

Progress Notes

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of Lehigh Valley Health Network

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Seventh Triennial Physician Recognition Dinner

Saturday night, March 27, was a very special night for Lehigh Valley Health Network. This was the night of the Seventh Triennial LVHN Physician Recognition Dinner held at Bear Creek Mountain Resort and Conference Center. Almost 300 of our friends and colleagues were in attendance on this beautiful spring night. It was a chance to honor some very deserving people, a chance to celebrate some successful and remarkable careers, and also a chance for us all to relax, get caught up with friends who we haven't seen in a while, and to have some fun.

On this night, we honored all 1,217 members of our Medical Staff. We thanked our spouses and families for their patience and understanding as we put in long hours away from home serving the members of our community. It was also a night to thank countless others who support doctors and make our work possible.

We recognized 48 doctors who have actively served on the Medical Staff for 25 years and six doctors who have served for 50 years.

Twenty five years ago, when many of our colleagues joined the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital, the cost of a first class stamp was 20 cents. The Medical Staff at LVH had only 442 members as opposed to 1,217 today. President Ronald Reagan was sworn in for his second term and met with Mikhail Gorbachev for the first time. The FDA approved the first blood test for AIDS. The song "We Are the World" was recorded for the first time and along with the Live Aid concerts in London and Philadelphia, \$50 million was raised for Ethiopian famine relief. The top song was "Careless Whisper" by Wham, "Back to the Future" with Michael J. Fox was the top movie, and lots of little girls were trying to get their hands on a Cabbage Patch doll.

It is amazing to think back 50 years ago, when six of our colleagues were joining the staff at Allentown Hospital. At that time, 180 million people lived in the United States, and the price of a new home was \$16,500.

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The Academy Award for best picture in 1960 went to “The Apartment” starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine. The top song was “The Twist” by Chubby Checker, and in November, John F. Kennedy was elected president.

In addition to recognizing our doctors for 25 and 50 years of service, we gave out five special awards and honored Linda Lapos as our most recent past president. (Please see Pages 8-10 for photos and a full listing of award recipients.)

It was a great night and I was then, and continue to be, so very proud to be President of this fine Medical Staff.

Have a great month and Happy Memorial Day!



Matthew M. McCambridge, MD
Medical Staff President

Addendum to last month's article –

Following publication of the April issue of *Progress Notes*, I was alerted to the fact that I inadvertently missed a few members of the Medical and Advanced Practice Clinician staffs who are actively involved at the 17th Street Clinic. Debra Kramer, CRNP, Urologic Associates of Allentown, has been going to the clinic for more than 20 years and has helped thousands of patients over that time period. In addition, members of Allentown Family Foot Care have been regularly attending to patients at 17th Street since 1991. Like Debbie, they have seen thousands of patients over the years and have been a tremendous asset to our community.



At-Large Members Needed for Medical Executive Committee

The LVHN Medical Staff Nominating Committee is currently soliciting nominations for five at-large seats on the Medical Executive Committee, each for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2010.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to Michael J. Pistoria, DO, Chair of the Nominating Committee, via the Medical Staff Services office, Cedar Crest & I-78, or verbally to John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services. All nominations must be submitted by Friday, May 14, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Dr. Pistoria or Mr. Hart at 610-402-8980.

GENEROUS GIFT TO HELP BUILD FAMILY SUPPORT AND LODGING CENTER



As Lehigh Valley Health Network's expertise in trauma, burn, heart and children's care receives further recognition, more and more people are traveling greater distances for our services. As a result, 30 to 40 family members of patients stay at LVH-Cedar Crest on any given night. "Having a family member in the hospital with a serious illness or injury is stressful and disruptive, especially when you must be away from home and family," said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer.

Thanks to a recent generous gift, LVHN will build a Family Support and Lodging Center to give family members a comfortable place to stay. The extremely generous \$2 million gift was provided by Willard Hackerman and his wife, Lillian Patz Hackerman, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Hackerman is president and CEO of Whiting-Turner Contracting, the company that managed several of LVHN's past construction projects. The center will cost \$2.9 million. The remainder will be funded through donations.

The Family Support and Lodging Center will be built south of the helipad outside of the hospital's emergency department. The two-story building will contain 20 private rooms, each with a private bath. The center also will include a common lounge area, kitchenette, playroom for children, library and laundry facilities. Groundbreaking is tentatively planned for June, with construction expected to take about a year.

The center, which will be operated and staffed by LVHN, will serve as a home away from home for families of patients requiring a longer hospital stay or ongoing treatment that could require daily visits to the hospital. Families will be charged an affordable daily rate – about half the discounted lodging rate in the area. Fees will be used solely to cover operating costs. The Hackerman-Patz House will complement the services offered by Jenn's House, a nearby hospitality house that currently services some families of patients.

In keeping with our mission, we must do everything possible to make our patients and their family members comfortable during stressful times. "Finding a convenient, inexpensive place to stay can help ease some of the burden for families who have to travel," Dr. Sussman said. "Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Hackerman and his wife, Lillian, the center will help with the healing process for our patients and their families."

UPDATE FROM THE TEST UTILIZATION COUNCIL

Blood Bank Transfusion Protocol

Blood samples submitted to the Blood Bank can be used for three days to crossmatch red cell units requested for transfusion. Effective immediately, when unexpired samples are available, the blood bank technologists will be authorized to correct unnecessary orders for patient blood draws based on the physician's obvious intent, thereby eliminating unnecessary patient sticks and telephone calls to the units.

Hemoglobin A1C

In contrast to blood glucose, a patient's glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) has a half life of 60 days and reflects glycemic control

over the previous two to three months. Repeat HbA1c testing within this time frame is therefore often inappropriate. Effective April 19, in order to avoid unnecessary testing, an advisory window now appears when ordering HbA1c in CAPOE if this had been resulted in the previous 90 days. The advisory will include the date and value of the previous HbA1c result as well as if there is a currently pending order and suggest that this test need not be repeated without specific clinical indication.

If you have any questions, please call Bala Carver, MD, Chief, Section of Transfusion Medicine & H LA, at 610-402-8142.

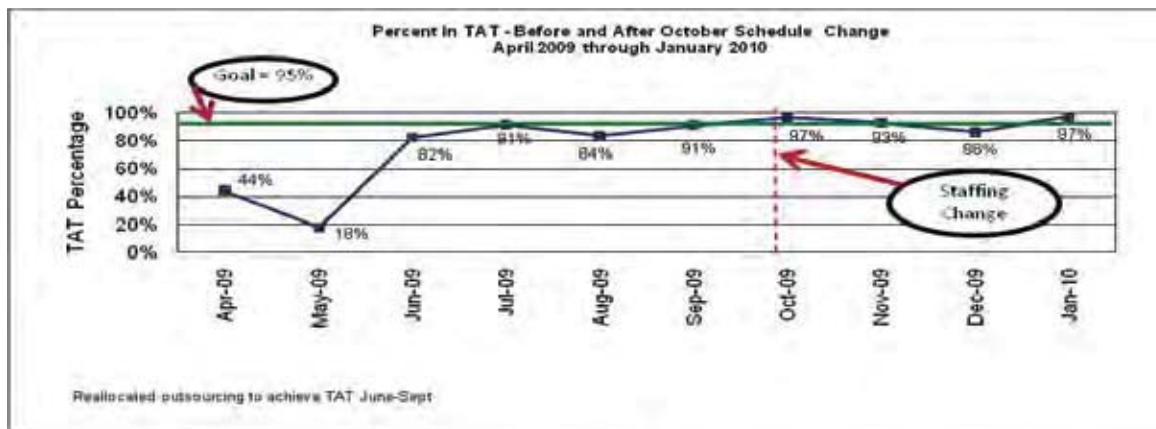
NEWS FROM HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Improved Transcription Turnaround Time

For many years, the Transcription Department consistently achieved a goal of an average 24 hour turnaround time of all medical reports. However, about a year ago, the Medical Record Committee challenged the Transcription Department to reduce turnaround time in order to provide quicker access to medical reports. Delays in access to medical reports negatively impacts clinical decision making, inpatient hospital flow and hospital efficiency. Although this seemed like a monumental task, the Transcription Department accepted the following challenge:

- Decrease turnaround time for consultations and histories and physicals from 24 hours to 12 hours from the time of dictation
- Change the reporting measure from an average turnaround time to the % of reports transcribed within the target times
- Achieve a goal of 95% of reports transcribed within target times

After months of reviewing dictation and Transcription Department staffing patterns, the staffing schedules were reorganized to successfully meet the demands of dictation patterns as well as achieve a goal of 95 % of histories and physicals and consultations transcribed within 12 hours of dictation. This was accomplished without adding any additional staff. The chart below demonstrates the dramatic success achieved from May 2009 to January 2010. The department continues to achieve greater than 95% of histories and physicals transcribed within 12 hours, as well as targeted transcription times on *all* medical reports, seven days a week.



Thanks to the many members of the Medical Staff who have noticed the improvements and expressed their compliments to the Transcription Department. If you have any questions or comments regarding this issue, please contact Suzanne Goodell, Director, Transcription Services, at 610-969-3863.

NEWS FROM CAPOE CENTRAL

How much CSF do you really need?

When obtaining and submitting cerebral spinal fluid for analysis, please utilize the CSF order set. The order set contains a complete set of the appropriate orders and the Order Set Reference lists the required volumes and tubes required for each test. Please remember to refer to this order set PRIOR to obtaining specimens.

Comment Lines – Use with Caution

The “Communication to Nurse” order should NOT be used for medication dosing or route changes, or other medication specific instructions that may be required by pharmacy. The actual medication order should be discontinued and re-entered

with the appropriate information. Instructions regarding rate changes for IV fluids or drips should not be entered using this order. Please use the appropriate orders and fields to complete these orders. Please do not enter dose changes or stop dates into the comment fields of medication orders. There are specific fields for this data. If the medication is to be stopped on a specific date or time, that can be entered into the 'End Date' and 'End Time' fields, or by using the Max Doses field.

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.

PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

Improve Predicted Mortality Rates through Documentation

Case: 88-year-old female admitted from home with an STEMI. She also has CKD stage 3 and refuses cath due to risk of dialysis. She enacts a living will and appropriate medical care is given. However, Saturday at 3 a.m., her MI extends suddenly. She passes away by 4 a.m. The house officer pronounces her death and lists AMI as the sole diagnosis. The chart is then processed by the Coding Staff of Health Information Management.

Does this sound familiar? The above case is an example of how the mortality of a predictably moribund patient damages another physician's profile. These deaths often occur overnight or on weekends, have sparse documentation, and are not reviewed by our CDI team.

Is it reasonable to ask why a patient without a co-morbidity or major co-morbidity would expire? Yes, absolutely! Are these patients any less sick than others who passed away? Will this event translate into a publicly available profile indicating mortalities are higher than predicted? **Do physicians know how easy it is to ruin a profile?**

Everyone needs to realize it is unreasonable to believe any patient would die without a major co-morbidity (see examples). In fact, they don't. They have respiratory failure and cardiac arrest. They have hypotension. Most go into a coma.

In particular, DRGs associated with a higher mortality, yet which are frequently under-documented by a physician in regard to severity of illness, include CHF, Pneumonias, UTIs and malignancies.

Solely documenting the cause of death in these cases is not enough under the MS-DRG system. In addition, we need to focus on documenting the dying process better.

When appropriate, in addition to the principal diagnosis, please consider documenting:

- 1) Cardiac arrest
- 2) Acute respiratory failure
- 3) Hypotensive shock
- 4) Coma

Simply adding "acute respiratory failure" in addition to "Acute MI" would significantly and appropriately change the MS-DRG and improve predicted mortality measures. This helps explain the mortality and can appropriately improve the physician's profile.

Take home point: It is important to document the co-morbidities involved in the dying process, not just the cause of death.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact John P. Pettine, MD, Lead Coach, Clinical Documentation Improvement Process, via email at john.pettine@lvhn.org.

Reference: *Improve Predicted Mortality Rates through Documentation*, Jon Arnott, MD, CMQ, Jan. 1, 2010 CDI Journal.



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**18th Annual
Golf and Tennis Classic**
Saucon Valley Country Club
Monday, May 17

**49th Annual
Summer Festival**
LVH-Muhlenberg
August 18-21

**15th Annual
Nite Lites Gala**
Coca-Cola Park
Saturday, September 25

ETHICS CORNER

Communication – Installment 4: What's Your Goal?



Goals of care discussions are among the most frequent reasons for Ethics consultations. It is sometimes shocking how long patients are in the hospital before this discussion is undertaken. It is also not a once-and-done phenomenon. Treatment goals need to be frequently reviewed and revised. Treatment goals should be evaluated in:

1. Inpatients who have new serious or life-threatening illnesses or major changes in clinical status
2. Inpatients who have an exacerbation of a chronic illness
3. Outpatients who have chronic disease
4. Healthy outpatients as part of advance directive discussion

As in the family conferences installment, these discussions should include the decisional patient, the physician of record, nurse, and any family, friends, social workers, chaplain or others per patient wishes.

Prior to the meeting, decide in your own mind what, if any, treatments are inappropriate or futile. Remember, you have **no obligation** to offer treatment that “in your best judgment” is futile. You **are** obligated to continue supportive care and treat suffering.

First, determine what the patient already knows, i.e., “What is your understanding of your present condition?” Review with the patient his/her current medical condition and expected prognosis. Invite questions and discussion about medical condition and prognosis.

There are three broad potential treatment goals: Cure – to eliminate disease; Rehabilitation – to restore function, maintain function, minimize loss of function, and Comfort care (palliative care) – to maintain comfort, treat symptoms, promote quality of life.

For a patient who is currently receiving curative treatment who has received new diagnostic information indicating a poor prognosis, the range of options might include:

- Continue curative therapy
- Withdraw selected or all aspects of existing curative interventions
- Vigorous palliative care and rehabilitation with the goals of maintaining comfort, maintaining functional capacity and providing maximal symptom control.

Ask the patient what treatment strategies are most consistent with his/her current personal and life goals. Goals can be short, medium and long term. Patients may want some time to consider changes in treatment goals, so agree on a follow-up plan. As always, document this discussion in the medical record. Remember, Medical Records has a Goals of Treatment Dictation, number 58, for this purpose.

When discussing treatment withdrawal, remember that the phrase “withdrawing treatment” can have a powerful emotional impact upon a patient and family because it may suggest abandonment. Also, the provision or discontinuation of certain treatments, such as non-oral hydration and nutrition, can have strong emotional meaning. Be aware that cultural beliefs and attitudes will influence decision-making. Determine what current diagnostics and therapeutics do not match the patient’s treatment goals and review these with the patient/family. Provide leadership and guidance when there is research indicating that a treatment will provide no benefit (e.g., CPR in the setting of multi-organ failure). When discussing the discontinuation of one treatment, always discuss those treatments that will continue to be offered. This will limit thoughts of abandonment. DNR discussions should always be conducted within the context of a larger discussion reviewing overall patient condition, prognosis and goals.

In closing, remember you are not alone. Both OACIS and the Ethics Committee can assist you with these difficult discussions.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair of the Ethics Committee, at robert_d.barraco@lvhn.org.

CONGRATULATIONS



Dale A. Dangleben, MD, General Surgery Residency Assistant Program Director and Medical Student Clerkship Director, was appointed Region 5 councilor for the Keystone Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. As a Region 5 councilor, Dr. Dangleben will serve as a regional

voice for surgeons in all specialties, be an advocate for its members and the patients they serve, provide educational opportunities for its members, and encourage the highest standards of ethical surgical practice. Through its strong ties with the American College of Surgeons and the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Chapter monitors and supports action on the legislative and regulatory issues which affect our patients and our profession. Dr. Dangleben has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 2006. He is in practice with Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley.



Guillermo A. De La Vega, MD, Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology, was recently certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. De La Vega joined the hospital's Medical Staff in July, 2007. He is in practice with OBGYN Associates of the Lehigh Valley.



Marna R. Greenberg, DO, Division of Emergency Medicine, was presented with the Soroptimist Ruby Award for Women helping Women on March 16, by Patricia Gawel, Club President of Soroptimist International of Emmaus. The award was

given in recognition of Dr. Greenberg's outstanding work to improve the lives of other women. Dr. Greenberg was presented with a \$300 check in her honor from the society to benefit the Sixth Street Shelter. Dr. Greenberg has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1994. She is in practice with LVPG-Emergency Medicine.



Jay S. Talsania, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery/Hand Surgery, was notified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery that he passed the Combined-Hand Recertification Examination and has become recertified in Hand Surgery. Dr.

Talsania was appointed to the Medical Staff in June, 2009. He is in practice with OAA Orthopaedic Specialists.



LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

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

LVHN HONORS MEDICAL STAFF FOR CAREER MILESTONES

Over 50 doctors and dentists on the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) were honored for their years of service, commitment and dedication at the 2010 Physician Recognition Dinner held at Bear Creek Mountain Resort in Macungie on March 27.



With almost 300 physicians, podiatrists, dentists, board members, hospital administrators and guests in attendance, Matthew M. McCambridge, MD, Medical Staff President, welcomed everyone to the event and offered praise and congratulations to his colleagues.

Receiving special recognition was the immediate past president of the Medical Staff, and those doctors who actively served 50 and 25 years on the Medical Staff. Honorees included:

Medical Staff President

Linda L. Lapos, MD
Medical Staff President
2007-2008

50 Years of Service



Theodore L. Donmoyer, MD
Division of Cardiology
Honorary Status



Joseph A. Miller, MD
Division of Primary Care OBGYN
Honorary Status



John E. Kenvin, MD
Division of General Pediatrics
Honorary Status



John R. Lapp, MD
Department of Family Medicine
Honorary Status



Also recognized for 50 Years of Service, but unable to attend, were:

Robert G. Harman, MD
Department of Family Medicine
Honorary Status

Stanley Snyder, MD
Division of Primary Care OBGYN
Honorary Status

25 Years of Service

Lawrence W. Bardawil, MD
Division of Gastroenterology
Gastroenterology Associates Ltd.

Robert A. Barnes, DO
Department of Family Medicine
East Penn Medical Practice, Inc.

Robert H. Biggs, DO
Division of Cardiology
Lehigh Valley Cardiology Associates

John E. Castaldo, MD
Division of Neurology
Lehigh Neurology

Raj P. Chowdary, MD
Division of Plastic Surgery
Allentown Center for Plastic Surgery

Joseph A. DiConcetto, MD
Division of Allergy
Private Practice

Emil J. DiIorio, MD
Division of Orthopedic Surgery
Coordinated Health

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Department of Family Medicine
Trexlerstown Medical Center

David B. Goldner, MD
Division of Cardiology
Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists

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Private Practice

Jonathan Hertz, MD

Division of Pulmonary
Pulmonary Associates

Charles J. Incalcaterra, DMD

Division of General Dentistry/ Special Care
Private Practice

Ronald R. Julia, MD

Division of General Internal Medicine
Private Practice

Nelson P. Kopyt, DO

Division of Nephrology
Nephrology/Hypertension Associates
of Lehigh Valley

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Department of Family Medicine
Parkland Family Health Center

Fred Laufer, MD

Department of Family Medicine
Private Practice

Donald L. Levick, MD

Division of General Pediatrics
ABC Family Pediatricians

Richard M. Lieberman, MD

Division of Urology
Private Practice

Robert P. Marcincin, MD

Division of Neurological Surgery
Private Practice

Norman H. Marcus, MD

Division of Cardiology
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Division of General Internal Medicine
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Division of Orthopedic Surgery
Section of Ortho Trauma
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Division of Orthopedic Surgery
Coordinated Health

Edward A. Schwartz, DPM

Division of Podiatric Surgery
Coordinated Health

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Mary S. Shields, MD

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Section of Allergy
Honorary Status

Patricia L. Shoemaker, MD

Division of General Pediatrics
ABC Family Pediatricians

Glenn M. Short, MD

Division of Gastroenterology
Eastern Pennsylvania Gastroenterology
& Liver Specialists, PC

Kenneth P. Skorinko, MD

Division of Cardiology
Lehigh Valley Cardiology Associates

David P. Steed, DPM

Division of Podiatric Surgery
Podiatry Associates of LVPG

Ronald A. Stein, MD

Division of Cardiology
Cardiology Associates and Diagnostic
Center of Carbon County

Vincent D. Stravino, MD

Division of Physical Medicine-Rehabilitation
Honorary Status

Syed A. Subzposh, MD

Division of Cardiology
Allentown Cardiology Associates

Larry W. Todd, DO

Department of Family Medicine
MacArthur Medical Center

Kenneth J. Toff, DO

Division of General Pediatrics
Children's HealthCare

Douglas R. Trostle, MD

Division of General Surgery
Honorary Status

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Allentown Family Practice

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Department of Family Medicine
Private Practice

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Additionally, five special awards were presented at the event. These awards were presented to the individuals who best met the criteria for each award. The awards, criteria and the recipients include:

Medical Staff Community Service Award

Presented to the member of the Medical Staff who best embodies the importance of participation in community activities in terms of service on boards, involvement in community groups, philanthropic interests, or other community activities over a period of years.

Cheryl A. Bloomfield, MD

*Division of General Internal Medicine
Lehigh Valley Physician Practice*

Gretchen A. Perilli, MD

*Division of Endocrinology
LVPG-Diabetes & Endocrinology*

Stacey J. Smith, MD

*Division of General Internal Medicine
LVPG-Medicine*



Recipients of the Medical Staff Community Service Award include (left to right): Cheryl A. Bloomfield, MD, Stacey J. Smith, MD, and Gretchen A. Perilli, MD

Medical Staff Team Builder Award



Presented to the member of the Medical Staff who best embodies the ability to build a team of physicians, allied health professionals, or other health care workers and to nurture the cohesive actions of the team over a period of years.

Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, MPH

*Chair, Department of Medicine
LVPG-Medicine*

Medical Staff Physician Research Award

Presented to the member of the Medical Staff who has shown excellence in the pursuit of academic activities in clinical research, primarily in terms of peer-reviewed publications.

Suresh G. Nair, MD

*Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology
Hematology-Oncology Associates*



Friend of the Medical Staff



Presented to the allied health professional, management professional, or other health care worker who over a period of years has shown exceptional ability in assisting physicians in improving the care of patients at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Molly Sebastian, RN, MSN

Retired – Vice President of Patient Care Services

Doctors' Doctor Award

Presented to the active member of the medical staff, selected by his or her peers, who embodies all of the attributes of a superior doctor.

Darryn I. Shaff, MD

*Chief, Section of Neurointerventional Radiology
Medical Imaging of LV, PC*



The Physician Recognition Dinner, which is held every three years, serves as a celebration to honor the more than 1,200 members of the LVHN Medical Staff.

PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chief, Sections of Geriatric and Pediatric Trauma; **Michael D. Pasquale, MD**, Senior Vice Chair, Department of Surgery, and Chief, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care; and **P. Mark Li, MD, PhD**, Chief, Division of Neurological Surgery, were co-authors of an article – “Odontoid Fractures in the Elderly: Should We Operate?” – which was published in *The Journal of TRAUMA® Injury, Infection, and Critical Care*, Volume 68, Number 3, March 2010.



David A. Cox, MD, Division of Cardiology, was a co-author of the article – “Impact of Delay to Angioplasty in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes Undergoing Invasive Management” – which was published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, Volume 55, Number 14, April 6, 2010.



Ronald S. Freudenberger, MD, Chief, Division of Cardiology, was a co-author of the article – “Sleep Disordered Breathing, Daytime Symptoms, and Functional Performance in Stable Heart Failure” – which was published in *SLEEP*, Volume 33, Number 4, 2010.

In addition, Dr. Freudenberger gave a poster presentation – “The Impact of a Mental Health-Related Diagnosis on Readmission Rates for Congestive Heart Failure” – at the American College of Cardiology Annual Meeting on March 15, in Atlanta, Ga. Co-authors included Carol A. Foltz, PhD, Health Studies; **Lou A. Lukas, MD**, Department of Family Medicine; Donna F. Petrucelli, CRNP, Hannah Paxton, BSN, MPH, Community Health; and Victoria Sabella, BSN, IRB Specialist.



Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was the Program Director of the XXIV Biennial Congress of International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons in Seoul, Korea, from March 21-24. The meeting was attended by over 1,300 surgeons from 45 countries. He gave a named oration – “Thinking Outside the Box” – and moderated a panel. He was also re-elected as Director General of the Society.

In addition, Dr. Khubchandani was invited to be a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of the Korean Society of Coloproctology* and as a reviewer and commentator of articles submitted to the *Journal of Coloproctology*.



Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA, Division of General Pediatrics and Medical Director of Clinical Informatics, co-authored the article – “Intrusive Medication Safety Alerts,” a case study on the impact of medication alerts in hospital information systems. The article was published in the premier issue of *Applied Clinical Informatics*.



Matthew M. McCambridge, MD, Medical Staff President and Chief, Division of Critical Care Medicine; **Elliot J. Sussman, MD**, President and CEO, and Division of General Internal Medicine; and **Jeff A. Etchason, MD**, Chair, Department of Community Health, Health Studies and Research, and Division of General Internal Medicine, were co-authors of the article – “Association of Health Information Technology and Teleintensivist Coverage with Decreased Mortality and Ventilator Use in Critically Ill Patients” – which was published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*, Volume 170, Number 7, April 12, 2010. Additional co-authors included Kari Jones, PhD, Hannah Paxton, RN, MPH, and Kathy Baker, RN, MPH, Community Health.



Joanne N. Quinones, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics; **William E. Scorza, MD**, Chief, Division of Obstetrics; and **John C. Smulian, MD**, Chief, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, were co-authors of the article – “Clinical Evaluation During Postpartum Hemorrhage” – which was published in *Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology*, Volume 53, Number 1, March, 2010.



Muhamad Aly Rifai, MD, Medical Director, Behavioral Health Emergency Services, co-authored the article – “Antiviral Completion Rates and Sustained Viral Response in Hepatitis C Patients With and Without Preexisting Major Depressive Disorder” – which was published in *Psychosomatics*, Volume 50, Number 5, September-October, 2009.

UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

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 May include:

May 6 – LVH-M ECC Rooms C and D

- “The Power of Sleep” – James Maas, PhD, Cornell University
- Journal Club

May 13 – Banko Building

- Annual DIO meeting with residents
- Rosen Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD
- Toxicology Series – Joseph D’Orazio, MD, Division of Toxicology, Albert Einstein Medical Center
- Chair’s Corner – Richard MacKenzie, MD
- PGY 1 & 4 – “Remediation and Advanced Airway” – Steven Conroy, DO, and Gavin Barr, Jr., MD
- PGY 2 & 3 – “Teaching PPT, One Minute” – Bryan Kane, MD

May 20 – Banko Building

- Research Day

May 27 – EMI – 2166 S. 12th Street

- EMS Lecture – John McCarthy, DO
- “Basic Ventilator Management” – Ashraf Thabet, DO
- “Cold Related Illness” – Jesse Coll, DO
- Administrative Hour – David Burmeister, DO

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

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 May:

- May 4 – Second Annual Jeffrey Paul and Grace Kathryn Feather Endowed Lectureship – “Medical Education – Looking into the Muddy Crystal Ball” – James O. Woolliscroft, MD, Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
- May 18 – “Clinical Pathological Conference – Case of the Year” – 3rd Year Internal Medicine Resident

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

Family Medicine Grand Rounds

The next Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on Tuesday, May 4, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 9 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“Primary Care Initiative” will be presented by Malaika S. Stoll, MD, MPA, Department of Family Medicine.

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

Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences will begin at Noon in the Lehigh Neurology Conference Room, 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor (unless otherwise noted) on the following Thursdays in May. Each program will also be videoconferenced to the Lehigh Neurology office on the LVH-Muhlenberg campus.

- May 6 – “Lyme Disease and Its Neurological Complications” – Marcelo Gareca, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases
- May 13 – “Surgical Treatment of Degenerative Spinal Disease” – James Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery
- May 20 – “Epilepsy Update” – Christopher Skidmore, MD, Neurologist, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital – Location: Auditorium, LVH-Cedar Crest
- May 27 – Division Meeting

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

Nutrition Grand Rounds

Nutrition Grand Rounds are held monthly at Noon for physicians, nurses, pharmacy staff, allied health staff, and any other interested patient care providers. Upcoming topics include:

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

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- June 8 – “Oncology” – Jenn Brennan, RD, LDN, CSO; Janine Gilboy, RD, LDN, and Suresh G. Nair, MD, Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology – 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 610-402-8609.

OB/GYN 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 on the following Fridays in May:

- May 7 – No OB/GYN Grand Rounds – Mock Oral Boards
- May 14 – “Gynecologic Oncology M&M” – Martin A. Martino, MD, Division of Gynecologic Oncology/Gynecology
- May 21 – “Fragile X and Reproduction” – Paul A. Bergh, MD, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility/Gynecology
- May 28 – OB/GYN Resident Research Day

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 May:

- May 4 – “Patient Safety in the Pediatric Emergency Care Setting” – Georgene Saliba, Administrator, Risk Management/Patient Safety
- May 11 – “Germ Cell Tumors” – Philip M. Monteleone, MD, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Hematology-Medical Oncology
- May 18 – TBA
- May 25 – TBA

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 Thursday, May 20, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“Therapeutic Interventions Focusing on Chronic Pain” will be presented by Mary L. Kaland, PhD, Psychologist.

For more information, please contact Tammy Schweizer at tammy.schweizer@lvhn.org or by phone at 610-402-5766.

Schwartz Rounds

The next Schwartz Center Rounds will be held on Wednesday, May 5, from Noon to 1 p.m. (lunch is served at 11:45 a.m.), in ECC Room 1 on the first floor of the Anderson Wing at LVH-Cedar Crest.

“You Can’t Do This To Me! I Have Rights!: Refusal of Care in a Critical Setting” – Edward R. Norris, MD, Department of Psychiatry, Vice Chair, Education and Research, and Martin A. Martino, MD, Division of Gynecologic Oncology/Gynecology

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

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 May:

- May 4 – STAHLER-REX Lecture – “Inventing Our Future: Why, How, Who?” – Thomas M. Krummel, MD, Emile Holman Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine
- May 11 – “Management of Diverticulitis: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly” – Mary Heyrosa, MD, Colon and Rectal Surgery Resident
- May 18 – “Using the Numbers” – David Kashmer, MD, Surgical Critical Care Resident
- May 25 – “Lower Extremity Revascularization: The Latest Cutting Edge Developments” – Richard F. Neville, MD, Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery, Georgetown University Hospital

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

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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, May 5, in Kasych ECC Room 10 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.

“Narrative Medicine” will be presented on the following dates and times in May:

- May 6 – 7:30-9 a.m., Kasych ECC Room 8, LVH-Cedar Crest
- May 21 – 7:30-9 a.m., Banko Rooms 1 and 2, LVH-Muhlenberg
- May 24 – 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 Kristen 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 update your directory and rolodexes with this information.

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To: Division of Gynecology

Status Change to Honorary Status

David W. Whitson, MD
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Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging

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Eric C. Wang, MD

Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging

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Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

Addition of: LVHN Medical Services – Noel D. Brouse, DO

Removal of Supervising Physician

Daniel B. Taylor, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

Removal of: Pulmonary Associates – Matthew M.

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Resignations

Christopher J. Bury

Anesthesia Technical Assistant

(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC)

Andrew B. Cahill, CCP

Perfusionist

(Perfusion Care Associates, Inc)

Lauren Jacobsen, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(HealthWorks)

Christopher Kashi, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(OAA Orthopaedic Specialists)

Jeffrey L. Luckenbach, CCP

Perfusionist

(Perfusion Care Associates, Inc)

Leigh-Anne Sigona, PA-C

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Quote of the Month

**“If you trust Google more than your doctor then
maybe it’s time to switch doctors.”**

— Jadelr and Cristina Cordova

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