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Lehigh Valley Health Network, as
part of AllSpire Health Partners,

has entered into an exciting group purchasing organization designed to improve supply cost management.



The new entity, AllSpire Health Group Purchasing Organization (GPO), will help the six participating health systems manage expenses by aggregating purchasing volumes.

The initial goal is to focus on improved performance in commodity purchases, such as gauze, bandages, pads and gloves. In the future, the AllSpire Health GPO will offer group purchasing for implanted devices, pharmaceuticals and some consulting services.

Organizations participating in the AllSpire Health GPO include:

- Atlantic Health System (Morristown, N.J.)
- Hackensack University Health Network (Hackensack, N.J.)
- Lehigh Valley Health Network (Allentown, Pa.)
- Meridian Health (Neptune, N.J.)
- Reading Health System (Reading, Pa.)
- WellSpan Health (York, Pa.)

The AllSpire Health GPO has an agreement with a national GPO partner, HealthTrust Purchasing Group, based in Brentwood, Tenn. The foundation of the HealthTrust Purchasing Group model is a patient-focused mission, led by experienced clinical leaders and member advisory boards who conduct a rigorous product vetting and approval process.

AllSpire Health Partners was created in 2013 to implement the Institute of Healthcare Improvement's "Triple Aim," with the goal of achieving better health, better cost and better care. As health networks nationwide are transitioning to a new health care delivery model, our initiative is a great opportunity to combine the

intellectual assets of AllSpire Health Partners to elevate the quality of care, reduce the cost and move toward a regional population health focus.

The start of the AllSpire Health GPO is the exciting culmination of hard work by our members and signifies the strength of the AllSpire Health Partners. This work demonstrates how the AllSpire Health Partners bring value to our members and the communities we serve.

The AllSpire Health GPO will be located in the Lehigh Valley, which is centrally located to the organization. HealthTrust Purchasing Group is helping the AllSpire Health GPO recruit and hire full-time leaders. Look for further updates as the new GPO begins operating in the Fall 2016.

Behind the Scenes: Earning Nurse Certification

by [Sheila Caballero](#) · June 28, 2016

*A behind-the-scenes
look at Stephanie's*

*journey towards
CMSRN
certification. From the
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Stephanie Remy, BSN,
RN, CMSRN, is a night
shift nurse on the

Transitional Trauma

Unit (TTU) where she cares for adults recovering from falls, head bleeds and other trauma. She has worked in the TTU for four years and loves being part of a network that “empowers and values” nurses. One of the ways she feels empowered is through the FailSafe program that allowed her to pursue Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) certification for free.

“I took the online review course purchased by LVHN and available to all nurses this past winter,” Remy says. “It took less than 11 hours to complete and included all the information I needed to pass the exam. I had less anxiety pursuing this than when I took the NCLEX.”

To date, 134 of Remy’s colleagues have earned CMSRN certification through the FailSafe program. The online review course is through MED-ED and is available for other nursing specialties such as critical care (CCRN) and progressive care (PCCN). The network also hosts “live” review courses for other specialties including emergency nursing (CEN) and medical-surgical nursing.

“The network wants to make it as easy as possible for nurses to gain certification,” says Pattie Hoak, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, with the Center for Professional Excellence. “It’s really risk-free because you don’t pay anything, and the results don’t impact employment status. Nurses who are interested should talk to their supervisors.”

Remy now wears a badge that identifies her as “certified” to colleagues and the public. “Nursing practice is constantly evolving and changing. It’s important that our

patients know we are up-to-date on current practices,” she says.

Stephanie Remy Shares Insights from her Recent Certification Experience

Online review – Informational modules are presented in video format, with a lesson, review questions and a short test at the end. When a review question pops up, pause the video, think about the answer, then restart the video to see if you are correct. If you’re not sure, rewind and listen to the section again.

Exam prep – Use review resources such as:

- Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board website offers 15 free sample questions. You also can get a CMSRN practice exam (75 questions) for a fee
- Bookstores sell CMSRN exam prep books.

Test prep location

I completed the CMSRN online review course on my laptop curled up in a big comfy recliner with my beloved Yorkie, Bentley at my side.

Test prep format

I loved how the online review course was broken into informational modules on each body system. I knew the time commitment each module required and chose lessons based on how much time I could devote each day.

Test prep questions

Case study questions were mostly common sense. I was able to answer those based on my instincts and experience. There were a couple sections on disorders I don’t see that often, so I made sure to spend more time on those sections.

Time commitment

It took me about five weeks, or a total of 10-and-a-half hours, to complete the online review course. I tackled one new lesson every couple of days and made sure to complete each lesson in the same sitting.

Exam location

I went to a testing site on Pond Road in Allentown about a week after I completed the online review course. The test includes about 150 questions and you find out immediately if you pass.

Motivation to pursue certification

I love to learn. My colleagues are very encouraging and supportive of nurses who want to get certified. We have a wall on our floor that includes the names of those who have passed alongside the credentials CMSRN in big bold letters. It's a really big accomplishment and source of pride to be on that wall.

Best part about being certified

I was elated to learn I passed on the first try. I'm thrilled to be able to include CMSRN after my name. The annual certification bonus and other incentives aren't bad either.

Why it's a "no brainer"

The Network covers the entire cost and if you fail the first time you can always take the test again.

Service Anniversary List – July 2016

by [Admin](#) · June 30, 2016

Happy anniversary to all colleagues
celebrating a career milestone at LVHN in



SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

July.

45 Years

Frances Worman, health care research

40 Years

Patricia Atno, dental clinic

Beverly Reinik, 4KS

35 Years

Tracy Arnold, radiology

Kaye Barnhart, ambulatory surgical unit

John Demczyszyn, engineering

Elizabeth Fried, human resources

Jill Green, pharmacy

Francine Miranda, obstetrics/gynecology

Patrice Schaffer, NICU

Jeanne Schevets, perinatal unit

Theresa Schoch, physical therapy, occupational therapy

Lori Turnbach, LVPG Hematology Oncology–Muhlenberg

Nora Zappe, ambulatory surgical unit

30 Years

Karen Allwein, ambulatory surgical unit

Frederick Beers, 2KS

Phillip Hinds, respiratory care services

Robert Kern, operating room

Yehia Mishriki, LVPG Internal Medicine–3080 Hamilton Blvd.

Janet Nino, benefits verification

Dawn Oswald, home care

John Sawka, emergency department

Ronald Smith, engineering

25 Years

Susan Clayton, pain management

Stephanie Dorney, radiology

Daniel Eckert, sterile processing

Jeffrey Engleman, security

Ann Gallagher, emergency medicine

Wendy Geissinger, JACHO

Christine Hutchison, Epic

Lori Marsh, diagnostic radiology

Stephen Motsay, LVPG Family Medicine–Trexlerstown

Kathleen Ring, cancer financial services

Gina Rush, Fairgrounds Surgical Center

20 Years

Lindsay Hoffman, LVPG Pediatrics–Center Valley

Natalie Knerr, psychiatry

Ivette Santiago, LVPG billing

Ginger Schurawlow, precertification department

Jennifer Smetana, Lehigh Valley Family Health Center

15 Years

Timothy Adamchik, EMR operations

1. Adams, information services

Doremi Avila, 4KS

Timothy Billowitch, information services

Michaelen Butler, case management

Isaac Carleton, information services

Lisa Critchosin, 6K

Scott Czura, emergency department

Roxanne Davis, emergency department

Edward Dougherty, business development

Tracy Estrada, pharmacy

Elizabeth Evans, emergency department

Susan Falcone, Heart Station

Joanne Fulmer, LVPG Internal Medicine–1230 Cedar Crest

Brian Furlong, vascular/interventional radiology

Linda Horn, business development

Dawn Koons, LVPG Internal Medicine–West Broad

Karen Kramer, HC clinical services

Laureen LeDonne, patient receivables

Christine Leh, information services

Andrea Mauro, LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–1245 Cedar Crest

Jennifer Mendiolina, lab

Ralph Minchin, information services

Michael Moore, information services

Patricia Moore, network and provider services

Nadine Opstbaum, Epic

Andrea Parry, business development

Patricia Rodriguez, guest services

Kevin Roth, emergency department

James Saul, master facilities

Susan Sayers, group health administrative services

Kim Schultz, psychiatry

Michele Sciarra, central document processing

Marie Spaar, CECE Center

Joann Stivala, Health Spectrum Pharmacy

Kevin Weaver, emergency department

Karyn Zwoyer, ultrasound

10 Years

Lisa Bednarski, health center operations

Terri Behler, Wound Healing Center

Christine Block, LVPG Family Medicine–Macungie

Rebecca Bogert, financial services

Richard Brown, 6C

Ursula Casaldi, MICU/SICU

Cassandra Christiansen, perinatal evaluation

Gwendolyn Chung, LVPG Pediatrics–Pond Road

Anna Csontos, Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation

Ruth Dennison, LVPG Hematology Oncology–Muhlenberg

Rachel Downey, LVPG Urology

Wanda Fatzinger, library services

Bruce Feldman, LVPG Cardiology–1250 Cedar Crest

Kelly Frinzi, LVPG Cardiology–1250 Cedar Crest

Christopher Geosits, enterprise analytics

Martin Gibson, float pool

John Paul Gomez, inpatient psychiatry

Katherine Gonzalez, LVPG Pediatrics–West Broad

Marjorie Hamm, quality

Gregory Jones, emergency department

Patrick Kleaveland, LVPG Cardiology–1250 Cedar Crest

Bobbi Kolment, outpatient registration

Shui Lee, Regional Heart Center–Medical

Amy Levan, medical oncology

Sue Marr, CT scan

Gerald McGlinn, organizational development

Marion Nihen, obstetrics/gynecology

Robert Penn, mail processing services

Diane Rizzetto, LVPG Cardiology–1250 Cedar Crest

Denise Russomano, LVPG Family and Internal Medicine–Bethlehem Township

Daniel Tillman, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services

Vicki Torcivia, emergency department

Kelly Torres, respiratory care

Jillian Troxel, NICU

Gene Sinkus, MedEvac

Yekaterina Smith, Hackerman-Patz House

Angela Stoner, LVPG Neurosurgery–1250 Cedar Crest

Susan Strickler, cardiac catheterization lab

Meagan Wade, radiation oncology

Kerry Willis, emergency department

Mary Wolk, MICU/SICU

5 Years

Gabriella Arellano-Cherry, obstetrics

Maryann Argese, guest services

Kathryn Bard, neurology

Trisha Basile, human resources

Felicia Bennett, 5K

Cheryl Bothwell, LVPG Urology

Jamieson Chorney, emergency department

Elijah Chumo, nursing float pool

Cynthia Coraggio, LVPG Endocrinology–1243 Cedar Crest

Elizabeth Corbo, LVPG Pediatric Neurology–1210 Cedar Crest

Jaclyn Cummings, 7T

Megan Derr, Cancer Center

Erin Detweiler, 5T

Jacob Erickson, emergency department

Alicia Fehnel, 6C

Brian Fisher, division of education

Ashley Flowers, 7T

Lauren Geerlof, population health

Laura Gilfert, 6T

Victoria Handy, NICU

Caitlin Herman, LVPG Pediatric Endocrinology–17th Street

Steven Johnson, emergency department

Regina Jones, Hackerman-Patz House

Rachel Keiser, transitional skilled unit

Vitaliy Koss, LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest

Zachary Kelchner, Pediatric Sleep Center

Wendi Kingsbauer, 7C

Tiffany Knappenberger. TNICU

Evangelia Koutroulelis, NICU

Kathleen Kratz, progressive coronary care unit

Ashley Kunkel, 7B

Rena Lambert, Lehigh Valley Physicians Practice

Jennifer Lamont, 2KS

Stephen Luetzgen, Epic

Sarah Mason, 7C

Kaitlyn Mentzell, ICU

Linda Meyer, labor and delivery

Timothy Nebel, business development

Jason Paden, division of education

Billy Ratliff, emergency department

Carolyn Reinhart, transitional trauma unit

Patrick Respet, HealthWorks

Jillian Schaffer, labor and delivery

Kristen Scheier, obstetrics

Rebecca Schippang, emergency department

Sarah Schopf, quality

Beth Sensenig, pediatric rehabilitation

Brittany Smith, 4KS

Ebony Sockwell – LVPG Pediatric Endocrinology–17th Street

Elizabeth Solt, emergency department

Janell Souder, 5K

Rita Stellar, hospice

Jordan Strausser, LVPG Orthopedics

Mary Stock Keister, LVPG Family Medicine – Easton Ave.

Lisa Szep, LVPG Gynecology Oncology–1240 Cedar Crest

Elizabeth Tejada, patient accounting

Marcie Walker, NORI

Jenna Welch, 6T

Mark Werner, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services

Hussam Yakoub, LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest

July's Culture of Wellness Opportunities for Raising a Family

by [Rick Martuscelli](#) · June 30, 2016

Here are this month's Culture of Wellness events for raising a family.

July 6, 10, 18 and 24 – Maternity Tours

July 7 and 19 – Breastfeeding

July 9 and 16 – Preparing for Childbirth
(one-day class)

July 10 and 24 – Sibling Tours

July 11 – CPR for Family and Friends

Starting July 13 – Preparing for Baby (six-week series)

Starting July 14 – Preparing for Labor and Childbirth (three-week series)

July 15, 23 and 28 – Car Seat Check

July 17 – Baby Care

For more information or to register, call 610-402-CARE.

[Learn about all of our Culture of Wellness programs.](#)

