

Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



New Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology Appointed

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Thomas A. Hutchinson, MD, who has served as Interim Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology since June, 2007, was recently appointed Chair of the Department.

Dr. Hutchinson has done a marvelous job as Interim Chair, addressing contentious issues and building a spirit of "Team" within the Department. His many former roles within Obstetrics and Gynecology, including his commitment to quality and patient safety and his engagement in LVPG, make him "the right person at the right time."

Born in Bethlehem, Pa., Dr. Hutchinson graduated from Lehigh University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his Medical Degree from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. He completed a four-year Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and he is certified and recertified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In addition to his recent appointment, Dr. Hutchinson currently serves as the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's Vice Chair of Performance Improvement, Interim Residency Program Director, and Chief, Division of Obstetrics. He also is a member of the Board of Governors of Lehigh Valley Physician Group.

Dr. Hutchinson joined the hospital's Medical Staff in July, 1982. He is in practice with College Heights OBGYN Associates, PC. Dr. Hutchinson and his wife, Christine, reside in Macungie, and have three children – Andrew, Sean and Allyson.





From the President

It was 1965 when Mick Jagger first complained, "I can't get no satisfaction."

Four decades later, satisfaction is still on our minds. But these days, it's more likely to be *patient* satisfaction, and in particular, how satisfied our patients are with us -- their physicians.

Satisfying patients is as much art as it is skill; as much TLC as it is technical savvy and training. Satisfying patients has been a topic of discussion in ***Medical Staff Progress Notes*** for some time.

David Caccese, an internist who was president from 1999 to 2000, reminded us in his columns that a great way to make sure patients are satisfied is to spend time with them. Sit down. Touch them. Listen to what they have to say, and answer their questions.

Don Levick, our immediate past president, was a big advocate of effective communications – a key to patient satisfaction. He noted in one of his columns that the average doctor gives a patient less than 17 seconds to say what's on her mind before interrupting with questions.

We're all busy, of course. It's hard to spend a lot of time with one patient when you have a list of other patients as long as your arm, your beeper is buzzing off your belt, and your office is calling because you're late for your overbooked afternoon.

So why worry about patient satisfaction? Isn't it enough to enter your orders in CAPOE correctly and get your medical records done on time? Actually, there are a number of good reasons to make patient satisfaction a priority.

It's fairly well documented that a patient who is satisfied with his physician – and who feels his physician is listening to him, showing him respect, and understanding his problem – is less likely to file a lawsuit later. It's also generally accepted that the physician who is generous with his time and has good listening skills has a better understanding of the issue and the patient, and is better equipped to take care of the problem.

Another reason to focus on satisfying patients is pay-for-performance. This concept, long a staple of the corporate world, is moving into Medicine. Already some payors are beginning to tie hospital reimbursement levels to quality, and quality includes patient satisfaction. In the not-too-distant future, we may see this incentive extended to physician payments. Choice Plus, the Network's insurance plan for its employees, gives year-end incentive payments to physicians based in part on patient satisfaction measures.

This is an issue where our interests as members of the Medical Staff are completely aligned with the interests of the hospital. Everyone will reap the rewards of working to ensure that patients are satisfied with the care they receive from us, their physicians. And the rewards are not just financial. Because the things we do to improve patient satisfaction – spending enough time, listening well, showing respect – are also things that improve the quality of patient care.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Lapos". The script is fluid and cursive.

Linda L. Lapos, MD
Medical Staff President



Alert!! For All Practitioners with Moderate Sedation Privileges

All members of the Medical Staff who have Moderate Sedation privileges at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg will be required to successfully complete the on-line Medical Staff approved **sedation information program and on-line examination**. This requirement was initially established with the inception of moderate sedation criteria in 2003 and is **mandatory for continuation and maintenance of moderate sedation privileges**. The completion of this program is a requirement for the 2008 Reappointment to the Medical Staff.

The sedation information program and on-line examination currently resides on the LVHHN intranet under de'Medici and will be available for use on January 3, 2008. This program resides at <http://www.lvh.com>. On the right side of the homepage under "Hot Sites," click on de'Medici Online Training. Enter your user number and proceed with completing the program. Medical Staff Services will be

notified of your successful completion of the program. Practitioners with Pediatric Moderate Sedation privileges can locate their Pediatric information program and on-line examination by entering the following web address – <http://lvhwebapp2/webpublic/doe/pediatric%20moderate%20sedation/player.html>. When you have completed the exam, please print the test results and the certificate and fax them to Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8926. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Kathy Schaeffer (610-402-7846) or Ruth Davis (610-402-8975) in Medical Staff Services.

In addition, current life support certification (NRP, NALS, ARLS/BLS, ACLS, PALS, APLS or ATLS as appropriate for patient practice population) is a requirement. If your certification is in jeopardy of expiring before June 30, 2008, please make appropriate arrangements for renewal. For current life support course offerings, please call the Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI) at 610-969-0280.

News from CAPOE Central

Diet Order Modification - YES!

Physicians can now pre-authorize the Dietitian to initiate routine nutrition care by selecting "RD Diet Order Modification - YES" along with the diet order in LastWord. This should help reduce the number of calls and pages you receive for clarification/adjustment of oral diet orders. Let your dietitian work for you to fine tune the oral diet as outlined in the Nutrition Assessment note in the chart. The benefit to patients is improved satisfaction through more timely nutrition intervention by the Registered Dietitian, resulting in improved patient outcomes.

The order, "RD Diet Order Modification - YES" will be added to the pre and post order sets, and also will be located in the main list under the Nutrition button in LastWord. If you feel that the diet should not be modified by the Dietitians, you can select the "RD Diet Order Modification - NO" order, located in the same places.

The Clinical Nutrition Department strives to support our physicians, patients and community through innovative, evidence-based practice. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact Kimberly Procaccino, RD, LDN, MBA, Nutrition Director, at 610-402-8609.

Unwrapping the New Building: Kasych is Here!

It's hard to believe, but 2008 is upon us. The next chapter has opened in the LVHN book: the Kasych Pavilion. The CC Readiness Leadership team, along with the ROC and ROC DOC groups, has spent 2007 planning for this monumental event, with things going smoothly during this process!

Moves into the Kasych Pavilion began on Wednesday, January 2, with the opening of 15 beds on 6Kasych. On Thursday, January 3, 6Kasych opened completely, opening 15 more beds for a total of 30. The timeline of moves into the Kasych Pavilion for January is as follows:



Date of Move	Who's Moving/What's Opening?
Wednesday, January 2	Open 15 beds on 6Kasych
Thursday, January 3	Open 15 more beds on 6Kasych
Friday, January 4	Morgue
Monday, January 7	Move 16 MICU/SICU beds and 12 ICU West beds to 2Kasych
Tuesday, January 8	Open 4 MICU/SICU beds and move 20 TOHU beds to 3Kasych
Wednesday, January 9	Open 10 TOHU beds
Monday, January 14	Move 12 OHU beds to 2Kasych; move 7B to 5Kasych; open 2 TNICU beds in Jaindl
Tuesday, January 15	Move 4C to 4Kasych
Wednesday, January 16	Move Learning Resource Room
Thursday, January 17, and Friday, January 18	Move Library, move ECC 1 and 2 to Kasych ECC 9 and 10
Monday, January 21	Move 12 NSICU beds to Jaindl, open 2 NSICU beds
Wednesday, January 23	Move 9 Burn beds, open new burn beds as needed

Signs have been posted and caregivers alerted for several days prior to each unit move.

To welcome the new building, Public Affairs staff has planned an exciting list of opening events which include:

- ... Thursday, January 3: Open House for All Physicians and Employees, 2 – 7 p.m.
- ... Friday, January 4: Official Dedication Event, 4 – 7 p.m.
- ... Saturday, January 5: Community Open House, 1 – 4 p.m.

A “look back” meeting of ROC DOCs and hospital leaders from the ROC council is also being planned early in 2008 after Kasych is up and running to solicit feedback around the entire transition process.

Please watch your e-mail for important information regarding the Kasych opening, unit moves, Cedar Crest site “Next Phase” changes/plans and other related information of interest to physicians.

Remember, if you have any questions about the CC Readiness Expansion project, the ROC Hotline is ALWAYS available by calling 610-402-7700 and leaving a message with your question.

Emergency Department Expands to Provide Faster Care, Better Access

To better meet the needs of the Lehigh Valley community, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network's (LVHHN)—Cedar Crest & I-78 campus recently completed the first phase of a two-part expansion of the Emergency Department (ED).

The ED expansion project, which coincides with the soon-to-open seven-story Kasych Family Pavilion patient tower, includes new patient rooms, a bigger waiting room and more patient parking.

"The Emergency Department has two main functions, to treat patients with illness or injury and help determine if a patient would need ongoing care by being admitted to the hospital," LVHHN's Associate Vice-Chair of Emergency Medicine, David Richardson, MD, said. "The Emergency Department is the entry point for a large percentage of hospital admissions. With this expansion, we are growing to meet the increasing demand for emergency care."

As part of the expansion, the new ED now has seven additional patient exam rooms, and an express care waiting area. "With more rooms, we are better equipped to reach our goals of treating patients quickly and with the greatest level of privacy and comfort," Dr. Richardson said.

The new rooms are outfitted with lockable supply carts and cabinets that are stocked with more than 160 supply items frequently used by staff to care for patients. Normally things like syringes and IV catheters are locked up and away from the rooms for the safety of our patients and visitors. "This is an inefficient process for our staff," Dr. Richardson said. "But keeping the supplies securely and safely locked in the supply carts and available to staff keeps our nurses and technical partners at the bedside, instead of wasting valuable time hunting for supplies and potentially getting sidetracked."

Also part of the ED expansion at LVH—Cedar Crest & I-78 includes:

- ... **Express ED road**—the new road services the ED exclusively for patients, visitors and EMS.
- ... **Express care area**—In addition to seven new patient rooms in the ED, a new express care waiting area has been added for patients with less serious injuries and illnesses.
- ... **Additional parking**—the number of parking spaces dedicated to the ED has more than tripled from 23 to 90.
- ... **Additional triage room**—another triage room (used for evaluating patients) was added bringing the total to three.
- ... **Bigger waiting room**—the waiting room has more than doubled in size to accommodate more patients and visitors. More vending machine options have been added, and two larger gender-specific bathrooms also have been added.

"A visit to the Emergency Department is almost always unanticipated and filled with uncertainty," Dr. Richardson said. "Our goal is to provide the best emergency services in an environment that is as pleasant and as safe as possible. The expanded Emergency Department and the new Kasych Family Pavilion means that we'll have an increased ability to meet the needs of our patients and community."

The new Kasych Family Pavilion official dedication will be held on January 4, 2008, with a community open house and tour scheduled for January 5, 2008 from 1-4 p.m. Once completed, the new patient tower will have 182 private patient rooms. The tower is also set to become LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, a national benchmark for "green" or environmentally sensitive buildings.

The second phase of the ED expansion will add 13 patient exam rooms, bringing the total to 41, and two new trauma bays, bringing the total to four.

News from Radiology

STAT, ASAP, Pending Discharge and Routine Orders

In the Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging, the terms **STAT**, **ASAP**, **Pending Discharge** and **Routine** refer to how quickly the studies are performed, not how quickly the studies are read by a radiologist.

Target response times for studies ordered are as follows:

- ... STAT: 30 minutes – 1 hour
- ... ASAP: within 2 hours
- ... Pending Discharge: within 5 hours
- ... Routine: within 8 hours

Approximately 70% of CT and diagnostic x-ray studies ordered at LVH-CC and LVH-M sites are ordered STAT. Many of the inpatient studies may more appropriately be ordered as ASAP.

ASAP folders have now been placed in PACS for neuro imaging, cross sectional imaging, and plain film examination. A radiology technologist will log an ASAP study into the ASAP folder. The study will also continue to be found in the routine folder. Pending discharge plain films will also be placed into the ASAP folder.

Radiologists will first dictate out the STAT studies, then ASAP studies, and finally the Routine studies.

Since the ASAP studies will be manually logged into an ASAP system folder, there is a chance human error will occur and the study only be found in the PACS generated routine folder.

Referring physicians are urged to contact a radiologist directly for the results of any study not yet dictated when the results are essential for immediate patient care.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact Howard D. Rosenberg, MD, Co-Chief, Section of Pediatric Radiology, at 610-402-8088.

Research Corner

Cystatin C Study

This study is designed to determine if Cystatin C is an earlier marker of contrast-induced nephropathy than creatinine in the diabetic population with decompensated renal function. The study is also designed to determine if Cystatin C can occur independent of elevations in serum creatinine following radiocontrast administration along with do Cystatin C levels predict the development of contrast-induced nephropathy. The patient will undergo a series of blood tests, including Cystatin C and serum creatinine within 8 hours pre-contrast study, 6 hours post, 24 hours post and 48 hours post-contrast. Patients who do not require extended hospitalization following the procedure will be asked to return for an outpatient blood draw.

Principal Investigator: Michael Lattanzio, DO, Internal Medicine Resident

Study Coordinator: Sharon Kromer, RN, Department of Medicine Research

Arixtra vs. Lovenox

A double-blinded randomized controlled trial with a targeted total study size of 50 patients examining the complication of bleeding rate of the anticoagulant Arixtra vs. Lovenox. Non-surgical patients > 40 years of age with an expected hospital stay in the ICU at LVH-Muhlenberg of 6 days or longer will be enrolled. Subjects will be examined for any bleeding complications. Subjects will receive drug for a total of 6–14 days while in the hospital.

Principal Investigator: Robert Krukltis, MD

Study Coordinator: Maggie Sharkey, RN, Department of Medicine Research

For more information or if you have questions regarding either of these studies, please call the Department of Medicine Research office at 610-402-1592 or 610-402-1635 with questions or page the coordinator on call at 610-402-5100 0999.



Congratulations!



Diane P. Begany, MD, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Critical Care Medicine, recently completed the requirements for maintenance of certification in General Pediatrics and has become recertified by the American

Board of Pediatrics. Dr. Begany joined the Medical Staff in December 2002, and is in practice with LVH Pediatric Intensive Care.



Martin A. Martino, MD, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, was recently notified that he successfully fulfilled all the requirements for board certification and has now become a certified Diplomate of the American Board of Obstet-

rics and Gynecology. Dr. Martino has been a member of the Medical Staff since October 2005, and is in practice with Gynecologic Oncology Specialists.



Mark A. Guzzo, MD, Department of Emergency Medicine, was recently informed that he successfully completed the oral certification examination and has now become a diplomate of the American Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Guzzo joined the Medi-

cal Staff in July 2006, and is in practice with LVPG-Emergency Medicine.



Michelle L. McCarroll, DPM, Division of Podiatric Surgery, was recently notified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, that she successfully completed the 2007 Recertification Exam and is now recognized as Recertified in Foot Surgery. Dr. McCarroll

joined the Medical Staff in April 2004, and is in practice with Allentown Family Foot Care.



Sabrina J. Logan, MD, Chief, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Critical Care Medicine, recently completed the requirements for maintenance of certification in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine and has become recertified by the

American Board of Pediatrics. Dr. Logan joined the Medical Staff in November 2001, and is in practice with LVH Pediatric Intensive Care.



James M. Ross, MD, Chief, Division of Rheumatology, received a Clinical Scholar Educator Award from the American College of Rheumatology. This is an award of \$60,000 yearly for three years to continue his work of integrating rheumatologists into the general

medical clinic to train residents in that environment on the management of rheumatologic disorders. Dr. Ross has been a member of the Medical Staff since October 2000, and is in practice with LVPG-Arthritis and Rheumatology.



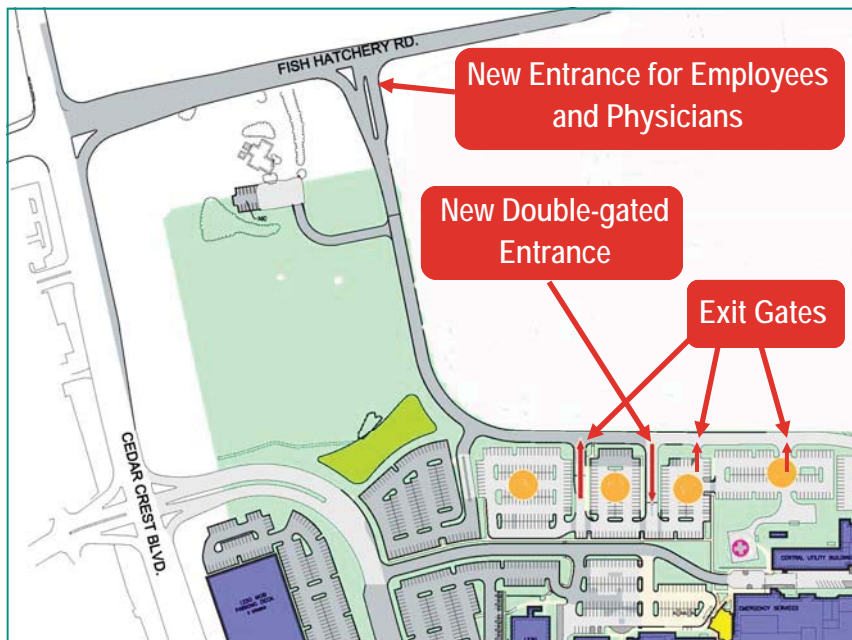


Construction Update

With the ongoing construction at Lehigh Valley Hospital, the following information may be helpful for you and your patients when visiting the Cedar Crest & I-78 campus:

Physician Parking

... Attending physician and resident parking has moved back to its permanent location behind the hospital in Lots P, Q, R and S. Access to the new Physician/Resident Lot is available via the new entrance from Fish Hatchery Road (see map below) or via the rear access road.



To get the latest construction update
or if you have any questions,
please call
610-402-CARE.

Library To Temporarily Relocate to Kasych Basement

During the third week of January 2008, the library at the Cedar Crest campus will temporarily relocate to the basement of the Kasych Pavilion. The interim location will be directly beneath the new educational classrooms – watch for directional signs. The move should take about a week and the library is expected to remain in the new location for approximately one year.

Phone numbers will remain the same - main number is 610-402-8410. Library hours will remain 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Card access will be available 24/7 with your ID badge. While the Learning Resource Center (LRC) will be eliminated, there will be approximately 20 new computers in the temporary library. Two new computer labs will be opening on the first floor adjacent to the Kasych Pavilion.

Visit the Digital Library website for access to electronic books and electronic journal articles. From the intranet homepage, click on Departments/Non-clinical/Library Services.

The current library area will become a temporary cafeteria while its area is renovated. After that, the area will be renovated to accommodate a new library.

Papers, Publications and Presentations



Kirsten S.W. Bellucci, MD, Acting Chief, Section of Dermatopathology, attended the Harvard Medical School Dermatopathology Update October 11-13 in Boston, Mass., where she presented the paper – “Disseminated Varicella (Herpes) Zoster Virus.”



On October 31, **Roberto Bergamaschi, MD, PhD**, Director, Minimally Invasive Surgery Program, presented a grand rounds lecture on Laparoscopic Abdominoperineal Resection to the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery of the University of Arizona in Tucson.

In addition, Dr. Bergamaschi co-authored the chapter – “Rectopexy Without Mesh” – which appeared in the book, ***Rectal Prolapse: Diagnosis and Clinical Management***, which was published in December 2007.



Dennis B. Cornfield, MD, Chief, Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine, co-authored the publication – “2006 Bethesda International Consensus recommendations on the flow cytometric immunophenotypic analysis of hematolymphoid neoplasia: Medical indications” – which appeared in the September 2007 issue of ***Clinical Cytometry***.



Kathalina A. Corpus, MD, Department of Family Medicine, presented “Integrative Medicine: The Future of Primary Care” and “Food: The Best Medicine” at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine on December 8.



John P. Fitzgibbons, MD, Chair, Department of Medicine, gave the annual Goodson Lectureship at the University of Missouri in Kansas City on October 19. Dr. Fitzgibbons spoke on “Change in the Practice of Medicine – Implications for Residency Training.”



Ronald S. Freudenberger, MD, Division of Cardiology, co-authored a paper – “Alcohol use and congestive heart failure: incidence, importance, and approaches to improved history taking” – which was published in the November 22, 2007 issue of ***Heart Failure Reviews***.



Shereen M. Gheith, MD, PhD, Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine, attended the 2007 Workshop of the Society of Hematopathology and European Association for Hematopathology on November 1-3 in Indianapolis, Ind., where she presented a case study titled “Ph-chronic myeloproliferative disease.”



Scott A. Gradwell, DMD, Division of Periodontics, addressed the members of the Montgomery – Bucks Dental Society on October 29, in Blue Bell, Pa. The topic of his presentation was “Immediate Load Dental Implants – Fact or Fiction.”



Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was a visiting professor at the College of Medicine in Cancun, Mexico, from November 18-21, where he presented Grand Rounds and spoke before the Assembly of Colegio de Cirugia de Quintana Roo, A.C. on “Anorectal Surgery under Extraordinary Comorbid Situations.”



Suresh G. Nair, MD, Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology, and **Paul J. Mosca, MD, PhD**, Vice Chair, Department of Surgery, Research, co-authored the article – “Current immunotherapeutic strategies in malignant melanoma” – which appeared in Volume 16, Issue 4, October, 2007, of ***Surgical Oncology Clinics of North America***.



Michael J. Pistoria, DO, Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, co-authored “Update in Hospital Medicine,” which was published in the ***Annals of Internal Medicine*** on November 6.

Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

2008 General Medical Staff Meetings

Please mark your calendar – the dates for the 2008 General Medical Staff meetings are as follows:

- ... Monday, March 10
- ... Monday, June 9
- ... Monday, September 8
- ... Monday, December 8

Meetings will begin at 6 p.m., and will be held in the hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78 and video-conferenced to Rooms C & D of the Educational Conference Center located on the first floor of the LVH-Muhlenberg Tower.

Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association

Annual Membership Meeting

The Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association (GLVIPA) Annual Membership meeting will be held on **Monday, January 28, 2008, at 6 p.m.**, in the **Auditorium** of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78.

If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Hildenbrandt, Coordinator, GLVIPA, at 610-969-0423.

2008 GLVIPA General Membership Meetings

The dates for the 2008 GLVIPA General Membership meetings are as follows:

- ... Tuesday, March 25
- ... Monday, June 23
- ... Tuesday, September 23

All meetings are held at 6 p.m., in the hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to Room C of the Educational Conference Center located on the first floor of the LVH-Muhlenberg Tower.

Risk Management Symposium

You hope you will never have to be involved in a disclosure due to medical error or have to communicate an unanticipated outcome to a patient. Recognizing that medical error is one of the top causes of preventable

deaths each year, the likelihood of your involvement in disclosure is inevitable. So what will you say?

This half-day seminar will cover disclosure from a physician perspective, the emotional aspects of disclosure, the legal barriers and implications, and most importantly, the power of apology.

“Disclosure: Is It Worth The Risk?” will be held on **Friday, April 25**, from **7 a.m. to noon**, in the hospital's **Auditorium** at Cedar Crest & I-78.

All physicians, registered nurses and other health care professionals interested in patient safety and risk management are invited to attend.

Early registration is \$50 prior to January 31. After that date, the registration fee will be \$75.

For more information, please contact the Division of Education at 610-969-2277.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds are held on Thursdays, beginning at 8 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) at various locations. Topics to be discussed in January will include:

January 3 – LVH-M Educational Conference Center, Rooms C & D

- ... Visiting Speaker – TBA
- ... “Altitude/Diving Emergencies” – Terry Goyke, DO
- ... “Fast Track Emergencies” – David Burmeister, DO
- ... Administrative Hour

January 10 – LVH-CC Auditorium

- ... Resident Lecture Series – Jack Basile, DO
- ... “Stroke” – Bock Moyes, DO
- ... “Fungal/Protozoan Infections” – Eric Bruno, MD
- ... Rosen's Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

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January 17 – LVH-M Banko Building Classrooms 1 and 2

- ... “HIV” – Gary Bonfante, DO
- ... “Personality Disorders” – Gerald Coleman, DO
- ... “Neuromuscular Diseases” – Michael Weigner, DO
- ... Resident Lecture Series – Steve Conroy, DO
- ... Resident Lecture Series – Nick Demers, DO

January 24 – EMI – 2166 S. 12th Street

- ... “Emergency Deliveries” – Emily Fry, MD
- ... “Longitudinal Module” – Bryan Kane, MD
- ... “Basic Disaster Management” – Jeff Kuklinski, DO
- ... Resident Lecture Series – Shawn Quinn, DO
- ... Rosen’s Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

January 31 – EMI – 2166 S. 12th Street

- ... “Clinical Case Review” – Andy Miller, DO, Monisha Bindra, DO, Jeff Beard, DO, and Traci Anselmo, DO
- ... “Diseases of Pregnancy” – Steph Goren-Garcia, DO
- ... “Intestinal/Rectal Emergencies” – Mark Guzzo, MD
- ... Resident Lecture Series – Jon Aki, DO

For more information, please call Dawn Yenser in the Department of Emergency Medicine at 484-884-2888.

Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Due to New Years Day falling on the first Tuesday of the month, there will be no Grand Rounds in January. Happy New Year!

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds are held every Tuesday, beginning at noon, in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in January will include:

- ... January 8 – “Strange Dermatological Rashes” – Tanya Ermolovich, DO
- ... January 15 – “Neurology Update” – Yuebing Li, MD, PhD
- ... January 22 – “Drug Induced Hepatitis” – Santiago Munoz, MD, Chairman, Center for Liver Disease, Albert Einstein Medical Center

- ... January 29 – “HPV and the New Gardasil Vaccine” – Laura Koutsky, PhD, Professor, Epidemiology

For more information, please contact Becky Sherman in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8045.

Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at noon. All conferences will be held in the new Kasych Pavilion - room to be announced. Conferences will also be videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-M. Topics to be discussed in January will include:

- ... January 10 – “Cluster Headache and Other Short Duration Neuralgia Form Headaches” – James E. Redenbaugh, MD
- ... January 17 – “Update in Neuroradiology” – Joshua A. Bemporad, MD
- ... January 24 – Division of Neurology meeting
- ... January 31 – “Chronic Daily Headaches and Their Treatments” – Thomas Ward, MD, Neurologist, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

For more information, please contact Sharon Bartz, Conference Coordinator, Neurosciences and Pain Research, at 610-402-9001.

OB/GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology holds Grand Rounds every Friday from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in January will include:

- ... January 4 – Gynecologic Tumor Board – Martin Martino, MD
- ... January 11 – Gynecologic M&M – Joseph Patruno, MD
- ... January 18 – No Grand Rounds – Applicant Rank Meeting
- ... January 25 – No Grand Rounds – CREOG In-Training Exam

For more information, please contact Teresa Benner in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at 610-969-4515.

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Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics holds Grand Rounds every Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in the Educational Conference Room #1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. (Please note: due to the opening of the Kasych Pavilion, room location may change.) Topics to be discussed in January will include:

- ... January 8 – “Optimizing Functional Anatomy in Surgical Resection” – Mark Li, MD
- ... January 15 – “Coagulation Testing in Children” – Philip Monteleone, MD
- ... January 22 – “Help Teens Quit” – Jonathan Pletcher, MD
- ... January 29 – “Update on TORCH Infections” – Ophira Silbert, MD

For more information, please contact Kelli Ripperger 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, January 17, beginning at noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Educational Classrooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg. The topic of discussion will be:

- ... “The Psychological Aspects of Treatment of Chronic Pain for the Mental Health Professional” – Mary Kaland, PhD, Psychologist

For more information, please contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at 610-402-5255.

Spine Conference

Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 a.m. Attendees typically include spine surgeons, neurosurgeons, physiatrists, pain management specialists, radiologists, among others. All clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on **Wednesday, January 2**, in the Educational Conference Room #1 in the Anderson Wing of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

For more information, please contact James C. Weis, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, or Laura Warner, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973, 6338.

Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, beginning at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and via videoconference in the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in January will include:

- ... January 8 – “How Do We Get There From Here? Operative Localization in Brain Surgery” – Mark Li, MD
- ... January 15 – “Thyroid Cancer” – Heiwon Chung, MD
- ... January 22 – “The Posterior Sagittal Approach: Correlations with Adult Colorectal, Urologic, and Gynecologic Surgery” – Marc Levitt, MD, Pediatric Surgeon, Colorectal Center for Children, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
- ... January 29 – “Bariatric Surgery Update” – Richard Boorse, MD

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