

# Progress Notes

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



**F**all . . . my favorite time of the year. Football returns, the air begins to chill, the leaves change and we move closer to the holiday season. With those thoughts in my mind, here is the NFL 2011 kickoff edition of “Ten Things I Think I Think.”

1. I think I want to buy Dr. Mike Pasquale a beer of thanks. Mike was a wonderful member of Troika and we will miss him at our weekly meetings. Thank you, Mike, for your contributions to the Medical Staff and we wish you well in your new role!!
2. I think I am amazed at how well we have repeatedly pulled together during our recent run of Department of Health and Joint Commission visits. These surveys are time intensive for all involved. We have gone to the well over 20 times in the past year, and have done so consistently well. Congratulations to everyone for making those surveys successful.

3. I think this is the best Philadelphia Phillies team in their history. I grew up in the golden age of Phillies baseball (late 1970s and early 1980s) and suffered through many lean years. This is easily the best Phillies team I have seen. Of course, the whole season boils down to the next two months. Winning over 100 games is relatively meaningless with an early exit in October – just ask the 2001 Seattle Mariners.



4. I think the Hackerman-Patz House is a wonderful addition to LVHN. I was able to tour the facility and was impressed by its warmth and amenities. This is a great option for patients' families who want to stay close to their hospitalized loved ones. If anyone has large toys to donate for the playroom, please contact the Development Office for additional information.

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5. I think my columns on communication must connect with people, as those are the ones about which I receive the most feedback. Thanks for your thoughts and we will return to those themes in the coming months.
6. I think I love the new LVHN logos and flags that decorate our campuses. It took me a while to get used to the new logo and color scheme. Now that it has penetrated all areas of the Network, I love it – it provides instant brand recognition and just looks cool.
7. I think the new ROADMAPs for patients are a great first step. They provide an updated daily plan of care for our patients. This keeps patients informed about the tests to expect that day and provides an opportunity to set goals for our patients. Great work by the Patient Centered Experience (PCE) team.
8. I think we have too many acronyms in medicine (nice segue, huh?). We throw around acronyms for different syndromes and projects without a second thought. Please remember this when we are talking with or in front of patients and family members.
9. I think I have not been this excited about an Eagles season since 2004 (aka, the “good” T.O. year). The free agent signings have garnered most of the press, but the two most important new additions are Jim Washburn and Howard Mudd – the new defensive and offensive line coaches, respectively. Widely recognized as two of the best position coaches in the NFL, these two should coach up an already talented roster.
10. I think I am going to avoid any predictions about the Eagles. I have been a fan for too long and suffered too much to say anything other than it is a long season and anything can happen. Instead, I'll leave you with this – fly, Eagles, fly!



Michael J. Pistoria, DO  
Medical Staff President



## Medical Staff Dues

Annual Medical Staff dues invoices (dated September 1, 2011) have been distributed to members of the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Health Network. Timely remittance of dues is both **requested** and **appreciated**. If your practice includes more than one doctor, one check may be issued to cover all the doctors in the group – there is no need to issue individual checks. However, to insure proper credit, please enclose the remittance part of the invoice for each doctor in the return envelope along with the check.

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

## LVHN MARATHON FOR VIA — ROAD CLOSURES



On **Sunday, September 11**, LVHN Marathon for Via will again start at LVH-Cedar Crest. Similar to last year, the starting line will be on the employee access road, off of Fish Hatchery Road, near the volleyball courts. To accommodate preparations and clean up of the race start, the employee access road, from Fish Hatchery Road to the Daycare Center, will be **closed on Sunday, September 11, from 4 to 8 a.m.** This means that Parking Lots P, Q, R and S will **not** be accessible from Fish Hatchery Road during this time. However, access to these parking lots will be accessible from the Daycare Center side of the campus.

In addition, Fish Hatchery Road will be closed from Cedar Crest Blvd. to Pleasant Avenue from 6:50 to 7:05 a.m., and that part of Cedar Crest Blvd. will be closed from 6:55 to 7:05 a.m., to begin the race. Thank you for your cooperation.

# LVHN DOCTORS AMONG BEST IN THE COUNTRY



U.S. News & World Report recently released their list of the best doctors in the country, designated in partnership with Castle Connolly derived from the top one percent of physicians in their chosen field. LVHN is excited to report that almost 40 members of its Medical Staff were among those listed. Congratulations to the following members of the Medical Staff for making the list:

**Anthony G. Auteri, MD**  
Gastroenterologist

**Donald E. Barilla, MD**  
Endocrinologist

**Andrew N. Bausch, MD**  
Ophthalmologist

**Neal J. Berkowitz, MD**  
Family Medicine Doctor

**Aaron D. Bleznak, MD**  
Surgeon

**J. Greg Brady, DO**  
Dermatologist

**Thomas G. Brandecker, MD**  
Geriatrician

**Brian P. Burlew, MD**  
Pulmonologist

**Joseph A. Candio, MD**  
Internist

**Debra L. Carter, MD**  
Pediatrician

**Eliot L. Friedman, MD**  
Medical Oncologist

**Kristin S. Friel, MD**  
Obstetrician-Gynecologist

**Mark A. Gittleman, MD**  
Surgeon

**David G. Glueck, MD**  
Family Medicine Doctor

**Geoffrey G. Hallock, MD**  
Plastic Surgeon

**Gregory R. Harper, MD, PhD**  
Medical Oncologist

**Katherine A. Harris, MD, PhD**  
Medical Oncologist

**Gregor M. Hawk, MD**  
Orthopedic Surgeon

**Masayuki Kazahaya, MD**  
Ophthalmologist

**Thomas J. Koch, MD**  
ENT-Otolaryngologist

**Sean R. Lacey, MD**  
Gastroenterologist

**Daniel D. Lozano, MD**  
Surgeon

**Robert F. Malacoff, MD**  
Cardiac Electrophysiologist

**Norman H. Marcus, MD**  
Cardiac Electrophysiologist

**James L. McCullough, MD**  
Vascular Surgeon

**James T. McNelis, DO**  
Internist

**Robert W. Miller, MD**  
Pediatric Pulmonologist

**Brian P. Murphy, MD**  
Urologist

**Michael D. Pasquale, MD**  
Surgeon

**Molly S. Peters, MD**  
Obstetrician-Gynecologist

**Scott A. Rice, MD**  
Pediatrician

**James M. Ross, MD**  
Rheumatologist

**Michael A. Rossi, MD**  
Cardiologist

**Michael D. Schwartz, MD**  
Pediatrician

**Raymond L. Singer, MD**  
Thoracic Surgeon

**Arnold H. Slyper, MD**  
Pediatric Endocrinologist

**Sarah L. Stevens, MD**  
Adolescent Medicine Specialist

**Michael F. Szwerc, MD**  
Thoracic Surgeon

**Mark S. Trachtman, MD**  
Ophthalmologist

# INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION POLICY

*A Message from Ronald W. Swinfard, MD, President and CEO; Thomas V. Whalen, MD, Chief Medical Officer, and Michael J. Pistoria, DO, Medical Staff President*

The safety of our patients and colleagues is our number one priority. With this in mind, Lehigh Valley Health Network is introducing a phased approach to a policy that requires all colleagues — employees, medical and allied health professional staff, residents, students/trainees, volunteers and contracted personnel — to receive a flu vaccination as a condition of employment, exempting vaccination for only those who have valid medical or religious reasons. The Medical Executive Committee approved this policy at its meeting on August 2, 2011.

**Beginning on September 15, 2011, colleagues will be strongly encouraged – but not required – 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.**

Beginning September 15, 2012, we will implement phase II of the policy. At that time, colleagues who have patient contact will be required to receive the vaccine annually as a condition of employment, unless exempt for medical or religious reasons.

## Here's how the policy will work:

- All colleagues listed above should be immunized against influenza each year unless they have a valid medical or bonafide religious reason not to be vaccinated.
- Personnel who decline the vaccine for valid medical or bonafide religious reasons are required to submit a declination by December 1, 2011.
- Personnel who decline vaccination and who have patient contact are required to wear a surgical mask or particulate respirator when within six feet of a patient or when they enter a patient area.
- Failure to comply with the immunization policy by December 1, 2011, will result in a written warning. If an individual is not vaccinated and has not submitted a declination with a reason for declining within two weeks of the warning, the following action will be taken:
  - Medical and allied health professional staff will have their privileges temporarily suspended and will have them restored only upon submission of proof of vaccination or submitted declination.
  - All other staff will be temporarily removed from the schedule and not permitted to work until they have been vaccinated or have submitted a declination. This will be recorded as an unpaid, unscheduled and unplanned absence and counted as an occurrence under the attendance policy.

- Beginning next flu season (September, 2012), all LVHN employees, medical and allied health professional staff, volunteers, and other staff who have patient contact

will be required to receive a flu vaccination.

Failure to comply with the immunization policy will result in a written warning. All medical and allied health professional staff and other staff with patient contact who are not vaccinated or granted an exemption within two weeks of the warning, will be subject to termination. All other staff who do not have patient contact and are not vaccinated or have not submitted a declination within two weeks of warning, will be subject to termination.

For your information, the Influenza Immunization policy may be found in its entirety on the intranet. From the LVHN homepage, select **Departments – Non-Clinical – Human Resources – Policies** and click on “Administration of Influenza Vaccine for LVHN Health Care Personnel.”

Free vaccinations will be offered at Employee Health Services at the Cedar Crest and Muhlenberg campuses beginning September 15 during walk-in hours and at employee forums from October through December. In addition, two flu vaccine clinics have been scheduled for members of the Medical Staff as follows:

- In conjunction with the General Medical Staff meeting – Monday, September 12, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., lobby of Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest and lobby of ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg
- In conjunction with the GLVIPA Quarterly Membership meeting – Tuesday, October 18, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest

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





# CHIEF MEDICAL INFORMATION OFFICER NAMED



**Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA**, was recently appointed as LVHN's first Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO). In this position, Dr. Levick will work closely with Information Services (I/S) colleagues to support the efficient design, implementation and use of our health technology.

The experience Dr. Levick has gained during his 25-year career with LVHN makes him ideally suited to fill this role in our technologically advanced health network. Nationally, he is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems and a leader among other physician informatics professionals. While serving the network, Dr. Levick maintains a consistent clinical presence with ABC Family Pediatricians, was critically involved in the successful implementation of CAPOE, and has served our health network in various roles including:

- Chair of the Board of Governors of Lehigh Valley Physician Group (2000-2001)
- President of the Medical Staff (2005-2006)
- Treasurer of the Medical Staff (2009-present)
- Chair of the LVHN Clinical Decision Support Committee
- Physician Liaison for I/S (2000-2007)
- Medical Director of Clinical Informatics (2008-present)

Dr. Levick earned a degree in Biology from LaSalle College. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania, and completed his residency in Pediatrics at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. Dr. Levick earned his master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

## NEWS FROM CAPOE CENTRAL

### Updating Allergies in CE

All providers are aware of the potential risks of entering orders on a patient without all of the necessary information, such as weight, renal function or current medications. Allergies represent a critical piece of information that must be current, prior to entering medication orders.

Beginning later in September, a patient's allergy profile will require review or update before orders can be entered in Centricity Enterprise. If the patient's allergies have not been marked as reviewed or updated (including, "No Known Allergies" or "Unknown (Update Required)") within the previous 30 days, the "Add Orders" button on the Order Profile screen will be replaced by an "Add Allergies" button. The "Add Allergies" button will take you to the Allergy update screen. On this screen, you can review the existing allergy profile (click the "Mark as Reviewed"), or add to/modify the existing allergy profile, or click the "No Known Allergies" button. When this is completed, click the "Done" button. This will return you to the Order Profile screen and the "Add Orders" button will be available.

Both the Emergency Department and the Trauma Team have developed processes to support this change for their unique situations. Patients who are being electively admitted from a physician office can have their Allergy information updated at that time.

You can review the procedure for reviewing, modifying, or adding allergies by clicking on the "Resources" link on the Vertical Toolbar on the left side of the CE screen. The Physician Resources page has a link for "CE eLearning," which includes a short module regarding Allergies.

Help will also be available by contacting the CAPOE Helpline at 610-402-8303, option #9; or by calling Pharmacy at 610-402-0281 (LVH-CC); 610-969-2250 (LVH-17); or 484-884-2292 (LVH-Muhlenberg).

The screenshot shows the 'Order Profile' screen for a patient named VRSANTEST, KIA. The screen includes a table of orders with columns for 'Time/First', 'From', 'Current Status', 'Type', 'Start Date', 'End Date', 'End Time', 'Order by', and 'Signed by'. The 'Add Allergies' button is located at the bottom left of the screen, below the 'Add Orders' button.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this 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.

# NEWS FROM HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

In June, 2011, Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest participated in an unannounced two-day survey by The Joint Commission. Several documentation opportunities were identified during the survey which require corrective action.

**History and Physical** – *an adequate patient history and physical is recorded into the medical record before an operative or high risk procedure is performed.*

- History and physical examinations shall be performed and documented by a credentialed member of the Medical, Allied Health or Resident staff.
- Histories and physicals may be performed up to 30 days prior to admission or a scheduled outpatient procedure. Upon admission, registration, or prior to surgery or a procedure requiring anesthesia services, a member of the Medical, Allied Health or Resident staff must perform another examination to update any component(s) of the patient's medical status.
- Histories and physicals must *minimally* include the following elements:

## **Inpatient Setting**

- Date of Examination
- Chief Complaint
- History of Present Illness
- Past medical/surgical history (include co-morbid conditions)
- Medications
- Allergies/reactions
- Physical examination to include general examination and detailed examination of the affected part
- Impression
- Diagnosis(es)
- Plan of Care

## **Ambulatory Outpatient Setting**

- Date of Examination
- Chief Complaint
- History of Present Illness
- Past medical/surgical history (include co-morbid conditions)
- Medications
- Allergies/reactions
- Physical examination to include general examination and detailed examination of the affected part
- Impression
- Diagnosis(es)
- Planned Procedure Date

**Best Practice:** *Dictate histories and physicals or utilize hospital forms for handwritten documentation (Inpatient – MRD-03 or Ambulatory/Outpatient MRD – 60)*

**Operative Report** – *A brief operative report will be entered into the medical record immediately following the procedure to include procedure, post-operative diagnosis, estimated blood loss, and pertinent findings. A separate, complete dictated operative report will be performed within 24 hours of the operation.*

Required data elements for dictated operative reports include:

- Date of Procedure
- Surgeon and Assistants
- Procedures(s) Performed
- Description of Procedure(s)
- Findings of Procedure(s)
- Estimated Blood Loss
- Specimen(s) Removed
- Post-op Diagnosis

**Best Practice:** *Before leaving the Operating Room, write a brief OP note (procedure, post-op diagnosis, estimated blood loss and pertinent findings) and dictate a full operative report within 24 hours of the procedure.*

**Dating/Timing of Entries** – *All entries in the medical record must be dated and timed.*

- *Electronic* documentation automatically assigns a date and time to entries.
- *Paper* documentation requires manual entry of date and time. All forms (progress notes, consents, etc.) have prompts for date and time and should be filled out in entirety.

**Best Practice:** *Every time you manually sign your name in the medical record, include the date and time.*

**Verbal Orders** – *Qualified staff receive and record verbal orders with authentication within the time frame specified by law and regulation. Pennsylvania Department of Health requires verbal orders to be authenticated within 24 hours.*

- Upon accessing CAPOE (Computer Assisted Physician Order Entry), providers are immediately prompted for any unsigned orders in the Centricity Enterprise inbox for verbal/telephone and co-sign orders.

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**Best Practice:** Review and authenticate orders on a daily basis. Develop a group protocol of assigning the responsibility for co-signing physician orders to a physician who is covering the hospital if the supervising physician is not available.

**Unacceptable Abbreviations** – The following abbreviations, acronyms and symbols should not be used in medical records on orders or medication-related documentation (handwritten, preprinted forms and computer entry).

Do Not Use Abbreviation	Potential Problem	Preferred Term
U (unit)	Mistaken for “0” (zero), the number “4” (four) or “cc”	Write “unit”
IU (international unit)	Mistaken as IV (intravenous) or the number 10 (ten)	Write “International Unit”
Q.D., QD, q.d., qd (daily) Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d., qod (every other day)	Mistaken for each other. Period after the Q mistaken for “T” and the “O” mistaken for an “I”.	Write “daily” Write “every other day”
Trailing Zero (X.O mg) Lack of Leading Zero (.X mg)	Decimal point is missed	Write X mg Write 0.X mg
MS MSO4 and MgSO4	Can mean morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate Confused for one another	Write “morphine sulfate” Write “magnesium sulfate”

The use of cell phone texting abbreviations are unacceptable forms of abbreviations and may not be used in the medical record.

**Best Practice:** Do not use unacceptable abbreviations or texting shortcuts in medical record documentation.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, please contact Zelda Greene, Administrator, Health Information Management, at 610-402-8330 or [zelda.greene@lvhn.org](mailto:zelda.greene@lvhn.org).

## CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION IMPROVEMENT

### Ever Wonder How the Attending Physician is Assigned to an Admission?

While you may know that the attending physician is the clinician of record who is primarily responsible for care of the patient, you might not know that:

- the physician who enters the discharge order in CAPOE selects the attending of record for that entire admission.
- in cases where an attending physician was not selected in CAPOE, Health Information Management (HIM) staff will then select the attending of record utilizing the following criteria:
  - If the discharge summary is present at the time of chart analysis by the HIM Department, the physician who dictated the discharge summary will be chosen as the attending for the admission.
  - If the discharge summary has not been dictated, the physician who wrote the discharge progress note or discharge order will be selected as the attending of record.

- If the discharge progress note/order is completed by a resident, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, the supervising physician is selected as the attending for the admission.
- In cases of surgery performed in the operating room, the surgeon will be selected as the attending for the encounter.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Zelda Greene, Administrator, Health Information Management, at 610-402-8330, or John P. Pettine, MD, CCDS, Director, Clinical Documentation Improvement Program, via email at [john.pettine@lvhn.org](mailto:john.pettine@lvhn.org).

**Attention Division Chiefs:** If you are interested in physician performance (by attending or by division vs. national average) for specific DRGs, data is now available. Please contact Carolyn Lenik at 610-402-5809 to arrange a meeting.

# PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



**Dale A. Dangleben, MD**, General Surgery Residency Associate Program Director, was invited to present to the American College of Surgeons Committee on Resident Education meeting on July 22, in Chicago, Ill. His presentation was titled “Enhancing Surgical Education through Web and Mobile Applications.” He also gave a brief overview of the free surgical education apps that he has created.



**Thomas D. Meade, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, gave the inaugural Consultant Welcome Address at the Arthrex Arthroplasty Forum held on June 17, in Naples, Fla. Dr Meade also presented his surgical technique for Kinematic Approach to Total Knee Arthroplasty, in addition to performing a surgical demonstration of unconventional use of conventional instrumentation in performing a kinematic approach to total knee replacement.

In addition, on July 29, Dr Meade was an invited guest at the Eastern Hemisphere Headquarters in Munich, Germany, where he consulted with European engineers on development of new instrumentation to perform a more anatomic knee replacement.



**Joseph E. Patruno, MD**, Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program Director, was an invited speaker at the CREOG Annual Educational Meeting in Pasadena, Calif., from July 27-30, 2011. Dr. Patruno presented the “LVHN Gynecologic Robotic Curriculum” and moderated a panel discussion on the status of robotic surgery in gynecologic training. This comprehensive curriculum, developed by Martin A. Martino, MD, Division of Gynecologic Oncology/Gynecology, has been well received and implemented by a number of other academic OB-GYN departments and training programs throughout the country.



Two members of the Department of Family Medicine presented at the 2011 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality National Practice-Based Research Network Conference held July 22-24, in Bethesda, Md. Melanie B. Johnson, Coordinator, Eastern Pennsylvania Inquiry Collaborative Network (EPICNet), presented “Implementation Guide to Systems Approach to Tracking and Increasing Screening for Public Health Improvement in Colorectal Cancer (SATIS-PHI/CRC).” **Brian Stello, MD**, EPICNet Director, presented a poster titled “Complexity of Using Multiple Data Sources for Population Management in Colorectal Cancer Screening: The Experience of SATIS-PHI/CRC.” EPICNet is the primary care practice-based research network at LVHN. EPICNet implemented SATIS-PHI/CRC in 2009 and 2010, involving 15 local primary care practices and over 8,000 patients.



**Thomas V. Whalen, MD, MMM**, Chief Medical Officer, was a co-author of four chapters which were included in *The ACGME 2011 Duty Hour Standards: Enhancing Quality of Care, Supervision, and Resident Professional Development*. The chapters include: Chapter 6 – “New Supervision Standards: Discussion and Justification;” Chapter 10 – “New Standards Addressing Fitness for Duty, Alertness Management, and Fatigue Mitigation;” Chapter 11 – “Going Beyond Duty Hours: A Focus on Patient Safety;” and Chapter 15 – “A Research Agenda to Assess the Impact of the 2011 Standards and to Identify Opportunities for Refinement.”

## PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

September is Pain Awareness Month. This busy month is marked by a variety of different initiatives and activities, all with the goal of promoting education, advocacy and awareness about chronic pain in order to break down the barriers to effective pain management.

### *A few facts about chronic pain:*

- There are over 75 million people affected by chronic pain syndrome
- Treating chronic pain costs society at least \$560-635 billion annually
- Despite these facts, pain is still under treated

Here at LVHN, several educational opportunities have been created to increase the knowledge of pain assessment and management:

- eLearning modules on Assessment and Management of Pain are available through the Learning Curve and have CME and CNE credits
- There is a newly created program on Post Operative Epidural Pain Management for nurses who take care of patients with epidural catheters available through the Learning Curve
- The annual Pain Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 20, from 5 to 8:30 p.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6, 7 and 8

For more information, please contact Maryjane Cerrone, MSN, RN-BC, Supervisor, Clinical Research, at 610-402-9379.



# CONGRATULATIONS



**Eric J. Gertner, MD, MPH**, Division of General Internal Medicine, was recently appointed to the position of Medical Director for Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and Practice Transformation. Dr. Gertner has been a key contributor in the development of the PCMH at LVHN and he brings significant expertise to this role. In 2006, Dr. Gertner was appointed by former Pennsylvania Governor Rendell to the Pennsylvania Chronic Care Management, Reimbursement, and Cost Reduction Commission, where he served as Co-Chair of the Subcommittee on Practice Redesign. In addition, as a practicing internist, he brings real world experience to this role serving as Co-Practice Leader for LVPG-General Internal Medicine, which has been recognized as a Level 3 NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home.

Dr. Gertner will work closely with William L. Miller, MD, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, Susan Lawrence, Senior Vice President, Care Continuum, and all Primary Care constituencies in strengthening our care continuum competencies, our partnerships, and accelerating new innovations in care delivery. He will also continue his role as Associate Chief of External Programs in General Internal Medicine working closely with Joseph A. Candio, MD, Executive Vice Chair, Department of Medicine.



**Geraldo A. Saavedra, MD**, Division of Endocrinology, was recently recertified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism. Dr. Saavedra has been a member of the Medical Staff since June, 2000. He is in private practice in Allentown.

## ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE PEDIATRIC SLEEP CENTER



The Sleep Disorders Center is proud to announce the opening of the LVHN Pediatric Sleep Center, the first designated pediatric sleep testing facility in the Lehigh Valley. The new center is located on 3T at LVH-17<sup>th</sup> &

Chew and operates every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night under the direction of Dharmeshkumar T. Surawala, MD, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Pulmonary.

The Center provides sleep testing services for children ages 1-17 including diagnostic (with standard and extended EEG/Seizure montages), therapeutic (CPAP and Bi-Level PAP titration), and Multiple Sleep Latency Tests. End tidal CO<sub>2</sub> and video monitoring is performed during all studies. A physician referral to the Center is required. A form may be obtained by calling the Center directly at 610-969-4268.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Betz, RPSGT, Administrative Director, LVHN Sleep Disorders Centers, at 610-969-4267.

## LVH-CEDAR CREST AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS

**CLOSED**  
**for**  
**Renovations**

Much needed renovations to the Cedar Crest Auditorium will occur in early fall. The renovations will include new chairs with cup holders and desk rests as well as carpeting and other finishes.

In order to renovate, the Cedar Crest Auditorium and Presidents Room will be closed beginning **September 16 through October 3**, and will re-open on October 4.

Your cooperation and flexibility during this time are very much appreciated. Once completed, the auditorium will better serve our network and our community.

# ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS UPDATE

## Congratulations



**Judith Brooks, CRNP**, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner with LVPG-Medicine, was recently appointed to the position of Chief Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner for the Department of Medicine. In this function, Ms. Brooks will serve as a representative and liaison for nurse practitioners in the Department of Medicine.

Ms. Brooks began her career as a nurse practitioner with LVPG in 1998. She has continued her career in this outpatient setting since then and was recently named co-practice lead. In this capacity, she is the clinical lead of LVPG Internal Medicine, a faculty practice comprised of eight physicians and two nurse practitioners. This role has been traditionally filled by physicians only.

In addition, Ms. Brooks serves as the Internal Medicine Clinical Content Lead for the CPO electronic medical record and serves on many LVPG committees including Clinical Practice Council and Cross Divisional Content Committee, as well as the Department of Medicine and Advanced Practice Clinician Executive Councils.

## Save the Date

The next Advanced Practice Clinician (APC) quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in Kasych ECC Room 8. Stay tuned for more information.

If you have any interesting information to share regarding APCs or have any questions, please call 610-402-APC1 and leave a message.

## Annual Dues for Advanced Practice Clinicians

Annual dues invoices for Advanced Practice Clinicians were mailed on September 1. Timely remittance of dues is both **requested** and **appreciated**. To insure proper credit, please enclose the remittance part of the invoice along with the check in the return envelope.

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



## LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

### New eBooks Available Through the Digital Library

Library Services has recently added over 100 electronic medical textbooks to our collection. The Digital Library now has over 730 fulltext eBooks. Some of the new titles include:

- Sauer's Manual of Skin Diseases
- Will's Eye Manual
- Wolff's Headache and Other Head Pain
- Color Atlas & Text of Pulmonary Pathology
- Theory & Practice of Teaching Medicine
- Pediatric Critical Care
- Acute Coronary Syndromes
- Fanaroff & Martin's Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
- Stroke
- Rutherford's Vascular Surgery
- Sabiston & Spencer Surgery of the Chest

- Ashcraft's Pediatric Surgery
- Neuroradiology: The Requisites
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# UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

## General Medical Staff Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on **Monday, September 12**, beginning at 6 p.m., in ECC Rooms 7 and 8 on the first floor of the Kasych Family Pavilion at LVH-Cedar Crest. The meeting will also be videoconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

- Recap of Financial and Operating Performance for FY '11 and What's Ahead for FY '12 – Ronald W. Swinfard, MD, LVHN President and CEO
- Election of a President-elect and one at-large member of the Medical Executive Committee to fill a vacated slot
- Review of proposed changes to the Medical Staff Bylaws

For the convenience of the Medical Staff, 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 7 and 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest and ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## GLVIPA Quarterly Membership Meeting Date Change

Due to Auditorium renovations, the September 27 quarterly membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association (GLVIPA) has been rescheduled to **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.

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

## Save the Date

- **"Management of Thyroid Cancer"**  
Saturday, October 1, 2011  
8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
Mack Building Auditorium  
2100 Mack Blvd., Allentown, PA

For more information, please call 610-402-CARE.

## Cardiology Grand Rounds

Cardiology Grand Rounds will be held on **Friday, September 9**, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg.

"Catheter-Based Renal Denervation" will be presented by Suzanne Oparil, MD, Director, Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program, Division of Cardiovascular Disease, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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, September 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.

"Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: A Seamless Continuum of Multidisciplinary Palliative Care" will be presented by Glenn A. Mackin, MD, Division of Neurology.

For more information, please contact Dorothy Jacquez in the Department of Family Medicine at [dorothy.jacquez@lvhn.org](mailto: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 (unless otherwise noted) and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg and the VTC Room at LVH-17. Topics for September will include:

- September 6 – "LVHN Government Update" – Mary Ensslin, Vice President, Government and Legislative Affairs, LVHN
- September 13 – Department of Medicine QI Forum – "Perioperative Process" – Bruce Feldman, DO, Division of Cardiology
- September 20 – Teaching Leader Series – LOCATION: ECC 1, LVH-Cedar Crest

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- September 27 – “Medical Errors and Physician Self Monitoring” – Ronald Epstein, MD, Professor of Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Oncology and Nursing, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry – LOCATION: Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 and teleconferenced to ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg

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 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 September will include:

- September 15 – “Neuromuscular Update” – Glenn A. Mackin, MD (Additional videoconference site – Kasych ECC Room 8)
- September 22 – “Practice Guidelines for the Management of Women with Epilepsy” – Soraya E. Jimenez, MD (Additional videoconference site – Kasych ECC Room 4)
- September 29 – “Multiple Sclerosis Cases: Sublime to Ridiculous” – Alexander D. Rae-Grant, MD, Cleveland Clinic – LOCATION: Kasych ECC Room 10 and videoconferenced to Kasych ECC Room 9.

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. The topic for September is as follows:

- September 7 – “Neurology/ALS” – Glenn A. Mackin, MD, and William Whipple, RD, LDN, CDE

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

- September 2 – “Heavy Menstrual Bleeding – Lysteda” – Patrick W. Heiser, PhD, Ferring Women's Health
- September 9 – “Nutrition for Women” – Anne Marie Barilla, Dietitian, Center for Women's Medicine
- September 16 – “Narrative Medicine” – Lorraine A. Dickey, MD, Chief, Division of Neonatology
- September 23 – Mock Oral Boards – No OB-GYN Grand Rounds
- September 30 – Journal Club

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 September:

- September 6 – Neonatology topic
- September 13 – “Pediatric Brain Tumors: What's New?” – Mark Dias, MD, Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery, and Melanie Comito, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
- September 20 – Pediatric GI topic
- September 27 – “How Doctors Think: Reducing Medical Errors in Diagnosis and Treatment” – Ronald Epstein, MD, Professor of Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Oncology and Nursing, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry – TIME AND LOCATION: 7 a.m., Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8

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 in conjunction with the Department of Medicine Grand Rounds on Tuesday, September 27, beginning at Noon in Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8. This presentation will also be teleconferenced to ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

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“Medical Errors and Physician Self Monitoring” will be presented by Ronald Epstein, MD, Professor of Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Oncology and Nursing, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

For more information, contact Tammy Schweizer at [tammy.schweizer@lvhn.org](mailto: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, September 7, in Kasych ECC Room 10.

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. Due to Auditorium renovations, Surgical Grand Rounds will be held in alternate locations during the month of September. The topics for September will include:

- September 20 – Joint Surgical/Anesthesia Grand Rounds – Brian M. Parker, MD, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University – LOCATION: Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8.
- September 27 - “How Doctors Think: Reducing Medical Errors in Diagnosis and Treatment” – Ronald Epstein, MD, Professor of Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Oncology and Nursing, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry – LOCATION: Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8

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

## What's New in Continuing Medical Education?

### FYI – Upcoming Events

- **HIV Conference**  
September 15, 2011  
Cedar Crest Auditorium  
Registration through 610-402-CARE
- **Spanning the Continuum – Acute Pain: Can We Prevent Chronification**  
September 20, 2011  
Kasych Family Pavilion
- **The 3rd Annual Fleming Infection Prevention and Infectious Diseases Symposium**  
September 30, 2011  
Kasych Family Pavilion
- **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

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.



**Saturday, October 1, 2011**

**5 p.m**

**Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg**

For information, contact Amy Burrows, Director, Special Events, at 484-884-9223, or Sandi Marsh, Senior Director, Special Events, at 484-884-9119.

# 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.*

## Medical Staff

### New Appointments



**Ayman M. Abdel-Wahab, MD**  
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Department of Pediatrics  
Division of Pediatric Subspecialties  
Section of Gastroenterology  
Provisional Active



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Department of Family Medicine  
Provisional Active



**Danielle E. Durie, MD, MPH**  
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Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/  
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Division of Anatomic Pathology  
Section of Genitourinary Pathology  
Provisional Active



**Jacob N. Erickson, MD**  
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Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
Provisional Active



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Division of Podiatric Surgery  
Provisional Active



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Provisional Active



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Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
Provisional Limited Duty



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Division of Emergency Medicine  
Provisional Active



**Rena M. Lambert, DO**

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Department of Medicine  
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Provisional Active



**Christine Saraceni, DO**

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Division of Pediatric Subspecialties  
Section of Pulmonary  
Provisional Active



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Division of Cardiology  
Provisional Active



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Department of Surgery  
Division of Plastic Surgery  
Provisional Active

***Medical Staff Leadership Appointments***

***Department of Medicine***

**Robert J. Krukltis, MD, PhD**

Chief, Division of Pulmonary

***Hospital Lab/Service Directors***

**Michael He, MD**

Medical Director

Acute Pain Management Services

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## **Status Changes**

### **Daniel J. Csaszar, DO**

Department of Family Medicine

From: Limited Duty To: Provisional Active

### **Stanley R. Walker, MD**

Department of Medicine

Division of General Internal Medicine/Geriatrics

From: Active To: Affiliate

### **Wael Yacoub, MD**

Department of Family Medicine

From: Active To: Affiliate

## **Change to Honorary Status**

### **Charles A. Gordon, MD**

Department of Medicine

Division of General Internal Medicine

From: Affiliate To: Honorary Status

### **Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**

Department of Surgery

Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery

From: Active To: Honorary Status

## **Change of Departmental Assignment**

### **Chris C. Chang, MD**

Department of Surgery

Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties

Section of Pediatric Surgery/**Pediatric Trauma**

### **Anthony J. Georges, MD**

Department of Surgery

Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties

Section of Pediatric Surgery/**Pediatric Trauma**

### **William D. Hardin, Jr., MD**

Department of Surgery

Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties

Section of Pediatric Surgery/**Pediatric Trauma**

### **Thomas V. Whalen, MD, MMM**

Department of Surgery

Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties

Section of Pediatric Surgery/**Pediatric Trauma**

## **Change of Practice and Departmental Assignment**

### **David M. Caccese, MD**

Lehigh Valley Home Health Services

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Department of Medicine

Division of General Internal Medicine

Removal of: Section of Hospital Medicine

## **Practice Merger**

Eastern PA Nephrology Associates, PC and  
Nephrology Hypertension Associates of Lehigh Valley  
have merged to form one nephrology group —

### **Valley Kidney Specialists, PC**

with two locations:

#### **Valley Kidney Specialists, PC**

1230 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 301

Allentown, PA 18103-6231

Phone: 610-432-4529 Fax: 610-432-2206

#### **Tayyab Ali, MD**

#### **Ravindra Bollu, MD**

#### **Eric J. Fels, DO**

#### **Joseph C. Guzzo, MD**

#### **Douglas E. Johnson, MD**

#### **James E. Kintzel, MD**

#### **Mohammad N. Saqib, MD**

#### **Henry L. Schairer, Jr., MD**

#### **Kathryn E. Ussai, MD**

#### **Vikram Verma, MD**

#### **Valley Kidney Specialists, PC**

Allentown Medical Center

401 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 212

Allentown, PA 18104-5050

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#### **Frederick S. Fleszler, MD**

#### **Drew S. Harrison, MD**

#### **Shawn M. Hazlett, DO**

#### **Nelson P. Kopyt, DO**

#### **Arthur L. Levine, MD**

#### **Sharon E. Maynard, MD**

#### **James P. Reichart II, MD**

#### **Benjamin J. Wilcox, MD**

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The practices of **Ian M. Carlis, DMD**, and **Michael J. Parsons, DMD**, will now be known as **Bethlehem Smiles**  
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### **Practice Changes**

**Michael R. Goldner, DO**  
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LVHN Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg  
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**Thomas Renaldo, DO**  
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### **Address Changes**

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Lehigh Valley Hospital  
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**Hugo N. Twaddle, MD**  
Muhlenberg Primary Care, PC  
2649 Schoenersville Road, **Suite 100**  
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### **Practice Name Change**

**LeRoy B. Gerchman, MD**  
**Aaron D. Katz, MD**  
**Allentown West End Medical Group**  
3710 Broadway  
Allentown, PA 18104-5297

### **Resignations**

**Hilary F. Basham, DO**  
Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
(LVH-M Emergency Medicine)

**Gregory Gafni-Pappas, DO**  
Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
(LVH-M Emergency Medicine)

**Charles S. Harris, MD**  
Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
(LVP-G-Emergency Medicine)

**Michael A. Jacobson, MD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of Dermatology  
(Advanced Dermatology Associates, Ltd.)

**Jennifer L. Jozefick, DO**  
Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
(LVH-M Emergency Medicine)

**Melissa B. Leschinsky, DO**  
Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
(LVH-M Emergency Medicine)

**Danny CH Liaw, MD, PhD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
(LVH Department of Medicine)

**Muhamad Aly Rifai, MD**  
Department of Psychiatry  
Division of Psychiatry Ambulatory Care/Adult Inpatient  
Psychiatry  
(LVP-G-Psychiatry)

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**Diana M. Rivera-Mundo, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Section of Hospital Medicine  
(LVP-G-Hospitalist Services)

**Rochelle Steiner-Friel, MD**

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology  
(Center for Women's Medicine)

**Ashraf N. Thabet, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
(LVH-M Emergency Medicine)

**Uzma Z. Vaince, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Section of Hospital Medicine  
(LVHN Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg)

**Christine Whylings, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
(LVH-M Emergency Medicine)

**Mehdy Yavari, DO**

Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
(LVH-M Emergency Medicine)

**Allied Health Staff**

**New Appointments**



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Supervising Physician: Christina K. Block, MD



**Kathryn E. Decker, PA-C**

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Lehigh Neurology  
Center for Advanced Health Care  
1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 405  
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Supervising Physician: Soraya E. Jimenez, MD



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Supervising Physician: Ioana Nistor, MD



**Juanita G. Kaness, CRNP, DNP**

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Supervising Physician: Wendy J. Schillings, MD



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Supervising Physician: James A. Sandberg, MD



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Supervising Physician: Sultan M. Siddique, MD



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Supervising Physician: Thomas M. McLoughlin, Jr., MD

### Change of Supervising Physician

**Raymond J. Rivera, PA-C**  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley)  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine)  
From: Mark A. Guzzo, MD  
To: Stephen P. Fooskas, MD

**Karen M. Williams, CRNP**  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(Valley Independent Hospitalist Group)  
From: David M. Caccese, MD  
To: Steven A. Scott, MD

### Additional Supervising Physician and Group

**Carol A. Romano, CRNP**  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(Allentown Cardiology Associates, LLC – John J. Cassel, MD)  
Addition of: The Heart Care Group, PC – William J. Smolinski, DO

### Removal of Supervising Physician

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