> Street. They include from the Department of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine - **Cheryl Bloomfield, MD, Thomas Brandecker, MD, Tony Buonanno, MD, Jeffery Debuque, DO,**

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**J. Howard DeHoff, MD, Maria Jones, MD, Jennifer Mariotti, DO, Yehia Mishriki, MD, Marc Shalaby, MD, Stacey Smith, MD, Elliot Sussman, MD, William Swayser, Jr., DO, and Michael Zager, MD.**



*Marc Shalaby, MD*



*Kristin Ingraham, DO*

Our Rheumatology Division is represented at the clinic by **Nicole Chiappetta, DO, Kristin Ingraham, DO, Kerry Miller, MD, Marie O'Brien, DO, and James Ross, MD.** **Gretchen Perilli, MD**, from the Division of Endocrinology, not only helped to start the biweekly clinic at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter, but she also cares for about 20 patients a month at 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The Department of Medicine is also represented at the clinic by members from Lehigh Valley Infectious Diseases Specialists, Pulmonary Associates, Lehigh Neurology and Advanced Dermatology Associates. **Robert Roeshman, DO**, a private physician from the Division of Neurology, can also be seen at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street site on a regular basis.

Like the Department of Medicine, the Department of Surgery is also actively involved in the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Clinic. Representatives from the Department of Surgery include **Fermin Morales, MD**, from the Division of General Surgery; **Aaron Bleznak, MD**, from the Section of Surgical Oncology; **Paul Berger, MD**, from the Division of Urology; **Robert Murphy, Jr., MD**, and **W. Michael Morrissey, Jr., MD**, from the Division of Plastic



*Fermin Morales, MD*



*Wayne Stuart, MD*

Surgery, and **Wayne Stuart, MD**, and **George Arangio, MD**, from the Division of Orthopedic Surgery. The Division of Podiatric Surgery is represented by six different groups – Advanced Podiatry, Coordinated Health, Diamond Podiatry, East Penn Podiatry Associates, Feet First, and Podiatry Associates of LVPG. Other surgical groups that regularly go to the 17<sup>th</sup>

Street Clinic and Centro de Salud include physicians from the Allentown Center for Plastic Surgery, Plastic Surgery Associates of the Lehigh Valley, and Aesthetic Surgery Associates.

Three CRNPs are also actively involved – **Deb Feden, CRNP**, from the Division of Internal Medicine, **Scarlet Lichtenwalner, CRNP**, from Pain Medicine, and **Karen Landis, CRNP**, from Pulmonary Associates.



*Scarlet Lichtenwalner*



*Brian Mika, MD*

We also have five of our LVPG Psychiatrists – **Ed Norris, MD, Ken Zemanek, MD, Brian Mika, MD, Ralph Primelo, MD**, and the department chair, **Michael Kaufmann, MD**, helping hundreds of patients annually at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street site.

All combined, providers at the Centro de Salud LatinoAmericano, AIDS Activity Office, Dental Clinic, Pediatrics Clinic, and LVPP, with both its LVPG and non-LVPG components, see approximately 123,000 patients a year. The vast majority of the visits are to primary care physicians with over 2,800 visits to surgical specialists and over 1,800 to medical specialists.

I enjoyed researching and writing this month's **Progress Notes** article as I gained a greater perspective of the breadth and depth of the involvement of the LVHN community at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street site. Each time I discover more details about all the good work being done by our Medical Staff, I become prouder to be part of the community. Thanks to everyone involved at 17<sup>th</sup> Street for your hard work and dedication.

Have a nice month.

*Matthew M. McCambridge, MD*

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Medical Staff President



# LVHN TO ESTABLISH FIRST PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IN THE REGION



Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) recently announced plans to establish the first pediatric emergency department (ED) in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding area. The facility will be constructed in existing space adjacent to the current emergency department at Lehigh Valley Hospital — Cedar Crest. The project is tentatively scheduled for completion in the spring of 2011.

According to Richard S. MacKenzie, MD, Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, the existing emergency department at LVH-Cedar Crest cares for 13,000 children a year. He stressed that the creation of an emergency department just for children is important to the community because pediatricians and parents alike desire highly specialized care in a dedicated pediatric emergency department.

The planned pediatric ED would include 11 beds covered by specially trained staff to care for children, including dedicated pediatric emergency medicine physicians, pediatric emergency nurses and a child life specialist to assist children and their families with the psychological and social issues of an emergency room visit. There also will be a separate waiting area for children and their families.

“A child-friendly atmosphere is critical,” Dr. MacKenzie said. “It is often very difficult for children, particularly young children, to be in an environment where adults are suffering from illness or injury.” A child-friendly atmosphere can help make the pediatric emergency department as “painless” as possible. According to Dr. MacKenzie, research shows severe pain and worry can stick with children for a long time and even permanently. The goal will be to manage a child’s pain through staff education, consistent assessment criteria, implementation of protocols and technological advances.

The creation of a pediatric emergency department at other hospitals around the country has shown that a separate pediatric emergency department can further reduce wait times for both child and adult emergencies.

“The space we free-up in the existing emergency department by creating a dedicated pediatric emergency department will allow us to care for more adult patients,” said Dr. MacKenzie.

According to John D. Van Brakle, MD, Chair, Department of Pediatrics, an emergency department dedicated to serving the needs of children is the next logical step for the community. “We currently offer our young patients and their families access to a wide range of specialty care services, including a specialty care center, pediatric intensive care unit — the only one in the region, neonatal intensive care unit and the most experienced trauma center in the region treating adults and children. A pediatric emergency department would take the care of children, especially those with special health care needs, to the next level.”

LVHN is staffed by more than 60 local pediatric specialists in 26 care areas including pediatric oncology, pediatric hematology, pediatric surgery, pediatric anesthesiology and pediatric radiology. A pediatric intensivist/hospitalist is in-house 24/7 to cover the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU), inpatient pediatrics and consults throughout the hospital. In addition, a neonatologist and neonatal nurse practitioner are in-house 24/7 to cover the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

In addition to a pediatric specialty center, outpatient/ambulatory services consist of a 10-bed pediatric ambulatory surgery unit (PASU), outpatient pediatrics (hospital-based primary care pediatric clinic), and a network of community pediatricians and family practice physicians. Inpatient pediatric specialists include pediatric respiratory therapists, pediatric focused pharmacists, pediatric occupational, physical and speech therapists, and pediatric nutritionists.



# NEW BRAND IDENTITY LAUNCHED FOR LVHN/USF HEALTH REGIONAL MEDICAL CAMPUS

With medical student recruitment scheduled to begin this fall, the new partnership between Lehigh Valley Health Network and USF Health of the University of South Florida is well underway. To help promote this vibrant partnership and our new Regional Medical Campus, both organizations are proud to announce a unified brand identity.

The program's name is **SELECT: Scholarly Excellence. Leadership Experiences. Collaborative Training.** The program's tagline is "Experiences for a Lifetime. A Network for Life." SELECT's name and tagline will help potential medical students understand the benefits of the unique collaboration between USF Health and our health network.

Over the past four months, representatives from LVHN and USF Health collaborated to develop a brand essence that accurately reflects this unique program and gives both organizations a common voice to communicate from. Both organizations held stakeholder meetings with educators and program administrators, and then held focus groups with potential medical school applicants. The unified brand takes into careful consideration the brand standards of both individual organizations.

The essence of the SELECT brand is centered around four key points:

- **We create unparalleled experiences across a shared network without physical boundaries.** While most medical education programs partner with medical institutions out of convenience of proximity, our partnership unites one of the nation's most progressive medical schools with one of America's leading health networks.
- **We inspire health care champions.** Our program allows students to learn about medicine, communities and the business of health care, creating future doctors with an unquenchable thirst to advance medicine.
- **Our program cultivates personal and professional growth and development through clinical longitudinal learning.** We offer immersion experiences early in the curriculum, allowing students to work outside their comfort zone and reach their full educational and personal potential.
- **We develop doctors who know how to successfully lead as well as follow.** By working side-by-side with doctors, nurses, patients and other health care professionals in a truly collaborative environment, our students reach solutions as integral members of a health care team.

The program type treatment for SELECT is shown below and will soon begin to appear on all SELECT program material. The first SELECT students will start in Tampa in 2011 and arrive at our health network in 2013.

# SELECT

Scholarly Excellence.  
Leadership Experiences.  
Collaborative Training.

Experiences for a lifetime.  
A network for life.™

USF College of Medicine and  
Lehigh Valley Health Network



# PHYSICIAN PATIENT SATISFACTION AWARD

## WINNERS SELECTED



**Anthony P. Buonanno, MD**, Division of Hospital Medicine/General Internal Medicine, and **David B. Burmeister, DO**, Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine, were recently selected as the

latest winners of the *Physician Patient Satisfaction Award*.



This award was initiated by the Patient Satisfaction Improvement Council team at LVH-Muhlenberg in 2007. When Medical Staff Leadership learned of the initiative, the decision was made to expand the idea across the Network. Beginning in 2008, all physicians, dentists, and podiatrists have been eligible for the award, which is presented every six months to two Medical Staff members who excel at promoting patient satisfaction.

The selection of winners is based, in part, on the results of the Press Ganey surveys, in which discharged patients rate their experience, including their experience with their doctors. Many doctors do pay extra attention to those areas that lead to high levels of patient satisfaction, such as spending time talking with patients and their families, listening well, and working collaboratively with nurses, advanced practice clinicians and others to ensure that patients have the best possible experience and the best possible outcomes. Through this award, the exemplary efforts of our colleagues can be recognized. The recipients of the award will each receive a \$500 check for their efforts.

Dr. Buonanno has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 1997. He is in practice with Lehigh Area Medical Associates.

Dr. Burmeister joined the Medical Staff in August, 2003. He is in practice with LVPG-Emergency Medicine.

## NEWS FROM CAPOE CENTRAL

### A Wealth of Information — Just a Click Away

Access to Library Services and a very comprehensive collection of clinical resources is only two clicks away. Questions have been raised about the quickest way to get to PEPID and our library of online references, evidence-based resources, medical calculators, etc. The Library Services page is accessible from the LVHN Intranet page under the “Find Fast” menu on the right side. It is also accessible from the LastWord Resources tab, which brings the user to the Physician Base Page. Check out PEPID — it is useful for medication dosing calculators, medical calculators (remember the “A-a Gradient?”), and other evidence-based information.

### Ordering Blood Cultures — Now Easier Than Ever

Sometime in April, there will be a slight change to the Blood Culture order screen. The user will be prompted to order TWO blood cultures (which is the adult standard of care). The detail of the blood culture order will default to “Protocol.” If selected, Nursing will follow a protocol for site of collection (i.e., peripheral, line). The protocol is listed on the initial screen. This should facilitate appropriate collection of specimens. Specific sites for collection will still be available on the drop down menu. Please read the protocol when choosing sites for specimen collection — “Protocol” should be appropriate for most situations.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or any other CAPOE issues, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Medical Director, Clinical Informatics, at 610-402-1426 or pager 610-402-5100 7481.

# NEWS FROM HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

## History and Physical Update

Histories and physicals performed prior to the day of admission or prior to ambulatory/outpatient procedures (provided they are done within 30 days) **must be updated within 24 hours of admission or prior to the ambulatory/outpatient procedure.** According to CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and TJC (The Joint Commission), the update must include three specific elements: (1) history and physical was reviewed, (2) patient was examined, and (3) no change has occurred.

It is recommended that providers order and utilize LVHN History and Physical forms since they meet medical record documentation requirements. Updated forms are available from the LVHN print shop.

- Inpatient (MRD-03) and Ambulatory/Outpatient (MRD-60) History and physical forms include an update section at the bottom of the form.
- GI Endoscopy Record (GI-LAB-01) includes an update under the procedure section.

Forms may be ordered in the following manner:

- Access the Consolidated Graphics website on the LVH intranet
- Access LVH TAO email bulletin board “printshop\_requests”
- Contact the LVHN Print Shop at 610-402-8562.

Histories and physicals dictated and transcribed through Transcription include an update section at the bottom of the last page of the report.

For elective admissions, histories and physicals completed on non-LVH forms will be stamped with the “History and Physical Update” template if they meet the 30 day requirement and require an update.

Histories and physicals older than 30 days are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**, even if they are updated at the time of admission/outpatient procedure.

- Histories and physicals that do not meet the 30 day and update requirement will become a medical record deficiency following patient discharge.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Zelda Greene, Administrator, Health Information Management, at 610-402-8330 or [zelda.greene@lvh.com](mailto:zelda.greene@lvh.com).

## PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

### Pathology and Ancillary Reports

Pathology reports, radiology reports and nursing notes are all part of the medical record. They give insight and help describe care provided by practitioners. However, coding guidelines do not allow for coders to capture this data from these sources alone. Clinical correlation by the attending physician is always necessary. Therefore, our coaches and coders will try concurrently to get the attending of record to add the findings of the pathology, radiographic study, or nursing note into the daily progress notes and discharge summary.

Only when the attending of record validates or places these diagnoses into the chart can they be used to justify utilization of resources and severity of illness for your patient.

If not done concurrently, coders will need to send out a retrospective query in an attempt to clarify or add a diagnosis or pathologic finding.

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

# eCEDENT TRAINING AND GO-LIVE

**eCedent**, the web-based on-line death certificate application, is coming to Lehigh Valley Health Network. Data information sheets were mailed to members of the Medical Staff in March. If you haven't done so, please complete the form and send or fax it (610-969-3875) to Susan Cassium, HIM Director of Operations, by April 15. The form will provide the necessary information to contact you when there is a death certificate to certify.

Following is a list of scheduled meetings at which an eCedent representative will demonstrate and discuss the application:

- Department of Medicine - March 23 – 7:30 p.m. – Kasych 6
- Hospitalists (Cedar Crest) - April 14 – 7:30 a.m. – 1240SCC, Suite 409  
- April 21 – 7:30 a.m. – 1240SCC, Suite 409
- OB/GYN Residents - April 16 – 11:30 a.m. – Kasych 8
- Emergency Medicine - April 20 – 9:00 a.m. – Kasych 8
- Advanced Practice Clinicians - April 22 – 5:30 p.m. – Kasych 7 & 8  
Quarterly Meeting

In addition, eCedent representatives will be available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays mornings from April 13 through April 29. A complete schedule with dates and locations of additional sessions will be posted. In addition, representatives will be set up in the lounges and other designated areas to assist you.

Implementation date is scheduled for May 4, 2010.

For more information or questions regarding this issue, please contact Susan Cassium, Director of Operations, HIM, at 610-969-3864.



## LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

### Digital Library Journal List – New and Improved!

Do you have an article reference and need the full text – FAST? The first stop for grabbing the full text is the Digital Library Journal List. The list has been revamped and is our central list for approximately 7,000 unique print and electronic journals.

Each alphabetic section is broken down further to allow you to click to the exact area of the “J’s” that you want. For long alphabetic sections, the page list helps you narrow to separate pages within the section.

The biggest difference is searchability. Now you can search by title or by keyword in a title using the Find box, or use the Subject tab to see a listing of all of the titles in a particular topic. This subject list can be particularly helpful for authors looking for potential journals for submitting manuscripts.

If you can't find the article you are looking for among our full text content, use the handy tab to go right to the Information Request form to send an email request for the article to Library Services.

Another tab offers you the opportunity to give Library Services feedback – on the journal list or any library service. At the bottom of the screen, you can email Library Services or click to return to the Digital Library homepage.

Not sure how to print from the full text? Click on the tab to get specific instructions on printing from the content of various vendors.

Give the new journal list a try today! From the intranet, click on Find Fast/Library Services/Digital Library Journal List.

For more information, contact Linda Schwartz in Library Services at 610-402-8410.

# RESTRAINT UPDATES FOR 2010

On March 2, the following policies were reviewed and approved by the Medical Executive Committee:

- Restraint for Acute Medical/Surgical Care
- Restraint and Seclusion for Behavioral Health

Based on changes incorporated in the revised policies, several practices have changed.

1. Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners may now apply for the privilege to write restraint orders and document face to face evaluations. In order to qualify, the CRNP must complete an eLearning course. Once the course is completed, a form must be submitted to Medical Staff Services requesting the additional privilege. This request will be presented to the Credentials Committee, Medical Executive Committee, and the Board of Trustees.
2. In Pennsylvania, a Physician Assistant or Clinical Nurse Specialist is not licensed to take responsibility for writing a restraint order or documenting a face to face evaluation.
3. In compliance with new interpretive guidelines, the Behavioral Management Restraint policy and CAPOE order screen have been amended to include:
  - a. **Forced hold for medication administration.** The use of force to administer a medication must have a physician's order prior to the use of force and requires a face to face evaluation by the LIP.
  - b. **Physical escort.** If staff must use a "light grasp" to escort the patient to a desired location and the patient cannot easily remove or escape the grasp, this would be considered physical restraint and all the requirements would apply.
4. Important points to remember
  - a. CAPOE orders must have a PURPOSE for restraints ordered.
  - b. The MD daily note must address the rationale for continued restraints.
  - c. An order must be MODIFIED/WRITTEN based on age specific requirements as outlined in the CAPOE order screens.
    - 1) Medical-Surgical Restraint – Every 24 hours
    - 2) Behavioral Management Restraint – Every 4 hours for adults, every 2 hours for ages 9-17, and every 1 hour for children under 9
  - d. A verbal order to the nurse to renew restraints is not sufficient.
  - e. Use of the option "Orders Reviewed" does not qualify for reordering restraints.
  - f. There can never be PRN restraint orders.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact one of the Co-chairs of the Restraint Management Group, Maureen Smith, Patient Care Specialist, at 610-402-8927, or Jane Dilliard, Patient Care Specialist, at 484-884-2281.

## PICC TEAM UPDATE

Effective April 12, the process for outpatient PICC line placement at the Cedar Crest site will change. The LVH-CC PICC Team will begin a new service and will insert PICC lines for outpatients in their PICC suite. To schedule an appointment, Monday through Friday, contact 610-402-TEST.

Please remember to establish home health services for patients who are discharged to home after the outpatient procedure. Patients returning to a skilled nursing or rehabilitation facility will continue to have their care provided by their nursing staff.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Holly Tavianini, RN, MSHSA, CNRN, Director, PICC Team, at 610-402-5671, or the PICC Team at 610-402-8280.



# CONGRATULATIONS



**Mary L. Kaland, PhD**, Psychologist, has been chosen to participate as a delegate at the National Summit on Disability Policy. The Summit, which will be hosted by the National Council on Disability, will meet in Washington, D.C., this summer. As a delegate, Dr. Kaland will be involved in workshops related to mental health

and disabilities. The results of the meeting will help to shape disability policy and programs for the next decade. Dr. Kaland has been a member of the Allied Health Professional staff since April, 2002. She has a private psychology practice in Allentown.



**Paul J. Mosca, MD, PhD**, Department of Surgery, Vice Chair, Research, has been elected into membership in the Society of University Surgeons. The object of the Society is the advancement of the art and science of surgery by: the encouragement of its members to pursue original investigations both in the clinic and in

the laboratory; the development of methods of graduate teaching of surgery with particular reference to the resident system; and free and informal interchange of ideas pertaining to the above subjects. Membership into the Society of University Surgeons is given to persons of well established professional position and demonstrated scholarly or creative ability that positively impacts their field. Dr. Mosca has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 2004. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Surgical Oncology.



**Edward R. Norris, MD**, Department of Psychiatry, Vice Chair, Education and Research, and the Department of Psychiatry were chosen as one of 35 sites in the country and are part of the National Institute of Mental Health's "Recovery After an Initial

Schizophrenia Episode" (RAISE) research project. Dr. Norris is the Principle Investigator for Lehigh Valley Health Network. RAISE seeks to fundamentally change the trajectory and prognosis of schizophrenia through coordinated and aggressive treatment in the earliest stages of illness. It is designed to reduce the likelihood of long-term disability that people with schizophrenia often experience. It also aims to reduce the financial impact on the public systems often tapped to pay for the care of people with schizophrenia.

RAISE is being conducted by two independent research teams – the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research in Manhasset, N.Y., and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene at Columbia University in New York, N.Y. This project has been funded in whole or in part with Federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

## COMPREHENSIVE WOUND, SKIN AND OSTOMY SERVICES ESTABLISHED

The network-wide wound initiative, which began in 2008, has reached another milestone with the establishment of the Comprehensive Wound, Skin and Ostomy Services. This step has achieved full integration of the leadership, staff and services of the Enterostomal Therapy department, the Wound Healing Centers and the Wound Healing Teams to better meet the inpatient and outpatient wound, skin and ostomy needs of patients and bridge wound care services across the continuum of care. Care provided to inpatients through consult with the ET/PT/Wound Healing Team may be easily continued by the same staff after discharge by appointment in our Wound Healing Centers. Full services are currently provided at both LVH-Cedar Crest and LVH-Muhlenberg with limited services in TSU at LVH-17. This integration will allow for enhancement and expanded services in TSU in order to provide more comprehensive care to patients in that care setting. Expanded services are expected to begin at the end of June, 2010.

Comprehensive Wound, Skin and Ostomy Services is under the leadership of Ginger Holko, Director, and Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD, Medical Director.

For additional information regarding Comprehensive Wound, Skin and Ostomy Services or to schedule an outpatient appointment, please call Ginger Holko, Director, at 484-884-2989.

# AWARENESS OF OPIOID DEPENDENCE VS. ADDICTION IN THE HOSPITALIZED PATIENT

**Addiction** is defined as a primary, chronic, neurobiological disease with genetic, psychosocial, and environmental factors influencing its development and manifestations. It is characterized by behaviors that include one or more of the following: Impaired control over drug use, compulsive use, continued use despite harm, and cravings.

**Opioid dependency** is a state of adaptation manifested by a drug class-specific withdrawal syndrome that can be produced by: abrupt cessation, rapid dose reduction, and decreasing blood level of the drug, and/or administration of an antagonist. **“This is a biological phenomenon, NOT addiction.”**

**Aberrant drug behavior** is defined as a behavior outside the boundaries of the agreed upon treatment plan which is established as early as possible in the doctor-patient relationship.

**Misuse** is defined as use of a medication (for a medical purpose) other than as directed or as indicated, whether willful or unintentional, and whether harm results or not.

Over the past few years, there has been an increasing need for better understanding and collaboration of the treatment of the opioid dependent patients. These patients, when assessed, may have no physiological reason for the pain, have no benefit or improvement in their quality of life, have had frequent admissions for the same complaint, have accidentally overdosed on medications repeatedly and most often present with a significant psychological component that attributes to their behavior and need for seeking treatment.

In recognition that opioids will continue to play an important role in the treatment of patients with acute pain as well as those with chronic pain syndromes the challenge going forward is how to best manage these patients. When prescribed and monitored appropriately, opioids can effectively control an individual's pain along with improving the quality of ones life.

The **Universal Precautions for Opioid Management** is a guide to assist the clinician when prescribing opioids. The key elements when implementing opioid therapy in the chronic pain patient include a thorough physical exam, a correlating diagnosis, an assessment of potential abuse behavior, assessment of risk and benefits, patient agreement and continued monitoring and documentation. Other elements include: Informed consent, pre and post-intervention assessment of pain level and function, appropriate trial of opioid therapy with or without adjuvant medications, reassessment of pain score and level of function, regularly assess the “4 A's” of pain medicine, periodically review pain diagnosis and co-morbid conditions including addictive disorders, and DOCUMENTATION.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Bruce D. Nicholson, MD, Chief, Division of Pain Medicine, at 610-402-1756, or Maryjane Cerrone, MSN, RN-BC, Team Leader, Pain Research and Education, at 610-402-9003.

## MAINTAINING THE PROVIDER TABLE IN DCI

When using the Discharge Instructions system (DCI), have you ever run across a provider whose information was not current? Since DCI gets its information directly from the LastWord system, if the information is not up-to-date in DCI, it will also be incorrect in LastWord. You can help us better maintain both provider databases by reporting such a finding to the

Information Technology staff in Medical Staff Services by sending an email to either [Rita.Mest@lvh.com](mailto:Rita.Mest@lvh.com) or [Trent.Smith@lvh.com](mailto:Trent.Smith@lvh.com). If you know any of the provider's new information, please include that information in your email as well. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Rita Mest in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8968.

# PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



**John E. Castaldo, MD**, Chief, Division of Neurology, and **Lawrence P. Levitt, MD**, former member of the Division of Neurology with

Honorary Status, are co-authors of the recently published book titled *Uncommon Wisdom – True Tales of What Our Lives as Doctors Have Taught Us About Love, Faith and Healing*. The book includes a chapter titled “A Cool Awakening,” which describes the LVH experience with hypothermia as a treatment for cardiac arrest patients.



“Understanding the Role of the Promotora in a Latino Diabetes Education Program,” an article co-authored by several members of the LVHN

staff, was published in *Qualitative Health Research*, 20(3) 386-399, February, 2010. Co-authors include Lynn M. Deitrick, Community Health; Hannah D. Paxton, Community Health; Alicia Rivera, Lehigh Valley Family Health Center; **Eric J. Gertner, MD, MPH**, Division of General Internal Medicine; Nyann Biery, Department of Family Medicine; **Abby S. Letcher, MD**, Department of Family Medicine; **Edgardo G. Maldonado, MD**, Medical Director, Internal Medicine Community Practices and Patient Programs, and **Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, MPH**, Chair, Department of Medicine



**Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was a member of the faculty of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual International Colorectal Disease Symposium which was held at the Cleveland Clinic in Florida, from February 11-13. He gave a video presentation of his technique of transanal repair of rectocele.



**Yehia Y. Mishriki, MD**, Division of General Internal Medicine, authored an article – “Puzzles in Practice” – which was published in *Post-graduate Medicine*, Volume 122, Issue 2, March 2010.



**Joseph E. Patruno, MD**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Residency Program Director, presented a poster and two oral presentations at the Association of Professors of Gynecology and

Obstetrics (APGO) annual meeting held March 2-5, in Orlando, Fla. The poster was titled “Optimizing patient care and resident education in an obstetrics and gynecology clinic: The Lehigh Valley Experience.” The oral presentations included “A pilot study assessing a novel method of evaluating the competencies of medical knowledge and patient care in an OBGYN residency” and “A program to improve the documentation and teaching of primary and preventive care in an ambulatory OBGYN setting.” Other members of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology who participated in these projects include **Sandra L. Curet, MD**, Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology; **Rochelle Steiner-Friel, MD**, Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology; **Patricia L. Maran, MD**, Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology; **Thomas A. Hutchinson, MD**, Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; **Kristin S. Friel, MD**, Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology; Craig Koller, Director, OB-GYN Medical Education, and Kimberly McGill, MD, OB-GYN resident.



**Muhamad Aly Rifai, MD**, Division of Psychiatric Ambulatory Care/Adult Inpatient Psychiatry, co-authored two abstracts which were presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine held February 1-6, in Chicago, Ill. The abstracts were published in the December, 2009 Supplement of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. The abstracts include “The relationship between elevated blood pressure in pregnancy and abruptio placentae” and “Post-partum depression and depressive symptoms are associated with caesarean section and low birthweight.”

# ETHICS CORNER

## Communication – Installment 3: Family Matters...The Family Conference



No, this isn't an old sitcom from the 80's. First, decide why you are having the family conference: to make treatment decisions for a non-decisional patient, to review the patient's medical condition and establish treatment goals, to identify a surrogate decision maker,

to answer questions or to resolve patient, family and staff disagreements or conflicts.

You need to have the right people in the room. Obviously, the legal decision maker should be present, who may be the patient if he is competent. Ask the patient, or decision maker, who they would like to have participate. These may include appropriate family members, clergy, lawyer or friends. Key members of the healthcare team in addition to yourself should be present.

The setting should be appropriate – a quiet, comfortable room. Encourage interaction with the chairs placed in a circle. Always have enough seats for all participants. Check your personal appearance and turn off your beeper and cell phone or have someone outside the room answer them.

Don't assume everyone in the room knows each other. Introduce yourself and describe your relationship to the patient. Then, ask each participant to do the same. Be sure to ask the participants for their goals in addition to your own. Family conferences will go much more smoothly if there are two ground rules. First, everyone will have an opportunity to talk. Second, there will be no interruptions. Next, determine what the patient and/or family already know about the medical status. Then review the current medical condition with them. It is important to entertain questions here. Do not move on to treatment decisions until all questions have been answered.

When decisions are to be made, there may be two scenarios. If the patient is competent to make decisions and can speak for himself, ask the patient what he is considering. Also ascertain what support he would like from loved ones and from the healthcare team. Solicit input from family members as to the patient's decision.

When the patient is not competent and cannot speak for himself, remind the surrogate that they should speak on behalf of the patient. They should make those choices they believe the patient would make if he could speak. Ask each loved one what they believe the patient would choose if he could speak for himself. Also ask them their own wishes and their wishes for the patient. They may want time alone to discuss this.

If there is consensus, the meeting can be concluded. Summarize what has been said, including areas of agreement and disagreement. Determine if there are any further decisions that need to be made at that point prior to leaving. Provide continuity by scheduling further meetings as needed. Document the results of the meeting in the medical record. If there are any healthcare team members not present at the meeting, inform them of the results as well.

When there is no consensus, there are several tools you may use. You can review again the goals of the meeting. Ask what the patient might say in this situation. You can probe more deeply into the basis for their decisions. Explore how the decision will affect each of them. You may decide just to give it time. Ask the members to discuss the issues on their own and schedule a follow-up conference. Directing them to other resources may help with the decision.

Remember, you won't change family dynamics or hierarchy that has existed for years. Be sensitive to the patterns of interaction. The grieving process itself may affect decisions. Again, when in doubt, get the help of those around you like the Ethics Committee.

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).

### REFERENCE

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

# 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. The election of a President-elect and a three year at-large member of the Executive Council will be held. In addition, due to recent vacated seats, one and two year term at-large seats have become available as well.

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.

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.

For more information, please call 610-402-APC1 (2721) and leave a message.

## PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY CHANGE FOR CRNPs

On March 3, the Boards of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg approved the requirement that all CRNPs with prescriptive authority **must change** the time limits for prescribing Schedule II controlled substances to a 30-day supply and Schedule III and IV controlled substances to a 90-day supply. This requirement is a result of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing's revisions to the regulations for CRNPs with prescriptive authority.

All CRNPs with prescriptive authority approval must file a Prescriptive Authority Change Form with the State Board. This form is available on the Board's website - [http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state\\_board\\_of\\_nursing/12515](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_board_of_nursing/12515) under Applications.

The Prescriptive Authority Change Form should be submitted to the State Board now. Upon receipt of the approval letter from the State Board, a copy of the approval letter and a copy of the Prescriptive Authority Change Form should be faxed to Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8926. CRNPs may **NOT** use the new time limits until Medical Staff Services receives both documents mentioned above and approval has been granted by the Credentials Committee, the Medical Executive Committee and the Boards of Trustees.

**Deadline for completion is June 30, 2010.** Failure to obtain approval from the State Board for this change may result in suspension or termination of clinical privileges and Allied Health Professional Staff membership.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Ruth Davis, Director, Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8975.



The second of three 2010 Core Curriculum “bundles” will be released in early May and must be completed by June 30, 2010. This bundle, sponsored by Occupational Safety and Health Administration, includes courses designed to align with OSHA 2010 regulations.

A Subsequent eLearning bundle pertaining to Corporate Compliance is scheduled for release in the third quarter of 2010.

eLearning Core Curriculum courses are mandatory for all network-employed physicians, however, private practitioners are also encouraged to complete them.

If you have any questions regarding eLearning, please call the Information Services Help Desk at 610-402-8303.



# UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

## The Leonard Pool Society Spring Forum

The Leonard Pool Society Spring Forum will be held on **Thursday, April 8, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.**, at LVH-Cedar Crest in the Kasych Pavilion Rooms 6, 7 and 8.

Michael J. Consuelos, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Pediatrics, and Eric C. Bruno, MD, Division of Emergency Medicine, will discuss the highly specialized care that will become available to our community in the dedicated pediatric emergency department.

For more information or to register, please call 610-402-9133 or email [christina.schoemaker@lvhn.org](mailto:christina.schoemaker@lvhn.org).

## APC: Update in Infectious Disease

Plan to attend the APC: Update in Infectious Disease which will be held on Monday, April 19, from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., in the Kasych Pavilion Rooms 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Topics to be discussed include:

- **“Seasonal Flu, Bird Flu, Swine Flu . . . What’s Next?”**
- **“Update of Antimicrobials”**
- **“Updates in Wound Care Management”**

For more information or the register, please call 610-402-CARE.

## Hepatitis Care Center Symposium

Save the Date – LVHN’s Hepatitis Care Center Symposium will be held on Thursday, May 20, from 5 to 9 p.m., in the hospital’s Auditorium in the Anderson Wing at LVH-Cedar Crest. Primary care providers, specialists, nurses, case managers, dietitians, social workers, prevention counselors and patient care advocates may benefit from this program.

For more information, please contact David Fronheiser, Community Education Coordinator, at 610-969-2941.

## Cardiology Grand Rounds

The next Cardiology Grand Rounds will be held on Friday, April 9, from Noon to 1 p.m., in Kasych ECC Room 9 at LVH-Cedar Crest and in ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg.

**“New Applications of Echocardiography for Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy”** will be presented by John Gorcsan, MD, Professor of Medicine and Director of Echocardiography, Cardiovascular Institute at University Presbyterian Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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

## Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds are held on Thursdays, beginning at 8 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) at various locations. Topics to be discussed in April include:

April 1 – LVH-M ECC Rooms C and D

- Annual DIO meeting with residents
- “Rapid Neuro Exam in the ED” and How to Read a Trauma CT” – Andrew D. Perron, MD, Residency Director, Maine Medical Center
- “Basic Ventilator Mangement” – Ashraf Thabet, DO
- “Sports Related Injuries” – Kate Dewar, DO

April 9 – 9-10:15 a.m., LVH-M ECC Rooms C and D

- PGY1 and 2 – Ultrasound Review – Kevin Roth, DO
- PGY3 and 4 – Oral Board Review – Core Faculty

April 16 – PaACEP – No Grand Rounds

April 22 – Emergency Medicine Institute

- 9 a.m. – “Emotional Intelligence” – Alex Rosenau, DO
- 10:15 a.m. – “Life Threatening Rashes” – Eric Bruno, MD
- 11:30 a.m. – “Pediatric Rashes” – Andy Miller, DO
- 12:45 p.m. – Administrative Hour – David Burmeister, DO

April 29 – Emergency Medicine Institute

- Bioterrorism course

For more information, contact Dawn Yenser in the Department of Emergency Medicine at 484-884-2888.

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## 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 April:

- April 6 – **THIRD ANNUAL ETHICS SYMPOSIUM – “Is Rationing of Health Care on the Horizon in the United States?”**  
– Lawrence Brown, PhD, Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health
- April 20 – **“Update in Nephrology”** – Nelson Kopyt, DO, Chief, Division of Nephrology, and Benjamin Wilcox, MD, Division of Nephrology

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 April. Each program will also be videoconferenced to the Lehigh Neurology office on the LVH-Muhlenberg campus.

- April 1 – **“Review of Neuro-Ophthalmology”** – Lorraine Spikol, MD, Division of Neurology – Location: Lehigh Neurology Conference Room, 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- April 8 – **“Neurological Complications of Radiation Therapy”** – Clinton Leinweber, DO, Department of Radiation Oncology – Location: Kasych ECC Room 9
- April 15 – **“Common Pitfalls in Using Antiepileptic Medications and Refractory Epilepsy”** – Clarissa Liew, MD, Division of Neurology – Location: Lehigh Neurology Conference Room, 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- April 22 – Division Meeting – Location: Lehigh Neurology Conference Room
- April 29 – **“Update on the Surgical Treatment of Parkinson’s Disease”** – Su Kanchana, MD, Division of Neurology

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. Upcoming topics include:

- 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
- May 11 at Noon – **“Celiac Disease”** – William Whipple, RD, LDN – Location: Auditorium, LVH-Cedar Crest; ECC Room B, LVH-Muhlenberg; VTC Room, LVH-17

For more information, contact Kimberly Procaccino, Director of Nutrition, at 610-402-8609.

## 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 April:

- April 2 – **“OB Morbidity and Mortality”**
- April 9 – 7 to 8 a.m. – **“Update on Vaginitis”** – Paul Nyirjesy, MD, Visiting Professor, Drexel University College of Medicine
- April 16 – TBA
- April 23 – No Grand Rounds – Risk Reduction Symposium
- April 30 – TBA

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 April:

- April 6 – 7:30 a.m. – COMBINED SURGERY/ PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS – **“The Health Reform Saga in the U.S.: Where Do We Stand?”** – Lawrence Brown, PhD, Professor of Health Policy and Management, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- April 13 – **“Management of Difficult Behaviors in the Teenager with Autism”** – Karen Senft, MD, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Developmental-Rehabilitation
- April 20 – Pediatric Surgery topic – William Hardin, MD, Department of Surgery, Vice Chair, Children’s Surgery
- April 27 – TBA

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

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## Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds will be held on Thursday, April 15, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

**“Connecting the Dots: The Psychosocial Consequences of Neglect and Trauma”** will be presented by Laurence P. Karper, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry.

For more information, please contact Tammy Schweizer at [tammy.schweizer@lvh.com](mailto:tammy.schweizer@lvh.com) or by phone at 610-402-5766.

## 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 April:

- April 6 - 7:30 a.m. – COMBINED SURGERY/ PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS – **“The Health Reform Saga in the U.S.: Where Do We Stand?”** – Lawrence Brown, PhD, Professor of Health Policy and Management, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- April 13 – **“The Art of Cleft Lip and Palate Repair”** – Christian Subio, MD, Chief Resident, Plastic Surgery Residency
- April 20 – **“Improved Decision Making for Valve Replacement Devices”** – W.R. Eric Jamieson, MD, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, Vancouver General Hospital
- April 27 – **“Everybody’s Doing It: Surgical Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Their Complications”** – Alice Tromble, MD, Chief Resident, General Surgery Residency

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

## 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, April 7, in Kasych ECC Room 7 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.

## 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 sessions for April:

- April 1 – **“Teaching at the Bedside”** – 7:30-9 a.m. – Kasych ECC Room 8, LVH-Cedar Crest
- April 16 – **“Teaching and Assessing Ethics & Professionalism”** – 7:30-9 a.m. – Banko 1 & 2, LVH-Muhlenberg
- April 26 – **“Teaching and Assessing Ethics & Professionalism”** – Noon-1:30 p.m. – Kasych ECC 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.



# WHO'S NEW

*This section contains an update of new appointments, address changes, status changes, resignations, etc. Please remember to up date your directory and rolodexes with this information.*

## Medical Staff

### New Appointments



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**Joseph B. Schellenberg, MD**

Associate Chief  
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#### Department of Pediatrics

**Elaine A. Donoghue, MD**

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***Change of Practice***

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***Status Change to Honorary Status***

**Howard A. Silverman, MD**  
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From: Active  
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***Eight-Month Leave of Absence***

**Oscar O'Neill, MD**  
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From: Active  
To: Active/LOA

***Resignations***

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Division of General Pediatrics  
(LVPF-Float Pool)

**Rajeev Rohatgi, MD**  
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(Easton Cardiovascular Associates)

**Joseph Schiavone, MD**  
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***In Memoriam***

**Craig W. Erickson, MD**  
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**Ann Marie Augustyn**

Genetic Counselor  
(Cancer Risk Assessment Services – Gregory R. Harper, MD; Lesley A. Simpson, MD)  
Addition of: Matthew W. Martinez, MD, and Jay Varrato, DO

**Tara L. Namey**

Genetic Counselor  
(Cancer Risk Assessment Services – Gregory R. Harper, MD; Lesley A. Simpson, MD)  
Addition of: Matthew W. Martinez, MD, and Jay Varrato, DO

**Change of Supervising Physician and Group**

**Renee M. Lehmann, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
From: The Heart Care Group, PC – William G. Combs, MD  
To: Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons – Raymond L. Singer, MD

**Removal of Supervising Physician**

**Erin DiLuzio, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Lehigh Valley Infectious Diseases Specialists – Jaan P. Naktin, MD)  
Removal of: Michael J. Ehrig, MD – Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC

**Catherine E. Donati, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc – Lisa A. Keglovitz, MD)  
Removal of: Wayne F. McWilliams, MD – Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC

**Katie E. Ehrhardt, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley – Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH)  
Removal of: Clinton C. Holumzer, MD – Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC

**Mindy L. Houck, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley – Rovinder S. Sandhu, MD)  
Removal of: Wayne F. McWilliams, MD – Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC

**Charles A. Tucker, Jr., PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons – Raymond L. Singer, MD)  
Removal of: Wayne F. McWilliams, MD – Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC

**Resignations**

**Chrissa L. Sansone, PA-C**

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**Catherine C. Shelly, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
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