

Friday FACTS

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LVH–Hazleton Remains a Level IV Trauma Center

Since becoming a Level IV Trauma Center on Nov. 1, 2015, the trauma program at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Hazleton has continued to provide optimal care and reduce the likelihood of death or disability to injured patients who enter our emergency department. Because of the continued efforts of incessantly being prepared to treat the most serious life-threatening and disabling injuries, the Pennsylvania Systems Trauma Foundation (PSTF) has re-accredited LVH–Hazleton as a Level IV Trauma Center for the next three years. This is the maximum number of years for which a trauma center may be accredited.

According to Gary Bonfante, DO, trauma program medical director and medical director of emergency medicine, specific recognition was given to the performance improvement efforts and remarked as being “outstanding.” Bonfante addressed his team by saying, “These types of recognitions are not possible without each of you working hard to provide exceptional care to our patients everyday and the administrative support to guide these efforts. Thank you for all you do.”

Alexandra Malenka, RN, trauma program coordinator says, “The success of the trauma program is dependent on the continuous collaboration and support of everyone. It is truly evident that LVH–Hazleton is dedicated to improving patient outcomes and providing optimal care to our patients. Thank you for all you do each and every day.”

TEAMWORK

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much. Helen Keller

Your PRIDE is Appreciated

The following was sent to John Fletcher, LVH–Hazleton president, and Melissa Curto, Health & Wellness Center administrator.

My name is Allie Griffeth, I am the safety/wellness engineer for Steelcase’s distribution center in Hazleton.

I wanted to pass along my gratitude to you and your team. Every Lehigh Valley employee that has come through the door is fully engaged with my team and sincerely wants the best for them. My employees look forward to your team’s visits and learning from them. Your team has been able to earn the trust of my employees which has improved morale and awareness. We’ve worked closely with Joe Stanavage, Mike Bigatel, Caitly Sitoski, Janet Brown, Rob Bozylinski and Gene Myers. Due to the efforts of your team, this branch of Steelcase has been able to better understand proper ergonomics, stretching and how to prevent injuries. We have even been able to forward this knowledge on to our other branches throughout the country.

CONTACT US

Call Lisa Marie Halecky (x4249 or email Lisamarie_E.Halecky@lvhn.org) to contribute information.

A PASSION FOR BETTER MEDICINE

Welcome New Colleagues

Please welcome the following colleagues to the Lehigh Valley Health Network family:

LVH–Hazleton: Sandra Yacina, RN, operating room; Sarah Tokach, speech therapist, Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation; Gabriel Menendez, housekeeping aide, environmental services; Patricia Vargas, housekeeping aide, environmental services; Amy Mendoza, housekeeping aide, environmental services; Mariana Gorski, critical care technician, step-down unit; Mary Gudoski, critical care technician, step-down unit

Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG)–Hazleton: Kelly Michael, medical assistant, LVPG Pediatrics–Hazleton Shopping Center

30 Years of Service

Congratulations to Mike Boganski, maintenance services, for celebrating 30 years of service on Aug. 4. Boganski’s milestone service anniversary was unintentionally omitted from last week’s list.

Q&A: What Is the Latest News on our Mergers?

Here is the latest information about LVHN’s intent to merge with Schuylkill Health System (SHS) and Pocono Health System (PHS).

Schuylkill merger update

The regulatory review process for the SHS merger is expected to be complete by fall. We’re planning a celebration at both SHS hospitals for the day the merger becomes official. Leaders from both organizations will host a news conference in the morning to announce that SHS is now part of LVHN and will share our brand and mission. We’ll also announce the new names of the hospitals. Then, a celebration will be held in the hospital cafeterias as leaders tour the facilities to meet new colleagues.

In the days following the announcement, the process to implement the LVHN logo on signs, ID badges, letterheads, websites and more will begin. A team from LVHN has been formed to lead the transition. They’re working to create consistent structures, processes, systems, and service and quality standards for enhanced patient care.

Pocono merger update

In May 2015, LVHN and PHS announced they had signed a letter of intent to merge the organizations. Following a thorough due diligence process, last December we announced an agreement for a full-asset merger pending regulatory approvals. This process continues and both organizations are committed to working together with regulatory agencies to achieve a successful conclusion at the earliest possible time to help better serve the community.

As the regulatory review process proceeds, LVHN and PHS will continue to fulfill our mutual commitment to provide specialty and enhanced access to care for the Poconos region in areas including trauma, radiation oncology and our joint community safety program for young drivers.

Luau in the Hilltop Café

The food service department is bringing a taste of the islands to the Hilltop Café on Tuesday, Aug 9. A specially prepared menu will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

