

Progress Notes

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of Lehigh Valley Health Network

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



"It's the most wonderful time of the year..."

It is the holiday season – Christmas, in my family. I look forward to this month with such childlike zeal that it drives my family crazy. The house can never be decorated too soon and those same decorations can never remain up long enough. I love the sense of anticipation and watching the expressions on children's faces. I love the lights and the smells and the tastes (I might actually love the tastes a little **too** much, given that I always spend January and February wondering why my clothes do not fit as well!) More than anything, I love the simple kindness we allow ourselves to share with each other. We forget our differences and see everything through the prism of the holidays. We reframe things for one month before reverting back to our usual way of looking at each other and the world around us.

With that in mind, I want to give each of you a gift. This gift is one that does not need to be sized appropriately and it will not expire. It is highly portable and can be used at any time of day and throughout the year. It is the gift of reframing.

In November's column, I shared a story about the depressing Philadelphia sports scene and how

I reframed that internally. Approximately 10 days later, I had the pleasure of participating in one of our employee forums. I saw Dewitt Jones' "Celebrate What's Right With the World" video and realized he was explicitly talking about what I implicitly referred to in my column. We both were speaking of one's ability to reshape the story they are presented with and tell it in a new way – a way of their choosing. In other words, reframing.

We see people reframe every day and we often fail to recognize it. It happens as we watch family members grieve for a loved one. Inevitably, the family takes time to celebrate the wonderful experiences they shared with their loved one and the positive impact of those times on family and friends. We see it in those who, as they detail the struggles they are working through in their daily lives, say "Well, at least I have my health."

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You may have to work hard to reframe, but the opportunity is always there. Even in our darkest moments, we can find a sliver of light that helps us get through the day. Like most things in life, though, you will get out of reframing what you put into it. If you choose not to look for the positives in life, you will not see them. If you opt to not see the beauty that surrounds us, you **will** miss it.

This season, when you get overwhelmed because you are behind on your Christmas shopping, take a moment to remember what it means to give. When you are tired and wrapping presents at midnight, picture the expression on your child's face and remember how excited **you** were as a child during the holidays. If you think medicine is in trouble because of health-care reform, view it as an opportunity to create a system that provides seamless, high-quality care for our patients. Regardless of your situation, take a moment to reframe it and make it a positive. You will be happy that you did.

I wish you and your families a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.



Michael J. Pistoria, DO
Medical Staff President



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. |

In addition, for the convenience of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians who have not yet been vaccinated, a flu vaccine clinic will be held in conjunction with the combined General Medical Staff/Advanced Practice Clinicians meeting on Monday, December 12, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the lobby areas of Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

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

LVHN PURCHASES FAIRGROUNDS SURGICAL CENTER

On November 4, 2011, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) announced an agreement under which Lehigh Valley Hospital purchased the privately owned limited partnership of the Fairgrounds Surgical Center located at 400 N. 17th Street in Allentown, and has now assumed full ownership of the center. Prior to becoming the sole title holder, which includes the surgical facility, equipment, staff and supplies, the health network owned 78 percent of the center.

Fairgrounds Surgical Center is a freestanding ambulatory surgical center located on the third floor of the Fairgrounds Medical Center building, which is across the street from Lehigh Valley Hospital – 17th & Chew. Since it was formed in 1988, the surgery center has operated as a for-profit business. As a hospital-based facility, Fairgrounds Surgical Center will now operate as a not-for-profit entity of the health network.

Brian Leader, Vice President of LVHN's Perioperative Services division, said the benefits of a hospital-based program include being able to continue to provide efficient, seamless ambulatory surgical services while enhancing community access.

"Under full LVH ownership, we expect that the Fairgrounds Surgical Center will be an excellent complement to the surgical care already provided by the network's three hospital sites. The additional space that will be available for ambulatory surgeries will improve access for other surgical patients by expanding capacity in the hospital operating rooms," Mr. Leader said.



VERBAL AND TELEPHONE ORDERS

In accordance with recent clarifications of Pennsylvania regulations, the LVHN Administrative Policy regarding **Telephone and Verbal Orders** was recently revised following review and approval by the Medical Executive Committee. Access to the policy is available on the LVHN Intranet – under Resources, select **LVHN Policy & Procedure Manuals – Administrative Policy Manual – Telephone and Verbal Orders**.

As you know, verbal orders should only be given in an emergency situation. When this occurs, state law requires that verbal and telephone orders must be signed by the **ordering practitioner** (medical or allied health staff) **within 24 hours of issuance**.

In addition, the timeframe for the supervising physician's countersignature for Physician Assistant orders has been extended to **10 days**.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Ruth Davis, Director, Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8900.

PCE PRESCRIPTION: ENHANCING ACCESS TO 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 enhancing the way patients access quality health care.

PCE Outcomes: The health network created the "Miles of Smiles" mobile dental clinic, a dentist's office on wheels that provides care to underserved children in the community, and the Community Health and Wellness Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital-17th Street, a place where patients can receive education in English and Spanish about how to stay healthy and manage chronic illnesses.

Why it's important to you: "In the health care reform era, the ability of health care providers to help patients prevent and manage disease will be increasingly scrutinized," says Bruce Ellsweig, MD, Vice Chair of Family Medicine for Community Practices and Medical Director of Lehigh Valley Hospice. "Additionally, low health literacy is the strongest predictor of poor outcomes and high health costs in the United States. We want to improve health literacy, keep patients healthier and ultimately reduce health care costs."

Next step: Get more information about Miles of Smiles and the Community Health and Wellness Center by calling 610-402-CARE.

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 484-884-8531.

APPROPRIATE UTILIZATION OF AMMONIA LEVELS IN HEPATIC ENCEPHALOPATHY

The diagnosis and grading of severity of Hepatic Encephalopathy (HE) is primarily a clinical assessment using the West Haven criteria. These criteria are based on the level of impairment of autonomy, changes in consciousness, intellectual function, behavior, and compliance with therapy.

Appropriate Utilization

Ammonia levels should only be performed on patients with altered mental status. Although ammonia levels are usually elevated in HE, it should be noted that normal levels do not rule out HE and elevated levels can be seen in normal individuals with inappropriate collection technique. The severity of HE does not correlate with the degree of ammonia elevation. ***Ammonia levels should not be used to monitor the efficacy of treatment.***

Correct Sampling Technique is Critical

Arterial blood samples are strongly recommended for the accurate assessment of ammonia levels. Venous sampling, use of a tourniquet or fist-clenching will often result in a falsely elevated blood ammonia level that can lead to an incorrect diagnosis of HE. Blood samples should always be collected without a tourniquet ***and immediately transported on ice to the lab.***

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Sean Lacey, MD, Division of Gastroenterology, at 610-439-8551; Frederic Stelzer, MD, Associate Chief, Division of Gastroenterology (LVH-M), at 610-821-2828; or Bala Carver, MD, Chief, Section of Transfusion Medicine & HLA, at 610-402-8142.

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SELECT MD Professional Development Coaching

One of the unique features of the SELECT MD program is the incorporation of longitudinal professional development coaching into the undergraduate curriculum. To accomplish this, USF and LVHN have teamed with the Teleos Leadership Institute, which focuses on improving how leaders can improve organizational outcomes through emotionally resonant leadership.

SELECT MD students have been divided into small groups led by two faculty mentors, one from USF and one from LVHN, who will serve as professional development coaches (PDC) for the duration of the four-year program. The students have also been assigned a peer coach with whom they will develop their coaching skills. Additionally, they have now completed a baseline 360-degree assessment of key leadership competencies, focusing on emotional intelligence. From this, personal development action plans will be generated and reviewed periodically with their peer and faculty coaches, who will help facilitate setting of goals and assessment of benchmarks.

In year one of the curriculum, key concepts of emotional intelligence and leadership are introduced, helping students obtain individual leadership competencies. The students will also be introduced to subject matter involving health systems, quality improvement, and interprofessional communication. Year two prepares students to work in teams, and years three and four prepare students to apply leadership and health systems competencies in professional and interprofessional settings.

The LVHN faculty has found the PDC experience to be extraordinary. As a testament to the quality of the selection process, the students have exhibited strong baseline leadership skills and have been actively engaged in the coaching sessions and subject matter presentations. Through active faculty development, our coaches feel as if they are growing their personal skill sets as much as those of the students they are coaching.

Through professional development coaching, SELECT MD students will establish a strong foundation of leadership skills that can be cultivated as they advance in their careers, skills that will be needed to provide the highest-quality interprofessional, integrated, and coordinated patient care.

For more information on serving as a PDC for upcoming SELECT MD classes, please contact Joseph L. Yozviak, DO, Division of General Internal Medicine and Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of South Florida College of Medicine, at 610-969-2167.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT GIVES A THUMBS UP TO PATIENT SAFETY



Terry A. Capuano, Chief Operating Officer; **Ronald W. Swinfard, MD**, President and Chief Executive Officer; and **Thomas V. Whalen, MD, MMM**, Chief Medical Officer, don yellow socks to remind all physicians and advanced practice clinicians that any patient wearing yellow socks has been identified as a risk for falling during their hospitalization.

Members of the Fall Prevention Workgroup would like to ask all caregivers to be mindful of providing a fall prevention reminder to their patients wearing yellow socks and assisting these patients as needed.

NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUSPICION OF A CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST A LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENT

There are new and more stringent requirements for reporting any suspicion that a crime was committed against a resident of a federally reimbursed long-term care facility such as the TSU at LVH-17th Street. The Elder Justice Act (EJA), signed into law as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, imposes a comprehensive range of initiatives aimed at combating elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. **One of the most significant aspects of the EJA adds section 1150B to Title XI of the Social Security Act and requires “covered individuals,” defined as an owner, operator, employee, manager, agent or contractor of the LTC facility, to report to both the State Survey Agency (SSA) and local law enforcement, any reasonable suspicion of a crime against an individual who is receiving care from the facility.** Physicians and allied health providers who see patients at the TSU are considered “covered individuals.”

Generally, the report to the SSA and the police must occur within 24 hours of forming the suspicion that the resident was a victim of a crime; however, any event resulting in “serious bodily injury” must be reported no later than two hours after forming the suspicion. Serious bodily injury is defined as an injury involving extreme physical pain, substantial risk of death, protracted impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty, or requiring medical intervention such as surgery, hospitalization, or physical rehabilitation.

To comply with this Act, the TSU must notify each covered individual, on an annual basis, of their obligation to comply with these reporting requirements. If you see patients at TSU, you should have received a letter from the Administrator which outlines this new requirement.

Any individual who fails to comply with the EJA’s reporting requirements is subject to a fine. In addition to receiving a fine, an individual violator may be excluded from participation in any federal health care program.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Bonnie Kosman, Administrator, Transitional Skilled Unit, at 610-969-4225, or Carolyn Coleman, Risk Manager, at 610-402-3008.

OPPE (ONGOING PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EVALUATION) - A CULTURAL AWARENESS FOCUS

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.

Review of the responses to the most recent OPPE Survey revealed an opportunity to provide increased education regarding cultural awareness/equity. As a result, there will be a presentation regarding cultural awareness/equity at the Department of Medicine QI Forum on December 20. Since the OPPE Survey has been a collaborative project between the Departments of Medicine and Family Medicine, this forum is being opened up to members of the Department of Family Medicine. Everyone who attends must sign in and provide their hospital user ID number in order to be eligible to receive the 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.

If you have any questions regarding OPPE, 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.



ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS UPDATE

Meet the APC Staff

A member of the APC Steering Committee and an at-large member of the Advanced Practice Clinicians Executive Council since April, 2008, Angela R. Pistoria, PA-C, is this month's featured practitioner.



Angela R. Pistoria, BS, MSPAS PA-C, is a graduate of Millersville University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She also earned a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from DeSales University.

A member of the Burn Center staff since December, 2000, Mrs. Pistoria is the Chief Physician Assistant in the Burn Center. Her responsibilities include daily rounds, consults, procedures, surgery, admissions and discharges.

Mrs. Pistoria is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants, the American Burn Association, and the Society of Critical Care Medicine. She maintains certifications in Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Burn Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support.

Mrs. Pistoria is an adjunct faculty member at DeSales University and has taught a class to the physician assistant undergraduates since 2009. She also serves as a preceptor for physician assistant students from DeSales University and nurse practitioner students from the University of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Pistoria has been a member of the LVHN Allied Health Professional Staff since February, 2001.

Mrs. Pistoria and her husband, Dr. Michael Pistoria, Medical Staff President, are the parents of two daughters – Madison and Giana.



LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

New Digital Library Resource – Access Medicine

In addition to **Access Surgery**, Library Services now provides online access to **Access Medicine**. This new resource contains over 60 textbooks, including *Harrison's Online*, *Williams Obstetrics*, *Hurst's the Heart*, *Fitzpatrick's Color Atlas & Synopsis of Clinical Dermatology*, and the *Current Diagnosis and Treatment* series. There are nearly 200 videos and animations, sound files and an Emergency Medicine photo gallery. Also included are drug and lab test information, teaching case files, USMLE Lite and specialty board review materials, and patient handouts. The Custom Curriculum tool develops activities around the site's content, monitors resident and student progress, and much more! It allows you to assign e-textbook chapters, journal articles, procedure videos, quizzes, and content from a variety of other Digital Library resources. Creating a curriculum requires an administration password. Please contact Library Services for assistance.

Access Medicine is accessible anywhere from within the network, through WebSSO, and Centricity Enterprise. To access through the Digital Library's Homepage, go to **Find Fast/Library Services** then click on **Access Medicine** listed under the **Key Resources** section.

If you have any questions regarding **Access Medicine** or if you are interested in a demo of the Custom Curriculum, please contact Kristine Petre from Library Services at 610-402-8408.



GOLD STANDARDS OF CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION

As you know, your clinical documentation already has a significant impact on quality metrics, risk of mortality, severity of illness, length of stay determinations, legal defense, physician and hospital profiles, and reimbursement.

It will take on an even greater role in 'Pay-for-Performance' plans coming in 2012 and 2013, including Medicare's Value-Based-Purchasing, Bundling of Part A & Part B Services, and especially in ICD-10 which is coming October 1, 2013.

By following the documentation standards below, you will capture the credit you deserve for your great care, now and in the future.

Gold Standards of Clinical Documentation

ALWAYS document:

- 1) **Reason for Admission.**
 - Indicate the cause of the presenting symptoms
 - If the cause is not yet definitive, indicate "suspected" or "possible" etiology
 - Clarify, after testing, any suspected diagnoses that have been eliminated
- 2) **EVERY condition that impacts the patient stay**, via treatment, monitoring or evaluation, including:
 - Chronic conditions — If meds are continued during hospital stay, corresponding diagnoses must be documented.
 - Understand CMS-defined MCCs (Major Co-morbidities and Complications) and CCs (Co-Morbidities and Complications) and the impact these words/phrases have on severity and profiles. **Any quality metric using "severity-adjusted" or "risk-adjusted" data refers to these words/phrases/conditions.** The following tables show a few examples:

Wording Determines Severity-Examples

| No CC= NO Credit | CC= Better | MCC= FULL Credit |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| CHF | Systolic CHF | Acute Systolic CHF |
| Altered mental status | Acute delirium | Encephalopathy |
| Renal insufficiency | ARF or AKI | ATN |
| Demand Ischemia | Unstable Angina or ACS | NSTEMI or Acute MI |
| Respiratory Insufficiency or Distress | Acute Respiratory Insufficiency or Distress | Acute Respiratory Failure |
| Obtunded or Unresponsive | | Coma |
| Weakness | Hemiparesis | |

| DRG | Relative Weight* | GMLOS |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| 282 Acute MI Without CC/ MCC | 0.8064 | 2.2 days |
| 281 Acute MI With CC | 1.1912 | 3.6 days |
| 280 Acute MI With MCC | 1.8503 | 5.2 days |

*Relative weight relates to severity of illness

- Acuity of the current episode - Many conditions can be classified into acute or chronic diseases, and these carry different risks of mortality, severity of illness weights, and expected length of stays.
 - Clinical significance of abnormal tests
- 3) **Present on Admission (POA)**
 - Indicate whether secondary diagnoses not listed on H & P were POA (present on admission), not POA, or unable to determine (i.e., Catheter-associated UTI- POA)
 - 4) **Why length of stay is increased** - Document the diagnoses or reasons responsible for this.

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

NEWS FROM HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Revised Certificate of Death

Effective January 1, 2012, the Pennsylvania Department of Health will implement a revised Certificate of Death, Form H105.143. Revisions are necessary to coincide with the U.S. Standard and federal Vital Statistics reporting standards. The revised certificate will now be 8 ½ by 14 inches (legal size paper).

While the form has several changes, the only changes that affect the Medical Staff certifying physician are as follows:

| Dropped/ Revised/ New | Field | Items on Previous Certificate | Items on Revised Certificate |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|
| Revised | Was Case referred to Medical Examiner/Coroner | Item #26 – Included the phrase “for a Reason Other than Cremation or Donation” | Item #25 – Now it only says “Was Medical Examiner or Coroner Contacted?” |
| Revised | Cause of Death Part II: Enter other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I | Cause of Death Part II: Had four lines corresponding to the four lines in Cause of Death Part I | Item #26 – Now is an open box meant for free form entry |
| Revised | Location of Injury | Item #32g – Street, City/ Town, State | Item #35 – Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code |
| Revised | Certifier (check only one) | Item #33a – Used to contain 3 choices: certifying physician, pronouncing and certifying physician and Medical Examiner / Coroner; also had a definition for each choice | Item #39a – Now has same 3 choices, but WITHOUT the definitions |
| Dropped | Instructions on Back of Certificate | Cause of Death Examples | No Instructions on back of certificate |

LVHN will continue to use the eCedent electronic death certificate completion system. Health Information Management is working with the vendor to make the changes in the online certificate to reflect the new changes effective January 1, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the death certificate changes, please contact Karen Haley, Manager, Health Information Management, at 484-884-3826.

PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



Sigrid A. Blome-Eberwein, MD, Associate Medical Director of the Burn Center, provided a keynote address at the TeleTracking Transfer Center Conference held October 25 and 26 in Naples, Fla. Dr. Blome-Eberwein's presentation centered on burn transfers and utilizing the Transfer Center to increase business by offering the Tele-Burn Program to referring hospitals. She also talked about setting up the program and shared lessons learned as well as outcomes.



William F. Bond, MD, MS, Division of Emergency Medicine; **Linda M. Schwartz**, Director, Library Services; **Kevin R. Weaver, DO**, Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director; and **Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA**, Chief Medical Information Officer and a member of the Division of General Pediatrics, were co-authors of the article – “Differential Diagnosis Generators: an Evaluation of Currently Available Computer Programs” – which was published online on July 26, 2011 in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.



Anderson B. Collier III, MD, **Lesley A. Simpson, MD**, and **Philip M. Monteleone, MD**, members of the Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Hematology-Medical Oncology, co-authored the article – “Cutaneous Ewing Sarcoma: Report of 2 Cases and Literature Review of Presentation, Treatment, and Outcome of 76 Other Reported Cases” – which was published in the *Journal of Pediatric Hematology Oncology*, Volume 33, Number 8, December, 2011.



Kathleen A. Gray, CRNP, nurse practitioner with West Broad Street Family Medicine, gave a presentation at the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioner's Annual Conference held November 2-5, in Pittsburgh, Pa. The title of the presentation was “Who, What and When...Cancer Screening Guidelines for the Asymptomatic Patient.”



Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, former member of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery with Honorary Status, was an invited keynote speaker at the 28th Anniversary of the Lithuania Society of Coloproctology meeting held November 2-6, in Vilnius, Lithuania. Dr. Khubchandani spoke about “Genetics in Colon and Rectal Cancer.”



Nanette Schwann, MD, Department of Anesthesiology Vice Chair, Research, was the first author of the lead article – “Lack of Effectiveness of the Pulmonary Artery Catheter in Cardiac Surgery” – which appeared in *Anesthesia & Analgesia*, November, 2011, Volume 113, Number 5.



John C. Smulian, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, co-authored Chapter 9 – “Sweet Taste Preferences and Cravings in Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM): Implications for Diet and Medical Management” – which appears in the book – *Diet, Brain, Behavior: Practical Implications*.



Michael F. Szwerc, MD, Chief, Section of Thoracic Surgery, gave a presentation titled “Single Port Sympathectomy for Hyperhidrosis” at a combined meeting of the Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society and the Northeast Thoracic Summit held October 14-15, in National Harbor, Md.

At the same meeting, **Eliot L. Friedman, MD**, Chief, Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology, gave a presentation titled “Mid-term Analysis of IIIA NSCLC Patients treated with Neoadjuvant Chemoradiation followed by Surgical Resection.”



CONGRATULATIONS



Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Information Officer and a member of the Division of General Pediatrics, was recently named the first CMIO editor-at-large for **CMIO** magazine. **CMIO** is a monthly magazine distributed to more than 13,000 healthcare executives, information technology (IT)

professionals, administrators and clinicians to inform them about clinical IT studies in excellence, leading-edge research, peer-to-peer advice and proven strategies for better patient care. **CMIO's** tagline is "Information, Evidence & Effectiveness in Medicine," and Dr. Levick will seek to guide the publication's editorial focus in this direction through a real-life clinical perspective.

Dr. Levick has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1985.



Martin A. Martino, MD, Division of Gynecologic Oncology/Gynecology, was recently recognized as a **Patients' Choice** physician – an honor given to physicians as a reflection of their patients' continued appreciation and praise for the quality of care and service they provide. In fact, of the nation's 720,000 active physicians,

only five percent were accorded this honor by their patients in 2011. This is the fourth consecutive year in which Dr. Martino was recognized with this honor.

Dr. Martino has been a member of the Medical Staff since October, 2005. He is in practice with Gynecologic Oncology Specialists.



Jarret R. Patton, MD, Division of General Pediatrics, has assumed the role of Cultural Awareness Physician Leader. In this capacity, Dr. Patton will be involved in strategic and operational responsibilities that assure the health network's provision of cross cultural health care.

Dr. Patton is the medical director of the health network's Children's Clinic. In 2008, Dr. Patton completed the Cultural Competency Leadership Fellowship with the Health Research and Educational Trust in conjunction with the American Hospital Association.

Dr. Patton has been a member of the Medical Staff since June, 2005.



Alexander M. Rosenau, DO, Department of Emergency Medicine Senior Vice Chair, Academics and Outreach, was elected Vice President of the American College of

Emergency Physicians (ACEP) at the October annual meeting and Scientific Assembly in San Francisco, Calif. ACEP membership has grown to over 30,000 members practicing emergency medicine throughout the U.S. Dr. Rosenau was previously ACEP's Secretary-Treasurer as well as the past chair of the Emergency Medicine Foundation, the nation's oldest and largest foundation dedicated to funding emergency medicine research.

Dr. Rosenau has been a member of the Medical Staff since June, 1987. He is in practice with LVPG-Emergency Medicine.



Michael F. Szwerc, MD, Chief, Section of Thoracic Surgery, was elected to serve as the 50th President of the Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society (ECTSS) for 2011-2012.

The ECTSS is one of the oldest cardiothoracic surgical societies in the nation.

Dr. Szwerc has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2005. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons.



APPROVED CHANGES TO THE MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following revisions to the Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules and Regulations were approved at the General Medical Staff meeting on September 12, 2011, and by the Boards of Trustees of the Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg on November 2, 2011.

Change in Medical Executive Committee Membership

ARTICLE XI - OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES SECTION B - COMMITTEES

3. Purposes, Duties, and Membership:

a. Medical Executive Committee

(iii) Membership:

A. The Medical Executive Committee shall consist of the President of the Medical Staff, the President-Elect, the immediate past President and at-large members elected from the Medical Staff, and shall also include the Chairs of the Departments of Anesthesiology, Dental Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, Radiology and Diagnostic Medical Imaging, and Surgery provided, however, that a sufficient number of nominations for membership at-large of the Medical Executive Committee shall be reserved to fully licensed physician members of the Medical Staff so as to assure that a majority of the Medical Executive Committee will always be fully licensed physician members of the Medical Staff. The number of at-large membership of the Committee will be at least equal to the number of Department Chairs and the Chief Medical Officer plus one (1) additional member of the Medical Staff. No Medical Staff Member actively practicing in a Hospital is ineligible for membership on the Executive Committee solely because of his or her professional discipline or specialty. The Chief Medical Officer **and the Senior Vice President Quality & Patient Safety** will be an ex-officio, voting member of the Medical Executive Committee. The Chief Executive Officer and the Chairs of the Governing Bodies, or their designees, shall be ex-officio members of the Committee without vote.

Movement of the Section of Pediatric Trauma under the Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care to a stand-alone Section

ARTICLE XII – DEPARTMENTS

SECTION A - DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

The Departments of the Medical Staff shall be organized as follows:

12. Department of Surgery which shall include the following Divisions: Burn, Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery, General Surgery, Hand Surgery, Neurological Surgery, Ophthalmology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, Pediatric Surgical Specialties, Plastic Surgery, Podiatric Surgery, Spine Surgery, Trauma-Surgical Critical Care, Urology, Vascular and Endo-vascular Surgery **and the Section of Pediatric Trauma.**
- f. The Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care shall include the Sections of Geriatric Trauma, ~~Pediatric Trauma~~ and Trauma Research.
- g. **The Department of Surgery shall include the Section of Pediatric Trauma.**

Change to Operative Note Requirements

Part II – MEDICAL STAFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

H. RECORDS

I. General

2. (c) **Operative Notes** and Operative and Procedural Reports

- (i) **An Operative Note shall be entered into the Progress Record immediately after the procedure and before the patient is transferred to the next level of care. The Operative Note must include the name(s) of the surgeon(s)/proceduralist(s), assistant(s), type of anesthesia used, procedure performed, description of each procedure finding, estimated blood loss, specimens removed, pre-operative and post-operative diagnoses and any complications.** Operative reports and reports of other high-risk procedures shall be dictated for the medical record ~~immediately~~ **within 24 hours** after surgery and shall conform in all respects to all state and federal standards including Joint Commission requirements and contain a detailed report of all aspects of the procedure.

II. Completion of Medical Records

4. Medical Record completion time frame requirements:

- (c) **Operative Note shall be entered into the Progress Record immediately after the procedure and before the patient is transferred to the next level of care** and Operative Reports and High Risk Procedure Reports shall be dictated in the medical record ~~immediately~~ **within twenty-four (24) hours** after the procedure.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Ruth Davis, Director of Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8975.

UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Historical Combined LVHN/Fairgrounds Surgical Center General Medical Staff & Advanced Practice Clinician Meeting

With the recent purchase of the Fairgrounds Surgical Center (FSC), the merger of the FSC Medical Staff into the LVHN Medical Staff will take place. To accomplish this, members of both Medical Staffs will come together to vote on Medical Staff Bylaws changes at the December quarterly General Medical Staff meeting. The meeting will be held on **Monday, December 12**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in **Kasych ECC 6, 7 and 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest**, and teleconferenced to **ECC Room C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg**. This will also be a combined meeting with the **Advanced Practice Clinicians**.

In addition to the regular agenda items and review and approval of the proposed changes to the Medical Staff Bylaws, the election of one at-large member for the Medical Executive Committee will take place.

For the convenience of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians who have not yet been vaccinated, a flu vaccine clinic will be held in conjunction with the General Medical Staff meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the lobby areas of Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest and ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

To celebrate the season, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres along with refreshments will be served. All members of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians are encouraged to attend.

Cardiology Grand Rounds

Cardiology Grand Rounds will be held on **Friday, December 2**, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“ECG Screening in Athletes: Friend or Foe?” will be presented by Christine E. Lawless, MD, faculty member of the University of Chicago and co-chair of the ACC Council on Sports and Exercise Cardiology.

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, December 6**, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 9 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“The Next Level of Psychiatry – Dementia” will be presented by Mireille M. Meyerhoefer, MD, PhD, Division of Adult Inpatient Psychiatry/Psychiatric Ambulatory Care.

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

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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 December will include:

- December 1 – LVH-M ECC Rooms B, C and D
 - Guest Speaker – Noelle Rotondo, MD
 - Journal Club
 - Program Director's Corner
- December 8 – LVH-M ECC Rooms C and D
 - Rosen's Club
 - Myobacterial Infections – Brian Berry, DO
 - Research Series – Bryan Kane, MD
 - M & M – Andrew Miller, DO
- December 15 – LVH-M Banko Building
 - Venous Thromboembolism Controversies – Nilesh Patel, DO
 - Bacterial Infections – Terry Goyke, DO
 - Diving Emergencies – Scott Hamilton, DO
 - Submersion Incidents and Hypothermia – Allison Raines, DO
- December 22 – LVH-M ECC Rooms B, C and D
 - Rosen's Club
 - Toxicology - Will Russell, DO, and Brent Schoenfeldt, DO
 - Legal Issues – Brian LaSalle, Director of Claims Management
 - Spine Disorders – Deepak Jayant, 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 the following Tuesdays in December from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg and the VTC Room at LVH-17. Topics for December will include:

- December 6 – “Building a Culture of Achievement in Medical Education at LVHN” – Brian J. Costello, DO
- December 13 – “Update in Endocrinology” – Marc A. Vengrove, DO, Robert McCauley, MD, and Ya-Yu Lee, MD

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 will be held in Lehigh Neurology's Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor, and videoconferenced to Lehigh Neurology's Bathgate office. Topics to be presented in December will include:

- December 1 – “The Evaluation of Hyper-CK-emia” – Jay Varrato, DO
- December 8 – “Evaluation and Management of Spascity” – Bruce Nicholson, MD
- December 15 – Division Meeting
- December 22 – “Background and Rational for ATACH-II – H. Christian Schumacher, MD

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

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, unless otherwise noted. The topics for December will include:

- December 2 – “Sexual Assault Procedures” – Charlotte Buckenmyer, RN, MS
- December 9 – “Influenza and Pregnancy” – Luther Rhodes, MD
- December 16 – “Management of Second Stage of Labor at LVHN” – David McLean, MD
- December 23 – “Narrative Medicine” – Lorraine Dickey, MD

For more information, contact Craig A. Koller, MEd, Director, Medical Education, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at 610-969-2413.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest unless otherwise noted. The topics for December will include:

- December 6 – Neonatology topic – Location Change – Auditorium, LVH-Cedar Crest
- December 13 – Pediatric Surgery topic – Anthony Georges, MD
- December 19 – Adult Education topic – Elaine Donoghue, MD

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

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Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on **Thursday, December 15**, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg, and teleconferenced to Kasych ECC Room 7 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

“What’s Khat? Bath Salts and Other Strangers: Update on Drugs and their Misuse” will be presented by Laurence P. Karper, MD, Department of Psychiatry Vice Chair and Director of Emergency Services.

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

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, December 7, in the Auditorium 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 December will include:

- December 6 – “Left Ventricular Assist Devices for Destination Therapy” – Timothy Misselbeck, MD
- December 13 – “Professionalism & Leadership 101” – Robert Barraco, MD
- December 20 – “Progress in Kidney Transplantation of Highly Sensitized Patients” – Michael Moritz, MD

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

What’s New in Continuing Medical Education

LVHN’s Continuing Medical Education CY10 Rankings

- Number of Activities Offered: 3rd in state
- Number of Hours Offered: 3rd in state
- Physician Attendance: 3rd in state
- Non-Physician Attendance: 2nd in state

*52 state-accredited organizations were ranked in total

FYI Upcoming Events

- **Department of Anesthesiology 2nd Annual Winter Retreat Conference**
January 20-22, 2012
Bear Creek Mountain Resort – Macungie, Pa.
* See Division of Education CE webpage for brochure and details
- **Update in Cardiology**
March 3, 2012
LVH-CC, Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8
- **Aspects of Epilepsy: Components in Comprehensive Care**
March 10, 2012
LVH-CC, Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8

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.

Spring and Summer 2012 Research Scholars

Does your department have a project that you just can’t get around to starting? Do you need a helping hand with a research project?

If so, you may be interested in learning more about hosting a spring or summer Research Scholar student.

For more information, contact Jean Hoffman, Youth Education Coordinator, at 610-402-2569.

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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Fellowship Director, Palliative Medicine

Laboratory and Other Service Medical Directors

Hospital Lab/Service Directors

Daniel R. Ray, MD

Medical Director, Palliative Medicine

Change of Primary Practice

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Practice Change

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Practice Merger

Whitehall Family Medicine and MacArthur Family Medicine have merged to become

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Status Change to Honorary Status

Thomas R. Fitzsimons, MD

Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging

Division of Diagnostic Radiology

Section of Pediatric Radiology

From: Active

To: Honorary Status

Change to Departmental Assignment

Susan I. Haas, MD, PhD

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

From: Obstetrics/Gynecology

To: Gynecology

Resignations

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Department of Emergency Medicine

Division of Emergency Medicine

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Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology

(OBGYN Associates of the LV)

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Department of Surgery

Division of General Surgery

Section of Surgical Oncology

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Department of Surgery

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Section of Surgical Oncology

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Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery/Cardio-

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Section of Thoracic Surgery

(Peripheral Vascular Surgeons, PC)

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Division of Gynecology
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Division of Orthopedic Surgery
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Resignations

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