

Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



Lehigh Valley Hospital Cited for the 13th Consecutive Year Among Best in U.S.

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Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) ranks as one of the nation's top hospitals in three specialty care delivery areas in the 2008 *U.S. News & World Report* guide to

"America's Best Hospitals."

The 2008 list recognizes LVH among the nation's leading hospitals for:

- Gastrointestinal disorders
- Geriatrics
- Heart care and heart surgery

LVH has made the *U.S. News* rankings 13 consecutive years – eight times for heart care and heart surgery – with a total of 28 specialty category listings in the past five years alone.

"All of us strive to consistently be the best at what we do," said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network's (LVHHN) President and CEO. "At Lehigh Valley Hospital, our community has entrusted us with providing the highest quality care while ensuring the safety of our patients. This recognition by *U.S. News & World Report* demonstrates the commitment made every day by our physicians, nurses and staff to care for our community's health care needs."

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, "America's Best Hospitals" assessed care in 16 specialties. Only 170 of 5,453 hospitals that were evaluated made the list in one or more specialties. In order to be considered, a hospital must meet one of three standards: membership in the Council of Teaching Hospitals (COH), affiliation with a medical school, or availability of specific technology-related services. In each specialty, a hospital must perform a certain number of specified procedures on Medicare inpatients, or be cited by at least one physician as among the best in that specialty in the past three years of *U.S. News* surveys. These hospitals received a score that equally weighed reputation, mortality and certain care-related factors such as nursing and advanced services.

"I'm extremely proud of my colleagues, our nurses and our staff because their expertise, commitment and teamwork in caring for our patients have earned this distinction," said Linda Lapos, MD, President of LVHHN's medical staff of almost 1,200 physicians. "It is especially gratifying when others notice that the quality of care you provide is improving the health and lives of the community."



From the President

Patient safety, a common buzzword these days, means avoiding errors in patient care, and ensuring that our patients don't have bad things happen to them like falls, bedsores and hospital-acquired infections.

When the Pennsylvania Department of Health or The Joint Commission comes to inspect the hospital, they look for adherence to standards of patient safety. LVHN spends countless person-hours and dollars every year to make sure we meet and exceed these safety standards.

On the front lines of this effort, though, are the people in our organization who take care of patients every day. They know what works and what doesn't, and they know the day-to-day barriers to achieving the excellence to which we aspire.

Tapping into this vast reservoir of knowledge and experience is the premise behind Patient Safety Walk Rounds – a process designed to make everyone a partner in patient safety. In Patient Safety Walk Rounds, Kristie Lowery, LVHN's Patient Safety Officer, and other members of the Quality and Patient Safety Department – often accompanied by a member of senior management – visit patient care areas and meet with nurses, technicians and other caregivers.

I recently had the opportunity to participate in Patient Safety Walk Rounds on MICU and SICU on 2K at the Cedar Crest campus. Nurses and other caregivers who attended were engaged and enthusiastic, offering their concerns and suggestions on patient safety issues in areas such as facilities, medications, communication, and equipment.

The hour went very fast. The mood was positive and professional, with a feeling of team spirit and a shared concern for excellence. Following the meeting, Kristie Lowery documented the concerns and followed up in writing on each issue. Some issues are already being addressed, and others will be addressed soon. Occasionally there's one that can't be solved immediately (such as installing an MRI in the Kasych Pavilion to make patient transport easier).

Physicians and Advanced Practice Clinicians can play a major role in promoting patient safety. We should take seriously the concerns of our colleagues in nursing and other patient care disciplines. The more we encourage open communication and respect for their viewpoints, the more our colleagues will feel free to express their concerns.

Often, physicians are in the position to be most aware of patient safety issues. We should report these concerns to our division chiefs or department chairs, or to Patient Safety. Anyone in the Network can call the Patient Safety Hotline at 610-402-2830.

Patient safety is everyone's responsibility. As a team, we can continue to improve on LVHN's excellent record of providing a safe environment for our patients.

Linda L. Lapos, MD
Medical Staff President



Medication Reconciliation on Discharge

The hospital is developing a new electronic discharge instruction (DCI) process and began utilizing this system on TTU at Cedar Crest & I-78 and 6T at LVH-Muhlenberg in June. In order to accommodate the areas that have not begun using the new DCI product and to create a paper downtime system, a new discharge medication reconciliation document has been created. For those areas using the new automated DCI on discharge, discharge requirements are met when physicians use this product. For those areas still using paper, the old discharge/transfer sheets have been changed and will no longer have a place to list the medications.

Form # NSG-293 is now the official paper discharge form for medication reconciliation. This form is a duplicate copy form with the patient taking home the bottom copy. Physicians are responsible to reconcile a complete list of the patient's current medications on this form and provide a signature if DCI is not used at the time of discharge.

Documentation needed by the physician on this form includes: Allergies and Reactions, Check boxes (New, Same or Changed), Name of Drug, Dose, Route, Frequency, Ending Date/Special Instructions, Script given check box as well as signature/date. Nurses will fill in Next Dose due and Leaflet given. Abbreviations for route and frequency should be avoided on this form for greater patient understanding and compliance in taking their medication.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact Leroy Kromis, Medication Safety Officer, at 610-402-8087.



Contacting The Joint Commission for Safety or Quality Issues

Lehigh Valley Hospital strives for excellence in the safe, quality care of our patients. If an employee or physician has a safety or quality of care concern about Lehigh Valley Hospital or Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, they have the right to voice concerns in these areas directly to The Joint Commission without fear of retaliatory action. The Joint Commission may be contacted directly by phone at 1-800-994-6610, by fax at 630-792-5636, or by e-mail at complaint@jointcommission.org. Patients may also contact The Joint Commission with concerns, and are advised of this right via the "Consent for Treatment," LVHN Patient Guide, and "LVHN Patient Rights & Responsibilities" poster.

If you have questions regarding this issue, please contact Robin Anthony, Joint Commission and Regulatory Excellence Department, at 610-402-8636 or robin.anthony@lvh.com.

News from Health Information Management

History and Physical (H&P) Update

Effective July 1, 2008, podiatrists are eligible to perform History and Physical **updates** for operative procedures and admissions. The format of the history and physical document (MRD 03 Inpatient H&P and MRD 60 Ambulatory/Outpatient H&P) contain minor changes to accommodate the change in practice:

1. Revisions to the signature line:

PA/Resident/CRNP _____ Date _____

Credentialed Practitioner _____ Date _____

2. Revisions to the H&P Update box:

<input type="checkbox"/> Pt Reports No Changes <input type="checkbox"/> Changes Made Credentialed Practitioner _____ Date _____ (required, if performed up to 30 days prior to admission/outpatient procedure)
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Dictation/Transcription

A poorly dictated report requires greater attention and more time to decipher. It usually goes through multiple levels of review, which increases turnaround time. Even then, the end product is not as good, may contain blanks and require additional provider editing/correcting. Over the past several months, HIM TRX has maintained transcription turnaround time of <24 hours on all dictated medical reports. The following general dictation and speech tips are provided to assist with continually providing a quality medical document in a short period of time.

General Dictation/Speech Recognition Tips

- ... Try to *dictate in a quiet area* (away from machines, radios, fans, crowds); noises distort the clarity of your speech, making it difficult for the transcriptionist to interpret.
- ... *Do not use cell phones* for dictation.
- ... *Organize thoughts* before speaking, giving instructions at the end of the report.
- ... *Keep the phone at a consistent distance from mouth*, do not put mouth on phone.
- ... At beginning of report, *indicate date of service* (admission, discharge, etc.), *patient name*.
- ... *Speak clearly and in a normal voice*—does not have to be slow, just clear.

- ... Clearly *indicate the report type* you will be dictating.
- ... If you are a Physician Assistant, Resident or Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner dictating for a physician, please *indicate which physician you are dictating for* in the beginning of the report.
- ... *Always state your name and the name of the patient you are documenting care for*. Include at least one other identifier (e.g., birth date). Take care to spell the patient's name correctly (especially important with common names or unusual names).
- ... *Speak sentences and phrases as close to possible as to how they should appear in the final document*.
- ... *Add punctuation* (period, comma, colon, parenthesis, etc.), *format* (numbered lists, paragraphs, report headings, etc.), *numbers, dates, etc.*, to the dictation.
- ... Follow the order of the format for each report type.
- ... Give *hints in areas that could be misunderstood*, such as ABduction or ADduction, hyPERTension and hyPOTension, one-five for 15, five-zero for 50.
- ... *When listing medications, never abbreviate*. Spell any uncommon drugs. Many drugs sound alike, so be very clear (e.g., Endal, Inderal, MiraSept, Mircette). Try to dictate dosage instructions consistently (in the same sequence) throughout.
- ... If you should require a carbon copy to be sent to another doctor, please say their first and last name as well as address if they are not on the LVH Medical Staff.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, please contact Zelda Greene, Administrator, HIM, at 610-402-8330.

Physician Documentation

Pneumonia

For coding purposes, documentation of pneumonia must be as specific as clinically possible. "CAP" or "community-acquired pneumonia" unfortunately is not sufficient to capture the usage of antibiotics and prolonged lengths of stay.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) **require** our clinical opinion as to the most likely cause of the pneumonia. Example: aspiration, bacterial or viral.

If bacterial or viral is most likely, the clinician will be asked to identify a probable organism in order to capture the severity of illness.

Some cases of bacterial pneumonia may have an associated pleural effusion. If clinically appropriate, please specify the pleural effusion as bacterial.

Please consider documenting "community-acquired pneumonia likely due to (organism) with bacterial pleural effusion."

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Anthony V. Matejicka II, DO, MPH, at 610-868-6880.

Bloodborne Pathogen Training for Physician/Dental Office Practices

OSHA requires annual bloodborne pathogen training for all personnel who have risk of exposure to blood or other potentially hazardous materials while working in a medical or dental office. The LVHHN Infection Control Department is offering a training program for **physicians, dentists, nurses, office managers or other personnel** who are responsible for providing annual OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard training to their staff. Other topics discussed will be the CDC Guidelines for Hand Hygiene, Community-acquired MRSA, Pandemic Preparedness Recommendations for the Office and Home, and Preventing and Controlling Multi-drug Resistant Organisms.

Interested individuals may choose from one of the four following scheduled sessions:

Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg

Thursday, September 4, 2008 – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Education Conference Center Room C

Thursday, September 25, 2008 – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Education Conference Center Room C

Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest & I-78

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
John and Dorothy Morgan Cancer Center
Conference Rooms 1A and 1B

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Kasych ECC Room 7

Advance registration at least two week prior to the selected session is required. To register, please call 610-402-CARE.

A nominal fee of \$50 per person (fee waived for LVHHN employees) is requested which includes all handouts and materials. Light refreshments will be provided.

For additional information, contact the Infection Control and Prevention office at 484-884-2240.

Look What's New at LVH for Glucose Control

A new IV insulin protocol to be used for hyperglycemic control* is being phased in across the Network. The new order set is a result of the Diabetes Management Quality Improvement Team's initiative to improve the glucose control of hyperglycemic patients consistent with the evidence based inpatient glucose management targets recommended by the American Diabetes Association (ADA).

IV insulin provides the most reliable and predictable means to control glucose in hospitalized patients. The literature is replete with studies supporting improved medical and surgical outcomes and reduced mortality when glucose control is maintained during the acute hospital stay.

The expanded use of the new order set is a result of a successful year-long pilot in trauma. Besides TTU and TNICU, presently the new order set is available for use in the following units at the Cedar Crest site: ACU, PCU, MICU, SICU, and NSICU. Over the course of the next 6-12 months, use will expand to include all critical care and med/surg units at all sites. (The old IV insulin infusion protocol still exists for use in all units not mentioned above.)

To locate the IV insulin order sets, both the new set being used in the select critical care units noted above and the existent order set available for use in all other units, click CAPOE ORDER SETS. Scroll to INSULIN ORDER SETS and select one of the two order sets for hyperglycemic control based on the location of your patient. Currently, the new IV insulin order set ("Insulin IV Infusion for Hyperglycemia") listed under "Pilot" must be used for patients on TNICU, TTU, ACU, PCU, MICU, SICU, and NSICU in order to standardize workflow.

Want to avoid a call back from the nurse after ordering an IV insulin infusion? Remember to:

- ... Specify infusion start time
- ... Discontinue all previous diabetes medications
- ... Order a primary IV solution

Specific points to remember when ordering the new IV insulin order set include:

- ... Select one of two target blood glucose ranges for insulin titration
 - 80-110 mg/dl target range-suggested for all ICU settings OR
 - 90-140 mg/dl target range-optional range for ICU settings and all other non-critical care areas
- ... Select the appropriate nutritional status-NPO, tube fed, or eating. If the patient will be eating, a rapid acting, meal-based subcutaneous bolus must be ordered in addition to the IV insulin infusion. (A fed patient requires rapid acting bolus insulin to curtail post-prandial BG elevations not adequately addressed with IV insulin alone. The new order set provides this option.)

Stay tuned for additional information on the expanded use of this order set over the course of the next 6-12 months. Please direct requests to review data from the trauma pilot and/or questions relating to the new order set to Joyce Najarian, Director, Helwig Diabetes Center, at 610-402-1731, or Sharnee Cederberg, Diabetes Education Specialist, at 610-402-1728.

*This order set is not for treatment of DKA or HHS.



Congratulations!



In June, **Edward R. Norris, MD**, Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, was elected to serve as President of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society for a two-year term beginning in July, 2008.

The Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society comprises 60 psychiatrists practicing in Lehigh, Berks, Schuylkill, and Northampton Counties. The Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society, a District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association, represents and serves the profession of psychiatry in Pennsylvania. A non-profit professional association, its 1,800 members are physicians practicing the medical specialty of psychiatry. The Society addresses a wide spectrum of issues affecting psychiatrists and persons receiving psychiatric services. It also addresses general medical and mental health issues.

Dr. Norris replaces **Ralph A. Primelo, MD**, Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry/Psychiatric Ambulatory Care, who served as President from July, 2006 to June, 2008, while Dr. Norris served as President-Elect. Other officers include **Joel Lerman, MD**, Division of Psychiatric Ambulatory Care, who is currently serving as President-Elect, and **Dhanalakshmi Ramasamy, MD**, Division of Child-Adolescent Psychiatry, who is currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer.



Meredith L. Rochon, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics, was recently notified that she has become certified in Maternal-Fetal Medicine by the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology. Dr. Rochon joined the Medical Staff in October, 2005. She is in practice with LVPG-Maternal Fetal Medicine.

At this year's **Graduate Medical Education Celebration**, which was held on Friday, June 13, the following members of the Medical Staff received awards:

Julie A. Dostal, MD

Asclepius Award in Family Medicine

Edward E. Geosits, DO

Semmelweis Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Michael E. Gonsky, DDS

Dental Medicine (LVH-M) Teacher of the Year

Eric D. Kane, DO

Osteopathic Internship Teacher of the Year

James W. Manley, DO

Osteopathic Internship Teacher of the Year

Eric J. Marsh, DMD

Dental Medicine (LVH-17) Teacher of the Year

Walter J. Okunski, MD

Plastic Surgery Teacher of the Year

Charles J. Scagliotti, MD

Halstead Award in Surgery

Stacey J. Smith, MD

Osler Award in Internal Medicine



News from CAPOE Central

Don't Be a Battery Hoarder!

Please remember – DO NOT hoard the LifeBook batteries. We have noticed that many of the gang chargers for the new LifeBook batteries are missing batteries. Although we understand the need to have quick access to fresh batteries, the new LifeBooks have new batteries that should be lasting much longer than the old batteries. Hoarding batteries leads to more hoarding by others, as seeing empty slots in the gang chargers spreads fear of not being

able to find a fresh battery. The battery inventory is limited and we will not be able to continue to replace the batteries. Therefore, please remember to be gentle when replacing batteries in the chargers and when placing them back into the LifeBook, and do not hoard the current battery supply.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this or any other CAPOE issue, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Physician Liaison, Information Services, at 610-402-1426 or pager 610-402-5100 7481.



LVHHN Digital Library Services

Procedures Consult: Video Training for Emergency and Internal Medicine

Library Services is offering a one-year trial of Procedures Consult, an on-line multimedia training and reference tool that medical residents and students prepare for, perform and test their knowledge of over 90 high risk/high volume medical procedures. The program offers procedural training through a blend of step-by-step text, video, high-quality animation of aspects that cannot be seen, and illustrations. Related information such as indications, contraindications, anatomy, equipment and complications are also included. Some of the procedures include: thoracentesis, lumbar puncture, basic airway management, nerve blocks,

splinting, wound management, defibrillation, and pacing techniques. Procedures Consult follows standards developed by the ACGME and includes procedures recommended by the ABIM. It also includes highlighted patient safety guidelines from The Joint Commission and OSHA in the context of each procedure.

To access Procedures Consult, go to Departments/Nonclinical/Library Services and click on PEPID under Drug Resources. Your feedback on this program would be greatly appreciated. Please email your comments to Linda_M.Schwartz@lvh.com.

Advanced Practice Clinicians Quarterly Membership Meeting **Change**

The next quarterly membership meeting of Advanced Practice Clinicians, previously scheduled for October 23, has been changed. The date of the next meeting will be as follows:

Thursday, October 16, 2008

5:30 p.m.

**Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg
Educational Conference Center Rooms A, B and C**

Papers, Publications and Presentations



William D. Hardin, Jr., MD, Section of Pediatric Surgery, co-authored an article – “Splenectomy Reduces Packed Red Cell Transfusion Requirement in Children with Sickle Cell Disease” – which was published in the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery*, Volume 43, Number 6, June 2008.



Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, attended an International Congress on “Advances in Management of Anal Incontinence” at the L’Archet Hospital, Nice University Hospital, Nice, France, from June 30 to July 3. He participated in a panel on “Sacral Nerve Modulation with a Permanent Implant.”



Bryan W. Kluck, DO, Division of Cardiology, presented two lectures at Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Beijing, China, on May 28. Dr. Kluck lectured on “Carotid Stenting in the United States” and “Developing a Program for PFO (Patent Foramen Ovale) Diagnosis and Treatment” to the medical staff in the university’s Neurology and Cardiology departments.



Nelson P. Kopyt, DO, Chief, Division of Nephrology, was invited to lecture at the International Drug Association at the 44th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 25, in Boston, Mass. The lecture was on “Clinical Research and Electronic Data Capture: A Sites Perspective.”



William L. Miller, MD, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, was invited to present to the American Academy of Pediatrics, Quality Improvement Innovation Network on June 10 via teleconference. The topic of his presentation was “Transformation is Hard Work: Early Lessons from TransforMED’s National Demonstration Project.”

RIDES, GAMES, BAKE BOOTH, ATTIC TREASURES, BINGO PENNY CANDY, SALE, CASH RAFFLE, CRAFTS, RIDES, GAMES, BINGO, BAKE BOOTH, PENNY CANDY, CASH RAFFLE, FOOD, CRAFTS, BINGO, BAKE BOOTH, CASH RAFFLE, BOOK AND PLANT SALE, ATTIC TREASURES

47th ANNUAL

SUMMER FESTIVAL

LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL - MUHLENBERG

Free Admission

August 13-16
on the hospital grounds
Schoenersville Road, Bethlehem

Free Parking

Wednesday-Friday
5-10:30 p.m.

Saturday
noon-10:30 p.m.

Entertainment Nightly
7-10 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 13 King Henry and the Showmen

Thursday, Aug. 14 The Cramer Brothers

Friday, Aug. 15 The Mudflaps

Saturday, Aug. 16 Jesse Wade Gang

Special Attractions: Crafts, rides, Kiddie Land, games, bingo, bake booth, food, attic treasures, 2-penny candy, book and plant sale, cash raffle

Ride Specials

\$15 Wednesday, Aug. 13 5-9 p.m.

\$10 Saturday, Aug. 16 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 14 5-9 p.m.

For more information, call 610-402-CARE or visit lvh.org.

Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

“All About Stroke”

On Wednesday, August 20, the Lehigh Valley Hospital Stroke Center, in conjunction with the National Stroke Association, will present “All About Stroke.” The program, which will be held from 4:30-8 p.m., in Kasych ECC Room 8, will include dinner, a tour of the hospital’s Stroke Center, as well as 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.

The three-hour didactic program will be presented by Yevgeniy Isayev, MD, Division of Neurology. Topics to be discussed will include:

- ... “Primary Prevention and the Importance of Risk Factor Modification”
- ... “Appropriate Diagnosis and Management Strategies in Cerebrovascular Disease”
- ... “Acute Stroke Treatment: Issues in Primary Care”
- ... “Recurrent Stroke Prevention: What Do the Guidelines Say?”
- ... “Discharge to Primary Care: A Discussion About Bridging the Gap in the Community”

Although there is no charge for the program, registration is requested. For more information or to register, please contact Sharon Bartz at 610-402-9001 or email sharon.bartz@lvh.com.

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 hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted.

Topics to be discussed in August will include:

- ... August 1 – Gynecologic Tumor Board – Martin A. Martino, MD
- ... August 8 – Obstetrics M&M – Orion A. Rust, MD
- ... August 15 – TBA
- ... August 22 – TBA
- ... August 29 – No Grand Rounds – Happy Labor Day Weekend!

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics holds Grand Rounds every Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted.

Topics to be discussed in August will include:

- ... August 5 – “Neuroblastoma” – Philip M. Monteleone, MD
- ... August 12 – TBA
- ... August 19 – “Bullying” – Robert Thornburg, Director of Student Services, Parkland School District
- ... August 26 – TBA

For more information, please contact Kelli Ripperger in the Department of Pediatrics at 610-969-2540.

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Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on **Thursday, August 21**, beginning at noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.), in ECC Rooms C & D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The topic of discussion with be:

- ... “Gambling Addiction” – Member of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of Pennsylvania

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 this meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on **Wednesday, August 6**, in Kasych ECC Room 10, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

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



Physician Parking at 17th & Chew during the Allentown Fair

Beginning **Wednesday, August 13**, through **Tuesday, September 9**, parking for physicians will be reassigned to Lot #4 (West Street). Physicians' photo ID badges will be programmed to access Lot #4 during this period. Residents will utilize the same lots as employees during this time – Lots #6 and #7.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Brad Mann in Security at 610-969-2978.

Who's New

This section contains an update of new appointments, address changes, status changes, resignations, etc. Please remember to update your directory and rolodexes with this information.

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