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by [Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP](#) · November 15, 2019

Special Announcement



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This message is from Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, Lehigh Valley Health Network President and Chief Executive Officer.

At Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), we're committed to keeping you informed. I want to give you an update about LVHN's intent to acquire the assets of Coordinated Health.

After conducting an antitrust review under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has cleared both parties to move the transaction forward.

The review process continues with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. In the meantime, we continue to complete due diligence. LVHN and Coordinated Health will operate as separate entities until the transaction has closed. We will keep you informed throughout the process.

Tags: [Coordinated Health](#)

Reminder: Get Your Flu Shot by Nov. 21

by [Kirstin Reed](#) · November 11, 2019

While it still feels like summer outside, fall is right around the corner. We all know that means cold and flu season is coming.

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When you get vaccinated early in the fall, you decrease your chances of getting the flu and transmitting it to our patients and visitors.

[Health care workers have a special obligation to be vaccinated, because people who remain unvaccinated and spread the flu can](#)

[cause serious harm to vulnerable patients](#). That's why LVHN has an Influenza Immunization Policy, which you can access through the Colleague Resource Center (CRC) by clicking on the Employment Policies Icon, then clicking on Influenza Vaccination Policy.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend [everyone six months of age and older get a flu vaccine every season](#). Vaccination to prevent influenza is particularly important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza, including adults 65 and older, pregnant women, young children and people with chronic health problems.

LVHN makes getting vaccinated easy. Colleague flu shot clinics will begin Tuesday, Oct. 1, and continue throughout flu season. Click below to get the schedule for your location. Print the schedule, post it in your area, get vaccinated and remind others to



do the same.

- [Lehigh Valley schedule](#)
- [Hazleton schedule](#)
- [Schuylkill schedule](#)
- [Pocono schedule](#)

What you need to know

- All hospital employee health offices will begin administering the vaccine on Oct. 1. The deadline for vaccination is Nov. 21.
- Prior to attending a flu shot clinic, complete the electronic consent form, which is part of your first-quarter education bundle.
- You can also access the [electronic consent form](#) and additional information about influenza vaccination on [the intranet home page](#) by clicking “Influenza Information” under “Colleague Resources.”
- You can [view Frequently Asked Questions and post a question of your own](#).

Four types of vaccines provided this year

- Standard Quadravalent is designed to protect against four different flu viruses: two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses.
- FluMist is a nasal spray approved for use in non-pregnant individuals, two years through 49 years of age.
- Fludac High-Dose is recommended for those 65 years and older (administered at flu shot clinics and employee health locations).
- Flublok (Egg-Free) is only approved for use in people 18 years and older with a severe egg allergy (administered at employee health locations only).

Ignite the Superhero in You and Learn How to Prevent Pressure Injuries

by [Ellyn Schindler](#) · November 12, 2019

On Thursday, Nov. 21, in recognition of National Pressure Injury Day, LVH–Pocono will hold an informational session in the Stroud Room from 1-4 p.m. Pressure injuries are localized damage to the skin and underlying soft tissue. They usually form over bony prominences (like the tailbone

and heels) or in relation to medical devices (like a breathing tube that presses on the face).

LVH-Pocono's event theme this year is, "Let's find the superhero in you and how it impacts our patients." Members of the skin care team will be dressed accordingly, adding fun and flair to the event. All staff are invited to attend, where representatives from several companies will highlight various products designed to help prevent, treat and minimize pressure injuries.

The skin care team will provide poster presentations, and there will be a photo booth and healthy snacks for colleagues to enjoy. It is important to note that there have been no pressure injuries at LVH–Pocono since May 2019.



Last year's team takes a lighthearted approach to a serious medical issue, while raising awareness about pressure injuries.

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For additional information, please contact Gina Day, BSN, Wound/Ostomy Nurse, at extension 3577, or Geangina.Day@lvhn.org.

Pink Light Walk Shines Spotlight on Breast Cancer Awareness

by [Ellyn Schindler](#) · November 14, 2019

Last month, hundreds of community members rallied in support of the 19th annual East Stroudsburg Pink Light Walk, carrying forth a 19-year tradition, which culminated at LVH–Pocono’s Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center. This grassroots event is co-hosted by LVH–Pocono and East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (ESU).



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This year’s event was organized by Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center Breast Health Nurse Navigator Caroline McConnell, RN, ESU Wellness Education and Prevention Coordinator Laura Suits, a committee from both organizations, and other community members. “I am honored every day to be able to be a part of patients’ journeys through the stages of their treatment,” McConnell said.



The walk is held each year to raise awareness about breast cancer, remember those we have lost to the disease and emphasize the importance of early screening and detections when it comes to breast cancer.

Prior to the walk, education tables offering interactive programs and information regarding LVH–Pocono’s free mammogram voucher program service were available in the ESU Science and Technology Center. From there, participants walked in solidarity to the Hughes Cancer Center, where refreshments were served, and listened to comments from breast cancer survivor and honorary chair of this year’s organizing committee, Elizabeth Wheeler.

“My cancer journey started out a little rocky, but as time went by, I fought the fight and now I’m walking the walk,” Wheeler said.

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Superheroes Drop In at Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital-

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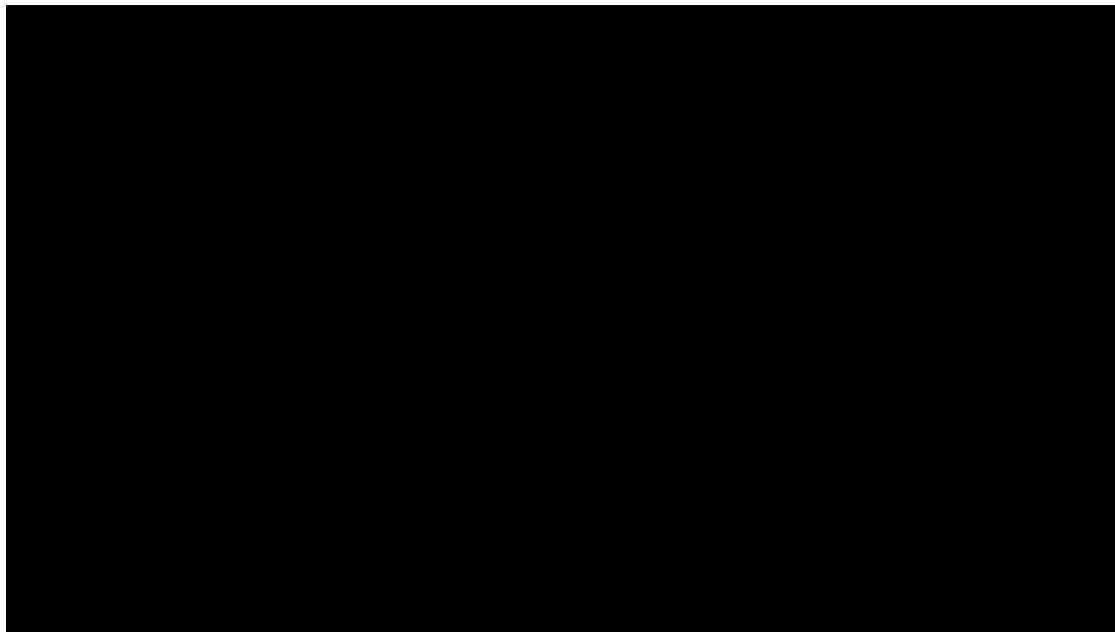
by [Kirstin Reed](#) · November 14, 2019

Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital had some super guests drop in today. Spider-Man, Thor, Batman, Wolverine, Iron Man and Captain America repelled from the rooftop to surprise kids on the pediatric inpatient unit.

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These superhero window washers brought joy to children, adults and passersby alike.



- [See our story on Instagram](#) and share using #LVHNProud.
- Check out the [helicopter footage from CBS Philly on Facebook](#).

Veterans Day Celebration – PHOTOS

by [Kirstin Reed](#) · November 13, 2019

During LVHN's Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, a veteran of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, honored colleagues and community members who served our country. Following the ceremony, veterans had the opportunity to share stories and enjoy refreshments. Here are photos from the event.

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Maur Levan, Army, WWII

Record Turnout as Veterans Celebrate at LVH–Schuylkill

by [Mike Peckman](#) · November 11, 2019

For a dozen years, Tony Petrozino, Dietary Supervisor and former Navy cook, prepared LVH–Schuylkill’s annual Veterans Day breakfast. This year, Petrozino experienced the event tableside having retired earlier this year after 30 years of service with the hospital. “It tastes almost as good as previous years,” a joking and beaming Petrozino exclaimed.

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The Saint Clair native joined his golfing buddy Jim Williams for LVH–Schuylkill’s annual tribute to veterans. Petrozino had the chance to visit with his former colleagues and other attendees he got to know quite well during his time at LVH–Schuylkill. “It was fabulous. Everything was so good. I’m glad to see Bob and his team do such a great job,” says Petrozino, referring to Food and Nutrition Services Operations Manager Bob Seitzinger.

Petrozino was among the record 253 vets who attended this year. Among the attendees were four World War II veterans. Each veteran was personally greeted by Larry Riddles, MD, Regional Chief Medical Officer (Col. Ret., U.S. Air Force), and LVH–Schuylkill President Bill Reppy, a Navy veteran. A special lapel pin reading “Your Service, Our Thanks” was presented to each veteran attending.

The event is staffed by LVH–Schuylkill colleagues, many of whom bring their children to help. A slide show accompanied by patriotic music plays each year and features photos from all previous 18 breakfasts.

We thank our veterans and those currently serving for their service. We also thank colleagues for making Veterans Day extra special.



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Physician Billing and Patient Services Representative User Group

Meeting Scheduled for Nov. 20

by [Marcianne Albert](#) · November 13, 2019

Calling all patient services representatives (PSRs), cross-trained medical assistants, office coordinators and revenue cycle support staff. Don't miss the opportunity to attend this month's Physician Billing (PB) and Patient Services Representative (PSR) User Group Meeting.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 8-10 a.m. See the locations below.

Agenda topics include:

- PSR MVP Award
- PSR Tip of the Month
- Patient Self Scheduling
- Guarantor Account Maintenance Collection Workflows
- Medicare ID Numbers
- eCare Next
- POS Collection Monthly Update
- And much more

The meeting will be held live in the LVH–Cedar Crest and simulcast to locations across the health network.

LVH–Cedar Crest, auditorium (live location)

LVH–Hazleton, Annex Board Room



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LVH–Pocono, Serenity conference room

LVH–Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street, conference room C, second floor

Health Center at Palmer Township, Conference room B

LVH–Muhlenberg, Family Health Pavilion, conference rooms F and G

To register, click below for:

- [Self-registration directions](#)
- [Directions for managers to register one or more colleagues](#)

Please note that all sites will register as ‘attending the Cedar Crest Auditorium location’. This meeting will also be recorded. Questions regarding the PB and PSR

User Groups can be directed to Lynne_A.Reph@lvhn.org.

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