



Students from the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing are currently completing a clinical rotation at LVH-Hazleton.

Network Knowledge for Nurses

For more than 120 years, nursing students in Schuylkill County obtained their clinical experience at LVH-Schuylkill S. Jackson Street. More than a century later, clinical rotations were added at LVH-Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street. As part of our new curriculum, students from the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing now gain educational experience at LVH-Hazleton.

"LVH-Hazleton's fifth floor nursing staff and nurse manager were amazing to our students and took advantage of every opportunity to increase the knowledge for our future nurses," says Instructor Marlene Mika Cook, MSN. Members of the class of 2019 have spent two days per week in Hazleton during their latest 12-week term.

"This helps broaden our students' exposure to other health care facilities and to our health network," says Lynne Hausman, MSN, Director of the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing. "It also reinforces what the students see and learn here at LVH-Schuylkill and provides for positive interaction with other health care professionals."

During each term, different classes and instructors will rotate through the LVH-Hazleton campus. Students will continue rotations at both LVH-Schuylkill campuses.

Our School of Nursing was founded in 1895 and has been the primary educator of registered nurses for Schuylkill County hospitals and medical facilities. More than 2,400 nurses graduated from the school and have worked all over the nation and around the globe.

Calendar of Events

LVH-Schuylkill Auxiliary Gala
April 28 • 6 p.m.

Seasons Restaurant at
Mountain Valley

**LVH-Schuylkill Skin Cancer
Screening: May 12 • 9-11 a.m.**

Outpatient Surgery Center
Schuylkill Medical Plaza

Earning Opportunities for Colleagues



For several months, our health network has made significant progress in giving people the health care convenience they expect and deserve. Now when people wish to make an appointment with an LVPG practice, we “just say yes” and promise to see them today, tomorrow or the next day. That’s what we must do to meet the high demand for our care within LVPG, ensure people get the best possible care at LVHN and further our mission.

To meet our community’s needs and deliver health care convenience, we need your help to attract talent to LVHN and LVPG practices throughout the health network. That’s why we’re offering three earning opportunities for colleagues who can help us create access.

1

Become a moonlighter.

If you are an LVHN colleague with experience as an advanced practice clinician (APC), medical assistant or patient services representative in select specialties, you can help us increase access in high demand areas by becoming a “moonlighter.” Per diem contracts are available for colleagues and retirees who can help us meet demand during day, night or weekend sessions.

LVPG practices in the Lehigh Valley and Poconos are looking for moonlighters for the following specialty areas:

- Urology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Rheumatology
- Cardiology
- Orthopedics

NEXT STEP: LEARN MORE

To learn more about our moonlighting opportunities, contact one of the following:

APCs: Contact [Tim Friel, MD](#), Chair, Department of Medicine.

Medical assistants: Contact [Kim Korner](#), DNP, Administrator, Clinical Services, or [Tracy DeLong](#), Clinical Coordinator.

Patient service representatives: Contact [Jim Demopoulos](#), LVPG Senior Vice President of Operation.

2

Earn a referral bonus.

We’re offering sign-on and referral bonuses on select LVPG and LVHN positions throughout the health network. When you refer a qualified candidate for select positions you will be eligible to earn a referral bonus. (Referral and sign-on bonuses do not apply to moonlighters.)

[For positions in the Poconos, Hazleton and Schuylkill County](#)

- Physicians: \$10,000 referral bonus
- APCs: \$2,500 referral bonus

[For positions with LVPG practices in the Lehigh Valley](#)

- Physicians: \$5,000 referral bonus
- APCs: \$1,000 referral bonus

[Currently there are openings for physicians and APCs in the following areas:](#)

- Medicine
- OB/GYN
- Pediatrics
- Family medicine
- Emergency and hospital medicine
- Surgery
- Psychiatry

NEXT STEP: REFER A PHYSICIAN OR APC

To refer a physician or APC, contact [Lea Carpenter](#) or call 484-862-3218. The deadline to refer a physician or APC is April 15. Physicians or APCs must begin employment no later than Sept. 30, 2018.

3

Help us attract experienced medical assistants.

We’re offering sign-on and referral bonuses for experienced medical assistants in the Poconos and Lehigh Valley.

[Medical assistants* for LVPG practices in the Poconos and Lehigh Valley](#)

- \$1,500 sign-on bonus
- \$500 referral bonus

**Minimum of one year experience required*

NEXT STEP: REFER A MEDICAL ASSISTANT

To refer an experienced medical assistant, fill out a [referral form](#) for each candidate who is interested in applying. Candidates should visit [LVHN.org/careers](#) and search “Medical Assistants” to apply. They should also include “referred by” and your name in the application source field.

Referral bonuses are paid in two installments. The first half will be paid after successful completion of an orientation period. The second half will be paid after one year of employment. Please read the [guidelines](#) for additional information regarding referrals.

Health Career Discovery Day for LVHN's Staff's Children

LVHN's department of education and the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust are looking for students considering a career in health care. A one-day program – scheduled for Thursday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. – is designed primarily for children of LVHN colleagues who are currently in grades 9 to 12.

“By participating in this program, your children will gain exposure to a wide variety of careers, fields of study and positive adult role models who demonstrate professionalism,” says Director of Volunteer Services Mary Bardell, who will be administering the program at LVH–Schuylkill. LVH–Schuylkill participated for the first time in 2017. Response was very positive.

For more information or to register your child, contact [Bardell](#) at 570-621-4242 or by email.



Set for April 28

It's not spring yet, but the LVH–Hazleton Run/Walk Committee is already gearing up for the 2018 LVHN 5K Run/Walk. This very popular event, sponsored by the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton, is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, at Hazle Township Community Park. The event features a free Kids' Run for children ages 11 and younger beginning at 9:30 a.m., the 5K run/walk at 10 a.m. and a complimentary picnic lunch following the race. Early registration fee is \$20 and extends until April 14. Race day or late registration fee is \$25. A T-shirt is guaranteed with early registration.

Monetary prizes and awards will be presented to the top three overall male and female runners and walkers. Medals will be awarded to the top three male and female runners and walkers in the specific age groups. (PIAA rules apply to student athletes.)

Spring will be here before you know it. So lace up your sneakers and register today at LVHN.org/runwalk. The LVHN 5K Run/Walk is part of the 2018 Greater Hazleton Festival of Races.



Feverishly Providing Access

Before I plug in the mic this month, I'm going to take a few minutes to disinfect my desk. As a physician, husband and father, I spend a lot of time advocating for preventive care. Like many of you, the most important thing to me is keeping all of us healthy, happy and safe.

In recent weeks, the topic of preventive care and health is being discussed at a “feverish” level. The influenza virus, more commonly referred to as “the flu,” has swept across all 50 states at an alarming rate. To understand the gravity of the flu's impact, just turn on a news broadcast. You are bound to hear a story about the rise in flu cases, mortalities, school closures and prevention education.

One of the key components to maintaining good health is having access to good care. The critical message throughout many of the flu news stories is the importance of getting early medical care – as soon as symptoms arise. LVPG is committed to providing the people of our community convenient access to our high quality health care providers at our 200 practice locations throughout the region.

In fact, this past month our LVPG primary care practices saw more than 50 percent of their patient visits within the “today, tomorrow or the next day” service promise timeline. Now that's impressive! These aren't just empty words – they are real actions. By feeling it, believing it and “just saying yes,” we guide our patients on their journey to optimal health. Your active participation is the key ingredient to our success.

The only thing we want “going viral” is our message of thanks and sincere appreciation to all of you.

Be well. Be present. Be healthy...and wash your hands (frequently).

–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.

Patients Share How Lehigh Valley Heart Institute Saved Their Lives

Colleagues at Lehigh Valley Heart Institute are “Amazing. Everyday.” And we want to continue to tell the people of our community all about them. On Feb. 26, we will begin to share the stories of the amazing care some of our patients received.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- Paul was told by another local hospital that he should “get his affairs in order.”
- Anita feared she would miss the birth of her first grandchild.
- Andrea was worried she would not survive to see her daughter become a teenager.

In videos posted on LVHN.org/HeartInstitute, these patients share their emotional journey about how Lehigh Valley Heart Institute restored their health. We’re sharing their stories with the people of our community in TV commercials, on billboards, through social media and in newspaper ads.

LEHIGH VALLEY HEART INSTITUTE

Here's what heart care that's amazing everyday is all about. Paul M.'s heart was getting weaker. He was tired all the time and didn't have the energy to work on his prized muscle car. A heart surgeon at another area hospital called Paul, "a walking dead man" and urged him to, "get his affairs in order." Paul was only 50. He went to the Lehigh Valley Heart Institute and learned that he had been misdiagnosed. We performed a minimally invasive heart procedure on Paul and he went home the same day feeling better than he had in years. That kind of success is one reason why more than twice as many patients choose us for heart care over other hospitals in the region. After all, we're first in leading-edge care, groundbreaking research and have more specialists with training from top heart programs. And that's why we save more lives. Just ask Paul, now that his heart is going as strong as his muscle car.

To learn more about Paul's amazing journey, visit LVHN.org/HeartInstitute.

Amazing. Everyday.

**ANOTHER HEART DOCTOR CALLED PAUL
A WALKING DEAD MAN.
WE SAVED HIS LIFE.**

Lehigh Valley Heart Institute
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Print Ad

LEHIGH VALLEY HEART INSTITUTE

**We save more lives.
Just ask Andrea.**

Amazing. Everyday.

Lehigh Valley Heart Institute
LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK

Andrea H., & daughter

Billboard