

# Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



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## From the President

**I**t’s 7 a.m. when the Emergency Department calls.

“We have a 65-year-old man with a GI bleed,” the Emergency Department Physician Assistant tells you. “His Hemoglobin is 10. Incidentally, he’s on coumadin, and his INR is elevated. We’ve already ordered blood, and he needs to be admitted.”

You’re due in the Operating Room in 10 minutes, so you call your Physician Assistant. “I’ll head right over to the ED and take care of the admission orders and H&P,” she says. “And I’ll call Gastroenterology’s Nurse Practitioner to ask them to evaluate the patient for an upper endoscopy.”

As you enter the Operating Room, the Nurse Anesthetist is getting your patient ready to go off to sleep. “The lines and antibiotics are in,” he says, “and your favorite CD is ready to go.”

Within minutes, you’ve started your case, on time no less. Maybe it won’t be such a bad day after all . . .

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Think of what our professional lives would be without Advanced Practice Clinicians – the Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Anesthetists, Physician Assistants, Nurse Midwives and Psychologists – who play such key roles in patient care and in extending our reach as physicians.

These days, doctors rely on Advanced Practice Clinicians more and more. Their numbers are increasing rapidly at Lehigh Valley – more rapidly than the Medical Staff. And the same trends are being seen nationwide, trends that are expected to continue because of projected physician shortages over the next 15 to 20 years.

Until now, the significant contribution of the Network’s 367 Advanced Practice Clinicians has not been formally recognized, but that’s about to change. Recently, the Medical Executive Committee approved the charter for the Advanced Practice Clinician Staff, a subset of the Allied Health Staff.

The Advanced Practice Clinician staff will have an executive council of 10 members including the president, president-elect and secretary-

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treasurer. The staff's mission will be to support, advocate, promote, facilitate and integrate the professional interests of Allied Practice Clinicians across the Lehigh Valley Health Network. A key part of their vision is promoting excellence with regard to practice, education and research.

A Medical Staff physician liaison will be an invited guest on the executive council of the Advanced Practice Clinician staff, whose president will be an invited guest at Medical Executive Committee meetings.

This formal recognition of our Advanced Practice Clinician colleagues is long overdue, and I hope you will join me in showing our Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Anesthetists, Physician Assistants, Nurse Midwives and Psychologists our support and appreciation.

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You won't want to miss our next General Medical Staff meeting on Monday, September 10, at 6 p.m., in the hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78. Medical Staff members will get a special construction update that will include an exclusive hard hat tour of the new Kasych Pavilion. As usual, the meeting will be teleconferenced to the LVH-Muhlenberg campus.



Linda L. Lapos, MD  
Medical Staff President

## OACIS—one year and over 400 consults later . . .

This month marks the one year anniversary of the OACIS (Optimizing Advanced Complex Illness) consultation service. On September 26, 2006, a pilot of the program began on 7B and since then OACIS has conducted more than 400 consults!

The mission of OACIS is to improve care of patients with Advanced Complex Illness (i.e., life limiting diagnoses such as late stage CHF or COPD, recurrent malignancy, advanced dementias who require frequent or intense medical services). This is accomplished by focusing on patient goals, attending to symptoms, encouraging self management to improve quality of life and conducting complex or difficult communications.

To date, about one-third of OACIS consults have been for patients who are near death or focused on issues around life sustaining treatment. Members of the OACIS team are happy to assist in this arena, however, they have a lot to offer patients who may have years to live, particularly when they collaborate with outpatient physicians to coordinate care. Keep in mind that OACIS is NOT hospice. If you have spoken with your patient and *know* that they want hospice services, you may order hospice directly (this consult is listed in an-

cillary services). If you think a patient may be ready for hospice, but are uncertain about eligibility for hospice, or need some help working with the patient to assess their readiness, the OACIS service is more than willing to be of assistance.

OACIS inpatient consults may be ordered just like any other medical consult, through the "Consult by Group" function within CAPOE (not under ancillary services). Outpatient consults performed in patient homes may be ordered at the time of discharge by using the same CAPOE function and noting "out pt management" in the reason field, by calling 610-969-0100 or by faxing a referral to 610-969-0101.

On Saturday, October 20, OACIS will be hosting the third annual Palliative Care conference. The goal is to provide concrete skills and concepts that improve communication and decision making. Watch for brochures and posters for details. Registration is through the Division of Education and is only \$25, which includes CM/NE hours and lunch!

If you have any questions regarding this consultation service, please contact OACIS at 610-969-0100.

## LVHHN Makes “100 Most Wired” and “25 Most Wireless” Lists and Receives Innovator Award

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHHN) was recently named among the “100 Most Wired” and “25 Most Wireless” hospitals in the United States. LVHHN also received an Innovator Award for the advanced intensive care unit (AICU). The survey, conducted by *Hospitals and Health Networks (H&HN)*, a publication of the American Hospital Association, measures the use of information technology to address safety and quality, customer service, business processes, workforce, and public health and safety.

This year, the survey was expanded to cover a wider range of quality and cost measures to show a direct relationship between patient outcomes and information systems adoption. The 2007 survey results relied on mortality rates, complication rates, average lengths of stay, case mix and expenses per patient. “What they tried to demonstrate this year is how investment in technology really does lead to better quality and patient outcomes,” said Harry Lukens, LVHHN senior vice president and chief information officer.

This is the sixth consecutive time LVHHN has made the “100 Most Wired” list and third time to make the “25 Most Wireless” list. It also is the only hospital in the Lehigh Valley to be named among the “100 Most Wired” and “25 Most Wireless.” This year, more than 20 percent of hospitals nationwide participated in the survey.

The survey is designed to show how hospitals use a wide array of information technology tools to address quality and safety. This includes: Computer Assisted Physician Order Entry (CAPOE), bedside electronic medication matching or barcoding, clinical decision support such as automated alerts and reminders, physician portals and electronic patient surveillance.

This year LVHHN also received an Innovator Award for its use of technology to gain universal CAPOE compliance, and is the only organization to be awarded the Innovator Award two years in a row. CAPOE is a software system that allows for electronic ordering of tests and medications to improve patient safety and reduce hand-writing and other human errors. But

in patients that need parenteral nutrition solutions (feeding through an intravenous tube), CAPOE compliance was an issue because the solutions are complex, and require many ingredients to be mixed. So, a multidisciplinary team developed an online ordering system that makes use of drop-down boxes, required fields, and alerts and warnings to make it easier for physicians ordering parenteral nutrition solutions to use CAPOE. The new system for ordering parenteral nutrition solutions has enabled LVHHN’s entire Medical Staff to use the CAPOE medication order system.



According to Don Levick, MD, MBA, Physician Liaison, Information Services, “The ultimate goal of innovative technology is to improve patient care and the efficiency of everyone involved. The parenteral nutrition ordering system clearly achieves both of these goals and we are very proud of the team of people that helped make this a success. Being recognized for this commitment to improving patient care through the use of user-friendly technology is very exciting.”

## Recognizing the Impaired Health Care Professional



The impaired health care professional – physician, nurse, ancillary provider – is one who is unable to practice his or her profession with reasonable skill, care and diligence as well as safety to patients

because of an emotional disorder, substance abuse or some other personal problem.

A study by the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety indicates that health care professionals may have a higher than average risk of developing debilitating personal problems. Research suggests that 12-14 percent of all practicing physicians are, or will become, impaired during their careers.

This may be due, in part, to the fact that many health care professionals are so idealistic and perfectionistic and work-addicted in the name of healing everyone else that they don't know how to handle their personal and emotional lives.

The impaired professional will exhibit subtle personality changes as the problem or disorder worsens. Mood swings may be common, ranging from irritability, outbursts of anger, and paranoia to sudden euphoria and hyperactivity.

In the office or hospital, the impaired professional may have frequent schedule disruptions, behave inappropriately toward patients, staff and colleagues, have complaints made by patients or staff regarding his/her unusual behavior, and be absent frequently due to "illness."

The impaired physician may display abnormal behavior during rounds, give inappropriate orders and be unavailable for the emergency room or call. His/her charting may deteriorate and handwriting change. Allegations by staff may occur regarding inappropriate behavior.

Regardless of profession, additional symptoms of impairment include:

- ... Deterioration in physical appearance and grooming
- ... Multiple physical signs and complaints
- ... Withdrawal from friends and colleagues and from involvement in community activities
- ... Embarrassing behavior at social functions
- ... Poor judgment; poor memory; confusion
- ... Inappropriate conversations with patients
- ... Neglect of commitments and responsibilities
- ... Decreasing quality of patient care

If you are concerned about a possibly impaired physician or allied health professional, you are encouraged to contact the appropriate Chair of the individual's department, a member of Troika, or John W. Hart, Vice President, at 610-402-8980. In the case of physicians, appropriate referrals may be made to the Physician Assistance Program or the Physician Health Program of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, of which the hospital and medical staff are major contributors.

Please remember —

**ALL contacts are confidential.**

## News from Health Information Management

### Update on Physician Query Process

A physician query is a method of communication used by coders to request clarification of patient diagnoses or procedures from the physician. This document is a part of the legal medical record and is used for providing quality patient care in the continuum of care, as well as for complete, consistent and accurate coding and reporting.

In order to ensure compliance with Medical Staff By-laws and CMS policies and guidelines, medical records with unanswered queries will be treated as incomplete and further deficient.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Zelda Greene, Administrator, Health Information Management, at 610-402-8330.



## ROC DOCs Update

**Edward M. Mullin, Jr., MD, Marty Everhart,** Vice President, Human Resources, and **Molly Sebastian,** Vice President, Patient Care Services, will be doing a 30 minute CC Readiness presentation during the General Medical Staff meeting on Monday, September 10. They will be sharing the different dimensions and structure of the CC Readiness project and the “3P Question” process. Following the meeting, hard hat tours will be provided for members of the Medical Staff who are interested. A few safety requirements for the tour include:

- ... Hard hats are required, but will be provided
- ... No open-toe shoes are permitted on the tour – comfortable walking shoes or sneakers are suggested

Remember, if you have any questions about the CC Readiness Expansion project, the

ROC Hotline is available by calling 610-402-7700 and leaving a message with your question. The hotline is available 24/7 and your message will be retrieved promptly. You should receive notification within 48 hours on the status of your question.



## Creating the Ideal Patient-Centered Experience

Patient tracking software that keeps families updated on their loved one's status while in surgery, allowing family members to visit briefly with their loved one in the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU), and providing kosher and other special meals to patients are just some of the ideas Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) is investigating or has implemented on its journey to create the ideal patient-centered experience.

Research conducted at the Picker Commonwealth Foundation suggests that a well-planned patient-centered experience results in improved practice efficiency and better patient outcomes. “We’re using evidence-based research as our foundation in determining ways to meet the needs of our community,” says Terry A. Capuano, RN, MSN, MBA, Senior Vice President of Clinical Services and one of the project leaders of the Patient-Centered Experience (PCE) 2016 Vision, along with Jim Geiger, Senior Vice President of Operations, and Mark Holtz, Senior Vice President of Operations at LVH–Muhlenberg.

Two Journey of Growth retreats conducted last year generated more than 4,000 ideas by staff, physicians, patients, families and community leaders. These ideas

were organized into themes and given to evaluation teams to determine if the ideas were already in place or planning, should be investigated or were not feasible. Beginning in June, teams began sharing their findings with an interdisciplinary implementation team which is screening and guiding the 10-year initiative to create the ideal PCE. So far, the team has heard presentations on various themes including concierge services, patient navigation, operating room/PACU, and marketing and public affairs.

A PCE Advisory Council of former patients, their families and community members was formed to provide feedback and guidance to the implementation team to ensure that PCE projects reflect the desires and needs of these key stakeholders.

Every four months, beginning in September, updates will be shared with Medical Staff via the Medical Executive Committee, Medical Advisory Committee and at respective departmental meetings.

For more information regarding this issue, please contact Terry A. Capuano at 610-402-7510.



# 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:

## Lobby and Anderson Wing

... In order to install flooring and renovate bathrooms, the hallway from the main entrance (lobby seating area) to the Anderson Wing (along the front windows) will be closed beginning September 11. The bathrooms next to the Gift Shop and the ATM machine will not be available during this construction. Pedestrian traffic will be rerouted along the cafeteria hallway until work is completed.

## Site Renovations

... Lot 4A (stone lot) parking will be affected by the creation of the Fish Hatchery Road entrance beginning the week of September 3. Construction materials and some trailers have been removed in order to minimize the impact on employee parking.

... Restoration work to the parking lot in front of the Cancer Center will result in parking closures. Work will begin the week of September 3. The JDMCC patient drop-off area will remain in service.

## Emergency Department Project

... The new entryway and 5,000 square foot waiting room are expected to open this month. Renovations will begin on the former waiting room to create five new exam rooms.

... The Emergency Department roadway, connecting the ring road to a new ED parking lot, is 50 percent complete. More than 150 patient/visitor parking spaces that were temporarily unavailable during the first phase of construction will go back online this month.

## Fish Hatchery Road

... Curbing will be installed and the widened roadway will be paved. The next step is the installation of traffic lights at the new employee entrance and the Fish Hatchery/Cedar Crest intersection.

## Kasych Family Pavilion

... Patient lifts, elevators, flooring, drywall, and door frames are being installed and painting has begun.

## West Front Parking Deck

... Work will continue through the fall. The deck is scheduled to open in December.



Aerial view of the West Front Parking Deck in front of the Anderson Wing and Kasych Pavilion.

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

## News from CAPOE Central

### Give Blood – But Please Order It Correctly

When requesting additional units to be crossmatched and transfused, please remember to order BOTH the BloodBank order (to have the units set up) AND the Nursing Order (to transfuse the additional units). It is important that we are very clear with our Nursing colleagues about giving the additional units. If there is only one active Nursing-Transfuse order (from the original transfusion orders), it is unclear whether to transfuse the additional units. To facilitate this change, the “Crossmatch (Additional Units) Order Set” has been created. It contains both the BloodBank order (to cross-match additional units) and the Nursing order (to transfuse the additional units). The new order set is located under the BloodBank Button.

### New Expert Rule – Now Calculates GFR

Currently, clinicians are alerted about the Creatinine Clearance for a patient when ordering specified renally cleared medications. The rule has been modified to calculate the most recent GFR and present that number in the alert box. If the GFR is missing or not current, or the patient is > 70 years old, the rule calculates the patient's creatinine clearance using the Cockcroft-Gault estimation.

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.



On Saturday, September 8, an OPEN HOUSE will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to celebrate the opening of the **Healthy You Fitness Center** located at 1243 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard, Lower Level. The opening of this facility greatly expands the availability of fitness and wellness services to LVHHN physicians, employees, volunteers and patients. The Healthy You Fitness Center staff has been involved in the integration of fitness services with diabetes, bariatrics, cardiac rehabilitation and other lifestyle programs. They look forward to the further integration of exercise programs for disease management in collaboration with physicians.

LVH Cardiac Rehabilitation (Phases 2 and 3) and LVH Outpatient Rehabilitation Services will also be available on site.

### Healthy You Fitness Center Membership Information

Lehigh Valley Hospital's Healthy You Fitness Center is for LVHHN employees and their families, LVH medical staff and their families, LVH volunteers, LVH patients, or community members who have participated in a LVH clinical or wellness program.

**Hours:** Monday – Friday - 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Saturday – 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sunday - closed

#### Membership Fees:

- ... Individual Membership (Ages 14-59): \$42.50 per month, no enrollment fee
- ... Senior Membership (Age 60+): \$38.50 per month, no enrollment fee
- ... Family Membership: \$42.50 per month per person with a 5% discount on overall cost of membership, no enrollment fee. Children must be age 14-22 and living at home. Senior memberships are not applicable for family discount.

For more information about the Healthy You Fitness Center, please call Lisa Durn at 610-402-3699.

### Medical Staff Dues

On September 1, annual dues invoices were distributed to members of the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital. Timely remittance of dues is both **requested** and **appreciated**. If your practice includes more than one doctor, one check may be issued to cover all the doctors in the group – there is no need to issue individual checks. However, to insure proper credit, please enclose the remittance part of the invoice for each doctor in the envelope along with the check. If you have any questions regarding Medical Staff dues, please contact Janet M. Seifert in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8590.



### LVHHN Digital Library Services

#### New Resource Guide to Digital Library Research Tools

Library Services provides access to a wide variety of clinical information databases containing disease and drug information, guidelines, decision support tools, and current awareness services. So what's the best resource for each type of information? To view a comparison chart of research tools with their specialty coverage and features, go to the Digital Library homepage (from the intranet, choose Departments/Non-Clinical/Library Services) and click on Resource Guide.

For differential diagnosis, try **FirstConsult**. Have a patient with hypokalemia? Do a side-by-side comparison of the clinical presentation of cirrhosis versus hyperaldosteronism while factoring in the patient's age.

For disease information, choose from the evidence based content in **Dynamed**. Additional content is provided in **FirstConsult**, **eMedicine** and **UpToDate\***.

Drug information is available primarily from **Micromedex** and **PEPID** with additional coverage in **eMedicine**, **AccessSurgery** and **MDConsult**. Complimentary and alternative medicine is covered most thoroughly in **Natural Standard** with its professional monographs.

The best clinical calculator list with 250 rules and calculators is found in **PEPID** with additional ones in the **eMedicine** and **InfoRetriever** programs.

Guidelines are incorporated in many of the tools, including the **Cochrane Library**, **InfoRetriever**, **FirstConsult**, **eMedicine** and **MD Consult**.

Have difficulty keeping up with the newest literature? You can sign up for short daily email summaries of new clinical studies through **InfoPoems**. To do so, contact Denise Parker at 610-969-2263.

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

*\* Due to contractual vendor restrictions, UpToDate is only available at the main campuses and the network of Health Centers.*



## Papers, Publications and Presentations



**William F. Bond, MD**, Division of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article – “Profiles in Patient Safety: A Perfect Storm in the Emergency Department” – which was published in *Academic Emergency Medicine*, Volume 14, Number 8, August 2007.



**Elizabeth A. Dellers, MD**, Associate Chief (LVH-M), Division of Anatomic Pathology, presented a program on “Prostate Health – The Pathologist’s Role” to the LVH-M Men Facing Cancer Discussion Group in March.



**Peter E. Fisher, MD**, Chair, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, lectured on the topic of Gastrointestinal Pathology in the Lehigh Valley Hospital Mini Medical School program “Follow Your Gut” in April.



A research case study by **Shereen M.F. Gheith, MD, PhD**, Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine, was accepted for presentation at the 2007 Society for Hematopathology and European Association for Haematopathology Workshop on Myeloid Malignancies to be held November 1, in Indianapolis, Ind.



**Peter A. Keblish, Jr., MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was the invited guest speaker at the annual Societe Ouest Orthopaedic (SOO) meeting in Tours, France. Dr. Keblish moderated and critiqued five talks and gave two major presentations on topics related to total knee replacement. The meeting covered all aspects of orthopedic surgery and had over 400 attendants.



**Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, performed live surgery and lectured on “Obstructive Defecation Syndrome” at the University of Geneva Hospital in Geneva, Switzerland on August 9 and 10.



**Sean R. Lacey, MD**, Division of Gastroenterology, was the author of Chapter 28 – “Abdominal Pain” which appears in *Weiner’s Pain Management: A Practical Guide for Clinicians*, Seventh Edition.



**Daniel H. Monkowski, MD**, Division of Infectious Diseases, co-authored an article, “Infections Associated with Ventricular Assist Devices: Epidemiology and Effect on Prognosis after Transplantation,” which was published in *Transplant Infectious Disease* 2007:9.

### Occupational Medicine Position – HealthWorks

HealthWorks at Lehigh Valley Hospital is seeking an occupational medicine physician for a salaried position. Board-certified/Board-eligible physicians with training/experience in occupational medicine, internal medicine, family practice or emergency medicine will be considered. The full-time position offers flexibility, no call, no weekends. HealthWorks treats all work-related injuries and illnesses and provides services for drug and alcohol testing, physical exams and all other occupational health related services including audiograms, pulmonary function testing, laboratory testing, x-rays and physical therapy. Candidates should be willing to pursue Medical Review Officer certification. Any interested member of the LVHHN Medical Staff is encouraged to apply. Please call Pam Adams, LVH Physician Recruiter, at 610-969-0213 for more information or email CV to [pamela.adams@lvh.com](mailto:pamela.adams@lvh.com)

## Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

### General Medical Staff Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on **Monday, September 10**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the **Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78**, and videoconferenced to the **Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg**.

Highlights of the meeting will include:

- ... Proposed changes to the Medical Staff Bylaws
- ... Kasych Pavilion Presentation

All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

Hard hat tours of the Kasych Pavilion will be conducted after the meeting; however, pre-registration is requested. To register for a tour, please call Janet Seifert at 610-402-8590 by noon on Monday, September 10.

### GLVIPA Quarterly Membership Meeting

The quarterly membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association will be held on **Tuesday, September 25**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the hospital's **Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78**, and teleconferenced to the **Educational Conference Center, Room B, at LVH-Muhlenberg**.

"A Legislative and Political Outlook for the Fall of 2007 and Spring of 2008" will be presented by a Lobbyist for the Pennsylvania Medical Society. Members are encouraged to attend this educational session.

### 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 September will include:

#### September 6 – LVH-M Educational Conference Center

- ... "Evaluation of Acute Vascular Surgery Emergencies" – James Goodreau, MD
- ... "Pediatric Anesthesia" – Visiting Speaker – Joseph P. Cravero, MD, Director, Pediatric Anesthesiology, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
- ... "Diabetic Emergencies" – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

... Administration Hour

#### September 13 – LVH-M 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Classroom

- ... Cardiology Module
- ... Rosen's Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD
- ... **September 20 – No Grand Rounds – PaACEP**
- ... **September 27 – EMI – 2166 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street**
- ... Resident Lecture Series – Tecla Brabazon, DO
- ... "Liver, Pancreas, Gallbladder" – Ernie Sully, DO
- ... Longitudinal Series – Bryan Kane, MD
- ... "Soft Tissue Infections" – Kate Kane, MD
- ... Rosen's Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

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

### Institutional Review Board Lectures

The Research Participant Protection Office has scheduled the following instructional sessions for the month of September:

"Investigator Responsibilities after Approval"

- ... September 19 at noon – Auditorium, Lehigh Valley Hospital, 17<sup>th</sup> & Chew
- ... September 26 at 2 p.m. – Educational Conference Center Room #1, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78

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

### Medical Grand Rounds

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

- ... September 4 – "Ultrasonography in the Intensive Care Unit" – Vanessa Ribauda Kauffman, MD
- ... September 11 – "Lyme Disease" – Daniel Monkowski, MD

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... September 18 – “Geriatric Update – The Year in Review” – Catherine Glew, MD

... September 25 – TBA

For more information, please contact Theresa Marx in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-5200.

## 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 September will include:

... September 7 – Gynecologic Tumor Board – Martin Martino, MD

... September 14 – Gynecologic M & M – Joseph Patruno, MD

... September 21 – “Electrosurgery” – Roger Odell, Visiting Presenter

... September 28 – TBA

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 September will include:

... September 4 – “Patient Safety/Risk Management Update: Emerging Themes in Pediatrics” – Georgene Saliba

... September 11 – Case Presentation – L. Kyle Walker, MD

... September 18 – “Influenza” – Kathleen Ververeli, MD

... September 25 – “RSV” – Daniel Rifkin, MD, Pediatric Pulmonologist, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

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, September 20**, beginning at noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Educational Classrooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg. The topic of discussion will be:

... “New Medical Treatment for Alcohol Dependence” – Jim Hegarty, MD, MPH, Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry, Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

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

## Spine Conference

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

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 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.

## 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 September will include:

... September 11 – “Improving Health Care: Life Lessons Learned” – Peter Fabri, MD, PhD, Professor of Surgery, Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, University of South Florida

... September 18 – “Surgery for Esophageal Cancer: Is More Better?” – Mary Maish, MD, Surgical Director, UCLA Center for Esophageal Disorders

... September 25 – TBA

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

## 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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