

Friday FACTS

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Message From LVH–Hazleton President



The process of integrating services continues on all levels of the Lehigh Valley Health Network organization. Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Hazleton leaders are working with LVHN leaders to integrate services, and LVH–Schuylkill leaders are working closely with LVHN and LVH–Hazleton leaders, all with the goal of developing a fully integrated health network where our patients can receive the highest quality care possible.

Several of our senior leaders have played an important role in the successful merger with LVH–Schuylkill and they continue to have an active role with its integration into our health network. The promotion of Bill Reppy to president of LVH–Schuylkill provided an opportunity to look at the corporate structure of LVH–Hazleton and make some positive changes to the senior management team.

I am very pleased to announce the following leadership changes and reporting structure effective Nov. 1:

- **Michael Golden, RN**, currently vice president of patient care services, will assume the position of vice president of operations for LVH–Hazleton. In this capacity, Michael will be responsible for all non-clinical areas, such as engineering, food service and security and clinical areas including emergency services, laboratory, pharmacy, respiratory therapy and imaging.
- **Murray Swim**, administrator of human resources, will become vice president of human resources for LVH–Hazleton and LVH–Schuylkill. His responsibilities will include the benefits program, employee health and relations, HRIS, labor relations, talent acquisition, wage/salary administration and workers compensation at both campuses.
- **Melissa Curto**, administrator of the Health & Wellness Center, will be named vice president of ambulatory services for LVH–Hazleton. In this position, Melissa will oversee all health centers, outpatient services, home health, patient access center, occupational health and outpatient guest services. She also will be responsible for the community health needs assessment and its plan development and implementation.
- **Bill Bauer**, chief financial officer, will move to a health network position and oversee financial activities at both LVH–Hazleton and LVH–Schuylkill including financial performance and impact, productivity, Good-to-Great program, service line profitability, union contracts renewal/strategy and other strategies to enhance financial viability.

- **Michele Konitzer, RN**, will continue in her role as administrator of patient care services but now will report to the LVH–Hazleton president. In addition, Michele will become part of the LVH–Hazleton senior management team.

Please join me in congratulating our senior leaders. I ask that you continue to support them as they assume their new or expanded roles.

Final Benefits Open Enrollment Meeting

The last chance for you to attend a benefits open enrollment meeting is Monday, Oct. 31, at noon at the Hazleton Shopping Center ExpressCARE location. The deadline to make changes to your 2017 benefits is Friday, Nov. 11, no exceptions. For more information, you may contact **Melissa Biros**, human resources, at 570-501-4328.

New Weekend/Holiday Hours at ExpressCARE

Effective Nov. 1, the weekend and holiday hours at ExpressCARE–Hazleton Shopping Center will be 8 a.m.–4 p.m. to better accommodate patient care needs. This is a change from the 10 a.m.–6 p.m. hours of operation. Monday through Friday hours will remain the same: 8 a.m.–8p.m.

Flu Shots Still Available

Positive cases of flu already have been identified in our area, so don't delay. Get your flu shot today. Below is next week's schedule at LVH–Hazleton.

6th Floor Conference Room

Monday, Oct. 31: 8-9:30 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m.

Employee Health Office - 7th Floor

Tuesday, Nov. 1: 2-4 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4: 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.

Offices at the Health & Wellness Center may call occupational health at extension 6801 to schedule an appointment.

Your PRIDE is Showing

The following note is from a patient expressing her thanks for the care she received while a patient on the fourth floor.



"Sending this as a very special thank you and commendation for the nursing staff and service workers on the fourth floor at LVH–Hazleton where I was admitted twice in the last few weeks. They were all extremely competent, professional and especially compassionate in caring and in their care giving—so important and appreciated."

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