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BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · JANUARY 3, 2019

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Maximizing Potential: LVHN Sports Performance Programs and LVHN Sports Academy

BY [MARCIANN ALBERT](#) · JANUARY 2, 2019

Looking to maximize your wellness, enhance your health or find a sports program that best fits the athlete in your life? Curious about field rentals for team building, events and other activities? Well, look no further. LVHN sports performance programs, available at the LVHN Sports Academy, include something to fit everyone's need.

LVHN sports performance offers a free week trial to athletes to try one of their many programs. Programs are designed to enhance an athlete's ability to perform within a given sport. From corrective or restorative exercise, conditioning, agility and balance, to personal training – you can find fundamental components of sports performance all under one roof – the LVHN Sports Academy, 155 Nestle Way, Suite 100, Breinigsville, PA, 18031.

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“Whether you are an athlete looking to gain a competitive edge or desire to improve your overall health, our programs located within this facility offer many different options to help people achieve their wellness goals,” states Daniel Knappenberger, Sports Performance Specialist and Personal Trainer.

If winter weather makes you shiver, this facility can help you stay warm with two large turf fields (ideal for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, etc.), batting cage (pitching machine and portable pitching mound), and a lounge area perfect to host league events, family gatherings, team building or birthday parties. The lounge amenities include 55 inch TVs, pool and ping-pong tables (available only if space is rented), recliners and seating for up to 35 people.

Field and/or lounge rentals are available:

- Monday through Friday, 3-9 p.m.
- Saturday through Sunday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

If being stronger, faster, and healthier is on your New Year’s resolution list, don’t miss the opportunity to train here. Email program questions to sportsperformance@lvhn.org or call 484-862-3035.

LVPG Practice of the Month: Centro de Salud

BY [MARCIA ANN ALBERT](#) · DECEMBER 26, 2018

Nestled in the heart of Allentown beams a luminous beacon of care. A place where the complementary talents of colleagues meld together to enhance patient and community health. Centro de Salud shines as an exceptional practice where the concept of TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) is more than just an acronym.



Colleagues value their role in serving high-risk populations experiencing health disparities. This sentiment is felt across all roles, be it clerical, clinical or provider. "Centro de Salud is a quality-oriented clinical practice that has achieved the Triple Aim taking care of vulnerable people," says [Orlando J. Penaloza, MD](#). "This is the result of hard work by many colleagues, and team effort and provider engagement is certainly the chief factor in its success."

Madgdalene Cruz-Rivera, Clinical Quality Educator, LVPG Clinical Services, is thrilled that Centro de Salud was selected for LVPG's practice of the month. "They deserve to be recognized for their tireless efforts in caring for patients in our community," she says. "This department continuously demonstrates passion and purpose and is committed to ensuring patient safety, experience and outcomes through quality care."



Practice colleagues are excited to share their passion for delivering efficient, high-value care to patients in the community. "We are small and mighty; a resilient team, full of passion and commitment for our community," says Practice Manager Sheyla Torres.

Through staff engagement and education, consistent patient outreach, routine practice data analysis, and real-time feedback, Centro de Salud propelled into the TopBox of LVPG's FY19 Group Practices Monthly Patient Satisfaction Report for November 2018.

Colleagues within this practice know they are making a positive impact on health outcomes for patients with chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. When asked what makes Centro de Salud so unique, Office Coordinator Tanya Maldonado says, "Culture. Love. Kindness. Resilience. Family."

Medical Assistant Lina Faberlle agrees with Maldonado. “We are not a team because ‘we’ work together, we are a team because we respect, trust and care for each other,” she says. By participating in new initiatives, riding the wave of practice challenges and expanding the scope of community outreach, Centro de Salud unceasingly raises the bar on high-value care.

For many colleagues with touchpoints across the community, Centro de Salud represents more than just medical care. “It is truly more than a practice; the living spirit among the team is what drives us to thrive through thick webs of difficulties,” says Certified Diabetic Educator Mercedes Jurkiewicz, BSN. “We constantly maneuver in our work toward providing better care to all those coming to us.”

In conjunction with the amazing care they deliver, colleagues build a foundation of fun. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Monthly colleague birthday celebrations
- Professional week acknowledgements (i.e. MA Week, Nurses Week)
- Holiday potlucks
- Annual Christmas party and secret Santa
- Culture Fridays, done twice a year and includes colleagues sharing food from their cultures

By respecting, honoring, supporting and promoting culturally competent care and community values, Centro de Salud’s light of hope shines brightly.

To learn more about this practice, visit the [Centro de Salud webpage on LVHN.org](#).

Service Anniversary List – January 2019

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · DECEMBER 31, 2018

Happy anniversary to these colleagues celebrating a career milestone at LVHN in January. Congratulate them on their years of service.

40 years

Robin Beach, LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Kutztown

Sally Getz, MICU/SICU

Barbara Hallowell, clinical services

Audri Kalinowski, medical/surgical 5

Denise Kuntz, cardiac catheterization lab

Carol Mcdonald, recovery room

Katie Montz, CT scan

Rhonda Nagy, behavioral health clinic

Susan Ruth, short stay hospital/3T

35 years

Andrea Andrews, quality management

Valerie Gogel, operating room

Donna Phillips, adult psychiatry

30 years

Theresa Carfara, department of family practice

Patricia Dunton Sotak, PACU

Ricky Farley, engineering



Kathy Hsu, division of education

Maryanne Ilch, pediatrics unit

Maxine Kennedy, supply distribution services

Lori Mallas, medical records

Vicki McIntosh, nurse staffing office

Rebecca Meinhart, adolescent psychiatry

Susan Nonnemacher, 5CP medical surgical unit

Sharon Petrusky, labor and delivery

Richard Riccio, 2K south

Patricia Schlegel, speech and hearing

Tami Severlp, rehabilitation

Christine Ulshafer, Operating room

Lori Ungurean, behavioral health clinic

25 years

David Pogar, pharmacy

Regina Rapali, laboratory

James Shaak, operating room

20 years

Carmella Cappellini, LVPG Surgical Oncology–1240 Cedar Crest

Craig Carvin, home care

Janine Eisentraut, HIM clinical outcomes

Martina Escueta, 3A IPCU

David Freeman, Health Spectrum Pharmacy infusion

Richard Goy, HealthWorks

Marna Greenberg, emergency department

John Morgan, HealthWorks

Amy Moyer, cardiac rehabilitation

Kimberly Repnyek, patient receivables office

Josephine Sinno, LVPG Family Medicine–Tobyhanna

15 years

Beverly Allen, 7B

Sheila Belisle, physical therapy

Mark Bixler, rehabilitation

Kimberley Briest, nursing float pool

Iraida Candia, special care nursery

Vincent Cavallaro, 4K

Alisa Circosta, 6K

Michael Columbus, Health Spectrum Pharmacy infusion

Debra Craig, float pool

Lyn Daubert, 5CP

Jacqueline Deveaux, ultrasound

Xiomara Franco, labor and delivery

Kim Geiss, coding integrity

Melissa Geitz, hospitalist program

Nelida Grampp, emergency department

Colleen Green, behavioral health

Adam Helman, Health Spectrum Pharmacy

Joseph Isganitis, medical/surgical 4

Joyce Jenkins, home care

Denise Karll, MICU/SICU

Leslie Maston, hospice

Cynthia Maugle, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services

Veronica Miranda, Children's Clinic

Deborah Moran, case management

Kimberley Orkwis, respiratory care services

Lisa Pavolick, emergency department

Dahna Phillips, PACU

Thomas Rebuck, LVPG financial planning/budget

Gloria Robinson, LVPG Family Medicine—Hamburg

Phyllis Santo, endoscopy/G.I. Lab

Roberta Schwendeman, Breast Health Services

Elizabeth Smith, Health Spectrum Pharmacy infusion

Eneida Vargas, clinical services observation

Jennifer Von Steuben, operating room

Kathleen Weddigen, information services

Rebecca Willis, occupational therapy

10 years

Kimberly Alvarez, patient accounting

Kristin Aneskevich, maternal fetal medicine

Margaret Beamish, physical therapy

Audrey Bland, dietary

Kris Boyle, care management

Brenda Carroll, hospice unit

Kathryn Christman, clinical services observation

Suzanne Cornish, per diem pool

Nicole Cory-Reddinger, home care

Kerensa Dempsey, Emergency Medicine Institute

Kassondra Dunlap, LVPG Urology

Norman Egan, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services

Abeer Esposito, LVPG Ophthalmology–17th Street

Sharon Falcione, obstetrics

Christian Fink, recovery room

Marybeth Frantz, care management

Warren Furry, neonatal ICU

Tammy Gilbert, patient accounting

Belinda Greene, preferred provider network

Michael Grezzo, pediatric unit

Veronica Hasberry, rehabilitation

Brian Haug, information services

Janice Kainz, emergency department

Mary Grace Kressly, ICU

Erica Lyden, per diem pool

Margaret McCabe, medical education

Susan McCann, LVPG General Surgery–East Stroudsburg

Timothy McCann, education infrastructure

Sue McCormick, 5 north

Katie Mertz, geriatric psychiatry

Gloria Mitsock, dietary

Karen Panik, LVPG Family Medicine–Emmaus

Sheri Paules, legal

Karlee Posivak, LVPG Family Medicine–Macungie

Cynthia Pratt, critical care unit

Robert Ramos, behavioral health

George Rosario, engineering

Lisa Rowe, 2B

Jamie Santee, supply distribution services

Cathy Sophy, quality management

Richard Stubblefield, radiology

Heather Sugarman, LVPG Family Medicine–Vine Street

Deborah Tavernier, hospice/home health aides

Maria Villacrese, population health

James Walker, MedEvac

Eleanor Wallace, LVPG reimbursement

Tiffany Walsh, sterile processing

Eric Wanuga, pharmacy

Lisa Wetzel, post operative unit

Tara Young, Wound Healing Center

Stacie Zeth, pharmacy

5 years

Kelly Barrieres, LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery

Andrea Brenneman, rehabilitation services

Erica Briggs, emergency department

Ann Marie Chlebovec, mammography

Jennifer Christman, rehabilitation

Lori Csensits, home care

Lucitania Dejesus, ExpressCARE

Melanie Desplat-Mouter, adult psychiatry

Michael DiLeo, magnetic imaging

Robert Doll, LVPG Endocrinology–1243 Cedar Crest

Sammar Dorvil, pharmacy

Matthew Duerr, magnetic imaging

Sarah Engler, BeneFIT

Lynne Fowler-Blatt, magnetic imaging

Barbara Fox, emergency department

Kimberly Fritts, physical therapy

Daniel Gavio, chiropractic

Jennifer Griffin, rehabilitation services

Ashleigh Heltzinger, Patient Access Center

Jodi Hostetter, home care

Katarzyna Jabbour, family medicine education

Siham Jafar, magnetic imaging

Kay-Ann Jones, LVPG Internal Medicine–Bethlehem Township

Susan Lane, medical records

James Lang, ExpressCARE

Nahyra Lanzo, maternal child education

Hollis Lawson, 5K

Tracy Lengen, gastroenterology

Lori LeVan, magnetic imaging

Gloria Lowy, guest services

Jennifer Lyons, rehabilitation services

Donna Massare, magnetic imaging

Amira Mccree, LVPG Oncology Surgery–Pocono

Lara Moyer, operating room

Casey O’Neil, pediatric rehabilitation

Matthew Opatovsky, LVPG financial planning/budget

Christopher Parker, magnetic imaging

Richard Ramos, information services

Sarah Rennalls, Children’s ExpressCARE

Teresa Rivera, precertification department

Drew Rosenberger, MedEvac ground

Bonnie Rumble, electrophysiolgy lab

Brenda Sanchez, 5T

Anissa Schneck, LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Fogelsville

Susan Scott, imaging

Samantha Shaak, community health

Randi Shupp, emergency department

Jeffery Smee, LVPG Chiropractic Medicine–1243 Cedar Crest

Spencer Stack, physical/occupational/speech therapy

Ryan Stahler, rehabilitation

Joan Stanford, information services

Stacie Steigerwalt, operating room

Kiera Stokes, pharmacy

Gloria Stola, LVPG Family and Internal Medicine-Alliance Drive

Andrew Szwast, rehabilitation

Adam Trexler, home care

Alycia Webb, rehabilitation services

Alysia Wenzel, 6K

Shaitayea Williams, LVPG Internal Medicine–Muhlenberg

Donna Youngkin, magnetic imaging

Kelly Zarnas, Children's Clinic

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