

Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



LVH Named Among Best in Six Specialties by U.S. News & World Report

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Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) ranks as one of the nation's top hospitals in six specialty care delivery areas in the 2007 *U.S. News & World Report* guide to "America's Best Hospitals."



The 2007 list recognizes LVH among the nation's leading hospitals for:

- ... Cancer care
- ... Digestive disorders
- ... Endocrinology
- ... Geriatrics
- ... Gynecology
- ... Heart care and heart surgery

LVH has made the *U.S. News* rankings 12 consecutive years, with a total of 25 specialty category listings in the past four years alone.

"Our community has entrusted us with providing the highest quality care while ensuring the safety of our patients," said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHHN's President and CEO. "This recognition by *U.S. News & World Report* demonstrates the experience, expertise and commitment of our teams of physicians, nurses and staff in meeting our community's needs."

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, "America's Best Hospitals" assessed care in 16 specialties. Only 173 of 5,462 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 (COTH), affiliation with a medical school, or availability of specific technology-related services. In each specialty, a hospital must admit and treat a minimum number of patients with sufficiently complex conditions, 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.

"There are many outstanding health care organizations on this list and it is an honor for LVH to be recognized among them," said Linda Lapos, President of LVHHN's Medical Staff. "What is especially gratifying is being able to offer nationally recognized specialty services close to home. That's important because it means our community doesn't have to travel outside the area to receive the highest quality care."

LVH cares for more inpatients and outpatients at its Cedar Crest & I-78 site than any hospital in a nine-county region in six specialty areas including heart care and heart surgery, one of the specialties for which LVH is cited in the *U.S. News* rankings. The nine counties include Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Monroe, Montgomery, Lehigh, Luzerne, Northampton and Schuylkill.



From the President

Medical Staff Leadership continues to review ideas and lessons from the Estes Park Institute Conference we attended earlier this year.

One “take-away” point from the conference was the need to address the quality and credentialing issues of healthcare practitioners of advanced age. This topic has been the subject of both national and local media attention in the past few years.

Our own Medical Staff Bylaws charge the Medical Staff with maintaining an “acceptable level” of professional performance by Medical Staff members, through delineation of clinical privileges

and performance review. And the Joint Commission directs medical staffs to have a policy to identify and manage matters of individual physician health and impairment. The idea is to deal with issues of impairment *before* there is harm to patients.

While there are some departmental or informal policies dealing with this topic, the experts recommend a uniform non-punitive policy, including education, intervention and oversight, that applies across the entire Medical Staff. With that as the goal, an ad-hoc Medical Staff committee has been formed, including Medical Staff members of varied disciplines and perspectives. You will receive a full report of the results.

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If you haven’t met Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD yet, I’d recommend you introduce yourself next time you see her in the hall. She’s been here as Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine for only five months, and already she has a reputation among many of her constituents as a good listener, a straight shooter, and a dedicated leader.

The Division of General Internal Medicine is arguably one of the most important, and at times one of the most under-appreciated and beleaguered segments of our Medical Staff. Debbie is doing what she can to change the under-appreciated and beleaguered parts.

While getting to know the division members and the greater community they serve, Debbie has formed a General Internal Medicine Division Development Team, including representatives from both hospitalist and traditional practices, both LVPG and private. Among the goals of the team are to foster a sense of identity and unity within the division, and to implement practical solutions to some of the frustrations of day-to-day rounding in the hospital.

Troika will be supporting Debbie and the Division in these worthwhile endeavors.

Linda L. Lapos, MD
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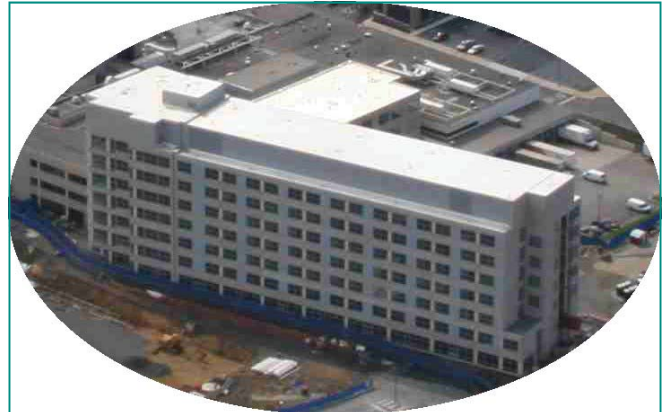
ROC DOCs Tune in for Information

Driving along Interstate 78, it is amazing to see the immense progress that is being made on the Cedar Crest Expansion Project. As the construction continues, the CC Readiness Leadership and ROC DOCs are busy planning for the rapidly approaching opening of the Kasych Pavilion.

For the month of August, it is important to note that the ROC DOC meeting has been suspended. September will be busy with ROC DOC activity, with the next ROC DOC meeting occurring on **Monday, September 17, from 7–8 a.m., in Classroom 2 at Cedar Crest & I-78**. If you are a member of the ROC DOC group, the CC Readiness Leadership group strongly urges you to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, please send a colleague or designate an alternate to attend on your behalf. During this meeting, the following topics will be discussed:

- ... Presentation of the Exemplary Learning Center (tentative)
- ... Operating Room update
- ... New Traffic Patterns update
- ... Parking update
- ... Community Relations
- ... Information on tours of Kasych

Also during September, opportunities for the ROC DOCs to tour Kasych will be arranged. ROC DOCs will be contacted via telephone in late August/early September informing them of the confirmed date and time when the Kasych tours will become available.



Take advantage of the opportunity to tour the Kasych building and bring any questions or comments you may have to the September 17 ROC DOC meeting!

During the September 10 General Medical Staff meeting, the tri-leaders of the CC Readiness Project – **Edward M. Mullin, Jr., MD**, **Marty Everhart**, Vice President, Human Resources; and **Molly Sebastian**, Vice President, Patient Care Services, will be doing a presentation on the CC Readiness Project. Attend the meeting for information about the CC Readiness project and its involvement of the ROC DOC group.

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



Cancer Center Update

The last decade has seen dramatic growth in both programs and services of the Cancer Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital. The Cancer Center Leadership Council, which includes **Eliot L. Friedman, MD**, Chief, Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology; **Gregory R. Harper, MD, PhD**, Senior Medical Director, Academic Oncology Programs; **Paul J. Mosca, MD, PhD**, Senior Medical Director, Surgical Oncology; **Victor R. Risch, MD, PhD**, Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology; and **Keith Weinhold**, Vice President, Cancer Services, has overseen a number of key successes for the Cancer Center:

- ... Successful accreditation of the LVH Cancer Program by the American College of Surgeons as the only Network Cancer Program in the state
- ... Recognition by *U.S. News & World Report* as the highest ranked community cancer program in the eastern U.S.
- ... Successful site visit of Breast Health Services by the American College of Surgeons National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers

On the academic front, the partnership with the Penn State College of Medicine that constitutes the Penn State Cancer Institute has resulted in the successful inauguration of a fellowship program in Hematology and Oncology, an expansion of cancer prevention research, the growth of the Cancer Risk Assessment and Genetic Counseling Program, and, under the leadership of Dr. Paul Mosca, the first ever Phase I melanoma treatment protocol at LVH.

After 10 years of leadership in the Cancer Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Dr. Gregory Harper has stepped down from the role of Oncology Physician-in-Chief. Dr. Harper will continue as Medical Director for Breast Health Services and practice medical oncology with Hematology-Oncology Associates, Inc.

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News from CAPOE Central

How do I discontinue a TPN?

The web-based TPN application has been quite a success. It is easy to use, provides great decision support and integrates well with our other systems. However, there are some issues with handling the orders in LastWord. Please take note of the following tips.

- ... If TPN needs to be discontinued in LastWord, please do not discontinue it via a "Communication to Nurse" order or by discontinuing the renewal reminder, as pharmacy does not see these reminders
- ... To discontinue a TPN, go under the "Orders" tab in LastWord
- ... Find the entry titled "+ IV: Total Parenteral Nutrition"
- ... Highlight the medication and click the "Discontinue" tab
- ... Now the process is just like discontinuing any other medication
- ... You will need to check if your patient is on Lipids as well. If your patient is on a 2-in-1 TPN, these will be listed separately and will need to be discontinued
- ... Please be sure to communicate this information to the nurse as well

Changes to the Diabetic Diets

Consistent with the American Diabetes Association, the diabetic menus will be fiber enhanced to encourage patients to make higher fiber choices when selecting their menu. The menu choices in LastWord were changed in July to reflect these changes. The changes were made in the Nutrition button and also in the order sets containing diabetic diets. The new diets will appear as:

- ... CCL-Hi Fiber
- ... CCM-Hi Fiber
- ... CCH-Hi Fiber
- ... CCVH-Hi Fiber

Recognizing that high fiber is not indicated for all diabetic patients, there will also be choices under the Nutrition button with moderate fiber (i.e., CCM-Mod Fiber).

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Kimberly Procaccino, Nutrition Director, at 610-402-8609.

Changes to Burn Team Consult

At the end of August, the Burn Team Consult will be removed from the Ancillary Consult list. All Burn Team consults should be placed by consulting the Burn Service Surgeons in the Surgery Department Consult list. During August, until it is removed from the Ancillary Consult list, the Burn Team Consult will take you directly to the Surgery Department Consult. When consulting the Burn Service, please place a consult to one of the Burn Service Surgeons: Daniel Lozano, MD, Pamela Howard, MD, or Sigrid Blome-Eberwein, MD. Notification of urgent or emergent consults should be called to the Trauma Surgery Office at 610-402-1350. This process will ensure appropriate communication to the Burn Service.

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.



LVHN Digital Library Services

FirstConsult

FirstConsult is an evidence-based primary care decision support tool providing guidance on patient evaluation, diagnosis, and management. Evidence is summarized and rated from systematic reviews of primary research, other well-regarded sources of evidence, or individual research papers. Features include: differential diagnosis checklists categorized by age with interactive comparisons, disease information, streaming video tutorials on common procedures, links to practice guidelines, and integration

with MDConsult reference content. Information is continually updated with major content releases scheduled quarterly. From the intranet, go to Departments/NonClinical/LibraryServices and click on the link to FirstConsult.

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



Construction Update

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

Physician Parking

- ... Physicians should continue to park in Lot 6 with overflow into Lot 5.

Center for Advanced Health Care – 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.

- ... Valley Sports & Arthritis Surgeons will move into the building in early August.
- ... In order to accommodate patients, some LVH employees who currently park in the 5-story deck will be moved to lot 4A (stone parking lot). Security will notify affected employees.

Anderson Wing

- ... To allow for the installation of new flooring in the hallway area where the Anderson Wing transitions into the new Kasych Pavilion, Classrooms 1 and 3 will be closed in the evenings and on weekends through early August. Classroom 2 has been relocated to a new area and will be ready for use on Monday, August 6.

West Front Parking Deck

- ... The installation of the foundation walls, interior column footings, and pre-cast concrete has been completed.

Highway Improvements

- ... Drive lanes on Cedar Crest Blvd. at the hospital entrance intersection have been resurfaced.
- ... Road widening and earthwork continues on the east side of Cedar Crest Blvd. north of Fish Hatchery Road.
- ... The storm line is being installed across from the Healthy You building driveway. Watch for changes.

Emergency Department Renovations

- ... The steel framing and concrete foundation for the new waiting room have been completed.

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



Newest Training Program Begins

July, 2007 marked the beginning of the newest training program at Lehigh Valley Hospital – the Cardiology Fellowship. **Larry E. Jacobs, MD**, program director for the fellowship, notes the three-year program received accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) with an approval for 12 positions. Four first-year fellows began their training on July 2, and an additional four were selected to begin next July. Applications for the final four positions will be accepted through the Electronic

Residency Application Service (ERAS) and will participate in the fellowship match in June, 2008.

The deadline for applications is December 31, 2007, with interviews occurring in March, 2008.

For more information regarding the Cardiology Fellowship, please contact Dr. Jacobs at pager 610-402-5100 1659 or Kim Cornwell, Graduate Medical Education Coordinator, at 610-969-2570.



Hospital Discharge Appeal Notice

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), published a final rule, "Notification of Hospital Discharge Rights". As of July 1, 2007, hospitals must deliver a revised version of the "Important Message from Medicare" to inform Medicare beneficiaries about their hospital discharge appeal rights. All Medicare recipients, both traditional and Medicare Advantage, will be provided with a notice of their rights upon admission to the Hospital and again within 48 hours of discharge.

If the patient does not agree with the decision to discharge, they have the right to appeal the decision through the local QIO, (Quality Insights of Pennsylvania). During the appeal process, the patient may remain in the hospital, awaiting the QIO's decision.

As a physician, you can help by discussing discharge plans with your patients early and often. Setting expectations helps to avoid appeals and facilitate the discharge process.

If you have questions regarding this issue, please contact Maureen Sawyer, Director of Case Management, LVH-Muhlenberg, at 484-884-2304.



5 p.m.

Saturday, September 29, 2007

LVH-Muhlenberg

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NPI Update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be disseminating provider information contained in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) that is required to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), in accordance with the NPPES Data Dissemination Notice (CMS-6060-N) that was published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2007. The Notice encouraged providers who have been assigned National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) to view their NPPES data and to update, change, or delete (where permitted) the data that will be disclosed under the FOIA.

NPPES FOIA-disclosable data will be made available in an initial file that can be downloaded from the Internet, as well as in a query-only database known as the NPI Registry. There will be monthly update files that will also be downloadable from the Internet. CMS will begin disseminating data on August 1, 2007.

CMS has made available a document that will assist providers in making updates, changes, and deletions to the FOIA-disclosable NPPES provider data. The document – National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Data Elements Data Dissemination “Information for Providers” - is available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/Downloads/NPPES_FOIA_Data%20Elements_062007.pdf on the NPI website. It is strongly recommend that providers read this document as soon as possible.

The initial downloadable file was created using a “snapshot” of the NPPES FOIA-disclosable provider data as of a specific date. Because the initial downloadable file will be the foundation containing the FOIA-disclosable data for more than 2.2 million

providers, it is important that the information in that file be as accurate as possible. In order for provider updates, changes, and deletions to be reflected in the initial downloadable file, providers were required to submit their updates, changes, and deletions to NPPES no later than July 16, 2007.

Updates, changes, and deletions that are submitted after July 16 will be reflected in the appropriate monthly update file, also downloadable from the Internet. For example, an update submitted on July 26 would be effective after the creation of the initial downloadable file and thus would be reflected in the first update file (to be created one month after the creation of the initial downloadable file); an update submitted on August 30 would be effective after the creation of the first update file and thus would be reflected in the second update file (to be created one month after the creation of the first monthly update file).

Still Confused?

Not sure what an NPI is and how you can get it, share it and use it? As always, more information and education on the NPI can be found at the CMS NPI page www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand on the CMS website. Providers can apply for an NPI online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or can call the NPI enumerator to request a paper application at 1-800-465-3203.

Getting an NPI is free – not having one can be costly.



Congratulations!



Gerald E. Pytlewski, DO, Division of Cardiology, was recently certified by the American Board of Clinical Lipidology. The Board is an independent certifying organization that offers a program for physicians specializing in clinical lipidology. The goal of the Board is to reduce the morbidity and mortality from dyslipidemia and related diseases by assessing the qualifications and certifying knowledge in clinical lipidology. A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since August, 1993, Dr. Pytlewski is in practice with The Heart Care Group, PC.



William J. Smolinski, DO, Division of Cardiology, recently passed the American Board of Internal Medicine's recertification examination in Cardiovascular Disease. In addition, Dr. Smolinski and **Martin E. Matsumura, MD**, Division of Cardiology, recently received Certificates of Completion for Level II Certification in Coronary CT Angiography from Princeton Longevity Center, Dublin, Ohio. The course is an intensive and hands-on opportunity designed to teach cardiologists and radiologists how to perform and interpret Cardiac CT Angiography. Dr. Smolinski has been a member of the Medical Staff since June, 1998; Dr. Matsumura joined the Medical Staff in May, 2003. Both are in practice with The Heart Care Group, PC.



Papers, Publications and Presentations



Roberto Bergamaschi, MD, PhD, Minimally Invasive Surgery Program Director, is now a member of the Editorial Board of the journal, *Digestive and Liver Disease*, the Official Journal of the Italian Society of Gastroenterology. He was also invited by the Italian Society of Colorectal Surgeons to perform live surgery (laparoscopic sigmoid colectomy) at the Tor Vergata University Hospital of Rome, Italy in April, 2007. In May, Dr. Bergamaschi was the course co-director at the meeting of the European Association of Emergency Surgery, in Graz, Austria. His course was a hands-on course using human cadavers for a laparoscopic Hartmann procedure.

Dr. Bergamaschi co-authored the article – "Perforated Diverticulitis: Should the method of surgical access to the abdomen determine treatment?" – with Marnie Santaniello, MD, recent graduate of the LVH General Surgery residency program. This article appeared in *Colorectal Disease* 2007; 9: 494-495.



John P. Fitzgibbons, MD, Chair, Department of Medicine, made a presentation at the Association of Hospital Medical Education on May 11, at Marco Island in Florida. The topic was "Institutional Competence in the Era of Residency Redesign." He also gave the invited Meyers Lecture at the Washington Hospital Center on May 23. The topic was "Change in the Practice of Medicine, Implication for Residency Training."



Michael J. Pistoria, DO, Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, was a co-presenter for the Update in Hospital Medicine plenary at the American College of Physicians annual meeting held April 21, in San Diego, Calif. He also presented the "Update in Hospital Medicine" at the Society of General Internal Medicine's annual meeting held April 27, in Toronto, Canada, and the Society of Hospital Medicine's annual meeting held May 25, in Dallas, Texas. In addition, he was a panel member of a presentation at the 2007 Annual American Medical Association Organized Medical Staff Section titled "Employed Physicians, the Organized Medical Staff, and the AMA-OMSS: The Power in a Shared Vision and Common Goals." The meeting was held on June 21, in Chicago, Ill.



Lester Rosen, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, gave the Presidential Address – "Surprise Me" – at the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons meeting held June 2-7, in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Rosen will finish his term as Past President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons through June, 2008, where he remains on the Executive Council.

Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

The next Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds presentation will be held on **Thursday, August 2**, beginning at 8 a.m., in the Educational Conference Center, Rooms B, C & D, at LVH-Muhlenberg. The topic of discussion will be:

- ... “Assessment and Management of the Agitated Patient” – Muhamad Aly Rifai, MD, Division of Psychiatric Ambulatory Care/Adult Inpatient Psychiatry

Dr. Rifai joined the Department of Psychiatry in May, 2007, and is working closely with the Emergency Department staff managing Behavioral Health patients.

For more information, please contact Audrey McLaughlin in the Department of Psychiatry at 484-884-6501.

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 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. The topics for August is as follows:

- ... August 7 – “Alternative and Complementary Medicine in Your Practice” – Helene B. Leonetti, MD, Division of Gynecology

Please note: The Department of Family Medicine Grand Rounds presentations are now approved for CNE (nursing) credits in addition to CME (medical) credits.

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 August will include:

- ... August 3 – “Integrated Sequential Quad Screening” – Meredith Rochon, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- ... August 10 – “OB M & M” – Orion Rust, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics
- ... August 17 – Journal Club – Proctored by Kara Coassalo, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- ... August 24 – “Pertussis Update” – Visiting Professor Joseph Appuzio, MD

- ... August 31 – No Grand Rounds

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 on Tuesdays, beginning at 8 a.m., in the Educational Conference Center, Room #1, at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in August will include:

- ... August 7 – “Family Faculty Presentation” – Lorraine Dickey, MD, Division of Neonatology
- ... August 14 – No Grand Rounds
- ... August 21 – “Update on Food Allergy” – Mark Shampain, MD, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Allergy
- ... August 28 – “Update in Hypertension” – Raquel Pasimio, MD, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Cardiology

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, August 16**, 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:

- ... “The Healing Process for Sexual Abuse/Assault Survivors” – Tara M. Skudera, MA, Assistant Director of Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley

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. All clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to this meeting. The next Spine Conference will be held on **Wednesday, August 1**, in Educational Conference Center, 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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