

Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



The Evolution of Ethics

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On any given day at Lehigh Valley Hospital, talking about ethics usually brings one person to mind — **Joseph E. Vincent, MD.**

In 1982, with the help of some outside consultants, a number of medical staff and the hospital attorney, Dr. Vincent began discussions of an ethics process in the hospital. With assistance from Stephen E. Lammers, PhD, the hospital formed the Ethics Committee in 1983 with Dr. Vincent serving as its first Chair.

In the 25 years since the ethics process began, Dr. Vincent has served off and on as Chair of the Ethics Committee. Most recently he has served in this capacity since July, 2003 through June, 2007, when he stepped down as Chair. A number of other physicians have also served as Chair of the Ethics Committee – John E. Castaldo, MD, Alexander D. Rae-Grant, MD, Gerald P. Sherwin, MD, Gina M. Karess, MD, and Glenn A. Mackin, MD.

According to Dr. Lammers, who has worked closely with Dr. Vincent since 1982 and who joined the hospital's staff in 1987 as an Ethics Consultant, Dr. Vincent has been at the forefront of issues in medicine closely related to ethics. These include pain control and palliative care. In addition to educating himself through seminars in ethics in this country and abroad, he went to EPEC (Educating Physicians about End of Life Care) training sessions and brought EPEC to the hospital. He also obtained grants to help in this area and arranged for speakers to talk about ethics and related issues. As a result, LVH has hosted many of the major figures in bioethics in this country.

On July 1, Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, began his term as the new Chair of the Ethics Committee. According to Dr. Barraco, "The Ethics Committee is essential to the continued growth of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network. It is a

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From the President

Dr. Ron Swinfard, Chief Medical Officer, made some interesting points in two "Fireside Chats" with physician-fellows of the Institute for Physician Leadership recently, and they're worth repeating here.

The Institute is a two-year program of lectures, discussions and seminars designed to develop leadership skills in members of the Medical Staff, both private and employed.

There's been a tremendous amount of change in our organization, Ron acknowledged, including growth of the hospital and the network, and also including changes in top management. These management changes include the departure of Lou Liebhaber, the retirement of Michael Weinstock as Chair of Emergency Medicine, and the departure of Wayne Hess, Chair of OB-GYN, for a similar job at a new medical school in Roanoke, Va.

These management changes, combined with the recent attention to length of stay and the fact that admissions were below expectations, have led to rumors, Ron said, of financial problems, a management shakeup, and even impending staff layoffs. He dispelled those rumors and gave his view of the issues.

The management departures were coincidence, he said, nothing more. The network's financial status is good, he said. The lower-than-expected admissions were probably due to a combination of the construction project at Cedar Crest, the increased lengths of stay, and a need for more attention to throughput issues.

The length-of-stay and admission issues were ably addressed by the Turn Around Team with cooperation from the Medical Staff. This has led to increased patient access and new efficiencies at our Muhlenberg, Cedar Crest and 17th & Chew campuses. There will be ongoing efforts to enhance administrative efficiency.

During this period of change and growth, with many new members of the Medical Staff, Ron said one of his main priorities is to help ensure that we maintain the culture of the organization as one that is collegial and cooperative, and that remains focused on excellence.

He acknowledged the concerns of physician-attendees about the challenges of maintaining standards of clinical excellence while increasing admissions, and

pledged to remain focused on that issue.

On the topic of financial performance, the LVHN Board of Trustees recently approved the network's Fiscal Year 2008 budget. Dr. Elliot Sussman, President and CEO, reviewed financial performance for the year just ending and provided a look ahead, at the June meetings of the Medical Executive Committee and the General Medical Staff.

The bottom line on financial performance: While the surplus of earnings over expenses for Fiscal Year 2007 was somewhat lower than expected, the network remains in very good financial shape, and another substantial surplus is expected in Fiscal Year 2008.

This surplus, he told the Medical Staff, will ensure that the network continues to be able to make substantial investments in community service and in projects to benefit patients and the community in and around our Cedar Crest, 17th & Chew, and Muhlenberg campuses.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Lapos".

Linda L. Lapos, MD
Medical Staff President

Medical Executive Committee Welcomes New Members At-Large

Congratulations are extended to the following members of the Medical Staff who were recently elected to serve three-year terms as members at-large of the Medical Executive Committee, beginning July 1, 2007:



Ronald J. Bross, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology
*Stelzer Cornell Taus Auteri &
Helwig GI Associates*



Bryan G. Kane, MD
Department of Emergency Medicine
Division of Emergency Medicine
LVPG-Emergency Medicine



William G. Combs, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of Cardiology
The Heart Care Group, PC



Suresh G. Nair, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of Hematology-Medical On-
cology
*Hematology-Oncology Associates,
Inc.*



Julie A. Gubernick, MD
Department of Radiology-Diagnostic
Medical Imaging
Division of Diagnostic Radiology
Section of Urologic Radiology
Medical Imaging of LV, PC

A special "Thank You" is extended to the five members at-large who completed their terms at the end of June for their dedication and service to the Medical Staff as members of the Medical Executive Committee – **Gregory Brusko, DO**, Division of General Surgery; **Michael J. Consuelos, MD**, Division of General Pediatrics; **Richard A. Kolesky, MD**, Department of Anesthesiology; **Patrice M. Weiss, MD**, Division of Primary Obstetrics and Gynecology; and **Matthew J. Winas, DO**, Division of General Internal Medicine.

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wonderful resource that will need to grow with the institution. I will look to expand the members able to perform consults and increase the educational role and visibility of the committee. As a result, we will devote time early in this coming year to reaching consensus on how to accomplish these goals. In addition, I would like to continue Dr. Vincent and Dr. Lammers' visionary work towards the development of

a Division of Medical Ethics and Humanities here at Lehigh Valley Hospital, with the eventual goal of having a full-time ethicist within our network. I want to thank Dr. Vincent for his leadership and insight over the past year in helping to prepare me for this role and his devoted service to the Ethics Committee during his tenure as Chair."

ROC DOCs Moving Along!

As the summer of 2007 rolls in, the ROC DOC group continues to meet, with the fourth ROC DOC meeting occurring Monday, June 18. Edward M. Mullin, Jr., MD, welcomed the group and performed a “pulse check” of the ROC DOC group. He posed some questions to the group to help generate some ideas about what life will be like in the new Kasych tower:

- ... Knowing what you know right now, what ONE THING would be unacceptable if this was found to be true when you care for patients in Kasych?
- ... In a realistic world, what ONE THING would make you ecstatically happy when you begin to see patients in Kasych?
- ... What single process improvement do you think should be made when Kasych opens for business? In other words...what would you like to see us NOT do in Kasych that we're doing now? (“out with the bad...in with the good”)
- ... It's June 2008. What would you like to hear your patients say to you about their experience as a patient at LVH in Kasych?

One of ROC DOC's own, Ralph A. Primelo, MD, Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry/Psychiatric Ambulatory Care, provided a presentation on some techniques to battle stress and change, a well embraced topic. Here are some highlights from Dr. Primelo's presentation:

- ... Identify the stress in yourself.
- ... If you have something planned away from work, just knowing you have it planned will help reduce stress levels.
- ... Bust stress – extreme measures are not mandatory!!
- ... Problem-solve – solicit someone to assist you.



Brian Hardner, Vice President for Facilities & Construction, provided an update on the campus construction activity. During June and July, they will be opening the first major clinical component of the Kasych Expansion project: two new operating rooms will be coming online.

Molly Sebastian, Vice President of Patient Care Services, updated the ROC DOC group on the Staffing Committee's progress. The committee started meeting in October 2006. So far, every position in the Kasych tower has been filled with the exception of 2-3 night shift positions that are still vacant. A cost center has been set-up to capture the cost of these new hires.

If you have questions regarding the Cedar Crest & I-78 expansion and moves connected to the Kasych Tower, contact a ROC DOC representative, call the ROC Hotline at 610-402-7700 (24/7), or email edward.mullin@lvh.com.



News from CAPOE Central

Cytology and Flow Cytometry Now On-Line

The paper order sheets that have been used for Cytology (Gyn and Non-Gyn) and Flow Cytometry have been converted to online orders. All of the required fields have been included, and there are drop-down menus to facilitate data entry. The orders are located in the main Lab list and also in the Micro List. The order will print on the unit (to attach to the specimen) and will also print in the cytology lab. Please remember to use these on-line orders as the paper order sheets will eventually be removed from the in-patient units.

Ordering Potassium? Now you can see the latest level

A new expert rule has been added to the system. When ordering potassium supplements, an alert will pop up IF there is a recent abnormal potassium level, or IF a recent potassium level is not found in the system. If the recent potassium level was normal, no popup will appear. The same alert will appear when pharmacy verifies the order. This rule should improve patient safety regarding use of this medication. Please provide feedback to the CAPOE team regarding the usefulness of this rule. The Clinical Decision Support Team is considering applying this rule to other high-risk medications (i.e., anti-coagulants).

Exiting out of LastWord

Although I don't understand why anyone would ever want to or need to get out of LastWord, there are times when users must close the application. When doing so, please remember to click on the "Logoff" button with the STOP sign icon. Do NOT click on the X in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Clicking on the X could lead to problems when you try to log on again.

New Lab Priority = "L"

A new priority for lab tests has been created. The "L" priority is to be used for labs that should be drawn right away, but that could be run routine. This priority could be used when ordering blood cultures or time related tests (vancomycin levels, etc.).

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.

An Update on Up-To-Date

Due to contractual limitations imposed by **Up-to-Date**, for FY08, access to this tool will be limited to the physical confines of the three main hospital campuses and the extended network of Health Centers.

Health Center access will be permitted from the following locations:

- ... Center for Advanced Health Care
- ... Center for Women's Medicine
- ... Health Center at Bath
- ... Family Health Center
- ... Health Center at Bethlehem Township
- ... Hamburg Community Health Center
- ... Health Center at Hellertown
- ... Health Center at Kutztown
- ... Health Center at Trexlertown

Effective July 31, 2007, access from home or from remote practices will no longer be allowed.

The tools listed below serve as options to Up-to-Date and users are encouraged to take advantage of existing licenses in place:

- ... eMedicine
- ... DynaMed
- ... InfoRetriever
- ... MD Consult
- ... First Consult
- ... MicroMedex

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

Physician Assistant Regulations Revised by State

The Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine revised the regulations for Physician Assistants (PAs) effective November 18, 2006. These revisions, which apply only to PAs supervised by allopathic physicians and allow for an expanded scope of practice, were approved at the Medical Executive Committee meeting on April 3, 2007.

Highlights of these revisions are as follows:

Pronouncement of Death

The final regulations allow a Physician Assistant to pronounce death. However, they may only pronounce those patients of their supervising physician or the group to which their supervising physician is associated. This must be expressly set forth in the written agreement. The attending physician is responsible for notifying the family, asking for autopsy consent, and documenting the cause of death on the death certificate.

Order and/or Administer Blood and Blood Products

The final regulations allow a Physician Assistant to order and/or administer whole blood and blood components if the authority to order and administer these fluids is expressly set forth in the written agreement.

Order and/or Administer Schedule 2 Drugs

The final regulations allow a Physician Assistant to order and/or administer controlled substances including Schedule 2 drugs if the authority to order and administer these medications is expressly set forth in the written agreement and their current DEA includes Schedule 2.

Physician Assistants interested in requesting/exercising the new privileges listed above will need to amend their written agreement with the State. In addition, a "Request for Additional Privileges" form must be obtained, completed, and returned to the Office of Medical Staff Services along with the amended written agreement. All requests for additional privileges require approval by the Credentials Committee, the Medical Executive Committee, and the Boards of Trustees before they may be exercised.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Ruth M. Davis, Director of Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8975.

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network has been accredited as a Center of Excellence in Bariatric Surgery by the American College of Surgeons.

LVHNN is one of two hospitals in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and one of 25 in the nation to have the highest designation of 1A status.

Congratulations to the physicians and staff of the Weight Management Center on this prestigious award.



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:

Highway Improvement Project

- ... Road widening and earthwork continue on both sides of Cedar Crest Blvd. and Fish Hatchery Rd.
- ... Storm line crossing beneath Fish Hatchery west of Cedar Crest Blvd continues.
- ... PPL crews will install overhead utilities.

PennDOT Project

- ... Beginning the week of July 9, PennDOT will be repairing the drive lanes on Cedar Crest Blvd. at the hospital entrance intersection. Lane shifting will be necessary. Work will be done from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. to reduce disruption (weather permitting).
- ... Overlay paving of Cedar Crest Blvd. from Chestnut Street (Emmaus) to Fish Hatchery Road continues.

Site Renovations on Campus

Parking Lot 4 (South of the 1230 Building)

- ... Demolition has started in preparation for the new Emergency Department access road.
- ... Night-shift colleagues who regularly park in Lot 4 should park on either level of the parking deck in front of the hospital.
- ... Patients are directed to park in the five-story deck along Cedar Crest Blvd. A patient drop-off area is available on the side of the 1230 building.

Detention Basins

- ... The front detention basin is completed.

Parking Lot 11

- ... Grading for the parking expansion in Lot 11 continues.

West Front Parking Deck

- ... The installation of the foundation walls and interior column footings continue.
- ... Installation of precast concrete has begun.

Emergency Room Renovation

- ... The steel work has been completed for the first half of phase II.
- ... The exterior walls have been installed.
- ... New sidewalks have been poured.
- ... The covered walkway was removed and reinstalled at the Jaindl entrance.



The covered walkway to the Emergency Department (pictured above) has been relocated near the Jaindl entrance.

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

Congratulations!



Joseph E. Patruno, MD, Chief, Division of Gynecology, received the National Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics "Excellence in Teaching Award" at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's 15th Annual Joseph A. Miller, MD Resident Research Banquet held on June 1.

A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since September, 2005, Dr. Patruno is in practice with the Center for Women's Medicine.



Joanne N. Quinones, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics, was recently notified that she has been awarded a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since September, 2005, Dr. Quinones is in practice with LVPG-Maternal Fetal Medicine.



Meredith L. Rochon, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, was the recipient of the CREOG Excellence in Teaching Award which was presented at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's 15th Annual Joseph A. Miller, MD Resident Research Banquet held on June 1.

A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since October, 2005, Dr. Rochon is in practice with LVPG-Maternal Fetal Medicine.



Michael A. Rossi, MD, Chief, Division of Cardiology, was recently notified that he successfully achieved Level 2 Certification in Cardiac CT Angiography by the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography to perform and interpret Cardiac CT coronary calcium scoring and angiography.

A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since July, 1992, Dr. Rossi is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists.

At this year's Graduate Medical Education Celebration, which was held on Friday, June 8, the following members of the Medical and Allied staffs received awards:

Ann K. Astolfi, DMD

Dental Medicine (LVH-M) Teacher of the Year

Dale A. Dangleben, MD

Halstead Award in Surgery

Peter T. Davis, DDS

Dental Medicine (LVH-17) Teacher of the Year

Indru T. Khubchandani, MD

Colon and Rectal Surgery Teacher of the Year

Anthony V. Matejicka II, DO, MPH

Osteopathic Internship Teacher of the Year

Walter J. Okunski, MD

Plastic Surgery Teacher of the Year

Joanne N. Quinones, MD

Semmelweis Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Stacey J. Smith, MD

Osler Award in Internal Medicine

Jeffrey Sternlieb, PhD

Asclepius Award in Family Medicine

Kevin R. Weaver, DO

Mills Award in Emergency Medicine

In addition, the following members of the Medical Staff received Medical Student Teacher of the Year Awards:

Marjorie R. Cooper, MD

Psychiatry

Susan S. Mathieu, MD

Family Medicine

Richard J. Mazzaccaro, MD

Pediatrics

Joseph E. Patruno, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology

David W. Scaff, DO

Surgery

Stacey J. Smith, MD

Medicine

LVH Echocardiography Laboratories Earn Accreditation

The Heart Station/Echocardiography Laboratories at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest were accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL). These laboratories join only 21 hospitals in Pennsylvania to earn this recognition and are among two of the first 1,000 echocardiography laboratories in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

This accreditation recognizes the labs' commitment to high quality patient care and the provision of quality diagnostic testing. To receive accreditation, a facility is reviewed by an independent agency to gauge the lab's commitment to quality testing for the diagnosis of heart disease.

The ICAEL was established with the support of the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), the

American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the Society of Pediatric Echocardiography (SOPE) to provide a peer review mechanism to encourage and recognize the provision of quality echocardiographic diagnostic evaluations by a process of voluntary accreditation. The ICAEL is dedicated to ensuring high quality patient care and to promoting health care.



LVHVN Digital Library Services

New Database: AnthroSource as a Source for Qualitative Research Methods

Research in medicine has often focused on strictly quantitative methods - those that rely heavily on compiling numerical data. Qualitative research relies on data collection through methods such as interviews, focus groups or observation. Techniques from both forms of research are being applied more frequently in biomedical research because many health issues involve social and cultural aspects that may be better assessed via qualitative methods.

With the increased emphasis on evidence-based research, cultural diversity, and the combination of qualitative with quantitative study methods, anthropological literature has become increasingly important in the medical and nursing fields.

Produced by the American Anthropological Association, **AnthroSource** covers literature dealing with research, teaching and the profession of anthropology. AnthroSource can provide articles that detail various methods of performing qualitative research. The database includes **Medical Anthropology Quarterly**, an international journal encompassing ethnomedicine, epidemiology, nutrition, health care providers and services, health policy, public health, and the language of healthcare. There are over 40,000 full text articles available through AnthroSource.

Visit the Library Services homepage and click on the AnthroSource link to search the database.

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

Papers, Publications and Presentations



At the American College of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) meeting in St. Louis, Mo., June 2-7, 2007, the following presentations were made by members of the Department of Surgery:

Roberto Bergamaschi, MD, PhD, Minimally Invasive Surgery Program Director, and Karin McConville, MD, and Elie Schochet, MD, General Surgery residents: "Totally Laparoscopic Hartmann's Reversal: A Safe Procedure for Even High-risk Patients"

Dr. Bergamaschi and James F. Reed, PhD, Director of Research, Interim Chief, Health Studies: "Impact of Laparoscopic Abdominoperineal Resection on Radial Margin"

Robert J. Sinnott, DO, Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery and Residency Program Director; Elie Schochet, MD, and Omid Jazaeri, MD, General Surgery residents, and Sherrine Eid, MPH, Biostatistician, Health Studies: "15 Years of Local Versus Radical Surgery for T1 Rectal Cancer: More Isn't Always Better!"

Lester Rosen, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery; **Dr. Sinnott**, Hisham Elhassan, MD, Colon and Rectal Surgery resident, and Dr. Reed: "Postoperative Bleeding or Thromboembolic Complications after Colon and Rectal Surgery: Has the Scale Tipped the Other Way?"



Aaron D. Bleznak, MD, Associate Chief (LVH-M), Section of Surgical Oncology, **Heiwon Chung, MD**, Section of Surgical Oncology, and Elie Schochet, MD, General Surgery resident, presented their study, "The Memorial Nomogram Works Better With Frozen Section Than Touch Prep: But Does It Really Matter?," at the American Society of Breast Surgeons annual meeting held May 2-6, 2007, in Phoenix, Ariz.



Mark D. Cipolle, MD, PhD, Vice Chair, Research, Department of Surgery, co-authored an article titled, "A Randomized Trial to Evaluate Compliance in Terms of Patient Comfort and Satisfaction of Two Pneumatic Compression Devices," which was published in the May/June issue of *Orthopaedic Nursing* (2007;26:169-174). Co-authors on this article include Patrick Pagella, BSN, RN, Division of Trauma/Surgical Critical Care; Eileen Sacco, MSN, RN, Patient Care Specialist; Pat Matula, RN, MSN, and Elizabeth Karoly, MBA, RRT, Care Management, and Joanna Bokovoy, RN, PhD, Healthcare Research.



Peter A. Keblish, Jr., MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was an invited guest speaker on Current Concepts and Development of Rotating Platform Total Knee Replacement at the Current Concepts meeting held May 20 in Las Vegas, Nev. Dr. Keblish spoke on the contributions of the LCS Mobile Bearing Knee regarding design, surgical technique and patella management to the development of understanding knee replacement since 1977.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest & I-78 was one of 17 learning centers (under Dr. Keblish's supervision) that participated in the FDA-IDE Evaluation of the Mobile Bearing Total Knee Concept from 1981-1993. During that time, LVH hosted learning centers and surgical visitations dedicated to teaching new aspects and approaches in total knee replacement. The moveable bearing knee has been the only total knee (to date) that required a full FDA-IDE clearance. The rotating Platform Knee is now an accepted, proven design that is utilized world wide.



Vadim A. Levin, MD, Division of Cardiology, presented his research project – "Interatrial Conduction Measured During Biventricular Pacemaker Implantation Accurately Predicts Optimal Paced Atrioventricular Intervals" – at the American College of Cardiology 56th Annual Scientific Session, held March 26, in New Orleans, La. Results of this study were published in Volume 18, Number 3, March 2007 issue of the *Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology*.



Daniel D. Lozano, MD, Chief, Division of Burn, was a clinical investigator in a multi-center study and co-author of the paper that was published in the May/June issue of the *Journal of Burn Care Research* (2007;28:401-408). The paper is titled "Comparison of fibrin sealant and staples for attaching split-thickness autologous sheet grafts in patients with deep partial- or full-thickness burn wounds: a phase 1/2 clinical study."

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Thomas D. Meade, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was an invited guest lecturer recently in Philadelphia, Pa., where he discussed his experience with the cutting edge technology of utilizing 3-D MRI to construct patient specific guides to allow "Custom Fit Total Knee Resurfacing." Dr. Meade is currently one of the top three highest volume and experienced surgeons in the country performing "Custom Fit" total knee "resurfacing," the next step beyond gender specific knee replacements. Lehigh Valley Hospital serves as a leader and national education site for this cutting edge technology that decreases operative time, incision length, and hospital stay.

In addition, Dr. Meade was an invited guest lecturer at the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society meeting held May 10-12 in Phoenix, Ariz., where he discussed "Surgical Fixation of Displaced Clavicle Fractures" as the new treatment of choice in adults with displaced clavicle fractures.



Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD, Medical Director, LVH-Muhlenberg; James F. Reed, PhD, Director of Research; **Michael J. Pistoria, DO**, Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program; Elizabeth Karoly, MBA, and Krista Casey, Care Management, co-authored the study titled, "Clinical and Fiscal Performance Comparison Between Private Practice Physicians and an Institutional Hospital Service in an Academic Community Hospital," which was presented at the Academy of Health's Annual Research Meeting held June 3-5 in Orlando, Fla.



Michael D. Pasquale, MD, Chief, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care; **Mark D. Cipolle, MD, PhD**, Vice Chair, Research, Department of Surgery; Kenneth Miller, MEd, RRT-NPS, Respiratory Care, and Omid Jazaeri, MD, General Surgery resident, presented their study – "Volume Targeted Ventilation Versus Airway Pressure Release Ventilation in the Morbidly Obese Patient" – at the American Society for Bariatric Surgery annual meeting held June 11-16 in San Diego, Calif.



Peter F. Rovito, MD, Division of General Surgery, recently published his report, "Hepatobiliary scintigraphy as a diagnostic modality for Gastroparesis of the Bypassed Stomach after Gastric Bypass for Morbid Obesity." which appeared in ***Obesity Surgery*** (2007;17:414-415). Co-authors on this paper were Ahmad M. Tarakji, MD, and Fermin Morales, MD, General Surgery residents.



On May 23, **Jeffrey L. Sternlieb, PhD**, from the Department of Family Medicine, gave a presentation to the Philadelphia Region Organizational Development Network titled, "Balint Groups: A New Perspective on Difficult Business Relationships."

This coming November, Dr. Sternlieb will be running a Balint Leadership Training Intensive for providers interested in learning Balint group leadership skills. Balint groups are designed to help physicians provide better care for patients with whom they have difficulties. This program was also run last year. Thirty-six people from all over the country, as well as two individuals from Australia, participated in the program. If you are interested in attending or learning more about Balint groups, please contact Dr. Sternlieb at 610-969-4950.



At the 55th Annual Clinical meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists held in San Diego, Calif., in May 2007, **Patrice M. Weiss, MD**, Residency Program Director and Vice Chair of Education, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, presented a clinical seminar titled "Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcomes and Medical Errors" and a luncheon conference workshop titled "Communicate or Litigate." Dr. Weiss also presented "Patient Safety in Resident Education" to the Resident Reporter Program, also held at the clinical meeting.

In addition, **Dr. Weiss**, Roger Lefevre, MD, OB-GYN Resident; Sharon Kimmel, PhD, Senior Research Scientist in the Health Studies Department; and Craig Koller, MEd, Manager of Obstetrics and Gynecology Post-Graduate Medical Education, gave a poster presentation titled "Post Hysterectomy Hematocrit: A Learned Routine or Clinical Useful?" at the Academy of Health 2007 Annual Research meeting, Measuring and Improving Quality, held in Orlando, Fla., in June 2007.



Thomas V. Whalen, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, gave the 8th Annual Walter Pories Lecture, titled "The Future of Surgical Education," on March 21 at East Carolina University Medical School, Greenville, NC. On May 3, Dr. Whalen gave the 17th Annual Ballantine Lecture titled "The Global OR Lounge: PEDSURG-L," at Penn State School of Medicine in Hershey, Pa.

Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

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 Room #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 July is as follows:

- ... July 3 – “Update on Atrial Fibrillation” – Karthik P. Sheka, MD, Division of Cardiology

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

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 July will include:

- ... July 6 – No Grand Rounds
- ... July 13 – GYN M&M – Joseph Patruno, MD
- ... July 20 – “Simulations” – Jose Pliego, MD, Visiting Professor, Medical Director of Clinical Simulation, Texas A&M University
- ... July 27 – “Simulations – Follow-up” – Kristin Friel, MD

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 the Educational Conference Room #1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in July will include:

- ... July 3 – Case Presentation – Rima Strassman, MD
- ... July 10 – TBA
- ... July 17 – “Pediatric Trauma” – Rovinder Sandhu, MD

- ... July 24 – “Therapeutic Hypothermia for Neonatal HIE” – Noah Cook, MD, Neonatologist, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- ... July 31 – “Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease” – Puneet Gupta, 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, July 19**, 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:

- ... **“Managing the Psychosocial Consequences of CBRNE Terrorism”** – Steven M. Crimando, MA, BCETS, Director of Training for the New Jersey Division of Mental Health Services, Disaster & Terrorism Branch and Managing Director of Extreme Behavioral Risk Management

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.

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the next Spine Conference will be held on **Wednesday, August 1**, in 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.

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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- ... **David M. Richardson, MD**, Associate Vice Chair
- ... **Gary Bonfante, DO**, Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director
- ... **David B. Burmeister, DO**, Director, Emergency Department (LVH-M)

Division of Emergency Medicine

- ... **Richard S. MacKenzie, MD**, Chief

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- ... **Marc Shalaby, MD**, Residency Program Director (LVH)
- ... **Larry E. Jacobs, MD**, Fellowship Director, Cardiology

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- ... **James A. Burke, MD, PhD**, Associate Chief (LVH)

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- ... **Thomas A. Hutchinson, MD**, Interim Chair

Department of Surgery

- ... **Michael D. Pasquale, MD**, Senior Vice Chair
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Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

- ... **Laurence D. Popowich, DDS**, Chief

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Leave of Absence

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Resignations

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(Devendra K. Amin, MD, PC –
Devendra K. Amin, MD)

Brian C. Halvorsen

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(Surgical Monitoring Associates,
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(Coordinated Health – Emil J.
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Change of Supervising Physician

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Physician Assistant-Certified
From: Premier Heart Specialists –
Thomas Little, MD
To: Surgical Specialists of the
Lehigh Valley – Rovinder S.
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Sandra R. Kowalski, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(OAA Orthopaedic Specialists)
From: Richard D. Battista, MD
To: Nicole C. Chiappetta, DO

Additional Supervising Physician

Jodi L. Hyndman, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG-Transplant Surgery –
Michael J. Moritz, MD)
Addition of: LVPG-Emergency
Medicine – Anthony T. Werhun, MD

Removal of Supervising Physician

Catherine C. Shelly, PA-C

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Anthony T. Werhun, MD)
Removal of: Neurosurgical Associ-
ates of LVPG – Chris A. Lycette, MD

Resignations

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Physician Assistant-Certified
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