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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Stuff in the Basement

I visited my brother over the Labor Day weekend. He is 8-1/2 years older and about the best big brother one could have. During our visit, he mentioned that he and my sister-in-law were thinking about finishing their basement. He asked if I wanted to check out any of the boxes of stuff I had down there. When I divorced about 12 years ago, many of my things went to my brother's house as I had no room to store anything beyond the basics. I had completely forgotten about much of it, so I was more than happy to offload these items. We loaded my truck and I spent the remainder of the evening sorting through boxes containing mementos of my childhood, adolescence and young adulthood.

The discoveries amazed me – pictures, cards, newspaper clippings and trophies quickly filled the room. Pieces of my first 25 years passed through my fingertips. I thought these items were gone forever and I was now holding them and reliving each moment as if it were yesterday. The adolescent triumphs and heartbreaks flooded my consciousness.

The “I can’t believe I...” and “what ifs...” prompted both genuine and wistful smiles. If I had a Lacoste polo shirt, long hair and Rush playing in the background, it would have been the 1980s – the paradox of boundless confidence and shocking vulnerability and naiveté that defines those years of growth and discovery.

For me, it was a perfect segue to autumn. I love the fall for many reasons – the autumn chill, the colors, weekends filled with football, and postseason baseball make it my favorite season. I associate certain music with these months and one of my favorite fall CDs is Frank Sinatra’s “September of My Years.” Released two months before Sinatra turned 50, the album was a reflective work, focusing on themes of aging and regret. It is a powerful listen as we prepare to head into winter – literally and figuratively.

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In two years, my oldest daughter will enter high school. I have a daughter that just started first grade. In February, my wife and I will welcome the newest addition to our family. Each day, I hope to learn and grow and I hope to help my children do the same. I aim not to repeat the mistakes of yesterday. I try to remember where I came from, respect those around me, and consistently do right by others. Some days I win, and some days I lose. That's how life goes – we hope to have the wins outnumber the losses in the final tally.

Autumn is my time to take stock of life – a time for reflection. A time to think of where I have been, where I am and where I am going in life. It is my favorite time of year.

Take some time to reflect this season. Think about that old friend you have not spoken with in years and reach out to them. Make the change you have been thinking about making in your life. Have those conversations you keep postponing. Strive to be your own best self. Autumn is here, and winter is not far behind.



Michael J. Pistoria, DO
Medical Staff President



"It's never too late to be who you might have been"

– widely attributed to George Eliot



Medical Staff Dues Deadline Extended to October 17, 2011

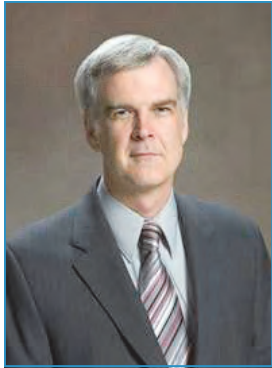
On September 30, final notices were faxed to members of the Medical Staff who have not yet paid their annual Medical Staff dues. As stated in the Medical Staff Bylaws – Article IV, Section A, #3. DUES – “. . . Any member whose dues are not paid in full by October 15 shall be considered to have voluntarily resigned from the Medical Staff effective as of that date and shall not entitle the member to the provisions of the Fair Hearing and Appellate Review Process. . . .”

In order to avoid **automatic resignation** from the Medical Staff as mandated by the Bylaws, your check **MUST BE RECEIVED** in the Medical Staff Services Office **NO LATER THAN 5 P.M.** on **OCTOBER 15**. However, due to the fact that October 15 falls on a Saturday this year, the deadline for dues will be extended to **MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, at 5 P.M.**

Please forward your check payable to **Lehigh Valley Health Network Medical Staff** and mail to Janet M. Seifert, Medical Staff Services, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, P.O. Box 689, Allentown, PA 18105-1556.

If you have any questions regarding Medical Staff dues, please contact Janet Seifert at 610-402-8590.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN ELECTED TO SERVE AS MEDICAL STAFF PRESIDENT-ELECT



Due to the vacancy created when Michael D. Pasquale, MD, was named Chair of the Department of Surgery in July, an election was held at the September General Medical Staff meeting to fill the Medical Staff President-elect position.

Robert J. Motley, MD, a member of the Department of Family Medicine since September, 2006, was elected to serve as Medical Staff President-elect.

Since his tenure at Lehigh Valley Health Network, Dr. Motley has been the recipient of a number of awards including the Institute for Physician Leadership Fellow Award, 2009-2011; Family Medicine Resident Teacher of the Year, 2008, 2009 and 2011; Family Medicine Medical Student Teacher of the Year, 2008-2009; and Family Medicine Award of Excellence for Medical Student Teaching, 2007.

Dr. Motley graduated Magna Cum Laude from LaSalle University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology. He received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Dr. Motley completed his Family Medicine residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Dr. Motley is certified by the American Board of Family Practice with Added Qualifications in Geriatric Medicine.

After 19 years in private community practice in Bucks and Montgomery counties, Dr. Motley joined the Medical Staff in 2006. He has been a member of the core faculty of the Family Medicine Residency Program and is the Coordinator of the Chronic Care and Geriatrics curriculum. He has been a collaborator with other primary care departments and community organizations in supporting the work of community health workers (promotoras) in diabetes self management education programs. Dr. Motley is a member of the Society of Teachers in Family Medicine, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians.

A member of Lehigh Valley Physician Group, Dr. Motley is in practice with the Lehigh Valley Family Health Center at the 17th Street campus.

Dr. Motley and his wife, Jeanne Marie, reside in Hatfield, and are the parents of five adult children. Among his interests, Dr. Motley enjoys performing and listening to music, family activities, biking and kayaking.



REMINDER FOR PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH STAFF

Caregivers' food and beverages (including your morning cup of coffee) are prohibited in the patient care areas. All such food/drink should be restricted to lounge areas.

SELECT

Scholarly Excellence.
Leadership Experiences.
Collaborative Training.

Experiences for a lifetime.
A network for life.™

USF College of Medicine and
Lehigh Valley Health Network

In July, the University of South Florida faculty from LVHN joined colleagues based in Tampa to greet and teach our inaugural class of SELECT students as we collectively began a new journey in undergraduate medical education.

The class of 2015 (pictured right) was excited and engaged. SELECT, which is an acronym for Scholarly Excellence, Leadership Experience and Collaborative Training, is a joint partnership in medical school education between the University of South Florida in Tampa and Lehigh Valley Health Network.

In addition to mastering the core medical curriculum, students will receive training in leadership competencies and skills with a strong foundation in emotional intelligence, patient-centered care and health care systems and policy. The curriculum was designed to better prepare them to help solve current and future challenges in health care.

Faculty members from LVHN are currently teleconferencing with the students in Tampa in the Doctoring Course which is taught in groups consisting of seven students and two faculty members (one from Tampa and one from LVHN). In addition, SELECT students are also assigned to coaching cohorts consisting of seven students and a coaching mentor from LVHN and Tampa.



We will have the opportunity to welcome some of these students in May when they join us for summer projects based in the network and other organizations located in the Lehigh Valley.

If you have any questions regarding the SELECT Program, please contact J. Alan Otsuki, MD, MBA, Associate Dean, LVHN-USF SELECT Program, at 610-402-2494, or Michael J. La Rock, MD, Medical Director of LVPG Hospital Medicine, and Clinical Associate Professor, USF, at 610-402-5369.

PCE PRESCRIPTION: HELPING PATIENTS AND FAMILIES UNDERSTAND THEIR CARE

The goal of Lehigh Valley Health Network's Patient-Centered Experience (PCE) initiative is to give patients and their loved ones the best possible health care experience. Through PCE, the health network is developing ways to help patients and families understand their care.

PCE Outcomes: We're piloting a project on two medical-surgical units in which each patient is given a daily ROADMAP (Review of All Daily Medical Actions and Plans), an easy-to-read fact sheet containing information about his or her care.

Why it's important to you: "When information is given to patients and families in a way that is easy for them to understand, they are more likely to be compliant with their physician's orders," says Bruce Ellsweig, MD, Vice Chair of Family Medicine for Community Practices and Medical Director of Lehigh Valley Hospice. In addition, patients and families reading the ROADMAP are asking more informed questions of their caregivers.

Next step: To learn about helping patients and families understand their care, visit the PCE Sharepoint site at <http://lvhsharepoint3/pcetoolkit>.

For information about PCE, contact James Geiger, Senior Vice President, Operations, at 610-969-4290; Anne Panik, Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services, at 610-402-4267, or James Prowant, Associate Executive Director, Primary Care Operations, at 610-439-7509.

NEWS FROM CAPOE CENTRAL

Proper Location Now Requires Isolation

The Isolation field on the Admitting Orders will soon become a required field. Providing isolation information facilitates more accurate/efficient bed placement and reduces patients returning to the Emergency Department for re-assignment. The reference text on the right side of the order lists the various types of isolation. If no specific isolation is required, please enter “Standard Precautions.” If you are unsure of the isolation, choose the closest choice.

A Reminder about DCI

Some medications may come into DCI from Centricity Enterprise with the dose, form and route in the medication name (i.e., “Lisinopril 10mg TAB PO”). Please remember that the accepted procedure is to delete the dose, form and route in the medication name, and complete that information in the appropriate named fields. Otherwise, having potentially conflicting information in both places can lead to patient confusion. There have been several examples where this has occurred and the patient took the incorrect dose.

Where are those Respiratory Notes?

Remember that Respiratory documentation/assessments on patients on the medical-surgical floors are entered in Centricity Enterprise under the Respiratory Note. This includes the BIPAP/CPAP settings. The assessments can be seen in the VIEWER under the view “Adult Respiratory Assessment.”

Changes to Resources Page

In an effort to make the Resources Page easier to navigate, sometime in October we will consolidate the Clinical Guidelines section. The links to various reference sites (UpToDate, MicroMedex, PEPID, Medline, etc.) will be removed and will be available through the Library Resources link. This will allow us to collect data on the utilization of the various sites, which will be used to determine the sites to which we will continue to subscribe. These changes were discussed and approved by the Clinical Decision Support Committee.

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

GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

As stated in the Influenza Immunization Policy which was approved at the Medical Executive Committee meeting on August 2, 2011, colleagues are strongly encouraged to receive a flu vaccination. Those who decline an immunization will be required to submit a formal declination, with a reason for the declination by December 1, 2011. Those who decline and are designated as having patient contact will be required to wear a surgical mask or particulate respirator during flu season. If a colleague refuses to wear a mask, there will be a formal corrective action process that can result in termination after three occurrences.

For your convenience, free vaccinations will be offered at Employee Health Services at the Cedar Crest and Muhlenberg campuses during walk-in hours as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LVH-Cedar Crest 610-402-8869	7-8 a.m. 1:30-4 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	7:30-8:30 a.m.	1:30-4 p.m.	7-8 a.m.
LVH-Muhlenberg 484-884-7098	1:30-4 p.m.	7-10 a.m.	2-4 p.m.	7-10 a.m.	8-10 a.m.

For more information regarding the policy, please contact Carol Guanowsky, Director, Employee Health, at 610-402-8869.



OPPE—A CULTURAL AWARENESS FOCUS

Internal Medicine / Family Medicine OPPE Performance

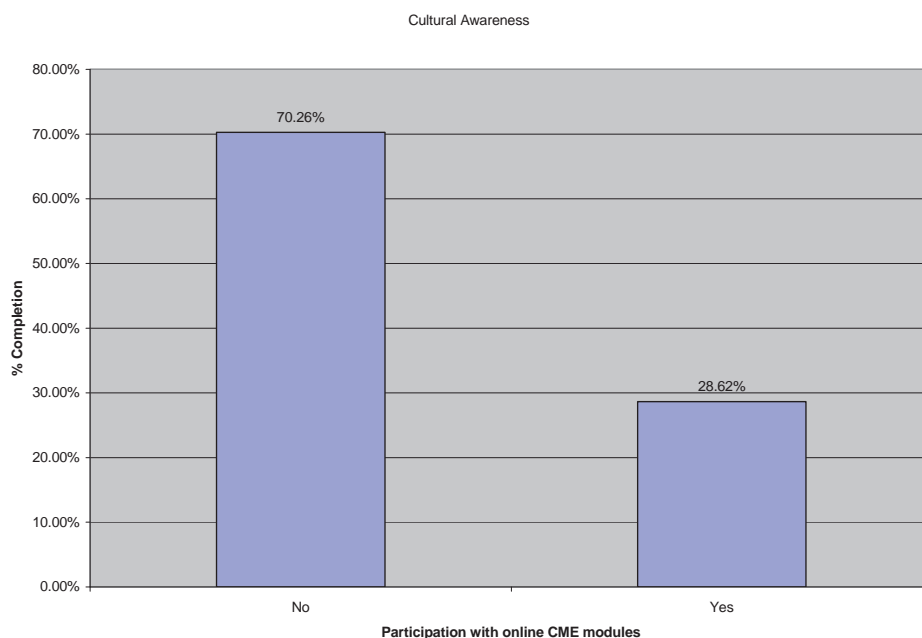
The Joint Commission now requires evidence of ongoing proficiency evaluation in the credentialing process for hospital staff membership. This process is known as OPPE (Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation). This column highlights an aspect of the OPPE survey performed biannually by the LVHN primary care ambulatory practices.

Question: Have you participated in and completed the free 9-credit Cultural Awareness CME sponsored by the federal government at

<https://cccm.thinkculturalhealth.org?>

(Required participation within one year)

RESULTS:



The OPPE survey demonstrated that about 28.2% of primary care respondents had completed or worked on this module, with 70% not aware or not having utilized the site. Continued efforts are underway to notify providers about the free CME opportunity and to relay the importance of professional development in this important area.

Leading health indicators have demonstrated little improvement in disparities over the past decade, according to recent analyses of progress on *Healthy People 2010* objectives. Significant racial and health disparities continue to permeate the major dimensions of health care, the health care workforce, population health, and data collection and research. Racial and ethnic minorities constitute about one-third of the U.S. population, but make up more than half of the 50 million people who are uninsured. In addition, racial and ethnic minorities are more likely to report poorer quality patient-provider interactions, particularly pronounced among the 24 million adults with limited English proficiency.

The Affordable Care Act, signed last year, brings insurance coverage to more than 30 million people, in addition to provisions related to disparities reduction, data collection and reporting, quality improvement, and prevention. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has also developed a Disparities Action Plan that builds upon the Affordable Care Act. HHS has established offices of minority health in six agencies – AHRQ, CDC, FDA, HRSA, CMS, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Collectively, these groups will improve coordination of health disparity efforts across HHS.

The free CME offered through HHS's website (<https://cccm.thinkculturalhealth.org>) is one resource of many to develop the workforce and enhance awareness towards this important area. It is a self-directed online training course. It assists in training physicians and clinicians with competencies that will enable them to better treat a diverse population. You are encouraged to visit the site to learn more and to better develop your skills in this area of medicine.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Ellsweig, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine Community Practices, at 610-969-0300, or Jennifer Mariotti, DO, Department of Medicine, Associate Vice Chair (17th Street), at 610-969-2255.

LUNG CANCER SCREENING

Results of the National Lung Screening Trial were published in the June 29, 2011 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Over 53,000 high risk patients were randomized to receive either three annual CT scans or three annual chest X-rays. There was a 20% reduction in mortality in those patients screened with the CT scan compared to those screened with conventional chest X-rays.

The LVHN Lung Cancer Program endorses the use of CT screening in patients who are at high risk for lung cancer (i.e., >30 packs/year smoking, strong family history, asbestos exposure). Lehigh Valley Hospital has been performing low dose CT screening since 2006. In conjunction with Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging, the hospital has performed over 80 exams and early cancers have been discovered in several patients. At the time that this program was offered to the community, the CT scan was not approved by insurance companies and patients were expected to pay for their screening CT scan. Special provisions were made for those patients who could not afford the cost of CT screening. No patient was denied a scan for inability to pay. In addition, the LVHN Program – Culture of Wellness (offered as part of ChoicePlus) – provided payment for those covered under this plan.

The CT scan that is currently utilized for screening releases 30-40% less radiation exposure than the dose previously required. Patients who meet screening criteria will need a referral from their primary care physician to schedule the test. A letter will be sent to the referring physician and the patient after the scan has been read. All scans with either suspicious lesions or definite malignancies will be reviewed at the weekly Thoracic Multidisciplinary Clinic which is coordinated by Kathy Leies, RN, Oncology Nurse. Participating physicians – **Charles F. Andrews, MD**, Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology; **Eliot L. Friedman, MD**, Chief, Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology; **Robert J. Krukltis, MD**, PhD, Chief, Division of Pulmonary, and **Michael F. Szwerc, MD**, Chief, Section of Thoracic Surgery – all have a special interest in treating patients with thoracic malignancies, particularly lung cancer. These patients will be encouraged to come to the clinic and meet with one of these specialists, who will arrange appropriate follow-up. It is hoped that this process will guarantee appropriate medical follow up and expedite additional testing when necessary.

To inquire about Lung Cancer Screening, call Kathy Leies, RN, Oncology Nurse, at 610-402-0588 or contact 610-402-CARE.

2011 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

The Power of Team

Giving back to our community is an important responsibility of ours. Each year, colleagues give back by contributing to the United Way Campaign. This year's campaign began on September 16. By pledging your support, you help the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley provide vital services to our community, including mentoring programs for at-risk youth, warm lunches for shut-in older adults and mental health counseling.

To give, click the United Way icon on your SSO toolbar or contact Kevin A. Vrablik, MD, United Way Committee Physician Co-Chair, at 610-402-9230.



DOCUMENTATION OF A THOROUGH INFORMED CONSENT PROCESS

A thorough consent discussion prior to an invasive procedure or treatment not only helps to prevent a lawsuit, it is also required by The Joint Commission (TJC), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Pennsylvania state law. According to TJC Standards, the consent process must include a discussion of the following elements:

- benefits, risks and side effects of the proposed treatment;
- likelihood of the patient achieving his or her treatment goals;
- potential problems that might occur during recuperation;
- reasonable alternatives, including the risks, benefits and side effects of those alternatives;
- risks related to not receiving the proposed treatment.

If interviewed by a TJC surveyor, the physician should be able to articulate the components of a thorough consent discussion as outlined above.

The applicable regulations certainly do not require the responsible practitioner to discuss *every* risk, benefit and alternative to the proposed procedure or treatment. CMS requires that the “material” risks be discussed which “could include risks with a high degree of likelihood but a low degree of severity, as well as those with a very low degree of likelihood but high degree of severity.”¹ According to the Pennsylvania MCARE law, the physician must inform the patient of the risks, alternatives and risks of the alternatives a “reasonably prudent” patient would require to make an informed decision whether to undergo the procedure.²

CMS sets forth the minimum requirements of a consent form to include a statement that the planned procedure was explained to the patient including the anticipated benefits, risks, and alternative therapies. The LVHN consent form includes this statement. However, a recent audit of procedure consent forms revealed that more than 20% failed to reflect discussion of the reasonable alternatives to the proposed treatment and more than 40% did not include documentation of the risks and benefits associated with the alternatives. In order to decrease the likelihood of a claim due to lack of informed consent, and to document compliance with TJC, CMS and MCARE requirements, the content of the consent discussion with the patient should be documented on the consent form or in the progress notes.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Carolyn Coleman, RN, JD, Risk Manager, at 610-402-3008.

¹ State Operations Manual, Interpretive Guidelines §482.24 (c)(2)(v)

² 40 P.S. § 1303.504 (b)

PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



Lorraine A. Dickey, MD, Chief, Division of Neonatology; LaDene Gross, Administrator, Patient Care Services; and Lynn Deitrick, Community Health and Health Studies, were co-authors of the article – “Promotion of staff resiliency and interdisciplinary team cohesion through two small-group narrative exchange models designed to facilitate patient- and family-centered care” – which was published in the *Journal of Communication in Healthcare*, 2011, Volume 4, Number 2, pp. 126-138.

ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS UPDATE

Meet the APC Staff

In an effort to introduce you to members of the Advanced Practice Clinicians Executive Council, beginning with this issue, *Progress Notes* will feature a member of this group. This month's feature is Debra Kramer.



Debra A. Kramer, MSN, CRNP, has been a urology nurse practitioner with Urology Specialists of the Lehigh Valley for the past 28 years, and has extensive experience in the treatment of general urologic diseases including kidney stones, urologic infections, erectile dysfunction, prostate diseases, incontinence, and bladder dysfunction.

Mrs. Kramer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, with honors, from Cedar Crest College, and a Master of Science degree in Nursing, with honors, from the University of Pennsylvania, where she also subsequently attained the degree of nurse practitioner. She received her Pennsylvania state registered nurse board certification in 1988, an American Board of Urology nurse certification in 1989, and a Pennsylvania state board certification of nurse practitioners in 1992.

Mrs. Kramer is a member of the Pennsylvania and American Nurses Associations, the American Urologic Association Allied, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Lehigh Valley Nurse Practitioners Association, and the International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health. She has maintained a preceptor role for nurse practitioner students from Cedar Crest College, DeSales University, and the University of Scranton.

Mrs. Kramer has been a member of the Allied Health Professional staff since November, 1987. She was elected to the APC Executive Council in April, 2011, as an at-large member.

APC Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the Advanced Practice Clinicians will be held on **Thursday, October 27**, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Kasych ECC Room 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

Topics to be discussed will include:

- "Liability Issues for APCs: The Importance of Documentation" – Georgene Saliba, Administrator, Risk Management & Patient Safety
- "ED Observation Unit" – Joan Finno, CRNP, LVPG-Emergency Medicine

For the convenience of Advanced Practice Clinicians, a flu vaccine clinic will be held in conjunction with the APC Quarterly Meeting from 5:30 to 6 p.m., in the lobby area of Kasych ECC Room 8.

All members of the APC staff are encouraged to attend the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding APCs, please call 610-402-APC1 and leave a message.

APC Annual Dues Deadline

On September 30, final notices were faxed to Advanced Practice Clinicians who have not yet paid their annual dues. In order to avoid automatic resignation from the Allied Health Professional Staff, your check must be **RECEIVED** in the Medical Staff Services Office **NO LATER THAN 5 P.M.**, on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011**.

Please forward your check payable to: **LVHN Advanced Practice Clinicians** and mail to Gloribel Nieves, Medical Staff Services, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, P.O. Box 689, Allentown, PA 18105-1556.

If you have any questions regarding APC dues, please contact Gloribel Nieves in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8984.

TRANSITION TO ICD-10 CODING CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

On October 1, 2013, the United States will replace ICD-9, the national coding classification system used to report patient health conditions, with ICD-10. Therefore, effective October 1, 2013, all inpatient discharges and outpatient encounters will be assigned ICD-10 codes.

The reason for this conversion is because ICD-9 is a 30 year old coding system! It does not provide the necessary detail on either patient's medical conditions or procedures performed on hospitalized patients. In addition, the terminology is outdated and obsolete, and the codes produce inaccurate and limited data and are inconsistent with current medical practice. As a result, limited and sometimes inaccurate information becomes the foundation for clinical quality improvement, public reporting and reimbursement.

The ICD-10 transition will impact every paper-based system, software application, information system, and functional department that currently uses or generates ICD-9 codes.

Every hospital department and outpatient office from Scheduling and Registration, Case Management, Quality, Research, Patient Accounting, Information Systems to our Physicians/Clinicians and Clinical Departments will be impacted.

ICD-10 requires more stringent documentation. For example, Myocardial Infarction ICD-10 documentation will need to include:

- Type of infarction
- Age of infarction
- Specific site of Myocardium involved
- Coronary artery involved
- Information regarding initial or subsequent MI within four weeks

ICD-10 consists of two parts:

- ICD-10-CM – The *diagnosis* classification system developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for use in all U.S. health care treatment settings.
- ICD-10-PCS – The *procedure* classification system developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for use in the U.S. for inpatient hospital settings ONLY. *CPT will continue to be used to report procedures in the outpatient setting.*

As demonstrated below, with ICD-10, there is a dramatic increase in the number of codes to capture a higher level of accuracy and specificity.

	ICD-9		ICD-10	
	Diagnoses	Procedures	Diagnoses	Procedures
# of Codes	14, 025	3, 824	69,101	71,957
Characters	3-5 alpha-numeric	3-4 numeric	7 alpha-numeric	7 alphanumeric

In ICD-9, for example, only one code exists for suturing an artery; in ICD-10, there are 195 possible codes for suturing an artery, each one identifying the specific artery involved.

Benefits of ICD-10

- More accurate severity of illness and risk of mortality measurements
- Enhanced analysis of disease patterns and treatment outcomes for better predictive modeling
- Standardized vocabularies so health information can be exchanged electronically

Considerations for the Transition:

- Impact on how clinicians need to document for ICD-10
- Cannot simply map old codes to new codes for data analysis
- Anticipated productivity and accuracy declines during transition

LVHN's Approach to Implementation

- LVHN formed an ICD-10 Steering Committee in 2010 with subcommittees to ensure a smooth transition. Members of these committees are working on a plan for process and workflow changes as well as staff and physician education programs.

If you have any questions, please contact John P. Pettine, MD, CCDS, Director, Clinical Documentation Improvement Program, via email at john.pettine@lvhn.org.

CONGRATULATIONS



Daniel F. Brown, MD, MBA, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Vice Chair, Network Affairs, recently graduated from the University of Massachusetts Master of Business Administration program. Developed in partnership with the American College of Physician

Executives, the University of Massachusetts program features a unique concentration of curriculum in medical management. It is becoming one of the most popular degrees for physicians serving in health care leadership roles. Dr. Brown began his studies through ACPE in November, 2005, and completed his MBA in May, 2011.

Dr. Brown, who joined the hospital's Medical Staff in September, 1999, is in practice with Health Network Laboratories. He is a member of the Sections of Molecular Pathology and Neuropathology, of which he serves as Chief.



Donna F. Petruccelli, CRNP, nurse practitioner with Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists, was recently notified by the Board of the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses that she passed the

Heart Failure Board Certification exam in June. Ms. Petruccelli is one of less than 200 nurses in the United States with Heart Failure Specialty Certification.

Ms Petruccelli, who joined the Allied Health Professional staff in March, 1999, is the Program Coordinator for LVHN's Center for Advanced Heart Failure.

NEW ASCOM SYSTEM



The existing ASCOM Wireless Voice Systems will be replaced in October of this year.

On Saturday, October 8, the system at 17th & Chew will be replaced beginning at 7 a.m., and will be off line for approximately 2.5 hours.

Also on October 8, the system at LVH-Muhlenberg will be replaced starting at Noon and will be unavailable for approximately 4.5 hours.

On Saturday, October 15, the system at Cedar Crest & I-78 will be replaced beginning at 7 a.m., and will be off line for approximately 5 hours.

Following each of the conversions, the Emergency Departments at each site will be turned up first, followed by critical patient care areas.

In an effort to ensure that you will be able to reach critical departments during the down time, a list of wired telephone numbers is available on the LVHHN and LVH_List Bulletin Boards in GUI email.

The new system provides telephones that are lighter and more compact with a greater battery life – 20 hours of talk time and 240 hours of stand-by time from a single charge. In addition, each telephone will have a telephone directory and will also display the name and number of internal callers.

If you have any questions regarding the new ASCOM system, contact Paul Dombrosky in Telecommunication Services at 610-402-1466.

ETHICS CORNER

by Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair, Ethics Committee

Recently, our SELECT students learned about comparative health care systems. And so did I. In fact, I feel as though I should be paying tuition. Some of the facts are well known. For example, U.S. health care spending per capita is at least twice that of most other industrialized nations.¹ That also makes us the leader among Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) nations in health expenditures.

Despite this, physician visits are lower in the U.S. than 21 out of 25 countries reporting to the OECD and hospital stays are shorter and less frequent. However, these admissions are more expensive, 50% more expensive than the second place country.²

Our utilization of high tech medical procedures and sophisticated imaging technology ranks high among OECD nations. “The U.S. had the highest rate among all countries for percutaneous coronary interventions (angioplasty and stenting), the second highest rates of knee replacements and of patients undergoing dialysis treatment, and the fourth highest rate of cardiac catheterizations.”³

And what has been the ultimate outcome of this spending? The dubious distinction of having the highest infant death rate and highest number of deaths before age 75 that could have been averted by medical care.⁴ There are others as well, such as 21st out of 25 countries reporting for asthma related death rates in those ages 5-39. Our life expectancy is in the bottom quartile of OECD nations. We also have the largest spending gap of any country between spending and life expectancy, spending the most money relative to a worse-than-expected life expectancy.

What has this got to do with Ethics? It has *everything* to do with Ethics. Beneficence, nonmaleficence and justice are inherently affected. And it is obvious things need to change. We are afraid of health care “rationing” or “death panels,” as the media likes to say. Yet, consider how we do ration!

For example:

- Family with no health insurance not taking a 12 year old to the doctor for abdominal pain, afraid of the cost. The child’s appendix ruptures and he requires more extensive hospitalization and complications.



- 35 year old unemployed woman, not able to afford medications so she develops renal failure.
- 85 year old with multiple medical problems and moderate dementia gets dialysis three times a week, when it is not clear that she wants the treatment.

Are these cases more ethical than those of other countries? Is this better than a median wait time for elective surgery of four weeks?

But we may not have to be so drastic. There are things we can do that can control costs, some of which we are already initiating here at LVHN. Establishing a system that generates information about the effectiveness of medical treatments and new technologies, ensuring greater value than existing methods could save hundreds of billions of dollars. We don’t need to have the newest toys if they don’t have significant benefit. A universal adoption of the electronic medical record can save \$88 billion over 10 years. Strengthening primary care, care coordination and prevention can produce dramatic savings. Patient centered medical homes could save Medicare alone \$194 billion over 10 years.⁵

We should not be content with the status quo. Change must occur. Our U.S. healthcare system is not providing the outcomes we pay for. And we need to be sure that change occurs with the highest of ethical standards and that we no longer settle for the status low...

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

¹ Karen Davis, PhD, Slowing the Growth of Health Care Costs – Learning from International Experience, N Engl J Med 359:17, October 23, 2008.

² Gerald F. Anderson and David A. Squires, Measuring the U.S. Health Care System: A Cross-National Comparison, Issues in International Health Policy, The Commonwealth Fund, June 2010.

³ See 1.

⁴ See 2.

⁵ See 1.

UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

GLVIPA General Membership Meeting

The quarterly membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association (GLVIPA) will be held on **Tuesday, October 18**, beginning at 6 p.m., in the hospital's Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“The New Era of Healthcare: Competing on Quality” will be presented by Harry L. Leider, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Ameritox, a national medication adherence testing company.

In addition, a flu vaccine clinic will be held in conjunction with the meeting for members of the GLVIPA from 5:30 to 6 p.m., outside the Auditorium.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Curcio, Coordinator, GLVIPA, at 610-969-0423.

Cardiology Grand Rounds

Cardiology Grand Rounds will be held on **Friday, October 14**, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“The Sunshine Deficit: Vitamin D Deficiency, Hyperparathyroidism and the Heart” will be presented by Diane Wallis, MD, Medical Director, Vascular Ultrasound, Midwest Heart Foundation.

For more information, contact Carolyn Maurer in the Heart and Vascular Center at 610-402-8215.

Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on **Tuesday, October 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.

“Gynecological Screening Guidelines” will be presented by Karen M. Sciascia, DO, Division of Gynecology.

For more information, contact Dorothy Jacquez in the Department of Family Medicine at dorothy.jacquez@lvhn.org or by phone at 610-969-4965.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds are held on Thursdays, beginning at 9 a.m., at various locations. Topics to be discussed in October will include:

- October 6 – LVH-M ECC Rooms B, C and D
 - Guest Speaker – Peter Dibleux, MD, Director of Resident and Faculty Development, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
 - Journal Club
 - Program Director's Corner
- October 13 – No Grand Rounds
- October 20 – LVH-M Banko Building
 - Fluid and Electrolyte Disorders – Lauren Dugan, DO
 - Palliative Care – Dan Ray, MD
 - Rhabdomyolysis and Myositis – Will Greenhut, DO
 - Large Bowel Disorders – Michael Nguyen, MD
- October 27
 - PGY1's**
 - OSCE – 1247 Building Simulation Lab
 - Rosen's Chapters 14-21
 - PGY2-4's** – LVH-M Banko Building
 - Rosen's – Infectious Disease: Tuberculosis, Bone and Joint Infections, Soft Tissue Infections, Sepsis Syndrome – Robert Cannon, DO
 - HIV – Scott Hamilton, DO
 - Research Series – Bryan Kane, MD
 - M&M – Andy Miller, DO

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

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds will be held on Tuesdays from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest (unless otherwise noted) and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg and the VTC Room at LVH-17. Topics for October will include:

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- October 4 – “Effective Teacher-Learner Relationships” – Cynthia Cappel, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Director of Clinical Staff Development – Location: ECC Room 1
- October 11 – “Lung Cancer – State of the Art Care at LVHN” – Eliot Friedman, MD, Chief, Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology
- October 18 – “Update in Pulmonary/Critical Care” – Matthew McCambridge, MD, Chief, Division of Critical Care Medicine
- October 25 – “Telemedicine” – QI Forum – Joseph Tracy, Vice President, Telehealth Services; Peter Barbour, MD, Associate Chief, Division of Neurology; Luther Rhodes, MD, Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases; Daniel Monkowski, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases – Location: Kasych ECC Room 8

For more information, contact Kathy Gaspari in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-5200.

Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at Noon. Conferences are held in the Lehigh Neurology Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor, and videoconferenced to Lehigh Neurology’s Bathgate office, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be presented in October will include:

- October 6 – Case Presentations – Gary Clauser, MD
- October 13 – “Epilepsy Update” – John Margraf, MD (Additional videoconference site – Kasych ECC Room 10)
- October 20 – Division Meeting

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

Nutrition Grand Rounds

Nutrition Grand Rounds will be held on the First Wednesday of each month, beginning at Noon, in the hospital Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest. The program will be teleconferenced to ECC Room C at LVH-Muhlenberg and in the VTC Conference Room at LVH-17th & Chew. The topic for October is as follows:

- October 5 – “Nutrition and Pregnancy: Why it Matters” – Ann Marie Barilla, RD, CDE, LDN – Lunch will be served.

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

OB-GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds will be held on Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 8. The topics for October will include:

- October 7 – Morbidity and Mortality
- October 14 – No Grand Rounds – District III Junior Fellow Day/Ultrasound Conference)
- October 21 – “Preoperative Risk Evaluation: What to Expect” – Visiting Professor Michael Carson, MD, Director of Research/Outcomes, Jersey Shore University Medical Center
- October 28 – “Neonatal Resuscitation Changes” – Marijo Zelinka, MD, Division of Neonatology

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 Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest on the following Tuesdays in October:

- October 11 – Pediatric Hematology-Oncology topic – Philip Monteleone, MD
- October 18 – Pediatric Intensive Care topic – Amy Lindmark, DO
- October 25 – “Clinical Research – Getting Started” – Patricia Emmanuel, MD, and Jane Carver, PhD, University of South Florida

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 presentation will be held on Thursday, October 20, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg, and teleconferenced to Kasych ECC Room 3 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

“Can Early Intervention Improve the Course of Schizophrenia?” will be presented by Delbert Robinson, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

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

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Spine Conference

Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held on the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 a.m. Clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 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 Lori Zimmerman, Nursing Manager, at 610-973-6271.

Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg, unless otherwise noted. Topics for October will include:

- October 4 – “After the Mastectomy: Options in Breast Reconstruction” – Christian Subbio, MD, Division of Plastic Surgery
- October 11 – “Situational Awareness in the Surgical Setting: Increasing Perception in a Dynamic Environment” – William Boyer, Division of Education
- October 18 – “Managing Renal Masses with Robotic Nephron Sparing Surgery” – Joseph Feliciano, MD, Division of Urology
- October 25 – No Grand Rounds – ACS Clinical Congress

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

What's New in Continuing Medical Education?

National Faculty Education Initiative

The Alliance for CME and Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education (SACME), in collaboration with the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), and endorsed by AHME, are delighted to announce the launch of the National Faculty Education Initiative (NFEI) that provides online training regarding the differences between certified CME and promotional activities, as well as a searchable database of medical education faculty who have completed the program. It is useful for medical educators including physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.

The initiative includes: 1) an online educational activity and, 2) a verification database.

You can access the module at <http://www.nfeinitiative.org/>

New Course on TLC: The Continuing Education Application Process

This online course takes less than 30 minutes to complete, and is a great resource for any staff member wishing to apply for the creation of a Continuing Education event or course. You will learn the steps needed to apply, as well as ways to make the process more smooth and efficient. **Register in TLC** by searching for “Continuing Education Application Process” in the catalog search box and then click on the green start button.

FYI – Upcoming Events

- **Clinical Ethics Educational Series**
Online Self-Study: October 3-17, 2011
Live Sessions: October 17, 2011, November 2, 2011, December 22, 2011, January 4, 2012, and February 8, 2012
- **Effective Test Writing Strategies**
Thursday, October 20, 2011
8 a.m. – Noon
Kasych ECC Room 6
- **Research Day 2011**
Friday, October 28, 2011
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
LVH-Cedar Crest Auditorium and Kasych Family Pavilion
- **Cardiology for the Primary Care Physician**
Saturday, December 3, 2011
7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVH-M

If you have any questions regarding CME/CNE accreditation, PI CME, or the CE Advisory Board please contact Jane Grube, Associate Director, Continuing Education, at 610-402-2398.

Who's New

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

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