

Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



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LVHHN Welcomes New Senior Vice President for Quality and Patient Safety



On June 5, Anthony J. Ardire, MD, MPH, joined Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network as the Senior Vice President for Quality and Pa-

tient Safety. In this position, Dr. Ardire will provide direction, support and oversight for activities to improve clinical and satisfaction outcomes, clinical quality data reporting, claims management, risk management, care management, reduce patient harm and optimize costs throughout the network. He will also assist with activities related to JCAHO accreditation and regulatory compliance.

Dr. Ardire, a pediatrician, has 25 years of experience in health care management. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is one of only 900 physicians who has achieved Certified Physician Executive status with the American College of Physician Executives.

Dr. Ardire was attracted to Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network for several reasons including a highly motivated

work force, senior leadership committed to excellence, state-of-the-art technology, commitment to the community, and the fact that LVHHN already has a good quality improvement system in place. Through commitment, collaboration and communication, Dr. Ardire hopes to develop nationally recognized quality and patient safety programs here that not only benefit patients in the Lehigh Valley, but also attract other hospitals to come here to learn.

Dr. Ardire comes to us from Tenet Healthcare in Philadelphia. His responsibilities at Tenet included serving as Regional Chief Medical Officer for five hospitals in Philadelphia including St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Hahnemann University Hospital, Graduate Hospital, Roxborough Memorial Hospital and Warminster Hospital.

Before his experience at Tenet, Dr. Ardire was Medical Director for Studer Group, a hospital and health system consultative company. He served as Medical Director for Clinical

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From the President

The CAPOE Journey – What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been

I am wearing both of my hats as I write this CAPOE update: my President of the Medical Staff hat and my Information Services CAPOE Guy hat. Overall, CAPOE compliance for May, 2006 was 93% - an incredible achievement. The CAPOE journey is almost complete, thanks to the unbelievable cooperation and support of the Medical Staff and our colleagues throughout the hospital. I cannot overstate how proud I am of the effort that our Medical Staff has put forth to make this a success. Everyone has shown incredible patience and persistence in learning the system, providing feedback to the CAPOE team, and integrating computer order entry into their daily work process.

Achieving Universal CAPOE utilization places the Medical Staff of

Lehigh Valley Hospital in very elite company. A recent survey by the Healthcare Informatics Management Systems Society revealed that less than 3% of hospitals have fully implemented computer physician order entry. A study by KLAS enterprises, a nationally recognized healthcare informatics research firm, showed that less than 5% of acute-care hospitals in the United States have implemented CPOE. Of those hospitals, only two-thirds entered more than one-half of all orders electronically.

As we moved into Universal CAPOE, there was concern whether physicians would increase their use of verbal or telephone orders to "avoid" entering orders into the system. Less than 3% of the total orders placed per month have been entered as verbal or telephone orders (approximately 3,000 of the total - 320,000). This percentage has been consistent over the past several months, and clearly attests to the tremendous commitment to CAPOE by the Medical Staff. By the way, we do monitor verbal and telephone orders on a monthly basis for those that are thinking they still have an "out."

The system is not perfect, and there is an ongoing learning curve. Consequently, we also monitor the orders that Pharmacy must correct or "cleanup." Incredibly, this represents less than 3% of total medication orders that are entered in CAPOE. We have tried to benchmark this number nationally and cannot find a similar institution with a lower percentage. The primary reason we track these orders is to identify orders that may

be confusing for the physicians. Representatives from Pharmacy and the CAPOE team analyze these orders to see if the orders can be modified or enhanced to be clearer and easier to enter. Another benefit of monitoring the Pharmacy cleanup interventions is that it allows us to identify physicians who may be struggling with specific areas of the system. The CAPOE team can then contact those physicians and target support efforts to improve their order entry skills.

We also track the "Communication to Nurse" order. As this order is occasionally used as a generic order, we track this order to identify orders that exist that are not being used appropriately, or orders that need to be created. We also track this order to identify physicians who may need training or support in specific areas.

Several members of the Medical Staff have received letters from their Department Chair regarding their CAPOE compliance and potential consequences of continued low compliance. If you require additional training or support (including support during a rounding session), please call 610-402-1703 to arrange this. We have identified an issue regarding the CAPOE compliance data as it relates to physicians who complete preprinted pre-procedure paper order sheets in their office in advance of a scheduled procedure. At the current time, there is no process to enter these orders into CAPOE, and we expect they will continue to be completed on paper.

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The CAPOE team has been evaluating methods to exclude these orders from the overall CAPOE compliance data, but we have been unable to identify a solution. I have notified the appropriate Chairs so that warning letters are not sent out inappropriately. If you are notified about your CAPOE compliance and are in this category, please let me know.

As I have reported previously, CAPOE has clearly impacted the quality of care at LVH. Potential medication errors have been reduced from .17 to .05 med errors per 1,000 doses. This represents a statistically significant decrease at the $p < .01$ level. In the critical care units, CAPOE has contributed to a decrease in time to first antibiotics from 160 minutes to <70 minutes ($p < .01$).

As stated earlier, the overall CAPOE compliance for May was 93%. As I walk around the hospital, I am hard-pressed to find a written order on an inpatient chart. This, indeed, is a remarkable achievement and, once again, I congratulate and thank the Medical Staff for their efforts and cooperation. Everyone involved should be quite proud of the positive impact they have had on improving the quality of care we provide to our patients.

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Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA
Medical Staff President

Medical Staff Directory Now Available for Medical Staff PDAs

As a service to members of the Medical Staff, the latest Medical Staff Directory, the 2006-2007 Housestaff roster, and the latest Telephone Hotlist are now available to hot sync to your PDA. To schedule an appointment, please contact Barrie Borger in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-1291.

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Improvement and Patient Safety Officer at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Children's Hospital in Hershey, Pa., where he led strategies to improve clinical and satisfaction outcomes, optimize costs, reduce patient harm, and grow leadership skills and competencies. While at the HMC, he completed a mini-fellowship in clinical process improvement with Dr. Brent James at Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City and led patient safety Network Impact initiatives with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Boston. He has also held medical executive leadership positions with Ross Laboratories-Pediatric Division of Abbott, Aetna US Healthcare and private practice pediatrics.

Dr. Ardire received his Bachelor of Science Degree and Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh and his Medical Degree from Temple University School of Medicine. He completed a Pediatric Residency at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. He was in private practice pediatrics at the Guthrie Clinic, Sayre, Pa.

Dr. Ardire and his wife, Patty, have three grown children – Audra, Brian and Maria. Please extend a warm welcome to Dr. Ardire and his family.

Medical and Allied Health Staff Code of Behavior

At the meeting of June 6, the Medical Executive Committee approved the implementation of the ***Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network Medical and Allied Health Staff Code of Behavior***. The Code of Behavior, which provides clear documentation of expected behaviors for the Medical and Allied Health Staff, is printed below. These principles are meant to be a more simplified, succinct summary of expected behaviors, many of which are referred to in the Medical Staff Bylaws, the LVHHN Code of Conduct, and other LVHHN policies that have been in place for some time.

LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL AND HEALTH NETWORK MEDICAL AND ALLIED HEALTH STAFF CODE OF BEHAVIOR

All members of the Medical Staff and Allied Health Staff:

- ~ will treat his/her colleagues, staff, and administrative personnel with respect at all times;
- ~ may not use profanity; speak rudely; raise his/her voice in anger; or insult or denigrate a team member, colleague or patient at any time;
- ~ will not threaten or subject to humiliation anyone with whom he/she works;
- ~ will not participate in behavior that adversely affects or impacts the community's confidence in LVHHN's ability to provide quality patient care;
- ~ must abide by the rules and policies of LVHHN;
- ~ will respect the information documented in the patient's medical record and refrain from placing impertinent and inappropriate written comments or illustrations in the record;
- ~ will act professionally at all times and will not display disruptive behavior in meetings or forums;
- ~ will not display any behavior that constitutes sexual harassment;
- ~ must abide by policies of LVHHN regarding substance abuse. Substance abuse is not tolerated. A practitioner who is chemically dependent must seek treatment and be rehabilitated to remain on LVHHN staff;
- ~ will report to Medical Staff Services any colleague who is thought to be chemically dependent.

Any questions regarding this issue may be directed to any member of the Medical Executive Committee including Troika or the Vice President of Medical Staff Services.

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, 2006:



Edgardo G. Maldonado, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine



John F. Welkie, MD
Department of Surgery
Division of Vascular Surgery



L. Kyle Walker, MD
Department of Pediatrics
Division of Critical Care Medicine



James T. Wertz, DO
Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine

A special "Thank You" is extended to the six at-large members 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 – **Elizabeth A. Dellers, MD**, Division of Anatomic Pathology, Section of Breast Pathology; **Michael J. Ehrig, MD**, Division of General Internal Medicine; **Larry R. Glazerman, MD**, Division of Primary Obstetrics and Gynecology; **Laur-ence P. Karper, MD**, Division of Psychiatric Ambulatory Care/Adult Inpatient Psychiatry; **Michael J. Pasquale, MD**, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/General Surgery, Section of Burn; and **Patrice M. Weiss, MD**, Division of Primary Obstetrics and Gynecology.

You Can Help Create the Perfect Hospital

Over the last few weeks, nursing colleagues have been touring "mock patient rooms" located on the second floor of 1247 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. These "mock rooms" look like the "real" patient care rooms that will be built at LVH – Cedar Crest & I-78. However, there is still time for improvement.

During each tour, colleagues evaluate the room design. They comment on the space that is available for caregivers, patients and families. They look at the location of the TV, clock, and lighting fixtures. Even the colors of the floor, walls, and window treatments are evaluated.

When tours are complete, your ideas will be considered and changes made to the blueprints before the real rooms are built. With your input, the LVH expansion project will create the ideal environment for colleagues, patients and visitors.

If you are interested in scheduling a tour and providing input, please contact Brenda Rocchino, Facilities and Construction Designer, at 610-402-8513 or email Brenda.Rocchino@lvh.com. Each tour is limited to eight people. "Mock patient rooms" are located on the second floor at 1247 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. Shuttle service is available leaving outside the Emergency Department at 10 past and 40 past the hour.

Congratulations!



Eric J. Gertner, MD, MPH, Division of General Internal Medicine, recently received the American Medical Association's Young Physician Section Community Service Award for his involvement with the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Health Services Task Force in East Central Pennsylvania. Through this task force, Dr.

Gertner worked with a number of regional hospital systems to ensure that patients with low English proficiency would receive access to qualified, trained interpretive services. Guidelines were created to ensure optimal care for non-English speaking patients. These include recommending that health care organizations allow patients to communicate with caregivers in their preferred language and that staff undergo training to learn how to effectively treat patients who speak languages other than English or hail from other cultures.



Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA, Medical Staff President, was notified that he has been elected to Senior Member status in the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). Members are chosen for advancement in HIMSS after meeting several criteria based on professional capability, experience,

leadership and service to their profession. Individuals who have advanced to Senior Member status are leaders within the society implying not only recognition for past contributions but also the expectation of continuing participation and contributions to HIMSS and the healthcare community.



Matthew M. McCambridge, MD, Division of Critical Care Medicine/Pulmonary, was the recipient of the **Physician Friends of Nursing Award** which was presented at LVH's annual Friends of Nursing awards celebration on May 25 as part of National Nurses Week.



Lester Rosen, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was named President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) at the Society's Annual Meeting held on June 8, in Seattle, Wash. The ASCRS is the specialty's national organization for Colon and Rectal Surgeons and other surgeons dedicated to

advancing and promoting the science and treatment of patients with diseases and disorders affecting the colon and rectum. The Society was originally established in 1899.

Farhad Sholevar, MD, Division of Psychiatric Ambulatory Care/Adult Inpatient Psychiatry, was recently notified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology that he passed his examination for certification and has become Board Certified in the subspecialty of Geriatric Psychiatry.

At this year's Graduate Medical Education Celebration, which was held on Friday, June 9, the following members of the Medical Staff received Teacher of the Year awards:

Gary Bonfante, DO

Mills Award in Emergency Medicine

Chris CN Chang, MD

Halstead Award in Surgery

Thomas R. Lambert, DMD

Clinical Teacher of the Year in Dental Medicine (LVH)

Robert Laski, DMD

Clinical Teacher of the Year in Dental Medicine (LVH-M)

Susan S. Mathieu, MD

Asclepius Award in Family Medicine

Matthew M. McCambridge, MD

LVH-M Clinical Teacher of the Year

Yehia Y. Mishriki, MD

Osler Award in Internal Medicine

Walter J. Okunski, MD

Clinical Teacher of the Year in Plastic Surgery

Stephen M. Purcell, DO

Clinical Teacher of the Year in Dermatology

Patrice M. Weiss, MD

Semmelweis Award in Obstetrics & Gynecology

In addition, the following members of the Medical Staff received a Penn State College of Medicine Medical Student Teacher of the Year Award:

Scott W. Beman, MD

Surgery

Marjorie R. Cooper, MD

Psychiatry

Richard J. Mazzaccaro, PhD, MD

Pediatrics

Yehia Y. Mishriki, MD

Internal Medicine

Joseph E. Patruno, MD

Obstetrics & Gynecology

2006 National Patient Safety Goals

Are All Hospitals Alike?

Twenty three percent of all hospitals surveyed by JCAHO received a "requirement for improvement" (a.k.a., a citation) due to the use of National Patient Safety Goal prohibited abbreviations in patient charts. The "Do Not Use" abbreviation list began in 2004, but was modified for 2006 to the current JCAHO nine abbreviations (a.k.a., the JCAHO Naughty Nine). Each of these abbreviations was placed on the list after being identified as the root cause of multiple medication errors throughout the country.

JCAHO Naughty Nine Abbreviations

DO	DON'T
Daily	qd
Every other day	QOD
1	1.0 trailing zero
0.5	.5 lack of a leading zero
Unit	u
International Unit	IU
Morphine	MS
Morphine	MSO ₄
Magnesium sulfate	MgSO ₄

Examples of errors caused by these abbreviations include:

- ... An order for "Vitamin E 400 IU PO qd" was given IV due to the nurse misreading the handwritten "IU" as an "IV"
- ... Patient received haloperidol 5 mg tid for several days when the order was written for 0.5 mg without a leading zero and the decimal point was missed
- ... An order for digoxin 0.125 mg qod was mistaken for digoxin 0.125 mg qid

At LVHNN, the use of CAPOE and eMAR resources help to avoid these errors most of the time, however, it is important to be compliant with the JCAHO standard whenever written communications is used. Please also remember that the patient safety goal is applicable to all communications that deal with medications, including progress notes. Under the rules established by JCAHO, just three examples of the prohibited abbreviations will result in a citation. Only through teamwork can the hospital set itself apart from other hospitals that have received a citation on this patient safety goal.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Kristie Lowery, Patient Safety Officer, at 610-402-3000.

News from the Libraries

Recently Acquired Publications

Library at Cedar Crest & I-78

- ... Mahadevan. An Introduction to Clinical Emergency Medicine. 2005
- ... Mulholland. Greenfield's Surgery 2006.

Library at 17th & Chew

- ... Lawhorn. Care of the Older Adult in the office Setting. 2005
- ... McKnight. Obesity Management in Family Practice. 2006

Library at LVH-Muhlenberg

- ... Dulcan. Essentials of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. 2006
- ... Sadock. Kaplan & Sadock's Pocket Handbook Psychiatric Drug Treatment. 2006

If you have any suggestions for new books, please send them to Barbara Iobst in the Library at Cedar Crest & I-78.





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

In mid-July, the Emergency Department renovation project is expected to begin. As part of that renovation project, a section of Lot 5 will be used for Emergency Department parking overflow. Although Lot 5 is the assigned lot for Residents, several years ago, Lot 5 access was added for physicians to serve as overflow when Lot 6 (Doctors' Lot) was full. However, as you know, last year Lot 6 was expanded with the addition of 82 spaces. At a quick glance on any given day, numerous spaces are available in Lot 6.

Therefore, since Lot 6 should be able to accommodate the majority of physician parking, and in order to accommodate the residents and provide overflow parking for our customers using the Emergency Department when the renovation project begins, the decision has been made to eliminate physician access to Lot 5. Since the Emergency Department renovation project is expected to begin in mid-July, the **effective date for the elimination of access to Lot 5 for attending Medical Staff members will be Monday, July 10.**

Your cooperation and patience during the construction and renovation projects are greatly appreciated.

Medical Staff Lounge

Renovations to the Medical Staff Lounge on the first floor at Cedar Crest & I-78 began the last week of June. During these renovations, which will take approximately six weeks, limited coffee and tea service as well as access to the Lifebook Lockers will be available. However, as trenching of the floor will be necessary to move the water line for the new kitchenette area, the remainder of the lounge will be inaccessible during much of the project.

During the renovations, computer access will be available in Medical Records, 24-7. Also, if it is necessary to receive a fax from your office, the fax machine in Medical Staff Services may be used. The fax number is 610-402-8938.

Your cooperation and patience during these renovations are appreciated. Remember – a short term inconvenience makes for a long term improvement!

A model of the new Medical Staff Lounge is on display in the temporary coffee area of the lounge.

Patient and Visitor Parking

All visitors and patients must either park in the parking deck or use the free valet service.

- ... Bright yellow signs are posted near the Information Booth along the ring road directing patients and visitors to the parking deck and the valet area.
- ... Attendants who direct traffic along the road are available to assist patients and visitors.

Parking Deck

- ... Shuttles run in a continuous loop from the parking deck to the 1210 building to the hospital's main entrance.
- ... Patients and visitors may park anywhere in the deck.
- ... Target dates for completion of the two parking decks in the front of the hospital are – **first deck in Fall of 2006; second deck to be completed in Spring of 2007.**



Construction continues on the first of two parking decks being built in front of the hospital.

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Valet Parking

- ... Valet parking is provided 24-hours a day, seven days a week.
- ... 16 valet parking attendants are on duty during peak traffic hours.

Hospital Entrances

- ... Patients may be dropped off and picked up at the hospital's main entrance.
- ... The Cancer Center entrance with the blue canopy is a good alternative for patients and visitors going to the 1210 building, the Heart Care Group, or visiting a patient in the Jandl Pavilion.
- ... Patient/Visitor parking lots located in the rear of the hospital near the 1230 building, 1220 building (MRI), and Emergency Department will remain open to the public.



Steel trussing has been installed between the Center for Advanced Health Care with the John and Dorothy Morgan Cancer Center to support a pedestrian walkway.

Pedestrian Bridge

Steel trussing for a pedestrian walkway that will connect the Center for Advanced Health Care with the John and Dorothy Morgan Cancer Center has been installed.

To get the latest construction update or to ask questions, visit the internet at www.lvh.org or call 610-402-CARE.

Research Corner

Darbepoetin alpha ICU Study

This is a prospective, single arm study to evaluate the erythropoietic responsiveness, as measured by change in reticulocytosis, associated with once weekly administration of 100 mcg darbepoetin alfa (Aranesp[®]) in patients admitted to the intensive care unit. The study will also be looking at red blood cell transfusion requirements and change in hemoglobin levels from baseline. Study participation will begin on the third day of admission to the ICU and will last up to 43 days while in the ICU. The study is being conducted at 15 sites in the U.S. and is planning to enroll a total of approximately 120 adult subjects. Patients with active bleeding, hemolysis, red blood disorders, or prior treatment with ESPs cannot participate in the study.

Daniel E. Ray, MD, Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine, is the Principal Investigator for the study.

Caspofungin High-Dose Trial

This is a multicenter, randomized, double-blind, comparative study to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and efficacy of the standard dosing regimen of caspofungin (70 mg loading dose, then 50 mg/day) versus a 150 mg/day dose in the treatment of invasive candidiasis in adults. The study will be enrolling a total of 200 subjects that have at least one positive culture of a *Candida* species obtained from blood or another normally-sterile, invasive site within four days prior to study entry (excluding cultures from the following sites: oropharynx, esophagus or other mucosal or superficial skin surfaces, the sputum, broncho-alveolar lavage (BAL), catheter tip, indwelling catheters/drains, and urine). In addition, patients will not be eligible if they have suspected *Candida* endocarditis, osteomyelitis, or meningitis; hepatic dysfunction; prior echinocandin use, or too many doses of other systemic antifungal therapy.

Marcelo G. Gareca, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases, is the Principal Investigator for this study.

For more information about these studies, please call the Department of Medicine Research Office at 610-402-1635, or if you have a referral, page the coordinator on call at 610-402-5100 0999.



Papers, Publications and Presentations

Members of the Department of Surgery made two presentations at the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) meeting held June 3-8, in Seattle, Wash.



Nina J. Paonessa, DO, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery; **Roberto CM Bergamaschi, MD, PhD**, Division of General Surgery; and Laura Ludwig, DO, Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellow, co-authored the study – "Laparoscopic Intracorporeal Ileocolic Resection for Refractory Crohn's Disease: Is it Safe?" – which was presented as a poster at the meeting.



Robert J. Sinnott, DO, Chief; **Robert D. Riether, MD**, and **Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, all from the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, along with Elie Schochet, MD, and Omid Jazaeri, MD, general surgery residents, co-authored the study – "Outcomes after Local Excision for T1 and T2 Rectal Cancers: Fate or Intelligent Design" – which was also presented as a poster at the ASCRS meeting.



Michael J. Pistoria, DO, Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, presented a workshop at the Society of Hospital Medicine Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The workshop was titled "Core Competencies: A Framework for Training Future Hospitalists" and focused upon the utilization of the Core Competencies in Hospital Medicine as a means of developing hospitalist and resident physician skills.

In addition, Dr. Pistoria was a panel member for a session titled "Covering the Uncovered Service." This session dealt with the issue of non-teaching hospitalist services within academic institutions.



Stacey J. Smith, MD, Student Mentor, Department of Medicine; **Mark C. Knouse, MD**, Division of Infectious Diseases; and Thomas Wasser, PhD, Director, Health Studies, co-authored an article – "Prevalence of Bacterial Pathogens on Physician Handheld Computers" – which was published in Volume 13, Number 4, April 2006, of the *Journal of Clinical Outcomes Management*.



William F. Bond, MD, Director of Research, Department of Emergency Medicine; Lynn M. Deitrick, RN, PhD, Department of Health Studies; **Gavin C. Barr, Jr., MD**, Division of Emergency Medicine; **Bryan G. Kane, MD**, Division of Emergency Medicine; **Charles C. Worrilow, MD**, Director of Education, Department of Emergency Medicine; and Darryl C. Arnold, Department of Health Studies, co-authored an article – "Cognitive versus Technical Debriefing after Simulation Training" – which was published in the 2006 – Volume 13, Number 3 issue of *Academic Emergency Medicine*.



Theodore H. Gaylor, MD, Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, was recently invited to attend the nation's first training program for the newly developed process of "Balloon Sinuplasty" introduced at the most recent national meeting of the American Academy of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery in Los Angeles, California.

The devices in the process represent a new technology in the opening of blocked sinuses. It utilizes a similar technique performed in Balloon Angioplasty and was developed by the same team.

Dr. Gaylor was among the first group of surgeons in the nation and the first in the Lehigh Valley to perform the procedure. The procedure will be performed at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg where a highly trained team will assist in the procedure.



Paul K. Gross, MD, Division of Adult Inpatient Psychiatry, co-authored an article – "Effects of Paroxetine CR on Depressive and Anxiety Symptoms in a Community Sample of Adult Hispanic Women with Major Depression or Generalized Anxiety Disorder" – which was published in the May 2006 issue of *Psychiatry*, Volume 3, Issue 5.

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Pamela A. Howard, MD, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/

General Surgery, co-authored an article – “Effect of Blood Transfusion on Outcome after Major Burn Injury: A Multicenter Study” – which was published in the 2006 – Volume 34, Number 6 issue of ***Critical Care Medicine***.



Amy F. Keller, MD, Division of Obstetric Anesthesiology, and Sherri

K. Taylor, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology Resident, recently presented a poster abstract titled "Epidural Analgesia and the Incidence of Episiotomy" at the 38th Annual Society of Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology in Hollywood, Fla. Also contributing to the project were **Patrice M. Weiss, MD**, Vice Chair of Education and Research and Residency Program Director for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Craig Koller, MEd, Educational Analyst for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; and Sharon Kimmel, PhD, Senior Research Scientist, Department of Health Studies.

LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL
AND HEALTH NETWORK



AT NITE LITES

5:00 p.m.

Saturday

September 16, 2006

LVH–Muhlenberg

General chair:

George K. Burke, Jr.

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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.

Although there will be no Family Medicine Grand Rounds on July 4, due to the holiday, the next scheduled program is as follows:

August 1

- ... Topic to be announced – Speaker: Bryan W. Kluck, DO, Division of Cardiology

For more information, please contact Staci Morrissey in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4285.

OB/GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology holds Grand Rounds every Friday morning from 7 to 8 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 7 – OB M & M
- ... July 14 – “How to be Mindful of Your Life During Residency” - Robert Cefalo, MD, PhD, Visiting Professor
- ... July 21 – “Unintentional Peri-Operative Hypothermia” – Collaborative Grand Rounds with the Department of Surgery – Wava Truscott, PhD, MBA, Visiting Professor
- ... July 28 – Journal Club

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 4 – No Grand Rounds – Holiday
- ... July 11 – “Community Acquired MRSA” – Luther V. Rhodes III, MD, Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases
- ... July 18 – “Camelot House Services” – Andrew J. Pestcoe, DO, Division of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery
- ... July 25 – “Ambiguous Genitalia” – Wendy J. Kowalski, MD, Division of Neonatology

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 20**, beginning at noon, in the Education Classrooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The topic of discussion will be “Placebo Neural Systems and the Brain Reward and Motivation Circuitries” to be presented by Greg Frichionne, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Associate Chief of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital.

For more information, please contact Natalie Kern in the Department of Psychiatry at 610-402-5713.



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



Phillip R. Bryant, DO
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