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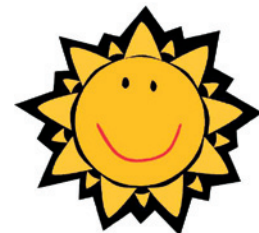
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Anyone familiar with Peter King, *Sports Illustrated's* pro football writer, will recognize "Ten Things I Think I Think" as a mainstay of his weekly web column. These are rapid fire impressions of happenings in the National Football League. In an effort to mix things up a little bit, here are my "Ten Things I Think I Think."

1. I think, for all the things we see that may irritate us on a daily basis, we are pretty fortunate at LVHN. I recently returned from the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) Annual Meeting, which was held in the Biosphere (AKA, the Gaylord Texan in desolate Grapevine, Texas). SHM is the national society for hospitalists, and the annual meeting is always one filled with great colleagues and sessions. Each year, I return home thankful to work at LVHN. SHM has a broad membership distribution - from the largest and most prestigious academic institutions to small, rural community hospitals. In talking with individuals from other institutions, I am consistently

reminded of our relative good fortune. Sometimes, in the midst of our days, we forget that we work in a premier health network surrounded by wonderful colleagues. Do we have opportunities for improvement? Absolutely. Overall, though, we are very fortunate.

2. I think our wonderful nursing staff deserves our heartfelt congratulations for receiving Magnet designation for the third time. Only 37 other institutions have received Magnet designation three times. That's pretty select company and our nursing colleagues merit the recognition. Congratulations!!
3. I think a group we don't thank often enough are our Administrative, Technical and Support partners. These dedicated individuals are a big part of the backbone of the Network and allow us to care for our patients in the manner we have become accustomed.

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4. I think, with that in mind, I'd like to recognize Anne Stefanik (5K), Julie Ringnalda (Adult Behavioral Health), Dianne Macdonald (Hospice Services), Betty Heck (Invasive Cardiology, LVH-CC), Ingrid Heller (5T), Vilma Barry (TSU), Juan Dominguez (5B) and Clara Ramirez (OR, LVH-CC). These deserving individuals were the winners of awards sponsored by the Medical Staff at the recent Friends of Nursing Celebration.
5. I think the Philadelphia Flyers desperately need a goaltender.
6. I think if anyone wants to learn how to interact with patients and families and leave a lasting, positive impression, they should spend some time with our transporters. If you have ever heard a transporter talk with a patient, you'll know exactly what I mean. They are some of the best ambassadors we have.
7. I think we must aspire to communicate better with each other and to better support each other in word and deed. Let's all try and manage each other up with our patients and be more directed in our feedback to each other.

8. I think we need to make sure our patients and their loved ones know exactly who the "captain of the ship" is in the care team. I am a firm advocate of teamwork and team care, but in every sport, there is a captain. We need to make that consistently clear.
9. I think I'm surprised by how good the Wellness entrees are in the cafeteria.
10. I think – scratch that...I know – I'm glad summer is here. I hope everyone takes some time to relax, get outside and enjoy the warm weather, and reflect. The warm weather always makes me wish Harry and Whitey were still on the radio.



Michael J. Pistoria, DO
Medical Staff President



Parkinson's disease patients who live at Phoebe Home in Allentown are the latest to benefit from the use of Lehigh Valley Health Network's telemedicine communications technology. On April 20, Peter J. Barbour, MD (right), LVHN Associate Chief, Division of Neurology, joined Phoebe officials in announcing a partnership that uses two-way audio and high-definition video equipment to enable an LVHN neurologist to virtually participate in a physical exam, consult with the Phoebe staff and make clinical recommendations for prescriptions and additional tests if needed for Parkinson's patients so that they can avoid having to travel to the doctor's office. Also joining in the announcement were Ronald W. Swinfard, MD, LVHN's President and CEO, and Robin Horvath, daughter of a Phoebe resident who is one of Dr. Barbour's patients with Parkinson's disease.

THOMAS WHALEN, MD, NAMED CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER



Thomas V. Whalen, MD, MMM, who has served as Lehigh Valley Health Network's Chair of the Department of Surgery for almost five years, was recently appointed to the position of Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Whalen's rich experience with LVHN began in the Fall of 2006 when he joined us as a pediatric surgeon, the chair of surgery and holder of the Anne and Carl Anderson Distinguished Chair of Surgery.

Dr. Whalen's outstanding leadership earned him an Associate Chief Medical Officer position a year ago, additionally overseeing the chairs of the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Emergency Medicine and Dental Medicine.

Dr. Whalen has built relationships and guided our team through many priorities that have contributed to our network growth, including the development of our pediatric surgery and specialty care, and neurosurgery programs. He has also served as a designated institutional officer to the Division of Education, advising on medical education policies and training programs.

Dr. Whalen received his undergraduate and medical degree from Boston University, where he also completed his surgical internship. He completed his general surgery residency at the Navy Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va., followed by a two-year pediatric surgery fellowship (including pediatric renal transplantation) at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has a master's degree in medical management from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh through the American College of Physician Executives.

He came to LVHN from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey, where he molded and mentored physicians as a faculty member of its medical school for 17 years. He was also Robert Wood Johnson's chief of pediatric surgery and general surgery residency program director. Dr. Whalen also honorably served patients, and our country, as a commissioned officer in the medical corps of the regular and reserve Navy for 28 years.

Additionally, Dr. Whalen is a trustee and vice chair of the American College of Surgeons, and a board member and president-designee of the National Resident Matching program. He has also served on the National Institutes of Health advisory committee and chaired the surgery residency review committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Dr. Whalen has earned several awards through the years, including being named to the "Best Doctors in America" list for the last 12 years.

While Dr. Whalen is highly motivated, credentialed and experienced, he is also a humble and wise leader who has the vision and emotional intelligence to guide our medical staff through the unpredictability of health care reform. He is the utmost professional and also a devoted family man. Dr. Whalen enjoys spending time with his wife, Elaine, three sons, grandson and dog, Champ – and following the Boston Red Sox baseball team.



LVHN Receives Magnet™ Re-designation Again

Lehigh Valley Health Network has been re-designated as a Magnet Hospital – receiving for the third time the highest honor for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The Magnet™ seal of approval helps identify hospitals where community members can expect to receive outstanding nursing care. Less than seven percent of hospitals in the country hold this honor, and Lehigh Valley Health Network is the only Magnet hospital in the region. The announcement was made during the health network's 24th Annual Friends of Nursing Awards Celebration on April 28.

PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

Sequencing of Diagnosis in the Outpatient Setting



Outpatient coding and documentation rules differ significantly from the inpatient rules. In order to establish medical necessity and ensure proper reimbursement in the office setting, please keep in mind the following information.

Primary diagnosis describes the condition or problem chiefly responsible for the services provided. It is the reason the patient presents to the provider. The reason may either be a definitive diagnosis or it may be a

symptom if no definitive diagnosis has been made. (*This differs from the inpatient setting, where the use of “probable,” “suspected,” or “likely” are acceptable qualifiers for unclear diagnoses.*) Diagnosis codes must accurately reflect precisely how sick patients are or there is a risk of losing reimbursement or claim denial.

Secondary diagnoses describe any coexisting conditions that exist at the time of the office visit that require or affect patient care. (*Do not document conditions which no longer exist.*) Include secondary or tertiary diagnoses and certain chronic diagnoses, (*even if they are not the focus of the patient encounter*), if they require clinical evaluation or monitoring and impact your decision-making.

A good rule of thumb for secondary diagnoses: only those conditions that affect the **risk level** (i.e., medical decision-making) of the current visit. Secondary diagnoses should help show medical necessity for services and explain increased risk levels.

Question: When it comes to listing current and/or chronic/status conditions, where do you draw the line?

Answer: Document/code the current condition that prompted the visit (*Principal diagnosis*) and also document/code chronic conditions only when the patient receives treatment for the condition or it affects the current decision-making (*Secondary Diagnoses*).

Example: If a patient with COPD presents with a UTI, you do not need to document or code “COPD,” since the COPD in no way influences your decision-making or treatment of the UTI. However, if the same patient were to present with chief complaint of shortness of breath, you would certainly document and code “COPD”, since this diagnosis plays a part in your decision-making and patient treatment.

Important Notes:

In the *office setting*, avoid using a diagnosis with the words “*suspected,*” or “*rule-out*” – these words are allowed only for inpatients, not outpatients.

In the *office setting*, diagnosis coding guidelines state you must report the reason the patient incurred services for that day (*Principal Diagnosis*). Unlike the inpatient setting, outpatient documentation rules advise using signs and symptoms if a diagnosis is unclear. While these are not true diagnoses, the signs and symptoms illustrate why a patient sought care, and they can show medical necessity for services a physician rendered.

If you have any questions, please contact John P. Pettine, MD, Director of Clinical Documentation Improvement, via email at john.pettine@lvhn.org, or Joan Cuvo, Director, Coding & Compliance Specialists, Lehigh Valley Physician Group, at 610-798-4565.

PCE PRESCRIPTION: PROVIDING CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CARE

The goal of Lehigh Valley Health Network's Patient-Centered Experience (PCE) initiative is to provide patients and their loved ones with the best possible health care experience. Through PCE, LVHN has designed ways to ensure our care meets our patients' cultural needs.

PCE Outcomes: LVHN ensures that each patient's ethnicity and language is documented at registration, provides expanded interpreter services and conducts educational programs to build clinicians' cross-cultural skills.

Why this is important to you: "Optimal patient comfort and safety require cultural awareness and sensitivity," says Bruce A. Ellsweig, MD, medical director of Lehigh Valley Hospice. "Health outcomes will certainly be improved by behaviors physicians learn and recognize through our enhanced education at Lehigh Valley Health Network."

Next step: To learn more about caring for patients from diverse cultures, visit the intranet (lvh.com) and click "Resources," "Clinical," "Clinical Services," and "Cultural Competency Resource Center."

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

Sometime in June, the Isolation field on the Admitting Orders will become a required field. Providing isolation information will facilitate more accurate/efficient bed placement and will reduce 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.

Pre-Op EKG? Tell us Why!

When ordering an EKG for cardiac clearance, it is now required to enter the procedure or surgery in comment line of the order. The reason for the EKG can remain "Pre-Op CV Exam," however, for appropriate documentation and coding, the actual procedure is required. Please use the comment line to provide the additional information.

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

ETHICS CORNER

Ethical Dilemmas Near the End of Life

by Ruth Fillebrown, RN, CHPN

“Should the treatment be started?”

“Should the treatment be stopped?”

“Who is the decision maker?”

“Am I honoring the patient’s wishes?”

“I don’t know if I agree with the family’s decision.”

“I am not comfortable with performing this procedure on this patient.”

These are just a few of the ethical dilemmas that are faced when caring for patients near the end of life. We want to respect patient autonomy, but the patient cannot always tell us their wishes. We then refer to the surrogate or designated healthcare POA for decisions.

We all come to this time in our lives with certain values, traditions, personal ethics, spirituality, religious beliefs, and social relationships. When we are discussing procedures and treatments, we must remain objective in presentation and yet be aware of the learning needs of our audience, be aware of their values, beliefs, cultural issues, and any other factors that may influence decision making.



When possible, we may need to educate ourselves on cultural or religious beliefs regarding withdrawal or withholding of treatment and also ask if the family has a faith community and would like a representative to be present so that we may also understand their values. Another resource is to talk with someone from the Ethics Committee who also may be able to provide insight and suggestions that will assist with decision making.

Anyone may make an ethics consult by calling 610-402-6000.

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.

NEW TESTING SERVICE OFFERED BY HEALTH NETWORK LABORATORIES

Health Network Laboratories (HNL) is pleased to announce the introduction of Point-of-Service Intra-operative iPTH testing in the operating room during Parathyroidectomy procedures at the Cedar Crest site. Effective in early June, 2011, the service will be available for OR procedures scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please call Kimberly Pacella, Manager, HNL Immunology and Flow Cytometry, at 610-402-5593.



LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

Free CME through DynaMed

DynaMed, the premier evidence-based clinical reference tool for health professionals, now provides free CME through Tufts University School of Medicine (TUSM). Physicians may claim .5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™] for conducting a single structured online search on a clinical topic. TUSM designates the educational activity for a maximum of 20 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™] per year (40 searches).

Once you have read the topic you are interested in, click on **Get CME for this Search**. Enter your **LHVN computer user ID**, complete the required information and submit your CME form. You will receive an email confirmation of your submission. The email will contain the instructions on how to print out your certificate. Your certificate will be available for only six months on the Tufts University website. A confirmation of your search will also be stored in your LVHN eLearning portfolio.

Updated daily, DynaMed contains clinical summaries for over 3,200 topics pulled from the content of over 500 medical journals and evidence-based databases synthesized into a one-stop resource.

The full version of DynaMed, available through the Digital Library, contains links to over 500 clinical calculators. In addition, the content is integrated with the electronic subscriptions of Library Services so you can get to the full text of the articles cited in the references to a topic.

DynaMed is accessible anywhere within the network, through WebSSO and Centricity. To access through the Digital Library's homepage, go to **Find Fast/Library Services** and click on **DynaMed**.

If you have any questions on DynaMed CME, please contact Kristine Petre in Library Services at 610-402-8410.

APPROVED CHANGES TO THE MEDICAL STAFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following revision to the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations were approved at the General Medical Staff meeting on March 14, 2011, and by the Boards of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg on May 4, 2011.

Part II – Medical Staff Rules and Regulations

E. Drugs

2. Drugs shall be prescribed and administered by an appropriately credentialed Medical Staff Member, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, and physician assistant. Additionally, drugs shall be administered directly by a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse with pharmacy training. Eligible Pharmacists may *only* administer immunizations in accordance with LVHN Pharmacy Policy.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Kathy Schaeffer in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-7846.

PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



Dale A. Dangleban, MD, Associate Program Director, General Surgery Residency Program, and **James Lee, MD**, General Surgery resident, presented at the Association for Surgical Education's "Thinking Out of the Box" conference held on March 23 in Boston, Mass. The highlight of the presentation was the increasing utilization of mobile technology in surgical education.

On March 25, Drs. Dangleban and Lee ran a workshop at the Association of Program Directors in Surgery titled "Enhancing Surgical Education through Web/Mobile Platforms."



Glenn A. Mackin, MD, Division of Neurology, authored a chapter – "Clinical Interpretation of Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography of the Upper Extremity" – which appears as Chapter 15 in the book, *Rehabilitation of the Hand and Upper Extremity, Sixth Edition*.



"Patient Outcomes at 26 Months in the Patient-Centered Medical Home National Demonstration Project" – an article co-authored by **William L. Miller, MD**, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, was awarded "Best Research Paper" at the 44th Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference held April 27 – May 1, in New Orleans, La.



Joanne N. Quinones, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics, co-authored an article – "Late Preterm Birth: More Complex Than Almost Term" – which appeared in *The Female Patient*, Volume 36, April, 2011.



Alexander M. Rosenau, DO, Department of Emergency Medicine Senior Vice Chair, Academics and Outreach, attended the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians Scientific Assembly's Residents Day on April 12, where he spoke to 150 Emergency Medicine residents about careers, leadership and participation.



Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, MPH, Chair, Department of Medicine, co-authored an article – "Defining and Targeting Health Care Access Barriers" – which appeared in the *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, Volume 22, 2011 (pp. 562-575).

Regional Burn Center Earns Reverification



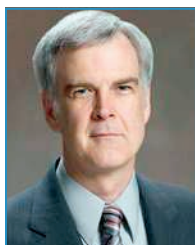
The LVHN Regional Burn Center received reverification from the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons for adults and children. To receive reverification, which lasts for three years, LVHN underwent an on-site review by a team of experienced surgeons. This is the third time we received no deficiencies, meaning all core criteria were met. This achievement recognizes our dedication to providing superior care for patients from the point of injury through the rehabilitation process, whether the burn injury is minor or severe.

CONGRATULATIONS



Sweetey Jain, MD, Department of Family Medicine, received an Award for Continuing Excellence from The Inglis Foundation for her work on the Medical Home Project. The Inglis Foundation is a corporation that provides programs and services for patients with disabilities. Dr. Jain, who accepted her award at the Founders' Hall, Inglis

House in Philadelphia on May 3, says the award money – a \$10,000 unrestricted grant – will benefit both health care improvements and continuing education. An article regarding the award appeared in the Spring, 2011 issue of *Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians*. Dr. Jain has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2006. She is in practice with Lehigh Valley Family Health Center.



Robert J. Motley, MD, Department of Family Medicine, was recently recertified by the American Board of Family Medicine for his Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Motley has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2006. He is a faculty member with the Family Medicine residency

program and practices at Lehigh Valley Family Health Center at 17th & Chew Streets.



Daniel T. Mulcahy, DO, Section of Hospital Medicine, having met the diverse criteria required by the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM), has been elected a Senior Fellow in Hospital Medicine.

The Society of Hospital Medicine is the largest organization in the nation representing hospitalists and the practice of hospital medicine. The mission of SHM is to promote the highest quality care for hospitalized patients as well as provide opportunities and support to hospitalists by promoting education, research and advocacy.

Dr. Mulcahy has been a member of the Medical Staff since February, 2005. He is in practice with LVHN Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg.



Ralph A. Primelo, MD, Department of Psychiatry Vice Chair, Quality Assurance, was elected as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) is the main professional organization of psychiatrists and trainee psychiatrists and, with approximately 38,000 members, is the most influential world wide. Distinguished Fellowship is the highest membership honor the APA bestows upon members and is awarded for significant contribution to the psychiatric profession in the areas of clinical excellence, administration, teaching, community involvement and scholarly publication.

Dr. Primelo, who also serves as Chief, Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, has been a member of the Medical Staff since October, 1993. He is in practice with LVPG-Psychiatry.



Alexander M. Rosenau, DO, Department of Emergency Medicine Senior Vice Chair, Academics and Outreach, received the Meritorious Service Award presented by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (PaACEP) at its annual membership meeting on April 12. Established in 1987 by the

PaACEP Board of Directors, the award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to Emergency Medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Rosenau received the chapter's most prestigious award for his service as a committee chair, board member, treasurer and president. He was also recognized for his efforts before Congress and healthcare related organizations in demonstrating the importance of emergency medicine as it relates to public health and safety, and disaster response. His commitment to the future of the specialty was noted for his service as the founding program director of the Emergency Medicine residency at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

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

UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

General Medical Staff Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on **Monday, June 13**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in **ECC Rooms 7 and 8** on the first floor of the Kasych Family Pavilion at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. The meeting will be videoconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, **Rooms C and D**, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The agenda for the meeting will include the election of five at-large members for the Medical Executive Committee, a review of proposed changes to the Medical Staff Bylaws, and the Medical Staff Treasury Report.

All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

GLVIPA Quarterly Membership Meeting

The quarterly membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association will be held on **Monday, June 27**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Room C, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

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

Cardiology Grand Rounds

“Reducing Radiation in Cardiac Imaging” will be presented on **Friday, June 3**, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg. The speaker will be Kim Allan Williams, MD, Dorothy Susan Timmis Professor and Chair, Division of Cardiology, and Professor of Medicine (Cardiology), Wayne State University School of Medicine.

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

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 June include:

- June 2 – LVH-M ECC Rooms C and D
 - “Respiratory Emergencies” – Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD, Professor of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA, Director of EMS and Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowships, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine
 - “Thoracic Trauma” – Allison Raines, DO
 - “Neuromuscular Disorders” – Marna Greenberg, DO
 - Administrative Hour – David Burmeister, DO
- June 9 – LVH-M ECC Rooms C and D
 - Rosen’s (Gastrointestinal System) – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD
 - “Who Wants to be an ED Physician” – Tony Werhun, MD, and Perry Fooskas, MD
 - “GU Trauma” – Brian Berry, DO
 - Pediatric series – Diane Begany, MD
- June 16 – Banko Building – Rooms 1 and 2
 - M & M – Andy Miller, DO
 - “Adrenal Disease/Thyroid Disorders” – Ryan Southworth, DO
 - “Current Management of Stroke” – Will Russell, DO
 - “Expectations/The Year in Review” – Kevin Weaver, DO, and Gavin Barr, Jr., MD
- June 23 – (PGY 2 & 3 only) - Asynchronous Learning
 - Citi Training
 - SAFER module
 - Rosen’s (Genitourinary System)
- June 30 – Mack Building Auditorium
 - AIDET – Jack Dunleavy
 - Meet the Residency – Starter’s Riverport

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

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Family Medicine Grand Rounds

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

“Addressing Knee Pain in the Primary Care” will be presented by Laura M. Dunne, MD.

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

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds will be held on Tuesdays 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 June will include:

- June 7 – “Department of Medicine Year in Review” – Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD
- June 14 – “GME Annual Report” – J.P. Orlando, EdD, and Bill Boyer, DHSc
- June 28 – QI Forum – “SPPI” – Kathleen Sharp – Location: Kasych ECC Room 6

For more information, contact Shelly Ketchens in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-4412.

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 and Kasych ECC Room 4, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- June 2 - “Update in Parkinson’s Diagnosis and Treatment” – Andrew Siderowf, MD, Neurologist, Penn Neurological Institute at Pennsylvania Hospital – Location: Kasych ECC Room 8
- June 9 – Division Meeting
- June 16 – “Subarachnoid Hemorrhage” – P. Mark Li, MD
- June 23 – “Parkinson’s Disease Update” – Su Kanchana, MD, PhD

For more information, 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 Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, unless otherwise noted. The topic for June is as follows:

- June 1 – “Enteral Nutrition” – Shelley Book, RD, CNSD, and Carole Rottmann, CRNP

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 are held on Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 8, unless otherwise noted. The topics for June will include:

- June 3 – CWM Rotation Presentations – Sandra Curet, MD – Location Change – LVH-Cedar Crest Auditorium
- June 10 – “Interstitial Cystitis” – Kristene Whitmore, MD, Visiting Professor, Drexel
- June 24 – Benign Gynecology topic – Joseph DeFulvio, DO

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 June:

- June 7 – “Introduction to Pediatric Neurology: Getting to Know Tics, Headaches and Seizures” – Boosara Ratanawongsa, MD
- June 14 – “Morbidities and Long Term Outcome of the Small for Gestational Age Infant” – Wendy Kowalski, MD
- June 21 – “Presentation Skills” – Elaine Donoghue, MD, and Amy Smith, PhD
- June 28 – Pediatric Cardiology topic

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, June 16**, 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.

“Graduate Medical Education Annual Report” will be presented by James P. Orlando, EdD, Director of Medical Education and Student Affairs at LVHN.

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, June 1**, in Kasych ECC Room 9.

For more information, contact James C. Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery, or Lori Zimmerman, Nursing Manager, at 610-973-6271.

What's New in Continuing Medical Education?

The Learning Curve

This summer, the eLearning System will be *upgraded* and renamed **The Learning Curve** (ILC). You will be able to launch **The Learning Curve** through a NEW ICON on your SSO toolbar that will replace the current eLearning SSO icon. **The Learning Curve** will continue to be a central place for training records, and will have many of the same features as the current system. However, **The Learning Curve** will have a new look and feel as well as more intuitive navigation. The home page will feature easy-to-navigate links to system tutorials and other popular functions. It will provide direct access to all of your training in one place.

FYI – Upcoming Events

- **Solutions for the Dizzy Patient – WILL BE RESCHEDULED IN FALL 2011**
(Originally planned for May 18-19, 2011)

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Interim Chief, Division of Emergency Medicine

Department of Surgery

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Resignations

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Joshua B. Skibba, MD

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Division of General Internal Medicine
(Afterhours Physician Coverage Group)

Jennifer A. Strow, DO

Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine
(Afterhours Physician Coverage Group)

Nicholas M. Varvarelis, DO

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Change of Supervising Physician

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Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVHN Medical Services)

From: Noel D. Brouse, DO

To: Holly L. Binnig, MD

Christopher T. Bishop, CST/CSFA

Certified Surgical Technologist/ Certified Surgical First Assistant

(VSAS Orthopaedics)

From: Neal A. Stansbury, MD

To: Prodromos A. Ververeli, MD

Scott R. Fillman, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVPG-Emergency Medicine)

From: Eric C. Bruno, MD

To: Stephen P. Fooskas, MD

Joan G. Finno, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVHN Medical Services)

From: Noel D. Brouse, DO

To: Holly L. Binnig, MD

Kathleen A. Gray, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(West Broad Street Family Medicine)

From: John M. Gray, DO

To: James F. Frommer, Jr., DO

Wendi A. Hontz, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

From: Allen Ear Nose & Throat Association – Robert M.

DeDio, MD

To: Gynecologic Oncology Specialists – Martin A. Martino, MD

Laura Slomiak, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

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To: Stephen P. Fooskas, MD

Daniel B. Taylor, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley)

From: James F. Reilly, MD, MBA

To: John J. Hong, MD

(LVHN Medical Services)

From: Noel D. Brouse, DO

To: Holly L. Binnig, MD

Additional Supervising Physician

Lori G. Cooper, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(Lehigh Valley Family Practice Association, LLP – Eric D.

Kane, DO)

Addition of: OACIS Services – Kristin A. Bresnan, MD

Removal of Supervising Physician

Loretta Konrad, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(Pain Specialists of Greater Lehigh Valley, PC – Bruce D.

Nicholson, MD)

Removal of: Allentown Anesthesia Associates Inc. – Lisa A.

Keglovitz, MD

Resignations

Mary A. Bealer, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(OBGYN Associates of the LV)

Susanne N. Lane-Sandt, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(Valley Independent Hospitalist Group)

France L. Reed, CRNP

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(Lehigh Valley Bariatric Medicine)

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Pacemaker/ICD Technician

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