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Comprehensive Stroke Center Recertified by The Joint Commission

BY [ADMIN](#) · JULY 26, 2018

It was a rigorous and fast-paced survey, but when all was said and done, LVH–Cedar Crest’s Comprehensive Stroke Center was recertified by The Joint Commission (TJC) this week. This was our fourth recertification, which is something about which our reviewers said we should be proud.

Here’s what reviewers said following the survey:

- “LVHN has a long, sustained dedication to stroke patients.”
- “I had an opportunity to see two stroke alerts running simultaneously. Brilliant!”
- “The work done here to decrease door-to-puncture time is probably the best time I’ve seen in the country.”
- “I’m blown away by the (research) posters on the unit.”



After the survey, colleagues were also quick to share why they are #LVHNProud of our Comprehensive Stroke Center team. Here’s what they had to say:

- “Our program reflects quality and compassionate care. I can understand why the surveyors were impressed,” says Terry Capuano, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.
- “Congratulations to all who made this survey so successful. Most importantly, we offer our deepest thanks for all you do to care for each patient and their family,” says Lehigh Valley Hospital President Bill Kent. “You are truly ‘Amazing. Everyday.’”
- “The knowledge, compassion and PRIDE displayed by all colleagues was impressive,” says Robin Anthony, Administrator, Joint Commission and Regulatory Excellence.

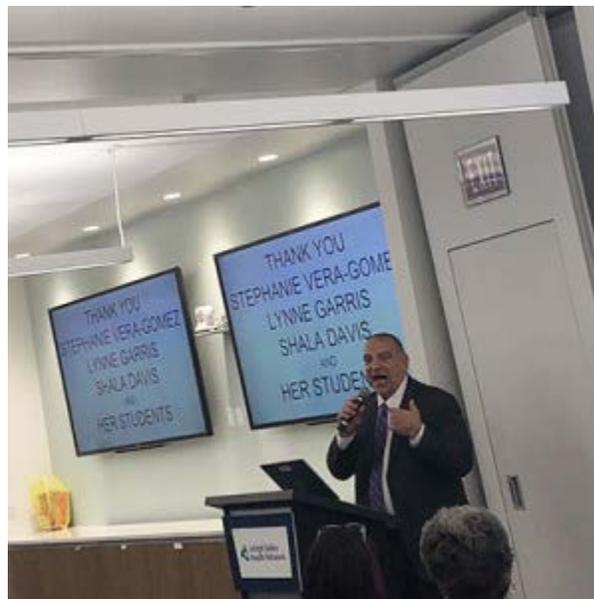
Anthony also thanks Claranne Mathiesen, MSN, Director of Medical Operations, Neuroscience Service Line, and Yevgeniy Isayev, MD, Medical Director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center, for their leadership. Kudos are also sent to our reviewer escorts and colleagues in the Survey Command Center for all they did to make the survey successful.

Program Helps Community Lose 1,300 Pounds

BY [HOLLY YACYNYCH](#) · JULY 23, 2018

Community members who participated in LVH–Pocono’s Healthy Lifestyle Challenge were recognized for improving their health during the six-month program. On July 10 at the Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center, Musa Tangoren, MD, celebrated the participants’ achievements during the recognition ceremony.

More than 100 participants began their healthy lifestyle challenge in January with goals focused on improving health and weight loss. The participants lost a total 1,351 pounds with support from Tangoren, LVH–Pocono Nutritionist Lynne Garris and members of East Stroudsburg University’s Exercise Science Department.



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Training at LVH–Pocono Helps Local EMTs Enhance Care

BY [HOLLY YACYNYCH](#) · JULY 26, 2018

Several EMT partners from Pocono Mountain Regional EMS joined colleagues from LVH–Pocono’s West End Ambulance for day-long training from the LVH–Pocono EMS Education Department. Participants learned critical techniques and details about ways to assist paramedics on the scene, as well as what advanced medications and procedures are used in the advanced life support prehospital field.

EMTs learned detailed advanced patient assessments, technical skills of starting IVs, prehospital lab draws, advanced airway management, and ECG/12-lead monitoring applications and attachments to assist paramedics on their teams. The instruction ended with a realistic simulation exercise. Using the EMS Training Department’s electronic SIMulation manikin, EMTs learned how to care for a patient experiencing chest pain, shortness of breath and cardiac arrest.



“We’re #LVHNProud to do whatever it takes to provide education and help our community EMS providers improve patient prehospital care and survival,” says Steven Kulick, EMS Education Administrator.

Open Mike: Hitting It Out of the Park

BY MIKE ROSSI · JULY 24, 2018



Plugging in the mic this month, I'm startled by my calendar. The month is nearly over. July Fourth started off the month with a bang, bringing us many wonderful activities such as fireworks, barbecues, baseball games, family reunions, parades and picnics.

This month also brought me a birthday. In the blink of an eye, or so it seems, time hit the fast-forward button on me. Although my age "promotion" isn't so significant, my awareness of how fast time flies by is. Birthdays allow us the chance to reflect on our life, lessons, accomplishments and daily gifts. I am blessed to have a healthy and happy family and to work with an extraordinary team of colleagues – delivering superior quality of care to patients in our community.

During my reflection, I inevitably turn to baseball. As a Mets fan, baseball is a good analogy about life. Johan Santana, the only Mets pitcher to have a no-hitter in New York Mets' history, once said, "It's a great feeling for me just to put on my uniform and be part of my team." I couldn't agree more.

Like Santana, LVPG has a record worth mentioning in FY18. Despite network challenges and all the changes in health care, we had our strongest financial performance year in the history of LVPG! By delivering on our patient access initiatives and service promise, patients in our community had more access than ever to superior care.

But it wasn't just about finances. LVPG also raised the bar by achieving "green" and hitting the target goal for 12 out of our 13 ambulatory quality metrics. As if there wasn't enough to celebrate, we hit maximum on both health network "better health" goals: breast cancer screening and diabetes management.

Our health network needed us to step up, and we delivered. Regardless of role, each of us demonstrated a commitment to LVPG's mission, principles of care and patient-centered access goals. We truly hit it out of the park. To that, I extend tremendous thanks.

As summer temperatures continues to rise, remember to cool off, relax, reflect and take in quality

moments with friends and family. Enjoy some well-deserved PTO. You are “Amazing. Everyday.” Thank you for all you do.

Best,

Mike



Michael Rossi, MD

About me: My name is Michael Rossi, MD, MBA, and I am the Chief Physician Executive for LVHN and President of LVPG. I came to LVPG 15 years ago as Chief of Cardiology for LVHN and Medical Director of our Regional Heart Center. I truly enjoyed caring for cardiac patients and getting to know them and their families. I am proud to be part of such a great organization. My passion is patient care. I view my current role as taking that passion for caring for an individual patient, to caring for our entire community. It is an honor to work with such an outstanding network of dedicated colleagues.

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Volunteer at Musikfest

BY [ADMIN](#) · JULY 25, 2018

Do you have a passion for music, food and volunteering? Then downtown Bethlehem is the place for you from Aug. 2-12.

LVHN is once again the official health care provider for Bethlehem's popular Musikfest. That means volunteers are needed to staff the four LVHN health tents. It's a chance to support LVHN's mission, hear some great music and have fun interacting with members of our community.

Both Lehigh Valley clinical and nonclinical colleagues are needed for shifts ranging from 2 ½ to 4 hours. Clinical, licensed colleagues include registered nurses, physicians and physician assistants.

Signing up is easy. Simply review the [letter](#) and [schedule](#) to select your times, including your second and third choices. Then call 888-402-LVHN.



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Get Discounted Tickets for the Pocono Mountains Music Festival

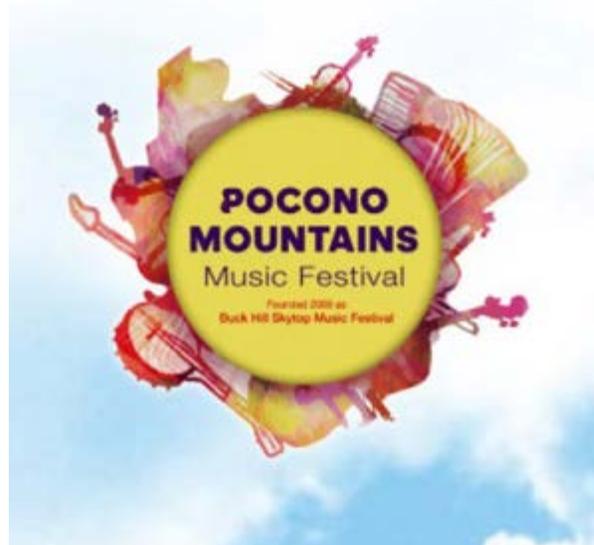
BY [EMILY SHIFFER](#) · JULY 25, 2018

LVHN's Recreation Committee is providing LVHN colleagues with discounted tickets to the Pocono Mountains Music Festival, from Friday, July 27, to Saturday, Aug. 4.

LVHN colleagues can get \$10 off premium and general admission tickets.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and online. For more details about the festival, click [here](#).

To purchase tickets, click [here](#) and use promo code **CARE**.



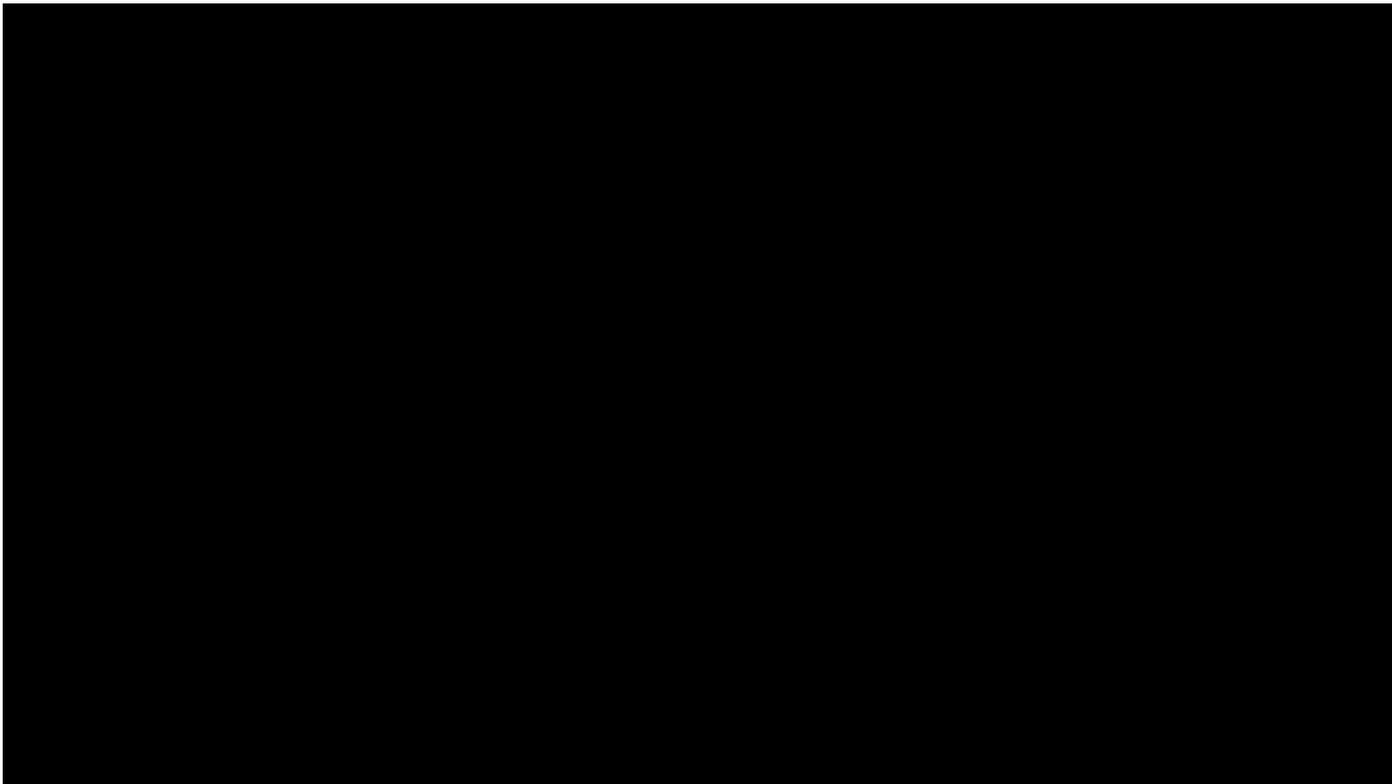
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Watch Colleagues Celebrate 'Christmas in July' – VIDEO

BY [EMILY SHIFFER](#) · JULY 25, 2018

December isn't the only time to spread cheer. LVHN accepts donations all year long. For example, you can help our patients celebrate Christmas in July. This video, which appears on LVHN's social media sites, encourages people to donate to LVHN and thanks them for their generosity. Find out more about how you can make a donation and a difference by clicking [here](#).



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