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## Safety Tip: Stop Tailgaters Before They Gain Access

BY SHEILA CABALLERO · JANUARY 11, 2018

Chances are you take the time to hold the door for the person behind you. That's just good manners and a way of showing respect for others. Yet in some situations, allowing a stranger to enter behind you puts others at risk. It's called tailgating. And it's a problem that's happening on hospital campuses and in other health care settings across the country. As a result, health care workers have been injured.

Tailgating occurs when an unauthorized person gains access to a restricted area by trailing behind a colleague. It can happen on any locked unit, at physician and administrative buildings, or any area where colleagues must swipe to enter. Often, the unauthorized person enters behind you without your knowledge or when you're distracted. It can also happen when you hold the door for a stranger, giving them access to a secure building or area.



### Safety is everybody's business

When we stop tailgating before it occurs, we make LVHN safer for everyone. Below are four new behaviors you can adopt to keep our campuses safe for everyone.

1. **Don't allow tailgating.** Don't let anyone in the door who doesn't have access. That includes colleagues, visitors and patients.
2. **Wait for automatic doors to close.** The Joint Commission and other governing bodies require doors to stay open for a set period of time to meet regulatory standards. Stop and wait for doors to close before moving on to your destination.
3. **Direct individuals to the visitor desk.** Inform visitors that a pass or escort is required for entry. Help guide visitors who may need assistance.
4. **When in doubt call security.** If an individual is acting suspiciously, or you feel uncomfortable about their behavior, call security.

At LVHN, colleague safety is our top priority. We want you to feel comfortable coming to work so you can

continue to provide excellent care to our community. When we're aware of our surroundings and stop problems before they occur, we make LVHN safer for everyone.

## LVHN Brings Health Care Providers to Community

BY JANE DANISH · JANUARY 9, 2018

LVHN is excited to announce the expansion of health care providers in the Greater Hazleton community with the addition of four physicians and a nurse practitioner. All providers are part of the LVHN medical staff and are directly associated with LVH–Hazleton.



**Daniel Benyo, MD**, of Drums is a member of LVPG Geriatric and Internal Medicine-Drums. He currently sees patients at the LVPG–Alliance Drive location in Hazle Township and plans to move soon to the Lantern Lane office complex in Conyngham.

Benyo received his medical education at The Commonwealth Medical College and completed a residency in internal medicine at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey. He is a member of the American Geriatrics Society and the Luzerne County Medical Society.



**Patrick Fiero, MD**, of Berwick is providing obstetrics and gynecology care at LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Alliance Drive, Hazle Township. He previously was on staff at Berwick Hospital Center, Waynesboro Hospital and Holy Redeemer Medical Center, Meadow Brook.

Fiero received his medical degree from the New York Medical College at the State University of New York and completed a residency in OB/GYN at St. Vincent's Medical Center, Staten Island, NY. He is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics/Gynecology.



**Joshua Nochumson, MD**, has joined the practice of LVPG Surgery–Health & Wellness Center, Hazle Township, to provide general and colon rectal surgery. He comes from Chilton Memorial Hospital, Pompton Plains, NJ, where he maintained a practice that included a high volume of laparoscopic (small incisions) and robotic procedures, colonoscopies and treated anorectal disease.

Nochumson completed a colorectal fellowship and general surgery residency at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas. He earned his medical degree from the University of Texas—Southwestern Medical Center,

Dallas. He is certified by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery and the American Board of Surgery.



**Richard Tomczyk Jr., DO**, obstetrician and gynecologist, has joined LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology—Alliance Drive, Hazle Township. He previously treated patients at Berwick Hospital Center, Sunbury Community Hospital and Mid-Michigan Medical Center, Clare, MI, and at other hospitals.

Tomczyk completed a combined internship and residency in OB/GYN at Michigan Osteopathic Medical Center, Detroit. He earned his doctor of osteopathy degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, MO. He is a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics/Gynecology and the American College of Surgeons.



**Sandra Portelli, MSN**, of Catawissa is a certified nurse practitioner at LVPG Physiatry— Health & Wellness Center, Hazle Township. She earned her nurse practitioner degree at Walden University, her bachelor's in nursing at Ohio University and her registered nurse degree at Penn College of Technology.

Portelli is a nursing instructor at Pennsylvania College of Technology and previously has worked as a registered nurse at Geisinger Medical Center.



**Cortney Repanshek, CRNP**, has joined LVPG Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology—14<sup>th</sup> Street, Hazleton. She earned her nurse practitioner degree at Wilkes University and her bachelor's in nursing at Misericordia University. She is a member of the American Nurses Association.

These health care providers are accepting new patients. Appointments can be made by calling 570-501-4LVH. For more information, visit [LVHN.org/findadoctor](https://www.lvhn.org/findadoctor).



## Service Anniversary List – December 2017 and January 2018

BY [JANE DANISH](#) · JANUARY 8, 2018

Happy anniversary to these colleagues who celebrated a career milestone at LVHN at Hazleton in December and who are celebrating a milestone in January.

### **35 years**

Barbara Gregory, RN, endoscopy

### **30 years**

Joanne Cortese, cardiology

Paula Leshko, RN, ICU

Bruce Moro, distribution center

Eileen Zarowsky, RN, ICU

### **25 years**

Sharon Anilosky, RN, 4<sup>th</sup> floor medical/surgical

Marianne Quinn, RN, endoscopy

### **20 years**

June Balliet, central scheduling

Jill Charnigo, RN, home health

### **10 years**

Karen Prokopovich, medical records

Evelyn Sanders, food service

Phil Stortz, respiratory therapy

Sara Wydock, cardiology



## **5 years**

Johnnene Beckley, home health

Heather Elo, RN, emergency services

Stephanie Fowler, Health & Wellness Center occupational therapy

Duane Kline, environmental services

Patricia Lipinski, home health

Robert Massar, environmental services

Joyce Meier, home health

Daisy Pruitt, LVPG ExpressCARE