

LVH-Hazleton Earns Heart Failure Achievement Award

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton (LVH-Hazleton) has received the Get With The Guidelines®-Heart Failure Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology Foundation's secondary prevention guidelines for patients with heart failure.

This marks the ninth consecutive year that LVH-Hazleton has been recognized with this quality achievement award.

Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure is a quality improvement program that helps hospital teams follow the most up-to-date, research-based standards with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing hospital readmissions for heart failure patients. Launched in 2005, numerous published studies have demonstrated the program's success in achieving patient outcome improvements, including reductions in 30-day readmissions.

LVH-Hazleton earned this award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of heart failure patients. These measures include evaluation of the patient, proper use of medications and aggressive risk-reduction therapies, such as ACE inhibitors/ARBs, beta-blockers, diuretics, anticoagulants, and other appropriate therapies. Before patients are discharged, they also receive education on managing their heart failure and overall health, schedule a follow-up visit, as well as other care transition interventions.

LVH-Hazleton also received the association's Target: Heart FailureSM Honor Roll for the fifth consecutive year. Target: Heart Failure is an initiative that provides hospitals with educational tools, prevention programs and treatment guidelines designed to reduce the risk of heart failure patients ending up back in the hospital. Hospitals are required to meet criteria that improves medication adherence, provides early follow-up care and coordination, and enhances patient education. The goal is to reduce hospital readmissions and help patients improve their quality of life by managing this chronic condition.

These awards recognize all of our caregivers and support staff who work so diligently to provide our patients with high quality, best practice care. Congratulations on these achievements!



DON'T DELAY

The second quarter bundle of mandatory education in HealthStream is due no later than June 30. You can access Health Stream on the LVH-Hazleton intranet under the Training and Education/Annual Mandatory Education section.



Leadership Rounds Continue

LOCATION	DATE AND TIME	LEADER
7th floor	June 8 at 2 p.m.	Murray Swim
6th floor	June 9 at 11 a.m.	Melissa Curto
5th floor	June 9 at 2 p.m.	John Fletcher
3rd floor	June 7 at 4 p.m..	Michael Golden, RN
2nd floor	June 8 at 2 p.m.	Anthony Valente, MD
ED	June 7 at 10 a.m.	Michele Konitzer, RN



It's the question on everyone's mind: If a new health care bill becomes law, will it impact LVHN? The answer: Yes, it will. It unquestionably matters to us if the Affordable Care Act – commonly referred to as ObamaCare – is repealed. Additionally, the details of the law that replaces the Affordable Care Act will significantly impact our health network. That is why I recently visited Washington D.C. to talk with members of Congress about how hospitals and health systems will be affected by their decisions.

As a new bill is crafted, our hope is that “shared responsibility” remains so that people have equivalent or increased coverage. That's why it's imperative that a new health care plan is developed in a thoughtful and cooperative manner with all stakeholders at the table.

If you've been following the news, you know that a new bill – called the American Health Care Act – passed the House and was to be sent to the Senate. While I cannot yet tell you what or when changes to the bill will be proposed, I can ensure you we will continue to be advocates for the people of our community. I – along with colleagues from our Office of Government Affairs – welcome the opportunity to talk with our elected officials and to be part of the process to create a sensible health care plan that gives people access to primary care and the other services they need to live a healthy life.

I will continue to keep you updated and explain how proposed changes will affect us. Regardless of what happens in Washington, at LVHN, providing better health and better care at a better cost will always be our aim. Thank you for all you do to make it happen every day. I'll talk with you next month.



Mary Tirrell, Vice President Governmental and Legislative Affairs with Brian Nester at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.



ABOUT ME: My name is Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, and I am the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). I came to LVHN in 1998 as the Director of LVH–Muhlenberg's Emergency Department. Prior to becoming President and CEO in 2014, I served as the health network's Chief Strategy Officer. I am originally from Reading, and I'm proud to lead an organization that continually strives to provide better health and better care at a better cost for the great people of our community.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bariatric/Weight-loss Management Information Session

Monday, June 5 • 1 p.m.
LVH-Hazleton Business and
Education Center
Call **570-501-4LVH** to register or for
more information.

Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, June 7 • 1 p.m.
Health & Wellness Fitness Center
Call **570-501-6717** to register or for
more information.

What Every Person Should Know About Stroke

Wednesday, June 7 • 2 p.m.
Gunderson Center for Inpatient
Rehabilitation
Learn about the signs, symptoms,
treatment and rehabilitation available.
To register or for more information,
call **570-501-4600**.

Hands-only CPR Class

Learn lifesaving skills without
mouth-to-mouth breaths.
Ages 13 and up
Wednesday, June 7 • 6:30 p.m.
Health & Wellness Fitness Center
Call **570-501-6600** to register or for
more information.

Hazleton Rails to Trails Hike and Bike

Sponsored in part by LVHN
Bring your bike or take a hike. Come
out and enjoy the great outdoors.
Picnic lunch for participants.
Saturday, June 10 • 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Rails to Trails, Routes 93 and 424,
Hazleton
Call **570-455-1509** for more
information.
Registration is not required.

New Health Center at Easton Community Open House

Saturday, June 10 • 10 a.m.–noon
2401 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
RSVP: LVHN.org/EastonEvent



ATHLETE'S EDGE PROGRAM
June 19-July 21
Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton
570-501-6750 to register

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ATHLETE'S EDGE

Do you have an aspiring athlete in your family who wants to improve their speed, strength and agility in the off-season? Then check out the Athlete's Edge program at the Health & Wellness Fitness Center at Hazleton. This five-week speed camp is for junior high and high school athletes looking to boost their overall physical fitness.

THE PROGRAM OFFERS:

- ▶ Pre- and post-testing for speed and agility
- ▶ Individualized instruction from specially educated exercise physiologists
- ▶ Indoor and outdoor activities including plyometrics, core strengthening, flexibility, endurance and cone-drill exercises
- ▶ Nutritional and physical fitness education, as well as injury prevention

Athlete's Edge will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, June 19 through July 21, from 10-11:30 a.m. The cost is \$120 per student, which includes a team t-shirt. To register or for more information, call the Fitness Center at 570-501-6750. Group pricing is available.

Colleague News



Linda Yadsko, RN, fourth floor medical/surgical unit, retired this week after 27 years as a registered nurse at LVH-Hazleton. When asked what she will miss the most, she stated, without hesitation, the friends and colleagues she has worked with all these years. She plans to spend some quality time with her husband and family, especially her three-year-old granddaughter. Congratulations and best wishes to Linda on her retirement.



Shai Post recently graduated from Arcadia University where she pursued her transitional doctorate degree in physical therapy (DPT). She is a physical therapist, with 20 years' experience, at the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton. Congratulations to Shai on this professional achievement.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our own, Melissa Molinaro, RN. Missy worked at LVH-Hazleton for 35 years starting in June 1982. She worked in the intensive care unit (ICU) for 18 years and transferred to the short procedure unit (SPU) in 2000. According to her manager Mary Ann Kolcun, RN, "She was always smiling, never had a bad word for anyone, was a model colleague, and was truly an angel on earth." She will be missed dearly by her colleagues and friends here at LVH-Hazleton.

LVH–Hazleton Intranet Has New Look

If you've visited the LVH–Hazleton intranet this past week, you may have noticed its new look. As part of the integration and support for IS/applications, the LVH–Hazleton intranet has been updated with a new web content tool, Word Press. This allows the LVH–Hazleton intranet to have a similar look and functionality of the LVHN intranet and will provide improved user support. While the look is different, the content has not changed. All categories and the information/links contained within the categories have been transitioned to the new format. A new category – LVHN News – has been added and will be operational in the near future. This category will allow us to post current and archived issues of LVHN Weekly–Hazleton, as well as other local and network news. Customer support for the LVH–Hazleton intranet has been transitioned to the LVHN I/S web team. If any changes to the intranet are required, please contact the I/S support center by calling **570-501-4889** or by emailing the information to **support@lvhn.org** (email group I/S_CS_REQUESTS). Your request will be forwarded to the I/S web team.

LVH-H Employee Intranet

570-501-4000

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Colleague Resources

New LVH-H Computer Environment Helpful Hints

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- Secure Text
- LVHN Webmail
- LVHN E-Mail/Webmail Password Self Service
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- Department Policy List
- Abbreviations
- Meditech Matters
- Creative Solutions
- Clinical Communications
- Medical Staff/Allied Health Rosters
- Human Resources Information
- ICD10
- Pharmacy CPOE Reference
- Telephone Directory
- Trauma
- T Systems

Training and Education

- Annual Mandatory Education
- RL6 Event Reporting
- Education Events Calendar
- How To – Instructions for Using the Education Calendar

Forms

- Patient Care Forms
- HWC Forms
- Non Patient Care Forms
- LVPG-H Forms
- Pharmacy Nursing Reference
- Library Services
- Nutrition, Dietary Information & Diabetes Handouts

LVHN Internet Links

- [LVHN.org](#)
- [Network Paging](#)

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Patient Care Forms

General	Gundersen Rehab
Order Sets	Authorization/Consent Forms
Forms in Spanish	OB/GYN Consent Forms
Education/Screening Forms	OB/GYN
Home Health	Healthy Beginnings Forms
Vaccine Information Sheets	Bariatric Forms
Express Care	CDI
Oncology	Downtime Forms

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Is Your PRIDE Showing?

Are you practicing PRIDE on each and every patient, each and every day? Our patients are expecting this of you.

- P** – Privacy
- R** – Respect
- I** – Involvement
- D** – Dignity
- E** – Empathy

