

There's a lot going on at Lehigh Valley Health Network. In case you didn't catch all the latest news, here's a recap of what happened this week. Here are links to Mission Central posts, the latest issues of CheckUp and Magnet Attractions, and Lehigh Valley Health News, our blog on LVHN.org containing timely information and health network news. You also can link to Mission Central's "Contact Us" page where you can comment about anything, including this email, ask a question or share a story.

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Signs now posted at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) facilities are asking patients and visitors to cover their nose and mouth with a respiratory mask and report immediately to the receptionist if they have symptoms of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) or measles.

MERS is not easily passed from person to person, but it is very important to identify ill persons early for everyone's protection. Measles is easily spread via the air, and reports of nearby cases have health care workers on alert.

"We want to make people aware of what the symptoms are and how to protect themselves and others," says Terry Burger, RN, LVHN's director of infection control and prevention. "Early identification, for a place like a hospital or a doctor's office, is absolutely critical because we can decrease exposure to health care workers and other patients. We really want to contain it as much as possible."

The signs list the symptoms of MERS as a fever, cough and shortness of breath in people who have traveled to the Middle East or had contact with someone with a respiratory illness who has traveled to the Middle East during the past 14 days.

Until this month, MERS, which is a virus similar to SARS, has been contained to 12 countries located in the Arabian Peninsula. There's an enhanced level of concern now because three U.S. cases have been reported in May. MERS can be a very serious respiratory illness, so early identification is important.

Measles also is a respiratory illness with fever and cough symptoms, but it includes a rash as well. There have been several recent measles outbreaks as close as Ohio.

Only a few cases of measles had been identified in the United States in recent years, mostly in people from other countries or people who have traveled to countries where measles is common. Lack of immunization, however, is causing new infections in the U.S., Burger says.

Completing the series of vaccinations is the best protection against the virus. If you haven't been vaccinated, call your primary care provider.

Because many health care practitioners never have seen measles, LVHN has provided posters with photographs, symptoms and other information to help them with diagnosis and treatment.



This photo shows a measles rash on a young child.



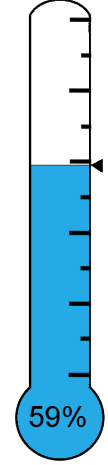
This is a close-up of a measles rash.

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Burger warns that it's also the season when hand, foot and mouth disease is more prevalent. The rash, caused by the Coxsackie virus, also is accompanied by fever but looks different than measles. It's not a respiratory illness; it is spread by direct contact, and it's unlikely to be fatal.

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Congratulations to the Take Me Out to the Ballgame winners for the June 19 game!

Each winner listed below will receive a total of two tickets for seating in the PPL Picnic Patio, which includes an all you can eat buffet from 6 – 8:30 p.m. and unlimited soft drinks through the middle of the 8th inning. Tickets may be picked up at the Lehigh Valley IronPigs will call window beginning **Monday, June 2**. Tickets will be reserved under the names of the winners as listed and **only released to those individuals**. Photo identification, such as your network ID badge or driver's license, will be required at the time of pick up.

Will Call hours:

GAME DAYS

- Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. until end of the 7th inning
- Saturday: 10 a.m. until end of the 7th inning
- Sunday: 10 a.m. until end of the 7th inning

NON-GAME DAYS

- Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
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- Sunday: CLOSED

View the [full season schedule](#).

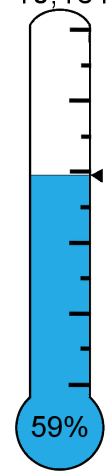
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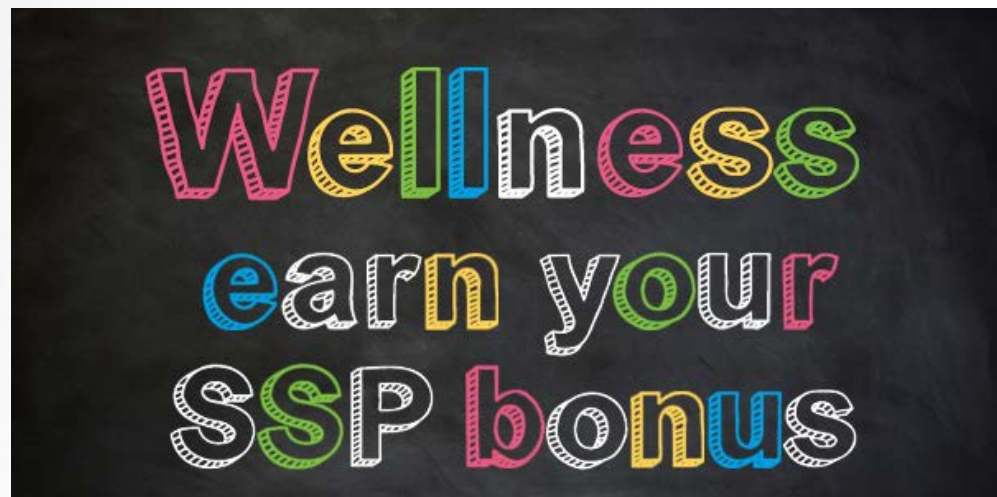
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Wellness Wednesday – Set Your Wellness Goal and Help Us Earn an SSP Bonus



Wellness is vital to leading a full, healthy and happy life. When you're healthy, you're at your best for colleagues, patients and their families. By practicing wellness, you're serving as a good role model for our community and taking steps to prevent chronic conditions, thereby lowering the cost of health care.

Wellness is so important, it's linked to our annual Shared Success Plan (SSP) bonus. How? To earn an SSP bonus in October, we must achieve goals associated with three of our fundamental priorities: people, service and quality.

To achieve the people goal, we need at least 60 percent of colleagues who are Choice Plus health plan members to set a health and wellness goal using the worksheet on MyPopulytics.com. Your goal could be related to anything from stress management, nutrition, weight management, physical activity or preventative care. It is meant to help you focus on what you want to improve in your life.

"We are very close to reaching our people goal," says health promotion and wellness director Carol Michaels. However, we're not quite there yet. If 60 percent of colleagues don't set their wellness goal by June 30, we may not receive an SSP bonus.

This week's Wellness Wednesday challenge: Go to MyPopulytics.com and set your wellness goal. If you're not sure if you set your goal, double check.

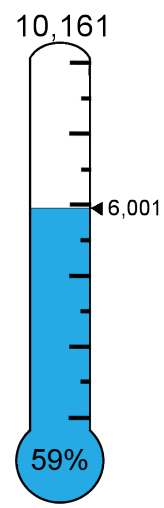
If you're not sure how to complete your wellness goal, or aren't sure if you completed it correctly the first time, here are four simple steps:

- . Visit MyPopulytics.com.
- . Review the results of your Health and Wellness Assessment.
- . Go to the "Health and Wellness Worksheet." You will see the worksheet link highlighted in yellow in three places on your MyPopulytics.com home page:
 1. On the left side of the page under "My Profile"
 2. On the right side of the page under "News and Headlines"
 3. In the middle of the page under "Health and Wellness"

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. Complete and submit the worksheet.

Many past Wellness Wednesday topics can help you set your goal:

- [Drinking more water](#)
- [Taking more steps each day](#)
- [Creating a balanced plate at each meal](#)
- [Cutting out added sugar](#)
- [Using your Wellness Dollars](#)
- [Managing stress with the right resources](#)

By setting your wellness goal, you also are eligible to win prizes. These include a \$100 Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley gift card, and the grand prize \$550 Bear Creek gift card and \$300 Promenade Shops gift card. Two winners will be drawn June 30.

Do you need help creating a goal? You can contact a goal coach confidentially at 610-969-0445 or at wellnesscoach@valleypreferred.com.

Do you have a topic or question for Wellness Wednesday? Leave a comment and let us know what you want to read about.

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PTO Dates to Remember

The end of Fiscal Year 2014 is approaching and employees are utilizing their remaining PTO hours. The last day for colleagues to utilize PTO for this fiscal year (FY14) is June 21, 2014, the last work day of this Fiscal year.

The maximum PTO carryover is 40 hours into FY15 (80 hours if a colleague is absent from work due to an approved leave of absence within the last 6 months of the Fiscal year or the first 3 months of the new Fiscal year, per the Paid Time Off policy, HR 3002.40).

Be sure to appropriately schedule PTO time.

Please contact Benefits Customer Service at 484-884-3199 if you have any questions.

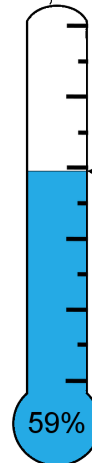


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It's Performance Evaluation Time

You and your department manager will be evaluating your fiscal year 2014 performance in the online Performance Management System of Lawson. You'll discuss accomplishments of the past year and set goals for the next fiscal year. The results of your evaluation will determine your pay increase.

Remember these dates:

May 19-Aug. 18: Performance evaluations conducted

Sept. 28: Merit increase effective beginning this pay period

Oct. 17: Compensation changes and SSP bonus (if we reach our health network goals) appear in paycheck

Are you a new manager?

If so, you'll learn everything you need to know about the performance appraisal process during an **education session on May 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the Mack Boulevard auditorium**. The session will be recorded and posted on the [human resources intranet site](#) for you to listen to.

If you have questions about the performance appraisal process or using the Performance Management System of Lawson, contact:

- Your human resources consultant (HRC)
- Arlene Padilla: 484-884-0163
- David Burrack: 484-884-0158

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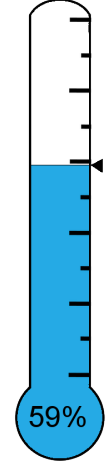
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Friends of Nursing Award Recipients Focus on Patient Care

Each day our colleagues provide exceptional care to our patients. Recently, 30 individuals and 6 units were honored at the Friends of Nursing 2014 event held in Bethlehem for their dedicated care. Here are some of the stories shared at the celebration.

His Coaching Helps Us 'Roar'

Katy Perry's song "Roar" perfectly describes the impact **Jack Dunleavy**, recipient of the **LVHN Department of Legal Services Award for Excellence in the Promotion of Patient Care** makes in LVHN. As a senior organizational development consultant, Dunleavy, though humble and quiet himself, has coached many LVHN leaders toward achievements that made our Network roar – such as the initial and ongoing evolution of our PRIDE behaviors and efforts to ensure ideal patient- and family-centered experiences. Dunleavy believes our future holds an even faster paced environment filled with continuing rapid whitewater change, and to be successful, we'll have to develop a more welcoming, embracing and championing attitude towards the changes.



Her Eye for Details Improves Customer Service

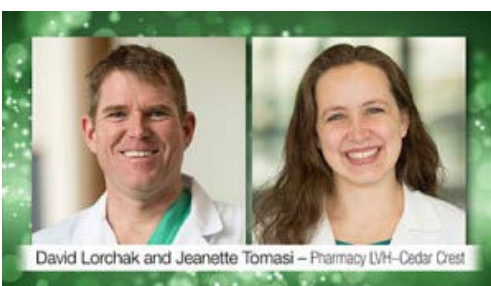


As the senior laboratory assistant for pathology registration, **Rochelle Reidnauer**, recipient of the **Kathy Mundt-Bulla Memorial Award for Excellence as a Laboratorian**, spends much of her time, aside from registering specimens, performing customer service, problem solving, training new employees and doing a lot of detective work. When clients are asked, "What is Health network Labs doing

right?" the answer is often, "Having staff like Rochelle."

Pharmacists Inspire Colleagues to Achieve ACLS Certification

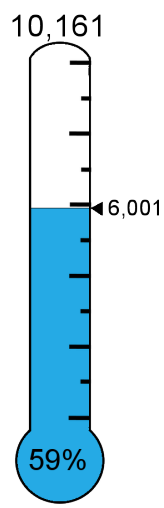
Co-recipients of the Award for Excellence as a Pharmacist, **David Lorchak, PharmD**, and **Jeanette Tomasi, PharmD**, had a vision and then led the effort to not only have a pharmacist present at Code Blue (cardiac arrest) events, but also to have each pharmacist earn **Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)** certification. With 20 pharmacists inspired by Lorchak and



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Tomasi to accept this challenge, nursing feedback has been overwhelmingly positive as pharmacists take the lead in such things as quickly procuring medications and preparing IV drips.

Innovation Improves Outcomes for Burn Patients



Recipient of **The Bill and Nancy Mason Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Rehabilitation Services**, occupational therapist **Lisa LePage** is the burn clinical team leader. In this role she drives the department's performance improvement and evidence-based practice initiatives. A common problem for patients with burns to the head and face is scarring, which creates difficulty eating, drinking and

speaking. There were few splinting and exercise interventions to positively impact this problem, that is until LePage developed what she coined a "progressive extra-oral static/dynamic splint." Her ingenuity has proved to limit the loss of range of motion and preserve a patient's abilities to eat, drink and communicate. LePage recently was selected to present this innovation at a national burn conference in Florida.

Always Learning and Growing

After 42 years within the operating room, first as a surgical and anesthesia technician, and more than 25 years as a registered nurse, **Diane Gerny, RN**, recipient of **The Joseph J. Prorok MD Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing**, recently returned to school for her BSN. She said she didn't know what she didn't know. Gerny always has committed to her professional



development, evidenced by board certification, membership in the operating room nurses' professional association, and posters at national conferences which detailed her work. When asked where she sees herself professionally in 2020, she said she hopes to be retired, BUT, prompted by her BSN capstone project, she hopes to be instrumental in coordinating her 55-and-over community to be actively involved in the "No One Dies Alone" effort.

Focus on Professional Development



Recipient of the **Keri Fegley Suchy Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Ambulatory Care**, radiation oncology nurse **Marisa Kauker, RN**, recognizes the future of nursing requires ongoing professional development. She is board-certified in oncology nursing *and* radiation oncology nursing, is an active member of the local and national oncology nursing society, and also graduated in May with her

baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Compassionate End-of-Life Care

Lisa Bickel, RN, recipient of the **Dr. Fred Fister Award for Excellence in Hospice Nursing**, strives to make each moment count on the inpatient hospice unit. Recently, she had the privilege, as she explains it, to care for a young mother dying of breast cancer, who had no husband and three small children. The patient wanted her young children close but



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not in the room as she was dying. Bickel placed three teddy bears in the patient's arms, which she held throughout her last night on earth. After her death, she gave each child one of the bears, explaining why it was a very special gift from their mother.

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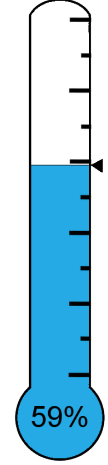
Meet the siblings who were part of Lehigh Valley Health Network's first ever three-way kidney swap in this month's LVHN in the News. We'll also introduce you to a Bethlehem man who hopes to dance at his infant granddaughter's wedding now that he's the first in the Lehigh Valley to take advantage of a new cardiac defibrillator technology. LVHN's care has a young Pottsville boy on the mend after an accident involving a boulder left him in critical condition. Other stories this month highlight what's behind a growing number of ACL injuries among young female athletes, how medical experts feel about proposed e-cigarette regulations, and how far we've progressed as we observe World Autism Day.

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Other stories:

Ronald Swinfard, president and CEO, wrote opinion-editorial publications in our two local newspapers about population health management and the importance of organ donation: [The Express-Times](#) [The Morning Call](#)

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Robert Kruklytis, MD, Uses Most Advanced Techniques to Help You Breathe

We are producing videos of our doctors and advanced practice clinicians (APC) to help our community find trustworthy health care providers. We will share them here to introduce you to these colleagues. You'll learn about their personality, philosophy of care and inspiration for practicing medicine. These videos are embedded in our website's [Find a Doctor tool](#), where you can learn about each provider's educational background and more. Enjoy!

Robert Kruklytis, MD, PhD, wants to help his patients breathe better.

"I'm passionate about advancing the field of pulmonary medicine. I'm always working to bring the most state-of-the-art techniques here to the Lehigh Valley," he says. "I want to have the latest and most advanced treatments available to the patients of our community."



He is a Lehigh Valley Health Network pulmonologist who sees patients at [Pulmonary Associates of LVPG](#). He is board-certified in pulmonary disease, critical care medicine and internal medicine.

Get to know him with this video.

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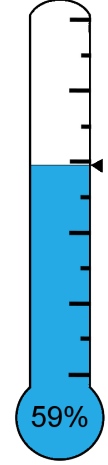
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Clinical Practice Model: A Matter of Evidence

In the Epic [Clinical Content Build Out \(CCBO\) video](#) last week, Don Levick, MD, chief medical information officer at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), discussed the inclusion of Elsevier's Clinical Practice Model (CPM) for the inpatient, Wave 2, portion of our Epic electronic medical record (EMR). CPM is a 'best practices' software that will seamlessly integrate evidence-based workflows and evidence-based care plans into the inpatient-specific part of our new EMR.



CPM is described as, "...an interprofessional, evidence-based documentation system that supports critical thinking and patient-focused care." This is a dynamic system that actively reviews evidence for best practices on a daily basis, and then provides updates twice a year. The system also offers "Best Practice Advisories" that prompt users to address best practice issues. Other tools and services are included with CPM to further assist healthcare professionals with decision-making and clinical decision support.

"With CPM, you can click on certain steps in the workflow and look at or evaluate the evidence behind 'why' we're doing the step we're doing," Levick says. "At other times, the evidence is noted in the screen reference associated with the protocol, or set of orders, or the documentation. The access to evidence is greatly improved compared to previous systems."

Evidence-based Decision

The decision to use Elsevier's CPM platform was made by an interprofessional LVHN workgroup that included nurses and other clinicians from throughout the network. "We learned from Epic clients that while the Epic community library is an excellent resource for outpatient, ambulatory care, it does not meet the needs for LVHN on the inpatient side of our care paradigm," Levick says. "We also discovered that more than one-third of Epic's 350-plus clients use Elsevier's CPM for inpatient documentation and care."

In February, [Elsevier's CPM was recognized as a "Category Leader for the CDS – Order Sets and Care Plans"](#), as determined by KLAS, a research firm specializing in monitoring and reporting the performance of healthcare vendors, like Elsevier.

"Everything that CPM has to offer contributes to our vision of sustainable healthcare transformation," Levick says. "The focus is on capturing the patient's story and recording progress toward outcomes. CPM will help us learn the story, use the evidence to plan and evaluate the patient's care using the power of the electronic health record."

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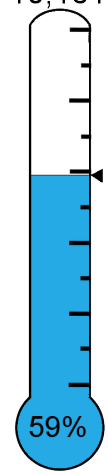
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