

# Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



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## From the President

It's a typical morning at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Your service is large but manageable, with most of your patients clustered on one or two floors.

You head to the Emergency Department to see a new consult. The place is busy but calm, like a well-oiled machine, and you notice that there are even a few empty litters. "Would you like your patient on telemetry or in the unit?" asks the ED nurse. "Both have beds available and ready. And by the way, we just brewed a fresh pot of coffee. Help yourself."

About then your beeper goes off. It's a page from Admissions: "Good morning, doctor. We have just the right number of beds for everyone today. Have a nice day."

Then there's a loud buzz. It's your alarm clock, and you wake up from your dream.

Reality at LVH is more like this: Patients are still waiting for beds, the census is still over 100 percent most days, and doctors are stretched even further than they were before, because their own services are busier *and* because they have farther to walk to see their patients.

Even after opening 60 additional beds in the past three months, demand for our care still pushes the limits of capacity. In fact, current monthly admissions are up 13 percent over a year ago. At LVH-Muhlenberg, the census and admission rates also are higher than expected, with patients waiting for beds at times.

It was a year ago when I first wrote about capacity issues. At that time there was hope that the opening of the Kasych Tower would alleviate most of the capacity issues. It hasn't. But what it has done is caused doctors at Cedar Crest to put a lot more miles on their Keds every week seeing a greater number of patients throughout a larger hospital. Most doctors I talk to feel like they are working as hard as they can to keep up with the increasing demands.

I can tell you this: Members of the administration are aware of the issue and are working on solutions. I've heard this topic discussed frequently at senior management meetings. Many steps are already being taken and more are on the way.

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As for capacity, the former Burn Unit at Cedar Crest, originally planned as a new radiology area, will instead be used for 10 additional critical care beds. Phase 2 of the Cedar Crest ED expansion is underway. The 6B renal unit will reopen as soon as renovations are done, and there will be additional medical-surgical beds on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Pool Pavilion. More pediatrics beds are being added on 4A.

Meanwhile, Patient Care Services is exploring ways to allow for more clustering – so-called “cohorting” – of patients to make care more convenient for doctors and to benefit patients. In the Division of General Internal Medicine, both private practice and LVPG physicians are collaborating to improve work processes and increase efficiencies.

At Muhlenberg, MAC (the Medical Advisory Committee) has been taking the lead in innovations to reduce length of stay and to expedite discharge. An upgraded automated discharge instruction system will be rolled out at both sites beginning in April.

At the March General Medical Staff meeting, both Elliot Sussman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Ron Swinfard, Chief Medical Officer, acknowledged the ongoing issues. They thanked members of the Medical Staff for their continued hard work to care for more and more patients while continuing to focus on quality. Let's continue to work together with that focus in mind.



Linda L. Lapos, MD  
Medical Staff President

## Medical Executive Committee Actions

At the Medical Executive Committee meeting on March 4, two important issues were acted upon that will affect you as members of the Medical Staff.

The first issue was a recommendation to **no longer require** a progress note on the day of discharge. The discharge summary or note (as appropriate) may take the place of the discharge day progress note. This recommendation will work its way into a change in the Bylaws with final approval coming in June. However, effective immediately, the absence of a progress note on the day of discharge **will no longer be deemed a Medical Records deficiency and suspendable action**. It is hoped that this will make the discharge process more efficient and easier for physicians and patients.

The second action taken was a clarification as to which types of patients require discharge summaries. This is as follows – A dictated discharge summary is required on all inpatients or observation patients **except the following:**

- ... Short stay surgical procedures (under 48 hours)
- ... Approved discharge summaries created in electronic departmental systems (i.e., GE QS)
- ... Approved paper chart form discharge summaries

Questions regarding approval of paper discharge summaries may be directed to the Forms Committee through Zelda Greene in Medical Records at 610-402-8330.

**Save the Date:**

***Lehigh Valley Hospital Resident Graduation***

***Friday, June 13, 2008 — 6 p.m.***

***Kasych Family Pavilion — ECC Rooms 6, 7 & 8***

## Present on Admission (POA)

According to new CMS (Medicare) guidelines, hospitals will not be reimbursed for the treatment of certain hospital-acquired infections and other conditions, including pressure ulcerations. If one or more of these conditions are present on admission (POA), they must be documented as such to allow for accurate coding and to assure proper reimbursement to the hospital. Given the fact that we treat some very sick and debilitated patients at LVH, the financial implications are enormous!

Effective **April 1, 2008**, LVH will undertake a new initiative to address the requirement to document pressure ulcerations. In order to make this process as painless as it can be for our physicians who are already working very hard to take care of their patients, LVH has developed a system wherein nursing will document any ulcer, Stage I-IV, and engage the Wound Healing Team to provide photo documentation. A call will then be placed to the admitting attending by the Wound Healing Team and a note will be left on the Green Communication Sheet advising the attending that her/his patient has a "pressure ulcer POA." In the Progress Note the next day, the physician note must simply document one time "decubitus ulcer, anatomical site, POA."

Not only will this be a proactive way for physicians to ensure appropriate reimbursement for the institution and, perhaps, even themselves, this will obviate the need for Medical Records to query the physician after discharge.

Thank you for your help with this important initiative and remember "decubitus ulcer, anatomical site, POA."

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Anthony V. Matejicka II, DO, Lead Physician Coach, at 610-868-6880.

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## Scheduling Treatments: Methylprednisolone, IgG or Blood Transfusions

A task force was developed to address the needs of the outpatient population who are initiating treatment or the continuation of Methylprednisolone, IgG, or blood transfusions. Many of these patients receive their treatments in the multipurpose area (MPA) and/or the Express Admissions Unit (EAU) during the week and then are assigned to an inpatient bed on the weekend to complete their treatment. The current process requires a bed to be reserved for up to 48 hours for these patients to receive their treatments which may only take 2-4 hours. The new process will allow for the utilization of an inpatient bed only for the time required for the treatment which will improve patient access for members of the community.

On the evening prior to treatment, the patient will be contacted at home regarding their appointment time. On the day of treatment, the patient will report to the

information desk to receive their bed assignment. If the patient requires a second day of treatment, the process will repeat. The process itself will entail modest changes for physicians. As in the past, physicians will continue to call **Patient Access or Bed Management**. In addition, the physician will then need to **fax the orders to Bed Management** at 610-402-1696.

This new process will go into effect **April 15, 2008**. The goal is to improve efficiency while maintaining patient and physician satisfaction and quality care. Ultimately, this new process will allow quicker access for patients who require an inpatient bed.

If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Vose, RN, Administrator of Patient Care Services, at 484-884-3496.

## “Miles of Smiles” Project Targets Improved Dental Care for Children

On February 25, 2008, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHHN) and Capital BlueCross announced that they are partnering to address a critical need for children’s dental care in the community with the creation of the “Miles of Smiles” mobile dental unit.

Capital BlueCross announced a contribution of \$250,000 toward the project, presented by President and CEO Anita M. Smith during a ceremony at Allentown’s Central Elementary School, one of three schools in the city to initially benefit from the service. The mobile dental unit also would serve the Caring Place Youth Development Center, Casa Guadalupe Community Center and the Sixth Street Shelter for the homeless, all in Allentown.

“Dental cavities are the most common chronic childhood disease, yet they often go untreated,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHHN’s President and CEO. “For children whose families cannot access regular dental check-ups and care, about 80 percent of tooth decay remains untreated. We believe that there are more than 11,000 children in Allentown alone who need dental care.”

“Miles of Smiles” services would range from prevention education to basic and restorative services including brushing and flossing techniques, healthy eating, cleaning, fluoride treatments, X-rays, cavity treatments and simple extractions.

“Children are our future,” shared Ms. Smith. “The most important investment we can make in our communities and in the future of our region is to invest in our children’s health today. When Lehigh Valley Hospital reached out to Capital BlueCross, we didn’t hesitate to enthusiastically support the Miles of Smiles dental van because we know there are proven links between early oral health and the future overall health of our children”.

According to Sophia C. Kladias, DMD, LVHHN’s Chair of the Department of Dental Medicine, the “Miles of Smiles” dental unit would include two fully-equipped treatment rooms, a sterilization area, a digital X-ray system and a wheelchair lift. It would be staffed by a full-time dentist, hygienist, dental assistant and a driver/medical clerk. “This is a tremendous opportunity to do something positive to improve our children’s dental health,” Dr. Kladias said. “We anticipate approximately 3,500 patient visits each year, and the Miles of Smiles mobile dental unit will open up much-needed capacity in the Lehigh Valley Hospital-17<sup>th</sup> and Chew dental clinic so that we can treat more adults who currently lack access to care.”

Ms. Smith presented Dr. Sussman with a \$250,000 mock check representing more than one-quarter of the “Miles of Smiles” project’s \$900,000 goal. Dr. Sussman said the Capital BlueCross support brings the total from charitable gifts, grants and pledges to \$478,000. “With the generous help of our community, I’m confident we will reach our goal.”



Six Central school students joined Ms. Smith and Dr. Sussman in making the announcement by displaying a three-foot high cardboard rendering of the mobile dental unit, which will be colored various shades of blue and white. It features smiling child characters surrounding Capital BlueCross’s blue man mascot, which is pictured spelling out “Miles of Smiles” from a toothpaste tube.



## News from CAPOE Central

### Changes to the MI Profile

Based on recent changes to guidelines and the present troponin assay, the timing of the second and third parts of the MI Profile was changed on March 20, 2008. The second MI Profile (MI 2) will be drawn four hours after MI 1 (Initial Specimen). The third MI Profile (MI 3) will be drawn 10 hours after the Initial Specimen (MI 1). All order sets containing the MI Profile and the main Lab list have been adjusted. Please direct any questions regarding this issue to Larry E. Jacobs, MD, Division of Cardiology, at 610-402-9370.

### Expert Rule for Religious Preferences

You will notice a new expert rule pop-up when you order blood products on a patient whose religion is a Jehovah's Witness. The rule, "Religious Preference Alert," will alert you when ordering all blood products, and will remind the ordering clinician to "Please Verify Consent." The rule will not stop the clinician from ordering the blood product. Please be aware of this new rule.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or any other CAPOE issues, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Physician Liaison, Information Services, at 610-402-1426 or pager 610-402-5100 7481.



## Visitor Parking Services

Now that a good portion of the LVH-Cedar Crest construction is completed, a few changes relating to Visitor Parking Services will be made in the next few weeks. With all three parking decks as well as additional surface parking now in service, the Cedar Crest & I-78 campus has about 2,000 additional parking spaces. Many patients and visitors are now self-parking, which has dramatically reduced the number of cars being valet parked from as many as 1,600 a day during the peak of construction to about 300 cars a day. The additional parking also has reduced the demand for the level of shuttle service provided for patients and visitors.

Based on this information, the following changes will occur:

- ... The shuttle trips between Cedar Crest and LVHHN locations in the medical office park across Cedar Crest Blvd. have been discontinued as of March 20, 2008, due to limited ridership.
- ... The shuttle bus service between the five-story parking deck and the Pool Pavilion main lobby will be discontinued as of April 21, 2008, due to the completion of the two visitor parking decks in the front of the hospital.
- ... Effective April 21, 2008, the Valet Parking Service hours will be:
  - LVH-Cedar Crest Pool Pavilion Main Lobby – 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 6 p.m., no valet parking will occur, however, cars will be retrieved until 9 p.m. A Visitor

Assistant will continue to be available until 11 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday.

- LVH-Cedar Crest Cancer Center – 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (unchanged)
- LVH-Muhlenberg – 5:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (unchanged)
- LVH-17<sup>th</sup> & Chew – 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday; extended hours due to Sleep Center services in the evening (unchanged)
- ... The booths at the LVH-Cedar Crest Emergency Department parking lot and the five-story parking deck will continue to be staffed, and a Visitor Assistant will be available at the entrance of the Center for Advanced Healthcare (1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.).

If you have any questions regarding the above changes, please contact E. Gerald Kresge, Security Director, at 610-402-1077.

## The New Discharge Instructions with Medication Reconciliation

A brand new, easy to use Discharge Instruction Application is going-live soon. New functionality includes:

- ... The application will launch right from LastWord with the command DCI
- ... Inpatient medications can be worked for discharge from day of admission through the day of discharge
- ... You can create your own medication list for your most commonly prescribed medications
- ... Service line specific instructions can be tailored into the application
- ... **Most important: the application has medication reconciliation functionality**

### A final medication reconciliation screen:

Reconcile Meds		Reconciliation Documents	
AHFS Classification	Home Meds (19MAR08 10:44:50)	IP Meds (current)	DCI Meds (current saved)
Analgesics And Antipyretics, Misc.		ACETAMINOPHEN TABLET 325 MG (TYLENOL Tab), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 325 mg</b> , RXQ6H, PRN	ACETAMINOPHEN TABLET 325 MG (TYLENOL Tab), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 325 mg</b> , RXQ6H, PRN
	Ambien (Zolpidem), PO, <b>Dose: 5 tab</b> , HS		
Anxiolytics, Sedatives & Hypnotics, Misc.		ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE 5 MG TAB PO (AMBIEN), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 5 mg</b> , RXHS, PRN	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE 5 MG TAB PO (AMBIEN), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 5 mg</b> , RXHS, PRN
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors		SIMVASTATIN 10MG TAB PO (ZOCOR), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 10 mg</b> , RXQD18	SIMVASTATIN 10MG TAB PO (ZOCOR), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 10 mg</b> , RXQD18
	Zocor (Simvastatin), PO, <b>Dose: 20 Tablets</b> , HS		
Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents		ASPIRIN TABLET 325 MG (ASPIRIN), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 325 mg</b> , RXQD	ASPIRIN TABLET 325 MG (ASPIRIN), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 325 mg</b> , RXQD
	Aspirin (Ascriptin), po, <b>Dose: 80 Tablets</b> , Q/AM		
Proton-Pump Inhibitors		OMEPRAZOLE 20MG CAP DR PO (PRILOSEC), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 20 mg</b> , RXQD7	OMEPRAZOLE 20MG CAP DR PO (PRILOSEC), By Mouth, <b>Dose: 20 mg</b> , RXQD7
	PriLOSEC (Omeprazole), PO, <b>Dose: 20</b>		

Inpatient meds can be updated anytime during the patient stay by clicking on the LastWord icon:

Diagnosis	MD Diet	Activity	IP Meds	Home Meds	New Rx
Non-Med Rx	DC Instructions	Follow Up Care	Pt Questions	Allergies	Reconcile Meds

  

Active IP Medications

Chlorophyll/papain/urea(panafil) 1TUBE ( Original Order: 26Sep07 Original Max Doses: )

Dose: to

Dose Form:

Rate:

Rate Unit:

\*Route: TOP

\*Freq: RXBID

PRN:

DAW:

Duration:

\*Quantity:

Start:

Stop:

Refills:

Next Dose:

Ingredients/Details:

Comments: Apply 1 inch to foot ulcer

☐ Approve - Generate Rx  
**PENDING MD APPROVAL**

Get LastWord Orders

Methocarbamol Tablet 750mg ( Original Order: 21Sep07 Original Max Doses: )

Dose: 750 to

Dose Form: mgs

Rate:

Rate Unit:

\*Route: PO

\*Freq: RXQ6H

PRN:

DAW:

Duration:

\*Quantity: 40 Tabletss

Start:

Stop:

Refills: 4

Next Dose:

Ingredients/Details:

☒ Approve - Generate Rx  
**Updated By: BAILEY, JUDITH**  
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The provider has many options for the Home Medications:

Active Home Medications		Refresh Home Meds
<b>Percocet 325 mg</b> Dose: 1 to 2      Dose Form: Rate: *Route: PO      *Rate Unit: PRN: Y      *Freq: Q4H Duration: Start: *Quantity: 40 Tabletss      Refills: Stop: Next Dose: 26SEP2007 0900 Ingredients/Details: Comments: Use for chronic back pain Updated By: BAILEY, JUDITH 25Sep2007 11:59:21		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approve - Generate Rx <input type="radio"/> Continue medication <input type="radio"/> Do Not Take <input type="radio"/> No Action		

E-scripts can also be generated for outpatient lab and diagnostic studies, at home therapy, and durable equipment:

Diagnosis	MD Diet	Activity	IP Meds	Home Meds	New Rx
Non-Med Rx	DC Instructions	Follow Up Care	Pt Questions	Allergies	Reconcile Meds
<b>Lab Test</b>					
Basic Metabolic Panel		Schedule: 10-14 Days			
Comment: Have labs drawn 3 days before next doctor appointment					
CBC without differential		Schedule: 1 Week			
Comment:					
<b>Respiratory Therapy</b>					
Home Oxygen		Schedule: Four times a day		Diagnosis: chronic asthma	
Comment:					
<b>Diagnostic Studies Test</b>					
2 view AP and lat upright cervical spine x		Schedule: 1 Week			
Comment:					
<b>Durable Equipment</b>					
		Schedule		Diagnosis	

### Go-Live Dates:

March 18, 2008	Transitional Trauma Unit (CC) Discharge Instructions go-live.
March 25, 2008	Transitional Trauma Unit Home Meds go-live
April 8, 2008	LVH-M 6T DCI and Home Meds go-live
April 22, 2008	LVH-M roll-out
April 29, 2008	Kaysch roll-out
May 6, 2008	Pool roll-out
May 13, 2008	Jaindl roll-out
May 20, 2008	17 <sup>th</sup> St. roll-out

Please stay tuned for postings regarding training for this application. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Judy Bailey, Senior System Analyst, at 610-402-1891.

## News from Health Information Management

### Physician Queries

As noted in the last edition of **Medical Staff Progress Notes**, the physician query process is undergoing significant improvements. By June 2008, physicians will have the ability to answer by editing the electronic query form, eliminating the need for dictated addendums.

Physicians and coders agree that queries posed after patient discharge can be inconvenient and seemingly ambiguous. These queries are, however, regulated and do have an important purpose relating to complete medical record documentation. Physicians may be able to reduce the number of retrospective queries they receive by addressing the yellow Clinical Documentation Requests placed on the record by the Documentation Improvement Coaches while the patient is still in-house.

In response to questions raised regarding what is being asked in the retrospective query, the following example is provided. The query asking about the clinical significance of the diagnosis on the pathology report has been updated to simply ask the attending physician's agreement or disagreement with the pathology diagnosis. The coding requirement is that the attending physician personally documents the diagnosis that is provided on the pathology report if in agreement. The new query will read:

In order to ensure that the reported codes best reflect your patient's condition, further clarification is required.

Per inpatient coding guidelines, pathology report findings must be validated/documented by the attending physician in order to code the diagnosis.

The following diagnosis(es) are listed on the pathology report:

If you are in agreement, please document this diagnosis in the text area provided.

If you are not in agreement, please document the diagnosis that you feel is appropriate for this patient.

If you have any questions regarding this query, please contact the coding department at 610-969-2863.

If you have questions regarding physician queries, please contact Carolyn Murphy, Director, HIM Coding and Registry, at 610-969-2871.



### LVH Digital Library Services

#### Current Awareness: Journal Alerts from the Digital Library

Do you have trouble keeping up with new journal content? Is there a title that you'd like to review but you just can't see your way to subscribing to yet another journal to add to the pile on your bedside table?

Let Library Services save you time and money. All you need is access to the intranet either on campus or via Web SSO. Select a title from our electronic journal list -- from the intranet, click on Departments/NonClinical/Library Services/ Electronic Journal List.

Contact Wanda\_L.Fatzinger@lvh.com, Library Technician, by email or phone at 610-402-8542 with the title(s) of interest to you.

Whenever a new issue of your journal is published, you will get an email message and a link to the online version of that issue. Click on the link and you can scan the issue and read or print the articles that you find interesting. (Note: Titles with delays indicated by a pink icon in the first column are not suitable for the Current Awareness service.)

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



## Congratulations!



**Bruce A. Ellsweig, MD**, Department of Family Medicine, was recently appointed Medical Director of Lehigh Valley Hospice. In this position, Dr. Ellsweig will be responsible for patient care for the non-assigned patients on the inpatient hospice unit and outpatient hospice. He will also develop standards and guidelines for the management of hospice patients. Dr. Ellsweig has been a member of the Medical Staff since November, 1978. Prior to his recent appointment, Dr. Ellsweig was in private practice.



**Christopher A. Hawkins, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was recently notified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery that he passed the 2007 Subspecialty Certificate in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine examination. Dr. Hawkins has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2001, and is in practice with OAA Orthopaedic Specialists.



**William D. Hardin, Jr., MD**, Section of Pediatric Surgery, was recently notified by the American Board of Surgery that he successfully completed the 2007 recertification examinations in both Surgery and Pediatric Surgery and is now recognized as Recertified in both specialties. Dr. Hardin was recently appointed to the Medical Staff in February, 2008. He is in practice with LVPG-Pediatric Surgery.



**Robert C. Palumbo, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was recently notified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery that he passed the 2007 Subspecialty Certificate in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine examination. Dr. Palumbo has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 2002, and is in practice with OAA Orthopaedic Specialists.

## Papers, Publications and Presentations

**Dennis B. Cornfield, MD**, Chief, Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine, co-authored an article – “The 8p11 Myeloproliferative Syndrome: Review of Literature and an Illustrative Case Report” – which was published in Volume 1, Number 5 of the *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Pathology*.

**Wayne E. Dubov, MD**, Division of Physical Medicine-Rehabilitation; **Michael M. Badellino, MD**, Department of Surgery Vice Chair for Education and General Surgery Residency Program Director, and **Michael D. Pasquale, MD**, Department of Surgery Senior Vice Chair and Chief, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care, co-authored a chapter titled “Trauma Rehabilitation” which appeared in *Current Therapy of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care*.

**Jeffrey R. McConnell, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, presented a paper at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves, held in late February in Orlando, Fla. The paper was titled “A Comparison of –TCP+BMA vs. RhBMP-2 in Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion: A Prospective, Randomized Trial with 1-Year Interim Clinical and Radiographic Outcomes.”

**William L. Miller, MD, MA**, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, gave a plenary presentation titled “Collaborative Medical Home Building 101: Harry Potter Learns Practice Jazz” on February 29 at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Conference on Families and Health held in New Orleans, La.

**Paul J. Mosca, MD, PhD**, Department of Surgery Vice Chair for Research and Chief, Section of Surgical Oncology; **Eric Teicher, MD**, General Surgery resident; and **Suresh P. Nair, MD**, Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Director, co-authored an article – “Can Surgeons Improve Survival in Stage IV Melanoma?” – which was published in the April 2008 issue of the *Journal of Surgical Oncology*.

## Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

### 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 ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- ... April 1 – “Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria” – Eric T. Young, MD
- ... April 8 – “Evaluating the Patient with Pulmonary Disease – Thoracic & Non-Thoracic” – Gregory C. Kane, MD, Vice Chairman, Department of Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pa.
- ... April 15 – “Approaching Anemia Therapy in CKD: A Nephrologists Perspective” – Jerry Yee, MD, Division of Nephrology/Hypertension, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Mich.
- ... April 22 – “Head & Cervical Spine Injuries In Athletes – Evaluation & Return to Play” – Joshua S. Krassen, DO
- ... April 29 – “Update on Alzheimer’s Disease Treatment” – Jason Karlawish, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine and Medical Ethics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

For more information, please contact Becky Sherman in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8045.

### Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at noon at the location noted. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- ... April 3 – Case Presentations with emphasis on bedside cognitive evaluation – Lorraine Spikol, MD – Location – Kasych ECC Room 7
- ... April 10 – Division Meeting
- ... April 17 – “Functional MRI” – Heather Newman, MD – Location – Kasych ECC Room 8
- ... April 24 – “Interesting Neuropsychology Case

Presentations” – David Glosser, ScD –  
Location – Kasych ECC Room 7

For more information, please contact Sharon Bartz, Conference Coordinator, Neurosciences and Pain Research, at 610-402-9001.

### OB/GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology holds Grand Rounds every Friday from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., in the locations listed. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- ... April 4 – GYN Tumor Board – Richard Boulay, MD, and Martin Martino, MD -  
Location—Kasych ECC Room 9
- ... April 11 – GME Annual Report to OB/GYN – William Iobst, MD and J.P. Orlando –  
Location – Auditorium, Cedar Crest & I-78
- ... April 18 – “Intra-abdominal Adhesions: Can We Prevent Them at the Time of Cesarean Delivery?” – Daniel Kiefer, MD, and Sean Keeler, MD – Location – Auditorium, Cedar Crest & I-78
- ... April 25 – No Grand Rounds – Risk Management Symposium

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 Kasych ECC Room 6 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- ... April 1 – “Neonatal Surgical Emergencies” - William Hardin, MD
- ... April 8 – “MRSA” – Jason Kim, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

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- ... April 15 – “Diagnosis and Management of Common Causes of Nephritis and Nephrotic Syndrome in Children” – Shamir Tuchman, MD, MPH, Division of Pediatric Nephrology, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- ... April 22 – “Juvenile Dermatomyositis and Its Under-Recognized Sequelae” – April Bingham, MD
- ... April 29 – “Gangs” – Ronald Manescu, Assistant Chief, Allentown Police Department

## Spine Conferences

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 this meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 2, in Kasych ECC Room 8, at 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 to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- ... April 1 – “Current Status of Pancreas Transplants” – Raja Kandaswamy, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Minnesota
- ... April 8 – GME Annual Report 2007 – William Iobst, MD, and J.P. Orlando
- ... April 15 – “Abdominal Adhesions: Nature or Nurture” – Elie Schochet, MD
- ... April 22 – “Building More Effective Teams in Surgery” – Donald W. Moorman, MD, Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs and Associate Surgeon-in-Chief, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- ... April 29 – “Quality Improvement with Data” – Clifford Ko, MD, UCLA Medical Center

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## Who's New

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Department of Surgery  
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Chief, Division of Obstetrics

**John C. Smulian, MD, MPH**  
Vice Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
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Division of Cardiology  
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**Lester Rosen, MD**  
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Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery  
From: Active To: Honorary Status

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### ***Changes to Departmental Assignments***

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Department of Medicine  
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To: Division of Hospital Medicine/General Internal  
Medicine

**Joseph D. DeFulvio, DO**

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
From: Division of Primary Obstetrics and Gynecology  
To: Division of Gynecology/Primary Obstetrics and  
Gynecology

**Susan G. Gerhardt, MD**

Department of Medicine  
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To: Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine

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Section of Geriatrics  
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**Hugo N. Twaddle, MD**

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### ***Resignations***

**Joseph M. Antario, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Urology

**Richard D. Battista, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Orthopedic Surgery/Hand Surgery  
Section of Ortho Trauma

**Simrat Kaur, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine/Geriatrics

**J. Stephen Long, MD**

Department of Family Medicine

**Patrick J. McDaid, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Orthopedic Surgery/Hand Surgery  
Section of Ortho Trauma

**Ranju Singh, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Rheumatology

**Donald M. Sledz, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Urology

**Jay S. Talsania, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Orthopedic Surgery/Hand Surgery  
Section of Ortho Trauma

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## Allied Health Staff New Appointments

### **Ryan J. Beachy, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Neurosurgical Associates of LVPG  
- Mei Y. Wong, MD)

### **Cheryl H. Bitting, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(Eastern Pennsylvania Nephrology  
Associates – Randy A. Rosen, MD)

### **Susan G. Herman, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(Nephrology/Hypertension Assoc  
of LV – Drew S. Harrison, MD)

### **Michael R. Krzyzewski, CCP**

Perfusionist  
(Perfusion Care Associates, Inc –  
James K. Wu, MD)

### **Luis A. Martinez, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Mishkin, Shore & Associates -  
Nancy A. Urankar, MD)

### **Andrea R. Seibert, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Lehigh Internal Medicine Associ-  
ates - Michael L. Zager, MD)

### **Tina M. VanBuren, RN**

Registered Nurse  
(Pulmonary Associates – Matthew  
M. McCambridge, MD)

### **Amy L. Willette, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(The Head & Neck Center PC -  
Edward A. Tomkin, DO)

## Change of Supervising Physician

### **Lori G. Cooper, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(College Heights OBGYN  
Associates, PC)  
From: Thomas A. Hutchinson, MD  
To: Joseph D. DeFulvio, DO

### **Carol A. Romano, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(John J. Cassel, MD, PC)  
From: John J. Cassel, MD  
To: Jeffrey C. Snyder, MD

### **Katrina M. Schafer, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(College Heights OBGYN  
Associates, PC)  
From: Thomas A. Hutchinson, MD  
To: Amanda B. Flicker, MD

## Change of Supervising Physician and Group

### **Judy R. Chermansky, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
From: The Heart Care Group –  
James A. Pantano, MD  
To: Pulmonary Associates –  
Jonathan Hertz, MD

### **Jana B. Dieterich, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
From: John J. Cassel, MD, PC –  
Jeffrey C. Snyder, MD  
To: Lehigh Valley Cardiology Assoc  
– John A. Mannisi, MD

### **Maria Mamounas, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
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Bethlehem and Easton – Douglas  
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To: Easton Orthopaedic Group -  
John J. Ialeggio, MD

## Additional Supervising Physician

### **Cynthia A. Payonk, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
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Marc A. Vengrove, DO)  
*Addition of: LVPG-Diabetes &  
Endocrinology – Gretchen A.  
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### **Daniel B. Taylor, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practi-  
tioner  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh  
Valley - James F. Reilly, MD, MBA)  
*Addition of: Pulmonary Associates  
– Matthew M. McCambridge, MD*

## Resignations

### **Candice S. Cerracchio, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd.)

### **Michelle E. Karol**

Anesthesia Technical Assistant  
(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services,  
PC)

### **Maria B. McNally, RN**

Registered Nurse  
(OAA Orthopaedic Specialists)

### **Kimberly J. Parsons, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(LVPG-Maternal Fetal Medicine)

### **Corey J. Seyler, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
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