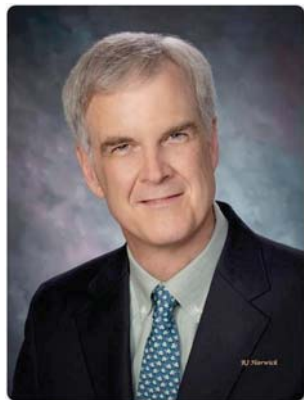


Progress Notes

Published for the Medical Staff
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Celebrating Longevity, Professionalism
and Our Colleagues**



Don't you love the springtime? The dormant parts of nature come back to life, we get more daylight, kids turn to outdoor sports and we get to reconnect with friends who have been "cooped up" during the winter months. I like springtime for two other reasons: I'm a baseball fan and I also really enjoy the celebrations that the warmer weather seems to bring – weddings, graduations and two recognition events at our Network — the Triennial Physician Recognition Dinner and the Friends of Nursing Awards Celebration.

What might baseball and our docs, nurses and APCs have in common? All are involved in careers that span many years. To be recognized for excellence requires a consistently high level of performance over a long period of time. In fact, that may be a good starting definition of a "professional."

"Major leaguers" are disciplined athletes who take great pride in their craft. They understand the strategies of the game and they seem to be able to make the right moves instinctively — whether it's making contact with the ball to

move a runner along or positioning themselves to make a great defensive play because they "read" what was happening and anticipated where they needed to be. Many of our clinicians — doctors, APCs, and nurses — do the same thing in a health care context. They learn the nuances of their practice settings, and they work to do all the "little things" well. When done consistently, the outcomes are usually excellent!

At the Eighth Triennial Physician Recognition Dinner last month, we honored doctors who have been members of our Medical Staff and our communities for 25 and 50 years — along with some of our LVHN "All Stars." I'd like to share some highlights of this event with you.

Our 25 year docs have been "on the job" for more than 9,100 days; 50 year honorees have been members of the Medical Staff for over 18,000 days.

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Contrast these stats with major leaguers who, in a 15 year career, play about 2,700 games. Beyond longevity, many of these docs have “been there” consistently for their patients and colleagues and have helped to advance the art and science of medicine within their specialties. They have adapted to the many changes in health care delivery without losing sight of their commitment to heal, comfort and care. They are true professionals!

Other “All Stars” who were honored at this year’s event included:

Matt McCambridge, MD (Critical Care Medicine/ Pulmonary), who was honored for his successful term as the 19th president of the LVHN Medical Staff;

Mark Trachtman, MD (Ophthalmology), who was given the Medical Staff Community Service Award for his unselfish commitment to the children in need of eye care — routine, urgent or emergent, regardless of the time of day;

Jennifer Stephens, DO (General Internal Medicine), recipient of the Medical Staff Team Builder Award for her efforts with interdisciplinary quality improvement, particularly with the care of perioperative patients and those with diabetes;

Dennis Cornfield, MD (Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine / Molecular Pathology), who was honored with the Medical Staff Physician Research Award for his contributions as the lead author or co-author of at least 16 clinically related medical articles since joining the staff in 1999;

The Physician Recruiting Department (Tammy Jamison, Pam Adams, Stephanie Figueroa, Samantha White, Beth Martin, Carol Trunzo and JeanAnn Turick) was recognized with the Friend of the Medical Staff Award for their tremendous efforts in bringing the brightest and the best to our Network. Over the past 23 years, this department has helped recruit over 40% of the LVHN Medical Staff, including over 750 physicians, 54 APCs and 15 department chairs, along with 21 hospital administrative leaders, eight PhDs, eight physicists and three CMOs; and

Joseph Candio, MD (General Internal Medicine), winner of the Doctors’ Doctor Award, the ultimate compliment to a “real pro” who has served as a personal physician, educator, leader and mentor for over 33 years!

This Spring, take time to celebrate the special events in YOUR life, whether it’s your anniversary, your child’s birthday, a graduation — or maybe a professional milestone like board recertification or the anniversary of joining your practice. You bring value to others in your life as they do to yours — that’s worth thinking about — and celebrating! Have an enjoyable month.



Robert J. Motley, MD
Medical Staff President

E-MAIL—REQUIRED READING

In an effort to have more expeditious communications directly with members of the Medical and Allied Health Staff, at the March 11, 2013 meeting, the General Medical Staff membership approved a Bylaws policy change for the reading of LVHN system e-mail as a requirement for Medical Staff membership. Prior to this approval, the Bylaws called for U.S. mail and/or fax as requirements for written notification. It has been determined that fax, as a dated technology, has become cumbersome for office practices and problematic in the timely distribution of that information.

It was felt by the Medical Executive Committee that reading e-mail is something that all Medical Staff members should have in their required communication protocol with the hospital system. It is recognized that the amount of e-mails forwarded to physicians can be overwhelming and to a large degree unnecessary for your consumption. For that reason, at this time **only e-mails marked from Medical Staff Services** will be required reading for your official correspondence from LVHN. **Effective July 1, 2013**, you will be held accountable if a deadline is missed because you did not read an official email marked from Medical Staff Services.

Unfortunately, due to HIPAA and confidentiality reasons, your private e-mail address cannot be utilized as a forwarding e-mail address from the *lvhn.org* system. Therefore, it will be necessary for you to view your LVHN e-mail on an appropriate schedule.

Over the past few months, the entire Medical Staff has been migrated over to the Microsoft Outlook e-mail system which currently is the most widely used e-mail system. It is hoped that you find this change an enhancement to communications with you and be assured that the utilization of the “**from Medical Staff Services**” official e-mails will be kept to a necessary minimum.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8980. Any questions concerning utilization of the new e-mail system should be directed to the Medical Staff Services Information Technology Coordinators at 610-402-1291 or 610-402-8968.

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY! OR TRUTH . . . WE CAN HANDLE THE TRUTH!

Every year during the reappointment process – be it Medical Staff or Allied Health Professional Staff – a number of staff members omit, misspeak, forget or simply do not tell the truth in the questionnaire part of the now on-line application form. Most of these inaccuracies occur in the questions involving criminal or civil actions, reprimands or other actions taken by healthcare entities, or malpractice actions including dismissals.

The purpose is NOT to judge a person who has had these unfortunate incidents occur to them, but rather to establish if there is a pattern that may merit further investigation to determine if the individual's judgment or habits should be of concern to LVHN in having this practitioner continue to treat patients.

Incidents such as a single DUI which occurred years ago or a one-time malpractice case award rarely rise to the level of any corrective action by the hospital. These types of occurrences, while perhaps personally embarrassing, simply call for a chat with your Chair and/or the Vice President of Medical Staff Services. The principle purpose behind these informal discussions is to find out how a particular incident is affecting you as a person.

Issues like these happen to good people. There are a number of outstanding members of the Medical Staff and Allied Health Staff who have had these unfortunate things happen to them. However, unless there is a repetitive pattern or the singular incident rises to a level of grave concern (i.e., a vehicular homicide conviction), the discussion remains confidential with your Chair and Medical Staff Services.

The more significant problem that creates an issue that cannot be dismissed within LVHN is dishonesty by purposely being untruthful with an organization that bases its culture on stated P.R.I.D.E. and Code of Conduct behaviors. Truth is the bedrock foundation for all interactions in high quality healthcare environments such as ours. Communications that are less than forthright could have disastrous results in the patient care setting. It is for this reason that honesty on all reappointment applications is taken very seriously.

When reviewing the questions on your application, please consider the repercussions before you "click" on a "no" answer when it should be a "yes." Note that the question regarding legal action asks for any and all Criminal or Civil actions including those that have been "Expunged." These DO need to be reported on your application regardless of what your attorney said at the time of the action. Many, if not all, of these actions will be uncovered via the various background checks done by Medical Staff Services regardless of their expunged status. In today's world, there is no such thing as completely expunged. Therefore, be forthright and answer the questions correctly. Needless to say, you need to complete the on-line application yourself as allowing someone else to use the LVHN system under your user ID is a violation of LVHN confidentiality policy.

Questions on a reappointment application are not included to trick you. On the contrary, the questions gather important information to ascertain whether you are suitable to be reappointed in good standing to the staff. The application verbiage that you sign and attest to states: "I hereby acknowledge that any significant misstatements in or omissions from this application may constitute cause for the denial or termination of my membership and privileges." So remember, be honest when answering questions. This will eliminate the need for unnecessary corrective action including dismissal.

For more information or if you have confidential questions, please call John W. Hart, Vice President of Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8980.

CMIO UPDATE

Centricity Enterprise Upgrade is Almost Here

On Friday night, May 17, Centricity Enterprise (CE) will be upgraded from version 6.1 to version 6.10.2. This upgrade is needed to prepare for the implementation of future Meaningful Use requirements.

CE will be unavailable while the upgrade is being installed. You should follow the normal downtime procedures. Groups should print off their census reports at the end of the day (or the evening) of Friday, May 17. Census reports will also be posted electronically via the Intranet homepage. Other applications will still be available during the downtime, but data will not flow to/from those systems to CE. Information Services personnel are working to ensure that the downtime is as brief as possible.

Changes that will impact providers include:

- There will be a new process for adding an admitting problem. This will replace the “Admitting Reason” field on the admitting order. This is a significant change and you are strongly encouraged to review this at a drop-in session.
- Doc Display screen – document list will now display at the top of the screen and the actual document will display at the bottom. There will no longer be side-by-side displays.
- Growth charts will be available.
- A red “x” will now appear when erroneous information is entered into a field.

Drop-in sessions at LVH-CC and LVH-M are scheduled to allow you to see screen changes and changes to workflows. It will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to review the new changes. Please refer to the schedule for training dates, times, and locations.

Provider Drop-in Sessions for Centricity Enterprise 6.10.2 Upgrade:

	LVH-Cedar Crest	LVH-Muhlenberg I/S Training Room
May 2	11 a.m.–2 p.m. Kasych ECC 5	
May 3		11 a.m.–2 p.m.
May 4		8 a.m.–Noon
May 6	6–8 p.m. Kasych Computer Lab 1	
May 7	10 a.m.–2 p.m. Kasych Computer Lab 1	6–8 a.m. / 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
May 8	6–8 p.m. Kasych Computer Lab 1	6–8 a.m. / 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
May 9	10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Kasych ECC 10	6–8 a.m. / 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
May 10	6–8 a.m. / 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Kasych Computer Lab 2	
May 11	8 a.m.–Noon Kasych Computer Lab 1	
May 13	6–8 p.m. Kasych Computer Lab 1	11 a.m.–2 p.m. / 4–8 p.m.
May 14	4–8 p.m. Kasych ECC 9	6–8 p.m.
May 15	6–8 p.m. Kasych Computer Lab 1	6–8 a.m. / 11 a.m.–2 p.m. / 4–8 p.m.
May 16	9 a.m.–5 p.m. Kasych Computer Lab 2	6–8 a.m. / 11 a.m.–2 p.m. / 4–8 p.m.
May 17	6 a.m.–3 p.m. Kasych Computer Lab 1	6 a.m.–3 p.m.

The Clinical Portal – Now Available from the CE Vertical Toolbar

To facilitate access and use of the Clinical Portal (the web-based viewer that aggregates information from Centricity Enterprise, Centricity EMR, and Centricity Billing), you can now launch the Portal from the Vertical Toolbar in CE. That is the area on the left border with the links to the Resources Page, etc. This will occur with the CE upgrade, noted above. You can also launch the Clinical Portal by typing “Portal” in the command box at the bottom of the CE base screen.

If you having questions regarding either of these items, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Information Officer, at 610-402-2480 or via email.

PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

Improve Predicted Mortality Rates through Documentation

Case: 88 year old female admitted from home with an STEMI. She also has CKD stage 3 and refuses cath due to risk of dialysis. She enacts a living will and appropriate medical care is given. However, Saturday at 3 a.m. her MI extends suddenly. She passes away by 4 a.m. The house officer pronounces her death and lists AMI as the sole diagnosis. The chart is then processed by Health Information Management Coding.

Does this sound familiar? The above case is an example of how the mortality of a predictably moribund patient damages another physician's profile. These deaths often occur overnight or on weekends, have sparse documentation, and are not reviewed by our CDI team.

Is it reasonable to ask why a patient without a co-morbidity or major co-morbidity would expire? Yes, absolutely! Are these patients any less sick than others who passed away? Will this event translate into a publicly available profile indicating mortalities are higher than predicted? **Do physicians know how easy it is to ruin a profile?**

Everyone needs to realize it is unreasonable to believe any patient would die without a major co-morbidity (see examples below). In fact, they don't. They have respiratory failure and cardiac arrest. They have hypotension. Most go into a coma.

In particular, DRGs associated with a higher mortality, yet which are frequently under-documented by a physician in regard to severity of illness, include CHF, Pneumonias, UTIs and malignancies.

Solely documenting the cause of death in these cases is not enough under the MS-DRG system. In addition, we need to focus on documenting the dying process better.

When appropriate, in addition to the principal diagnosis, please consider documenting:

- 1) Cardiac arrest
- 2) Acute respiratory failure
- 3) Hypotensive shock
- 4) Coma

Simply adding 'acute respiratory failure' in addition to 'Acute MI' would significantly and appropriately change the MS-DRG and improve predicted mortality measures. This helps explain the mortality and can appropriately improve the physician's profile.

Take home point: It is important to document the co-morbidities involved in the dying process, not just the cause of death.

If you have any questions, please contact John Pettine, MD, FACP, CCDS, Director, Clinical Documentation Improvement Program, via email at john.pettine@lvhn.org.

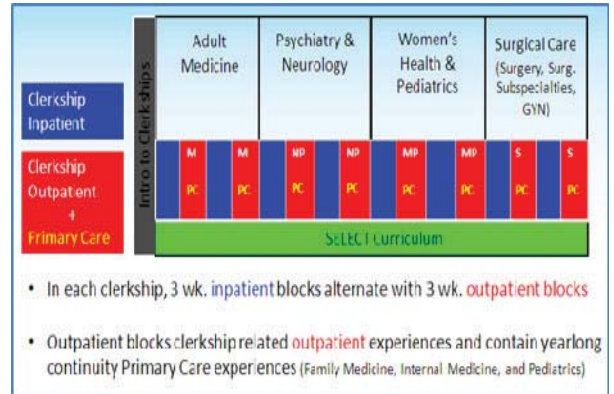
Reference: *Improve Predicted Mortality Rates through Documentation*, Jon Arnott, MD, CMQ, Jan 1, 2010 CDI Journal.



Our New Third Year Medical Student Curriculum

When our first cohort of 18 SELECT students arrives May 6, 2013, not only will their surroundings be new to them, they will participate in a unique, newly-designed third year curriculum. Using the latest research in academic medicine, and incorporating best practices from medical school curricula from throughout the country, USF faculty from Tampa and Allentown have worked collaboratively to create this new curriculum that focuses on student centered learning and strives to give students a more accurate representation of what our actual practice of medicine is like. This curriculum will introduce the outpatient experience of Primary and Specialty Care to our students more consistently than previous curricula.

As they begin their third year of medical school at USF-Lehigh Valley, students will complete a one week introduction to clerkship which covers all the basics of how we provide care at LVHN. They will then have four 12-week block rotations of **Adult Medicine**, **Psychiatry and Neurology**, **Women's Health and Pediatrics**, and **Surgical Care**. Each of these 12-week blocks are divided into three weeks of alternating inpatient and outpatient medical exposures. During the outpatient components, a yearlong **Primary Care** rotation is repeated. With these components, students will get repeated exposure to the same primary care attending and see the same individual patients over time. Students will still get exposure to inpatient care, and these exposures will be repeated over time to ensure better retention of the experience of inpatient care.



In addition to their clinical rotations, students will have a continued weekly course, which includes small group mentoring, on the SELECT values of emotional intelligence, team based care, and health systems.

When you see a SELECT student on our campus, please make sure to give them a LVHN welcome.

For more information about this article, please contact Edward R. Norris, MD, Department of Psychiatry Vice Chair, Education and Research, via email at edward.norris@lvhn.org.



LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

Procedures CONSULT: Family Medicine Module Available

Procedures CONSULT, an online, multi-media procedure reference tool, offers a Family Medicine module of 51 procedures which include both a quick review and full details from pre-procedure through post-procedure. This includes high-quality illustrations, videos and text for each procedure. In addition to a procedure checklist, there are also universal protocol outlines for each topic.

The procedures that make up the Family Medicine module are available in the following eight categories: Aspiration, Dermatology, Gastrointestinal, Gynecological, Injections, Musculoskeletal, Obstetrics and Urologic.

To access this resource through the Digital Library's Homepage from the LVHN intranet homepage, go to **FIND FAST**, select **Library Services** and under **Key Resources**, click on **Procedures CONSULT**.

If you have questions regarding this resource, please contact Susan Fink in Library Services at 610-402-8410.

PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



Lynsey S. Biondi, MD, Section of Transplantation Surgery, presented an abstract – “Renal Transplantation in Sensitized Patients: A Single Center’s Experience with IVIG Prophylaxis Against Antibody Mediated Rejection” – at the American Society of Transplant Surgeons Winter meeting held January 31 – February 3 in Miami Beach, Fla.



Dale A. Dangleben, MD, General Surgery Residency Associate Program Director/Education Director, authored and published a surgery review book. The book – *Absite Slayer* - is a rigorous high yield review that focuses on the American Board of Surgery In-Training Examination. It is designed to reduce pretest anxiety and provides a complete framework for surgery exam preparation. The text contains more than 300 multiple choice questions and over a 1,000 quick hit single answer questions. It also covers test taking tips and numerous full color surgical illustrations.



Cathy Coyne, PhD, Department of Medicine, **Robert J. Motley, MD**, Department of Family Medicine Vice Chair of Network Collaboration, and Maureen Sawyer, LSW, ACM, Case Management, were invited presenters at Kutztown University’s Department of Social Work Conference – “Healthcare Policy Across the Practice Continuum” – on March 15, 2013. Their presentation, “Interdisciplinary Care Teams: Enhancing Clinical Care and the Patient Experience,” featured the following LVHN initiatives: Patient-Centered Medical Home, Community Issues Management Tool, Community Exchange and the High Utilizers Group (HUG).



Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, Department of Emergency Medicine Director of Research, co-authored the article – “Focusing a Gender Lens on Emergency Medicine Research: 2012 Update” – which was published in *Academic Emergency Medicine*, Volume 20, Number 3, March, 2013.



Laurence P. Karper, MD, Department of Psychiatry Vice Chair (LVH-M), was an invited participant in a panel discussion on post-traumatic stress disorder and its treatment for veterans and other survivors of trauma. The seminar, which was hosted by State Representative Justin Simmons, was held on April 4, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3405 in Coopersburg.



Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, former member of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery with Honorary Status, was an invited guest speaker at the International Symposium of Coloproctology in Sao Paulo, Brazil, from April 11-13. He spoke on “Thinking Outside the Box” in the plenary session and later spoke on pre-squamous cell carcinoma of the anal canal. Dr. Khubchandani is an Honorary Member of the Brazilian Society of Coloproctology.



Thomas D. Meade, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was an invited speaker at the Western Regional Masters Knee Course held March 1-2, in Vail, Colo. Dr. Meade spoke on “Current Solutions for Unicompartement Osteoarthritis, including Subchondroplasty, Unicompartement Arthroplasty, and High Tibial Osteotomy.” He also mentored a hands-on cadaver lab.



Michael J. Moritz, MD, Chief, Section of Transplantation Surgery, was one of the co-authors of the article – “Pregnancy After Cardiac Transplantation” – which was published in *Cardiology Clinics*, Volume 30, Issue 3, August, 2012.



Alexander M. Rosenau, DO, Department of Emergency Medicine Senior Vice Chair, was the author of “Guidelines for Opioid Prescription: The Devil is in the Details,” which was published in the April 9, 2013 issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine*.



Eugene P. York, MD, Internal Medicine Clerkship Director, authored “The Trilogy of Medicine: Medicine Past Present and Future.” This work was published with Amazon Press and is a 542-page integration of medical history (the past), topics from clinical medicine (the present), and tools for medical education, learning and personal stewardship (the future).

THE RETAIL PHARMACY VIEW

Are Healthcare Workers Healthier Than Their Patients?

According to an *Archives of Internal Medicine* poll, healthcare workers were more likely to have a physician and have had a check-up during the past two years. Healthcare workers exercise more and drink less alcohol. However, healthcare workers are equally as irresponsible in getting pap smears, colon cancer screenings and dental check-ups. They were just as likely to be overweight or obese, smoke, not wear seatbelts and get sunburned. Female healthcare workers over 50 are less likely to have had a mammogram screening in the past two years.

Z-Pak: Azithromycin – Drug Safety Communication

Risk of Potentially Fatal Heart Rhythms

The FDA is warning the public that Azithromycin can cause abnormal changes in the electrical activity of the heart that can potentially lead to fatal irregular heart rhythm. Patients at risk for developing this condition include those with known factors such as existing QT interval prolongation, low potassium or magnesium blood levels or slower than normal heart rate. In comparing other antibiotics, Levofloxacin also showed this tendency. While the Z-Pak has become a standard in the industry, caution should be used if the patient is at risk for a cardiac event.

Pediatric Group Recommends More e-Prescribing to Lower Error Rates

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the broader adoption of e-Prescribing by pediatric health care providers. There is limited but positive data supporting the role of e-Prescribing in mitigating errors, improving communications with the dispensing pharmacist and improving medication adherence.

Internet Use by Patients for Healthcare Information

In 2012, the most popular health topic searched by Americans on Google was related to hemorrhoids. Of the 80% of internet users in the U.S. who have searched for at least one of 17 health topics, only 25% of them took the time to verify the source and date of the data. According to the National Boards of Pharmacy, of the over 10,000 online pharmacies, 97% violated state or federal laws and are illegal in the U.S. Please caution your patients, friends and family that just because information is on the internet, it doesn't mean that the statement is true, the medication is safe or that what you buy is what you get.

New Drugs:

- Delzicol 400mg: *Mesalamine delayed release*
 - For mild to moderate ulcerative colitis; replaces Asacol 400mg
- Karbinal ER 4mg/5ml: *Carbinosamine* – Children's allergy suspension BID dosing (available soon)
- Zecuity: *Sumatriptan* – Battery powered transdermal arm patch for migraine relief (8' x 4" long) (available soon)



New Generics:

- Retin-A Micro 0.1% and 0.4%: *Tretinoin* – previously only the Retin-A regular was available
- Zovirax Ointment: *Acyclovir*

Interesting note on generics – According to CNN Money, the bio-equivalence (the amount of drug in the bloodstream) of a generic can range from 20% below to 25% above that of a brand name product. Although a generic drug must contain the same active ingredient as the brand name product, the excipients (additional ingredients) can differ. Those differences can change the bio-availability of the drug or the amount that can be absorbed into the bloodstream.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding any of these topics, contact Jay Needle, RPh, Manager, Health Spectrum Pharmacy – LVH-Muhlenberg, via email at jay.needle@lvhn.org or by phone at 484-884-7004.

CONGRATULATIONS



In October, 2012, **Glenn A. Mackin, MD**, Division of Neurology, became a founding member and was appointed one of 20 Ambassadors of the American Brain Foundation (ABF). For many years, the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) has had a philanthropic foundation internally – the Education and Research Foundation (ERF) – directed mainly at fundraising from the membership. In October, the ERF was transformed into the American Brain Foundation, which will be completely separate from the AAN, with the objective of becoming the most widely known philanthropic foundation to raise funds for neurological diseases of all types including brain, spinal cord, nerves and muscles. Although neurological diseases are among the leading disabling and costly medical disorders, particularly as the population ages, there was no national foundation whose name was a “household word” for members of the public inclined to contribute to find actual cures and effective treatments for neurological disorders. As an Ambassador of the ABF, Dr. Mackin will be charged with promoting awareness of and contributions to this new philanthropic foundation which aims to be the pre-eminent foundation funding the most promising neuroscience research by young investigators. Dr. Mackin has been a member of the Medical Staff since March, 1999. He is in practice with Lehigh Neurology.



Ryan J. McGuire, DMD, Division of Pediatric Dentistry, was recently certified by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. McGuire has been a member of the Medical Staff since January, 2012. He is in practice with his father, Eugene J. McGuire, DDS.



Raymond L. Singer, MD, MMM, Department of Surgery Vice Chair of Quality and Patient Safety, Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Associate Medical Director of the Heart and Vascular Center, received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association “Eternal Flame Award” at the Lehigh Valley Ignite Event, held at the Blue Event Center in Bethlehem on April 6, 2013. Honorary Chair, Melanie Falcon, WFMZ Channel 69 News Anchor, presented Dr. Singer with the award. Ms. Falcon had undergone successful heart valve surgery at LVHN by Dr. Singer earlier this year. Dr. Singer has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1992. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart and Lung Surgeons.

LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK

21ST ANNUAL
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Monday, May 20, 2013

SAUCON VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Golf format: Scramble/Shotgun Start

Tennis format: Mixed Doubles/Round Robin Start

Proceeds will benefit Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg

For sponsorships and player reservations, contact Amy Burrows, Director, Special Events, at 484-884-9223 or amy.burrows@lvhn.org OR Sandi Marsh, Sr. Director, Special Events at 484-884-9119 or sandra.marsh@lvhn.org.

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LVHN HONORS MEDICAL STAFF FOR CAREER MILESTONES



Over 80 doctors and dentists on the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) were honored for their years of service, commitment and dedication at the eighth triennial Physician Recognition Dinner held at Bear Creek Mountain Resort in Macungie on April 13.

With almost 275 physicians, podiatrists, dentists, board members, hospital administrators and guests in attendance, Robert J. Motley, MD, Medical Staff President, welcomed everyone to the event and offered praise and congratulations to his colleagues.

Receiving recognition were those doctors who actively served 50 and 25 years on the Medical Staff. Matthew M. McCambridge, MD, was honored for his successful term as the 19th president of the LVHN Medical Staff. Honorees included:



Medical Staff President

Matthew M. McCambridge, MD
Medical Staff President, 2009-2010

50 Years of Service



Walter J. Dex, MD
Division of Diagnostic Radiology
Honorary Status

James C. Rex, MD
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Honorary Status

Joseph T. Termini, MD
Department of Family Medicine
Honorary Status

Also recognized for 50 Years of Service, but unable to attend were:

Dale T. Bowen, MD
Department of Family Medicine
Honorary Status

Bruce A. Frankenfield, MD
Division of General Internal Medicine
Honorary Status

Donald B. Kopenhaver, MD
Division of Primary Care OBGYN
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Department of Family Medicine
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Honorary Status

25 Years of Service

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VSAS Orthopaedics

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Division of General Dentistry
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In addition, five special awards were presented at the event. These awards were presented to the individuals who best met the criteria for each award. The recipients of the awards include:

Medical Staff Community Service Award

Presented to the member of the Medical Staff who best embodies the importance of participation in community activities in terms of service, involvement in community groups, philanthropic interests or other community activities over a period of years.



Mark S. Trachtman, MD
Division of Ophthalmology
Lehigh Valley Eye Center, PC

Medical Staff Team Builder Award

Presented to the member of the Medical Staff who best embodies the ability to build a team of physicians, allied health professionals, or other health care workers and to nurture the cohesive actions of the team over a period of years.



Jennifer L. Stephens, DO
Division of General Internal Medicine
LVPG-Internal Medicine

Medical Staff Physician Research Award



Presented to the member of the Medical Staff who has shown excellence in the pursuit of academic activities in clinical research, primarily in terms of peer reviewed publications.

Dennis B. Cornfield, MD
*Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine/
Molecular Pathology*
Health Network Laboratories

Friend of the Medical Staff

Presented to the allied health professional, management professional, or other health care worker who over a period of years has shown exceptional ability in assisting physicians in improving the care of patients at Lehigh Valley Health Network.



Accepting the award on behalf of the Physician Recruiting Department included (left to right): Carol Trunzo, Pam Adams, Tammy Jamison, Stephanie Figueroa and Samantha White.

Physician Recruiting Department

Doctors' Doctor Award



Presented to the active member of the Medical Staff, selected by his or her peers, who embodies all of the attributes of a superior doctor.

Joseph A. Candio, MD
Division of General Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine of the Lehigh Valley

The Physician Recognition Dinner, which is held every three years, serves as a celebration to honor the more than 1,200 members of the LVHN Medical Staff.

ETHICS CORNER

“There is no such thing as a free lunch” – Conflicts of Interest

Yes, we have heard that expression over the years. According to Wikipedia, this phrase dates back to the 1930s and 1940s, but the “free lunch” dates back to the 19th Century when American bars offered a "free lunch" in order to entice drinking customers. However, this coming year, it will have particular relevance for medical practitioners.

The Physician Payments Sunshine Act (PPSA), signed into law on March 23, 2010 in Section 6002 of the Affordable Care Act, will go into effect. In August, 2013, pharmaceutical and medical device companies whose products are covered under Medicare, Medicaid or the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) will begin tracking interactions with physicians. This data will then be reported to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) who will post this data each year to a public database which is due to go live in September, 2014. This reporting excludes CME activities as long as the CME activity is compliant with ACCME requirements, which includes stipulations that speakers/faculty are not chosen or provided by the pharmaceutical or medical device company, and that the speakers/faculty are not paid directly by the pharmaceutical or medical device company. Payments that count include cash or in-kind benefits such as compensation, food, entertainment or gifts, physician ownership or investment interest (see references below for complete lists/information/exemptions). Ownership or investment interests of immediate family members will also be reported under your name. This includes grandparents and some of your in-laws. Any payments (including food) \$10 and above, or an aggregate annual total per covered recipient of \$100 and over must be disclosed. The public will be able to see the physician’s name, address, value, date, form and nature of the payment as well as product involved if related to marketing, education or research related to such. There will be an opportunity to review reports for 45 days before they become public. If there is a dispute, 15 more days will be allotted. During these periods, you may contact the company to discuss and resolve disputes. You can dispute a reported event for up to two years following the publication of the event. If the dispute is unresolved, it will be noted as such in the database. The information will stand until the next reporting date.

In addition to the PPSA, this year we will have the privilege of having our USF students on our campus. The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) regularly reviews the conflict of interest policies of academic medical centers and assigns a grade which is publicly reported. A few of the grades for some of our neighboring universities include: University of Pennsylvania – “A”, Penn State – “A”, TCMC – “A”, Erie – “F”. In 2013, USF rated a “B”. There is a portion of the site to allow medical students to report what they see at a particular institution as well.



Therefore, it is important for us to be aware of our own potential conflicts of interest and deal with them appropriately. Now more than ever, eyes will be on us to continue to set the example for those we serve and those we train.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other Ethics topic, please contact Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair, Ethics Committee, at robert.barraco@lvhn.org.

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- <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/National-Physician-Payment-Transparency-Program/index.html>
- www.aamc.org
- www.amsa.org

ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS UPDATE



Meet the APC Staff

A member of the LVHN Allied Health Professional Staff since September, 2007, **Nicholas M. Rini, PA-C**, is this month's featured Advanced Practice Clinician.

Around 6:30 a.m., rounding in the open heart ICU begins a typical day for Nicholas Rini, physician assistant with Lehigh Valley Heart and Lung Surgeons. Over the past four years, he has enjoyed the intense work as a cardiothoracic surgery physician assistant. He finds the variety of patients and the blend of responsibilities in critical care, general medicine, and surgery fascinating. After his rounding responsibilities, he spends the majority of the day as a first assist in surgeries. He serves as the first assistant in coronary artery bypass surgery where he performs the conduit harvesting for bypass including endoscopic and open conduit harvest. Like the other physician assistants in his practice, he first assists in the full spectrum of cardiac and thoracic surgical cases and performs invasive line and chest tube placement as necessary.

Nick has been with Lehigh Valley Health Network since graduating from the Physician Assistant program at St. John's University in 2007. Prior to his role in cardiothoracic surgery, he was a physician assistant with Neurosurgical Associates of LVPG. As an undergraduate, he went to East Stroudsburg

University where he completed a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise physiology. In addition to his clinical role, he serves on the APC Executive Council as the Department of Surgery representative.

When Nick is not at the hospital, he is busy at home with his two little girls who love to play dress up and have tea parties. His wife, Angela, is very supportive while he is taking classes to complete his MBA at DeSales University. After studying, he likes to fit in some exercise outside or a pick-up basketball game.

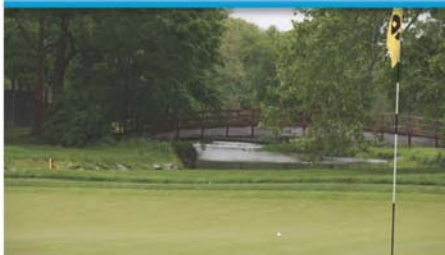
Attention APCs

Please check your email regarding information about the upcoming APC Awards. Deadline for submission of nominations is May 31.

If you did not receive information via email, please contact Gloribel Nieves in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8984 or via email at gloribel.nieves@lvhn.org.

LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK

Save the Dates for 2013 Special Events



21st Annual Golf and Tennis Classic
Monday, May 20, 2013
Saucon Valley Country Club



52nd Annual Summer Festival
Wednesday, August 14 through
Saturday, August 17, 2013
Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg



18th Annual Nite Lites Gala
Saturday, October 5, 2013
Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg

For more information regarding these events, contact Amy Burrows, Director, Special Events, at 484-884-9223 or via email at amy.burrows@lvhn.org OR Sandi Marsh, Senior Director, Special Events, at 484-884-9119 or via email at sandra.marsh@lvhn.org.

UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Cardiology Grand Rounds

“**Surgical Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation**” will be presented at Cardiology Grand Rounds on **Friday, May 3**, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and ECC Room D at LVH-Muhlenberg. The guest speaker will be James R. Edgerton, MD, Co-Director, Atrial Fibrillation Center of Excellence, The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano, Dallas, Texas.

“**Stress Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging**” will be presented on **Friday, May 24**, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg. The guest speaker will be Christopher M. Kramer, MD, Director, Cardiovascular Imaging Center, University of Virginia Health System.

For more information, contact Caroline Maurer in the Heart and Vascular Center at 610-402-8215.

Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays, from Noon to 1 p.m., at the noted locations. Topics to be presented in May include:

- **May 2 – “Neuroradiology Jeopardy”** – Joshua Bemporad, MD – Lehigh Neurology’s Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor and videoconferenced to Bathgate Office and Kasych ECC Room 9
- **May 9 – “Post Concussive Syndrome”** – Mireille Meyerhoefer, MD, PhD - Lehigh Neurology’s Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor and videoconferenced to Bathgate Office and Kasych ECC Room 9
- **May 23 – “Update in the Treatment of Acute Ischemic Stroke”** – Brett Meyer, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Neuroscience, University of California, San Diego – Kasych ECC Room 8 and videoconferenced to Bathgate Office and Kasych ECC Room 9
- **May 30 – “Neuroarrosidosis and Inflammatory Diseases”** – Machteld Hillen, MD, Director, Adult Neurology Clinic and Neurology Residency Program Director, New Jersey Medical School – LVH-Cedar Crest Auditorium and videoconferenced to Bathgate Office

For more information, contact Angeline Regis, Coordinator, Neurosciences, at 610-402-9008.

Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on **Tuesday, May 7**, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 10 at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg. “**An Update on Fibromyalgia**” will be presented by Arnold Goldberg, MD.

For more information, contact Tammy Winterhalt in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4950 or via email at tammy.winterhalt@lvhn.org.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds on Tuesdays at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest, unless otherwise noted. The topics for May include:

- **May 7 – Adolescent Medicine Presentation** – Michele Vella, MS, MA, MEd, Behavioral Health Specialist
- **May 14 – SELECT** – Vinita Kiluk, MD, USF Health
- **May 21 – Pediatric Surgery Presentation** – William Hardin, MD – Location: Kasych ECC Room 7
- **May 28 – Gastroenterology Presentation** – Puneet Gupta, MD

For more information, contact Cari Coelho in the Department of Pediatrics at 610-969-2540.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on **Thursday, May 16**, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg. The presentation will also be teleconferenced to Kasych ECC Room 3 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

“**An Update on Pediatric Anxiety Disorders**” will be presented by John-Paul Gomez, MD, LVHN child and adolescent psychiatrist.

For more information, contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at 610-402-5766 or via email at tammy.schweizer@lvhn.org.

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Spine Conference

Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 a.m. Clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Interesting Case Conference will be held on **Wednesday, May 1**, in Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

For more information, please 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., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics for May include:

- **May 7 – “HCAHPS – Physician Role-Patient Satisfaction or Quality”** – Anthony Ardire, MD, Senior Vice President, Quality and Patient Safety
- **May 21 – “All you can eat: A Bariatric Smorgasbord”** - Richard C. Boorse, MD, Chief, Division of General Surgery

For more information, contact Wendy Hess in the Department of Surgery at 610-402-8680.

Emergency Medicine Institute – Life Support Classes

Upcoming life support classes sponsored by the Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI) are listed below:

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

ACLS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to Noon, at the Emergency Medicine Institute located at 2166 S. 12th Street, Allentown, on the following dates:

- June 13, September 6, 9, 10, 20

In addition, two-day provider courses will be held June 4 and 5, and September 23 and 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

PALS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute on the following dates:

- May 28, June 11, 17, 18, August 7, 22

In addition, two-day provider courses will be held June 6 and 7, and September 4 and 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

Registration information and a list of additional classes are available on the EMI website. To access the website from the LVHN Intranet homepage, select “Departments” – “Non-Clinical” – “EMI.”

For more information regarding these classes, contact Christine Ash at the Emergency Medicine Institute at 610-969-0299.

What’s New in Continuing Medical Education?

FYI – Upcoming Events

- **2013 Symposium for Perioperative Clinical Providers**
May 4 – 8 a.m. to Noon
Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 – LVH-Cedar Crest
- **Medallion Lecture 2013: Madness and Wasted**
May 8
2 p.m. – Live Event – ECC Rooms B, C and D – LVH-Muhlenberg
Videoconferenced to Auditoriums at LVH-Cedar Crest and LVH-17th Street and Conference Room 1 at 2100 Mack Blvd.
- **Stroke Symposium 2013: The Dawn of a New Era in Stroke Care**
May 9 and 10 – 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
LVH-Cedar Crest
- **The Jahna Haldeman-Foland Memorial Series – “Grieving Styles”**
May 30 – 6 to 8 p.m.
Mack Building Auditorium
- **Issues in OB/GYN, Inaugural Conference: Obstetric Bleeding-Anticipation, Prevention, Diagnosis and Management**
June 1 – 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LVH-Cedar Crest

To register for any of the listed events, please call 610-402-CARE (2273). For more information regarding these programs, view brochures for the events on the Division of Education’s website on the Network Events Calendar.

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.

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.

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Vice Chair

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Status Changes

Brooks Betts II, DO

Department of Family Medicine
(Muhlenberg Primary Care)
From: Active To: Honorary Status

Michelle L. Gardecki, MD

Department of Medicine
Division of Neurology
(Lehigh Neurology)
From: Provisional Limited Duty To: Provisional Active

In Memoriam

Mark N. Martz, MD

Department of Surgery
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Section of Thoracic Surgery
Honorary Status
December 24, 1944 – February 27, 2013

Allied Health Staff

New Appointment



Stacia-Lee Gillen

Pacemaker/ICD Technician
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6024 Jean Road, Suite B4
Lake Oswego, OR 97035-5333
Phone: 800-547-0394 Fax: 503-635-9936
Supervising Physician: Vadim A. Levin, MD

Change of Supervising Physician

Laura L. Bielecki, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(Lehigh Area Medical Associates)
From: Edward J. Rosenfeld, MD To: Ioana Nistor, MD

Amy P. Blitz, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG-Psychiatry)
From: Ralph A. Primelo, MD To: Laurence P. Karper, MD

Donna M. Grather, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
From: Neurosurgical Associates of LVPG – P. Mark Li,
MD, PhD To: LVPG-Pediatrics – Kamini B. Kalola, DO

Jillian F. Leonard, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
From: LVPG-Emergency Medicine – Charles C. WorriLOW, MD
To: Lehigh Valley Infectious Diseases Specialists – Jaan P. Naktin, MD

Kristin D. Newhard, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(Lehigh Area Medical Associates)
From: Edward J. Rosenfeld, MD To: Ioana Nistor, MD

Eileen K. Souder, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(Lehigh Area Medical Associates)
From: Edward J. Rosenfeld, MD To: Jeffrey A. Debuque, DO

Removal of Supervising Physician

Christy M. Niemkiewicz, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(Muhlenberg Primary Care – Clinton C. Holumzer, MD)
Removal of: Gnanaprakash Gopal, MD

Change of Practitioner Category

Frederick F. Bohn

From: Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring Specialist
To: Clinical Neurophysiologist
(SpecialtyCare, Inc./Surgical Monitoring Associates, Inc. –
Stafano Camici, MD, and James C. Weis, MD)

Resignations

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Physician Assistant-Certified
(Allentown Associates LLC)

Lisa B. Ellis, PsyD

Psychologist
(The Guidance Program)

Roberta J. Hoffert, RN

Registered Nurse
(ABC Family Pediatricians)

Neil B. Laudenslager, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(OAA Orthopaedic Specialists)

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*From the black top menu bar, select
“For Health Professionals” then select “Services for
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