

# Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



## LVHHN Honors Medical Staff Members for Career Milestones

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Linda L. Lapos, MD, Medical Staff President (above), welcomed over 300 physicians, dentists, board members, hospital administrators and guests to the Sixth Triennial Physician Recognition Dinner which was held on Saturday, March 31, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville.

Over 65 doctors and dentists on the medical staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHHN) were honored for their years of service, commitment and dedication at the 2007 Physician Recognition Dinner held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville on March 31.

With over 300 physicians, dentists, board members, hospital administrators and guests in attendance, Linda L. Lapos, MD, Medical

Staff President, welcomed everyone and praised and congratulated her colleagues.

Receiving special recognition were the two past presidents of the medical staff, and those physicians who served 50 and 25 years on the medical staff. Honorees included:

### Past Presidents of the Medical Staff

**Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA**  
*Division of General Pediatrics*

**Alexander D. Rae-Grant, MD**  
*Division of Neurology*

### 50 Years of Service



**Robert M. Jaeger, MD**  
*Division of Neurological Surgery*

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## From the President

"I'm on the Eighth Street Bridge and I'm going to jump."

That was the phone message Dr. Rory Marraccini got from one of his patients. He dropped everything, went to the scene and prevented a tragedy. For his actions – and for all of his tireless community service – the psychiatrist was awarded the "Medical Staff Community Service Award" at the LVH-HN Physician Recognition Dinner held on March 31.

The "Medical Staff Team Builder Award" went to Dr. Sophia Kladias for her work to create a more cohesive Department of Dental Medicine focused on resident education as well as service to the community. Dr. George Arangio received the "Medical Staff Physician Research Award" for his numerous research projects and publications. The "Doctors' Doctor Award" was presented to Dr. Walter Okunski

for his dedication to his patients, the community, the hospital and education. And the "Friend of the Medical Staff" award went to the PICC team for their responsive, competent and professional service.

Dr. Elliot Sussman, President and CEO, reflected on medicine as an honorable profession and praised all physicians for their service and their contributions toward making Lehigh Valley Hospital what it is today. Dr. Ron Swinfard, Chief Medical Officer, and Rev. Jeff Aiken, Chair of the Board of Trustees, added their words of tribute.

The highlight of the evening was honoring neurosurgeon, Dr. Robert Jaeger, for his 50 years of service on the Medical Staff. He was introduced by longtime colleague Dr. Lawrence Levitt. We also honored 66 doctors who have completed 25 years of service. And we thanked two past presidents of the Medical Staff, Dr. Alex Rae-Grant and Dr. Don Levick. For a full list of award winners at the event, attended by more than 300 people, see page 10 and 11.

Thanks to everyone for the many nominations we received. These awards are just a small part of the story; our Medical Staff is full of motivated, quality professionals who work tirelessly every day for our patients and for our community.

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Last month, I reported on the initial results of the Physician Satisfaction Survey and noted that The Jackson Organization identified some areas for improvement. We're looking at these areas, and here are some more details about one of them, Anesthesiology.

Anesthesiology services received an overall score of 4.0 out of 5, a very good score and a respectable 42<sup>nd</sup> percentile in Jackson's nationwide database. The department recorded significant improvement since the last survey in 2003. The overall quality of anesthesiologists and CRNA's was rated as very good. Scores for Anesthesiology services were slightly lower at LVH-M than at LVH, but the survey was conducted before the recent announcement of the implementation of 24-hour CRNA coverage at LVH-Muhlenberg.

Members of the Department of Anesthesiology should be applauded for their significant overall improvement. Medical Staff leadership will be working with the department to better understand the results and identify ways to build on them. Look for additional follow-up on the Physician Satisfaction Survey in future issues of **Medical Staff Progress Notes**.

Linda L. Lapos, MD  
Medical Staff President

## DOCS are ROC'n

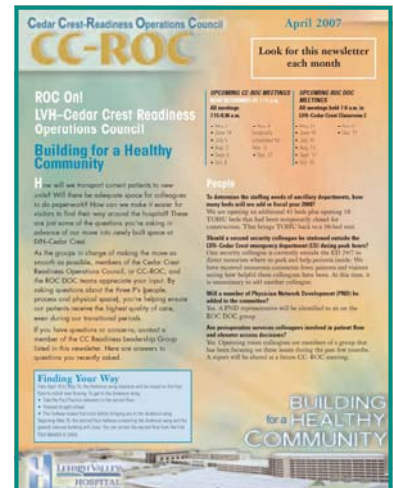
The Cedar Crest "Readiness" initiative is well underway. The room was full at the March 19 kickoff meeting of the ROC DOC team, lead by Ed Mullin. Joining Dr. Mullin were the other tri-leaders of ROC, Marty Everhart, Vice President, Human Resources, and Molly Sebastian, Vice President, Patient Care Services. Monthly ROC DOC meetings will focus on the transitions surrounding people, processes and physical "stuff" – including space, environment, structures and equipment. The focus will be on issues of particular interest to physicians and clinical caregivers.

The Cedar Crest campus is experiencing visual and structural progression almost every day, making the transition into the Kasych Family Pavilion more "real" for everyone, and continues to pique interest and generate discussion. ROC DOCs were particularly interested in the detailed slides and information provided by Brian Hardner, Vice President of Facilities and Construction, regarding the physical transitions occurring in the upcoming phases of the Kasych tower as well as the entire Cedar Crest campus. Members of the ROC DOC group will learn the newest information to share with physician colleagues and departments. Equally as important, ROC DOCs present questions, share thoughts and initiate suggestions to ensure the new space and associated changes on campus will provide an optimal working environment for providers, patients and families. At the Kickoff, there was an interest learning more about transit times and distances between existing departments or units to floors on

Kasych. In response to this interest, the department of Management Engineering will be conducting actual time studies to measure the time it takes to walk, push equipment, and navigate normal obstacles from one area to the next. The results of these studies will be reported at both the ROC DOC and ROC Operations Council meetings.

All questions and suggestions are considered seriously and responses are communicated between and during meetings. ROC DOC leader Ed Mullin emphasizes, "There's no such thing as over communicating what people want to know; that's one of the key things we're here to do. The ROC DOCs know their input is encouraged and respected; plus, we need it!"

The April issue of the ROC electronic newsletter (pictured above) is now posted on the LVH intranet site as a .pdf file. Click on it and read or print out a copy of the latest news about ROC. Any questions regarding ROC or the expansion at the Cedar Crest campus may be directed to the ROC Line – 610-402-7700 – or by calling or emailing Ed Mullin, MD, ROC Leader. ROC ON!



## At-Large Members Needed for Medical Executive Committee

The Lehigh Valley Hospital Medical Staff Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for five at-large seats on the Medical Executive Committee, each for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2007.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to Matthew M. McCambridge, MD, Chair of the Nominating Committee, via the Medical Staff Services office, Cedar Crest & I-78, or verbally to John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services. All nominations must be submitted by Thursday, May 17, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Dr. McCambridge or Mr. Hart at 610-402-8980.

## LVHHN Selects Automatic Tracking Software for Perioperative Departments

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHHN) recently selected new automatic tracking software to improve the efficiency of surgical care throughout its perioperative departments in all three hospitals within LVHHN. The new tracking system – **Amelior ORTracker®** – is a software product of Patient Care Technology Systems and will encompass patient flow throughout the surgical staging units, the operating rooms, and post anesthesia care units.

The automatic tracking software provides real-time tracking of patients and mobile medical devices using wireless ultra-wideband badges worn by patients and attached to equipment. In addition to locating and tracking operating room resources, the software translates interactions between patients, medical staff and equipment into time-stamped stages of a patient's course of treatment. This information is continuously updated on an electronic tracking map to inform caregivers of anticipated demand as patients are prepared for surgery and later for recovery. The software organizes and enhances communications between caregivers regarding the status of patients, rooms, and the availability of clinical staff. As a result, phone calls and other manual interventions to manage care progression are reduced, resulting in more timely care and a quieter patient environment. Extensive data on patient flow and resource utilization is generated through the software's reporting engine to assist perioperative departments to further analyze department utilization.

"After a thorough review of patient tracking and visibility systems, our selection committee found **Amelior ORTracker®** to be the most comprehensive system," said Brian Leader, Administrator of Perioperative Services. "We were impressed with the success of the system

where it is already installed and the depth of automatic tracking experience that PCTS provides."

The **Amelior ORTracker®** software is part of a suite of department-specific and enterprise-wide automatic tracking solutions designed to improve patient flow through organized communications. The software applications work with all forms of locating hardware including ultra-wideband, RFID, Wi-Fi and infrared. Patient Care Technology Systems works with healthcare providers to determine the most suitable configuration based on factors such as tracking precision requirements, the physical plant, and the hospital network infrastructure.

Over the next few months, a multidisciplinary team will be working with the vendor on the implementation of the new tracking system, with a "go live" target by the end of summer for the Cedar Crest campus and the other sites to follow.

If you have any questions regarding this new tracking system, please contact Brian Leader at 610-402-8030.





## News from CAPOE Central

### New View in the Viewer:

#### VIEWALLPLS (“ViewAll Plus”)

Now that the Nurses Notes and Nursing Assessments are on line, there have been requests by clinicians to view that information along with the clinical data in the VIEWALL view. A new view, VIEWALLPLS, has been created that places all the information on one view. This view can be selected in the Viewer drop-down: it is listed second, just below VIEWALL. This new view lists Nurses Notes at the top (right-click on the cell to see the note), the Nursing Assessments follow (look for abnormal entries or those with an “@” sign that contain more information), the Vital Signs are listed next, and the remainder of the usual VIEWALL data follows. This view should help those clinicians who want all the clinical data on one view.

### “O” No... Another Order Mode

Users may notice a new order mode which began in April. Current order modes include: E (electronic), W (written), R (protocol), etc. The “O” order mode will be used in the following situations: 1) A nurse receives a verbal or telephone order from a physician and enters it directly into the system; the order mode will be either V (verbal) or P (telephone). If Pharmacy needs to adjust or modify the order, they will use the “O” mode; the physician who generated the original order will need to co-sign the adjusted order online. 2) A nurse receives a verbal or telephone order from a physician, and is not able to directly enter the order into the system and must handwrite the order. Pharmacy will use the “O” mode when entering this order into the system. The handwritten order should be co-signed in the paper chart; the on-line order will also need to be co-signed electronically. This change will help in tracking of orders in the system and will also facilitate identification of potential problems with current orders.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Physician Liaison, Information Services, at 610-402-1426 or pager 610-402-5100 7481.

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## Admission Case Manager Protocol Approved

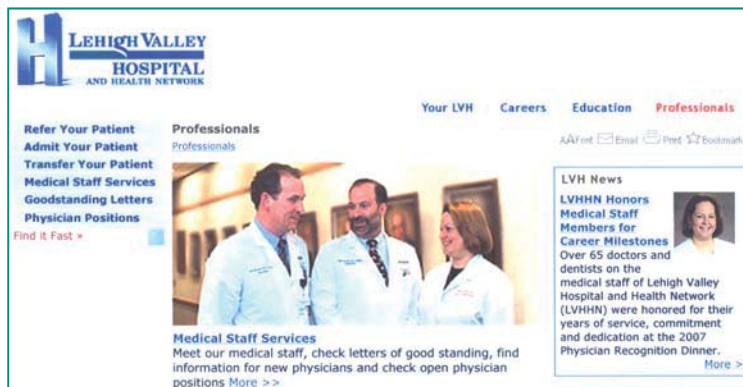
An Admission Case Manager is now working in Bed Management to assist physicians with determining the appropriate level of care (Observation, Inpatient or Ambulatory). The Admission Case Manager Protocol was approved at the April Medical Executive Committee meeting.

This protocol will allow the Admission Case Manager to assign the appropriate level of care to assure proper billing.

The Admission Case Manager is an excellent resource and will be communicating final determinations regarding level of care to physicians' offices to assure accurate billing. The patient's level of care can also be seen on your daily census in the column labeled “ACCT.” Inpatient = I, Observation = V, Ambulatory = A.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call Susan Lawrence, Administrator, Case Management, at 610-402-1765.

## Medical Staff Services Website



Have you ever found yourself in need of a Medical Staff colleague's office address, the telephone number for one of the patient care units at LVH-Muhlenberg, the name of the chief of a particular division or section, or an old issue of **Medical Staff Progress Notes**? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, you're in luck! The Medical Staff Services website, which is now available through the Internet, provides a wealth of information, including documents, directories and lists which will answer all the above questions.

To access the Medical Staff Services website from any computer, go to [www.lvh.org](http://www.lvh.org) and select "Professionals" (on the right side under the header). Then select "Medical Staff Services" (from the list on the left side), followed by "Services for New Members of the Medical Staff." This will take you to the homepage of the Medical Staff Services website which is divided into four sections – "People," "Services," "Directories and Lists," and "Documents." Take a few moments to peruse the information. You may be pleasantly surprised by the amount of information available to you with just a few clicks!

If you have any questions regarding the website, please contact Janet M. Seifert in the Medical Staff Services department at 610-402-8590.



## LVHNN Digital Library Services

### PEPID – Drug Database with Interactive Dosage and Medical Calculators

Developed in partnership with the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, PEPID includes comprehensive information on over 6,000 drugs, herbals and OTC drugs with kinetics and mechanisms of action. Built-in adult and pediatric dosing calculators (weight-based, body surface area-based and IV drip calculators) assist in computing medication dosages. It also includes overdose management and cost information. A wide variety of interactive medical calculators are available. Up to 40 drugs, herbal remedies and OTC medications can be cross referenced simultaneously in the Drug Interactions module. SI Lab Units are presented along with American units, and an SI calculator. Links to all current Major FDA Warnings and guidelines are provided. Toxicology information is included as well as a module on nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Micromedex will continue to be available.

### Link Change

The link on the Intranet homepage to Library Services has changed. Go to "Departments" – "Non-Clinical" – "Library Services" to access a wide variety of resources.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, please contact Library Services at 610-402-8410 or 610-969-2263.

## Just Say “YES”

You’ve heard a lot about the Medical Staff’s role in alleviating the bed crunch by reducing length of stay and facilitating early discharge. The physicians’ response has been terrific, with lots of good ideas and diligent efforts to make it happen. Keep up the good work!

Here’s an update on what the hospital is doing:

“Just say YES” is the new motto of the Turn Around Team (TAT), with the goals of never saying “No” to appropriate EAU or Transfer Center admissions, and of keeping Emergency Department diversion time to a minimum. Twenty active projects to increase efficiency are underway to achieve these goals and to maintain the improvements permanently. There’s already been significant progress—just call with your next EAU admission and you’ll see!

### *A Tip from TAT*

#### **Identify “Complex Cases” early.**

The 5% of patients with the longest lengths of stay (“outliers”) are responsible for a disproportionately large part of the bed crunch problem. Many of these patients have complex medical diagnoses, but many also have unclear guardianship and/or psychosocial or insurance issues. These issues make post-hospital placement difficult and prolong the hospital stay, to the disadvantage of both the hospital and the patient.

The hospital now has designated “Complex Case Managers” available to devote the many extra hours needed to resolve these issues. Physicians can help by identifying these patients early and getting Case Management involved as soon as possible after admission.

## News from Health Information Management

### Consultation Documentation Guidelines



A consultation is distinguished from other evaluation and management (E/M) visits because it is provided by a physician or qualified allied health professional whose opinion or advice regarding the evaluation and/or management of a specific problem is requested by another provider or other appropriate source.

The need for a consultation from an appropriate source **must** be documented in the patient's medical record. Appropriate sources include physicians, other health care practitioners, and (in the case of a confirmatory consultation) the patient. The request may be

- ... written as part of a plan in the requesting physician's progress note
- ... written as an order in the medical record, or
- ... a specific written request for consultation.

After completion of the consultation, a written or dictated report **must** be furnished to the requesting physician by an appropriate entry in the common medical record. Documented consultation should include: (1) date of consultation, (2) referring physician, (3) consultant, (4) reason for consultation, and (5) report of consultation.

A consultation may not be performed as a shared/split E/M service.

The physician or qualified allied health professional who performed a pre-operative consultation in the office and assumes responsibility for the management of a portion or all of the patient's conditions during the post-operative period cannot bill for a consultation for the concurrent care they are providing.

Questions regarding consultations may be referred to Zelda Greene, Administrator, Health Information Management, at 610-402-8330, or Teresa Wigoda, Director, LVPG Compliance, at 610-798-4550.

### EHMR Tip

While in the document view, there is an easy way to view multiple documents. For example, a patient has 50 Radiology reports and all reports need to be reviewed. Below is an easy way to perform this task:

- ... Click the first report
- ... Hold down the SHIFT key
- ... Click the last radiology report
- ... Click View Selected at the bottom right

All reports will present themselves one after the other without having to choose each report separately.

When searching for a particular document in a patient's record, multiple encounters may be referenced by searching by patient name or medical record and then clicking on ALL DOCUMENTS. This will give you a comparative view of all documents from all encounters. For example, you will be able to see all the EKGs of all admissions in EHMR.

For more tips or questions regarding use of EHMR, contact Susan Cassium, Director, Operations, at 610-969-3864.



## Radiology News

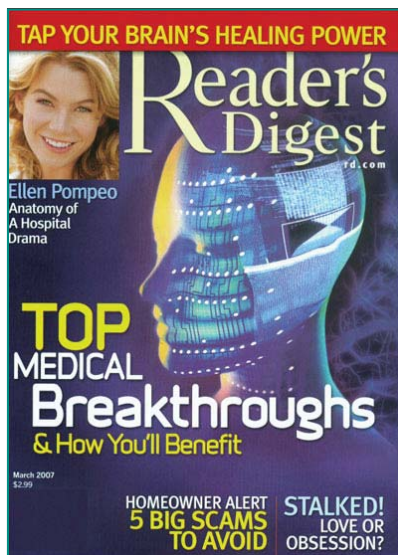
### Gadolinium and Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis

There has been a volume of recent medical literature discussing the risks of administering intravenous gadolinium contrast agents in patients with renal disease. The concern is a proposed association of intravenous Gadolinium with Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF) in this subset of patients. Note that 90% of cases have been associated with a Gadolinium contrast agent NOT used in the Lehigh Valley Hospital Health Network.

NSF was first described in the medical literature in 2000. The first case of NSF was seen in 1997. The condition is seen in individuals with renal disease, who have been administered an intravenous gadolinium contrast agent during an MRI examination. The disease causes fibrosis of the skin and connective tissues throughout the body. Patients develop skin thickening that may result in decreased mobility of joints, and in severe cases affected patients may be unable to walk. In addition, patients may experience fibrosis that has spread to other parts of the body such as the diaphragm, liver, lungs, muscles and heart. The clinical course of NSF is progressive and may be fatal.

Lehigh Magnetic Imaging Center (LMIC) and LVH-M MRI are initiating a new policy regarding the administration of gadolinium in patients with renal disease. This policy was developed by the Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging in conjunction with the Division of Nephrology and will affect every patient on dialysis, and/or with a GFR < 30 who is to receive a gadolinium contrast agent. Written consent will be obtained from these patients prior to MRI. All dialysis patients receiving gadolinium contrast will be dialyzed within two hours of their MRI, and again the next day. All clinicians referring patients with renal disease should weigh the risks and benefits of gadolinium administration.

If you have any questions, please contact Kenneth S. Kurtz, MD, Chief, Section of Trauma-Emergency Radiology, at 610-402-8080.



### Advanced Intensive Care Unit Named "Best of America" by Reader's Digest

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network's Advanced Intensive Care Unit (AICU) and teleintensivist care have been named "Best of America" by Reader's Digest magazine for 2007. LVHHN is recognized in the "Best Health" category for "Best Cutting-Edge Care." A published article highlights the work of LVHHN's Emergency Department and ICU teams and **Matthew M. McCambridge, MD**, Co-Medical Director of Advanced ICU, in saving the life of a 17-year-old Bethlehem teen who was suffering from a potentially fatal bout of toxic shock syndrome in January 2005.

The magazine's May 2007 issue, featuring "America's 100 Best," is now available on newsstands and can also be accessed on the Reader's Digest website. To view the story on line, click on <http://www.rd.com/content/best-cuttingedge-care/>.

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## 25 Years of Service

**Albert D. Abrams, MD**

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**Linda P. Augelli-Hodor, DO**

*Division of General Internal Medicine*

**Alan Berger, MD**

*Division of Vascular Surgery*

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*Division of Orthopedic Surgery*

**Joseph A. Candio, MD**

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*Division of General Dentistry*

**Arnold R. Cook, DDS, MSD**

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**James F. Cornell, MD**

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**Robert J. Kovacs, MD**

*Division of General Internal Medicine/  
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**Arthur L. Levine, MD**

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**Richard L. London, MD**

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**Mark N. Martz, MD**

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**S. Clarke Woodruff, DMD**

*Division of General Dentistry*

**John C.W. Worsley, Jr., DMD**

*Division of General Dentistry*

In addition, there were five special awards presented at the event. These awards celebrate activities which are key to the functioning of the medical staff and the institution. Recipients of the special awards include:

**PICC Team:**

Melissa Bury, RN, BSN

Vera L. Deacon, RN, CRNI

Kathleen C. Faubel, RN, BSN, CRNI

Andrea L. Hilliard, RN, BSN

Renee Kashmer, RN

Ruth A. Kotz, RN

Kimberly A. Reinart, RN

Donna M. Sowden, RN

Sharon A. Steager, RN

Ok Hi Yoon, RN

**Friend of the Medical Staff Award**

**Rory L. Marraccini, MD**

*Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry*

**Medical Staff Community Service Award**

**Sophia C. Kladias, DMD**

*Chair, Department of Dental Medicine*

**Medical Staff Team Builder Award**

**George A. Arangio, MD**

*Section of Ortho Trauma/  
Foot and Ankle Surgery*

**Medical Staff Physician Research Award**

**Walter J. Okunski, MD**

*Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery*

**Doctors' Doctor Award**

The dinner, which is held every three years, serves as a celebration to honor the more than 1,100 members of the LVHHN Medical Staff.







# 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:

## Site Renovations on Campus

- ... Work continues in the detention basins at the front and rear of the campus.
- ... Permanent trench restorations, curbing and sidewalk will occur in Parking Lots 4, 5 and 6 (Physician Parking) over the next month. **When parking is tight, physicians are encouraged to park in the 5-story parking deck along the main driveway and adjacent to Cedar Crest Blvd.**
- ... Top soiling and seeding continues at the east side of the campus near the 5-story parking deck and pedestrian bridge.
- ... Landscaping will begin by the detention basin at the rear campus.

## Highway Improvement Project

Another important component of the construction project includes improvements to the roads surrounding the hospital campus. Improvements will be made to Fish Hatchery Road (on both sides of Cedar Crest Blvd.) and Cedar Crest Blvd. itself (extending from Byrd Avenue north of I-78 to Briarwood Lane south of Fish Hatchery Road). Beginning in May and continuing throughout the summer months, the following improvements will be made:

- ... Construction of new lanes at Fish Hatchery Road and Cedar Crest Blvd. intersection
- ... Relocation of overhead utilities to new utility poles
- ... Road widening along Cedar Crest Blvd., from I-78 overpass north to Byrd Avenue
- ... Paving of new lanes along Fish Hatchery Road and new hospital employee entrance from Fish Hatchery Road

## Anderson Wing Elevators

For a few more weeks, the Anderson Wing elevators will not be accessible on the first floor. The elevator will continue to work between the second and third floors. There is a temporary egress around the elevator lobby. Physicians, employees, patients and visitors should use the Pool elevators to access the second and third floor of the Anderson Wing. Signs are posted.

## Kasych Family Pavilion

- ... In the second week of April, there was a fire on the first floor of the Kasych Family Pavilion. The fire was quickly contained and minimal damage was sustained. This event has not affected the construction timeline.
- ... Drywall, electrical, and plumbing work continues throughout the building. Painting and flooring work continues as well.

## Emergency Department Renovations

- ... A new illuminated "EMERGENCY" sign has been installed on the corner of the building.
- ... Lighting has been installed in the covered tunnel to the Emergency Department entrance.
- ... Excavation for the new building's micro piles and footers continues.

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



## Congratulations!



**Roberto CM Bergamaschi, MD, PhD**, Division of General Surgery and Medical Director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Program, has been named associate editor of ***Diseases of the Colon and Rectum***, the monthly journal of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. Dr.

Bergamaschi, holder of the Khubchandani Endowed Chair in Colorectal Surgery at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network, has edited articles for the publication since 2002 and joins an international panel in this role, serving a three-year term. Previous editors of the journal from LVHHN include Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, and Lester Rosen, MD, both members of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Dr. Bergamaschi has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2005 and is in practice with LVPG-General Surgery.



**Larry R. Glazerman, MD**, Division of Gynecology, was recently elected to the board of the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy at its annual scientific meeting held March 18-21, in Osaka, Japan.

A member of the Medical Staff since May, 1980, Dr. Glazerman is in practice with St. Luke's Center for Advanced Gynecologic Care.



**Glenn A. Mackin, MD**, Division of Neurology, was recently informed that he has been elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians (ACP). Fellows in ACP are a special group of doctors who are dedicated to continu-

ing education in medical practice, teaching or research. Fellowship is an honorary designation given to recognize ongoing individual service and contributions to the practice of medicine.

A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since March, 1999, Dr. Mackin is in practice with Lehigh Neurology.



**Thomas D. Meade, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was recently awarded the Professor W. Francis Swingle Award as the Irishman of the Year from the Greater Pittston Sons of St. Patrick for lifetime

professional achievements. The event took place at Convention Hall in Pittston, Pa., on March 17.

A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since July, 1989, Dr. Meade is in practice with OAA Orthopaedic Specialists.

### Reminder

All outpatient tests, including x-rays, ultrasound, vascular testing and add-on studies, must be scheduled through Central Scheduling by calling 610-402-TEST (8378).

## Papers, Publications and Presentations



**Raymond A. Fritz, Jr., DPM**, and **Ann C. Anderson, DPM**, both members of the Division of Podiatric Surgery, co-authored an article – “Update in Pedorthics and Orthotics Designs, Advance in Materials” – which was published in Vol. 18, No. 2, March 2007 issue of *Current Opinion in Orthopaedics*.



**Larry R. Glazerman, MD**, Division of Gynecology, recently attended the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Controversies in Ob-Gyn and Infertility which was held March 22-25, in Barcelona, Spain. At the meeting, he chaired a session on Hysterectomy Options and presented an invited talk on “LAVH – A Procedure Whose Time Has Come – and Gone.”



As a past president of the Pennsylvania Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, **Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was invited to participate at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., on March 10. Dr. Khubchandani reminisced about the pioneering leadership of the Society seen through his association with Harry E. Bacon, MD, at Temple University.



Elie Schochet, MD, Surgical resident, and **Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, authored an article, “Pathophysiology of Chronic Anal Fissure: Current Understanding and Clinical Applications,” which was published online in *Societa Italiana di Chirurgia Colo-Rettale*, [www.siccr.org](http://www.siccr.org) 2007; 15:130-135.



**Thomas D. Meade, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was an invited speaker at the Thomas Jefferson Medical College Alumni meeting which was held February 28 – March 5, in Big Sky, Mont. At the meeting, Dr. Meade spoke on “Omega-3 Fatty Acids: A Natural Alternative to NSAIDS.”

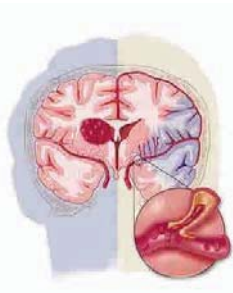


**Patrice M. Weiss, MD**, Residency Program Director and Vice Chair of Education and Research, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, had an article published in the *Obstetrical and Gynecological Survey*, April 2007, titled “To Err is Human - To Air is Humane: Disclosing Adverse Events to Patients.”

### Reminder

In an effort to maintain current information in the Medical Staff Services database, members of the Allied Health Professional Staff are responsible for informing the Medical Staff Services Office upon separation from their group practice, a change in supervising physician, or a change in their written/collaborative agreement. Failure to do so may result in corrective action and/or unfavorable letters of reference from Lehigh Valley Hospital. Changes, as mentioned above, may be faxed to Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8926.

## Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings



### New Approaches to Diagnosis and Treatment of Stroke

"New Approaches to Diagnosis and Treatment of Stroke" will be held Friday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to 3:40 p.m., in the Auditorium at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

The target audience includes physicians, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, administrators, pharmacists and other allied health professionals specializing in neurology, neurosurgery, and emergency medicine.

A few of the topics to be discussed include:

- ... "Hemorrhagic Stroke Emergencies"
- ... "Interventional Radiology Management of Ischemic Stroke"
- ... "Multisystem Approach to Neurocritical Care"
- ... "Stroke Recognition and Resuscitation"
- ... "Advances in Stroke Rehabilitation"

The registration fee of \$15.00 for employees and \$30.00 for non-employees includes conference materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. For registration information, please contact the Division of Education at 610-969-2277. For information regarding the conference, please contact Sharon Bartz, Program Coordinator, Neurosciences and Pain Research, at 610-402-9008.

### Tips and Tricks in LastWord

The Corporate Software Educators will host LastWord education sessions for providers titled "Tips and Tricks in LastWord." These drop-in sessions will be held as follows:

- ... Thursday, May 10 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – LVH-Muhlenberg, Educational Conference Center, Room B
- ... Thursday, May 17 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – LVH-Cedar Crest & I-78, Educational Conference Center, Room 2

Pizza will be provided for those attending the sessions.

For more information, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Physician Liaison, Information Services, at 610-402-1426.

### 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 May will include:

#### May 3 – LVH-Muhlenberg Educational Conference Center Rooms B & C

- ... Visiting speaker
- ... "Colon/Rectal Emergencies" – Jonathan Shingles, DO
- ... St. Luke's Hospital Case Presentation

#### May 10 – EMI – 2166 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

- ... Resident lecture series – Nancy Kragt, DO
- ... Resident lecture series – Traci Anselmo, DO
- ... "Physician Wellness" – Marna Greenberg, DO
- ... Rosen's Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

#### May 17 – LVH-M 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Classroom

- ... Research Day

#### May 24 – EMI – 2166 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

- ... Resident lecture series – Sandeep Patel, DO
- ... Resident lecture series – Rezarta Lloyd, DO
- ... M&M – Charles Worrilow, MD
- ... Rosen's Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

#### May 31 – EMI – 2166 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

- ... "Who Wants to be an ED Physician" – Tony Werhun, MD, and Perry Fooskas, MD
- ... Resident lecture series – Steve Conroy, DO
- ... "Ballistics" – Alex Rosenau, DO

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

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## Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Family Medicine Grand Rounds are held the first Tuesday of every month from 7 to 8 a.m., in the Educational Conference Center #1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, located in the Anderson Wing across from the Library, and teleconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Room B, at LVH-Muhlenberg, unless otherwise noted. The topic for this month is as follows:

**May 1** – “Clinical and Ethical Considerations in the Determination of the Need for Guardianship in Older Adults” – Susan D. Wiley, MD, Division of Psychiatric Ambulatory Care, and Stephen Lammers, PhD, Ethic Program Consultant

For more information, please contact Sue Turi in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4894.

## Geriatric Trauma Conference

The next Geriatric Trauma Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 2, beginning at noon, in the Presidents' Room in the Anderson Wing at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. The topic of discussion will be:

... “Diastolic Congestive Heart Failure” – Bruce A. Feldman, DO, Division of Cardiology

For more information, please contact Marie Locher, Trauma Development, at 610-402-8464.

## Institutional Review Board Lectures

The Research Participant Protection Office is offering instructional sessions. The topic and dates for May are as follows:

... “Investigator Responsibilities after Approval”

- ⌞ May 7, 7:30 a.m. – Classroom 1, Anderson Wing
- ⌞ May 30, 2 p.m. – Classroom 1, Anderson Wing

For more information, please contact Lisa Gogel in the Research Participant Protection Office at 610-969-2525.

## Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays, beginning at noon. All conferences are held in Classroom 1, in the Anderson Wing at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in May will include:

- ... May 3 – Update from the International Stroke Conference – John Castaldo, MD, Yevgeniy Isayev, MD, and Claranne Mathiesen, RN
- ... Friday, May 11 – Stroke Conference – Auditorium, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78 (Call 610-402-9008 for more information.)
- ... May 17 – “Vascular Syndrome” – Yuebing Li, MD, PhD
- ... May 24 – Case Presentation – John Castaldo, MD
- ... May 31 – Division Meeting – regular meeting canceled

For more information, please contact Sharon Bartz, Program Coordinator, Neurosciences and Pain Research, at 610-402-9008.

## OB/GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology holds Grand Rounds every Friday morning 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 May will include:

- ... May 4 – Gynecologic Tumor Board
- ... May 11 – No Grand Rounds – Resident EMR Training
- ... May 18 – No Grand Rounds – Philadelphia OB Society Resident Education Day
- ... May 25 – No Grand Rounds – Memorial Day Weekend

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, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in May will include:

- ... May 1 – TBA
- ... May 8 – “Headaches” – Jonathan Pletcher, MD
- ... May 15 – “Autism” – John-Paul Gomez, MD
- ... May 22 – TBA
- ... May 29 – Case Presentation – Timothy Yeager, DO

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, May 17**, beginning at noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg. The topic of discussion will be:

- ... “What Do We Know and What Does It Mean” – Paul B. Lieberman, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Brown University School of Medicine

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

## 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 May will include:

- ... May 1 – “Thoraco-abdominal Aneurysms” – Ahmad Tarakji, MD
- ... May 8 – Stahler-Rex Lecture – “Resident Education – The Next Generation” – Richard H. Bell, Jr., MD, Assistant Executive Director, American Board of Surgery
- ... May 15 – “Communication of Unanticipated Outcomes With and Without Medical Error” – Patrice Weiss, MD
- ... May 22 – TBA – Hisham Elhassan, MD
- ... May 29 – “Pelvic Organ Prolapse” – Chad Baxter, MD, Penn State University Urology Resident

For more information, please contact Cathy Glenn in the Department of Surgery at 610-402-7839.



On April 23, Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging relocated the CT Scan Department to Suite 100 of The Center for Advanced Health Care, the new medical office building located on the Cedar Crest & I-78 campus. The telephone and fax numbers remain the same – Phone: 610-435-1600 Fax: 610-435-8330

In its new location, the CT Scan Department offers the following:

- × New 64-slice CT scanner
- × New Cardiovascular studies being offered
- × More CT slots now available
- × Convenient parking in the 5-story parking deck

## 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.*

### Medical Staff

#### New Appointments



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Section of Allergy  
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#### Office Relocation

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### ***Change of Address***

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### ***Changes to Status and Departmental Assignment***

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### ***Status Changes***

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From: Affiliate  
To: Provisional Active

**Zirka M. Halibey, MD**  
Department of Obstetrics and  
Gynecology  
Division of Gynecology  
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To: Provisional Active

### ***Resignations***

**Matthew H. Corcoran, MD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of Endocrinology

**Jeffrey W. Thompson, MD**  
Department of Family Medicine

### ***Allied Health Staff New Appointments***

**Raymond K. Gilmore, CRNA**  
Certified Registered Nurse  
Anesthetist  
(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services,  
PC – Thomas M. McLoughlin, Jr.,  
MD)

**Katrina M. Schafer, PA-C**  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(College Heights OBGYN Associ-  
ates – Thomas A. Hutchinson,  
MD)

### ***Change of Supervising Physician***

**Clare Grubb, PA-C**  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
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To: Amy E. Collis-Cowitch, MD

**Ginger K. O'Sullivan, CRNP**  
Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
From: Lehigh Neurology – Glenn  
A. Mackin, MD  
To: Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists  
– Andrew D. Sumner, MD

**Kimberly J. Parsons, CRNP**  
Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(LVPG-Maternal Fetal Medicine)  
From: William E. Roberts, MD  
To: Orion A. Rust, MD

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Certified Registered Nurse  
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From: John M. Davidyock, MD  
To: Amy M. Ahnert, MD

### ***Additional Supervising Physician***

**Afifi A. Khoury, CRNP**  
Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(Wound Healing Center – Robert  
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(LVPG-Psychiatry – Michael W.  
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Additional Supervising Physician  
– Linda L. Lapos, MD

### ***Resignations***

**Mary A. Cox, CRNA**  
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Services, PC)

**Theresa M. Larkin, RN**  
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**Robert J. Schwoyer, RRT**  
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