



Progress Notes

MEDICAL STAFF

KEPRO QUALITY NOTIFICATION PROCESS

The Keystone Peer Review Organization (KePRO) Board of Directors has authorized the release of confirmed physician-specific quality problem data to hospitals for admissions occurring on or after January 1, 1989. Release of this information will be made to the President of the Medical Staff of the hospital at which the quality problem occurred.

Disclosure will be made only for those cases with assigned quality severity indicators including: 1) quality management concerns which had an adverse effect on the patient's well-being but was not life-threatening; 2) quality management concerns which resulted in patient loss of a major physical function; and 3) quality management concerns which demonstrated a life-threatening situation or resulted in patient's death.

For further information, please call William W. Frailey, M.D., Vice President for Medical Affairs at 778-2970.

KEPRO ERROR NOTIFICATION DUE TO INCONSISTENT CHART DOCUMENTATION

Please be aware that KePro will issue DRG/Coding notifications as a result of inconsistent chart documentation. Physicians are asked to be consistent when documenting the reason for admission and the final diagnosis (History and Physical, Discharge

Summary, Progress Notes, Face Sheet, etc.). Although the reason for admission and the final diagnosis may differ, the reason for admission documentation must be consistent throughout the medical record, as must the final diagnosis be consistently documented.

For patients admitted through the Short Procedure Unit following outpatient surgery, the reason for the inpatient admission, as stated on the Short Procedure Unit History and Physical, must be documented in the final discharge summary.

Your cooperation will help to avoid unnecessary KePRO error notifications.

PHARMACY POLICY - DISCHARGE PRESCRIPTIONS ON HOLIDAYS

On holidays, both campus pharmacies fill prescriptions for discharged patients only when local pharmacies are closed. If a local pharmacy is open, patients are referred to them. This is done because staffing on holidays is minimal and pharmacists are busy with inpatient orders, and insurance carriers will not pay for medications billed on an inpatient bill sent home with the patient.

If you have questions regarding this policy, please call James Giardina, Pharmacy Director, at 776-8880 or 778-2250.



**DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY/
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL IMAGING AT
LVHC CAMPUS**

As you may have noticed, the Department of Radiology/Diagnostic Medical Imaging at LVHC has been mailing copies of all radiology consultation reports to the physician listed as the attending physician on the Radiology Consultation Request. This change in policy came about as the result of numerous requests by physician groups for reports on special cases.

For your convenience, these reports will be sent twice each day.

This change in policy will be handled on a trial basis. If you have any questions or comments regarding the change, please forward them to William Wright, Administrative Director of Radiology, LVHC campus, 776-8088.

FINANCIAL COUNSELORS AVAILABLE

Financial counseling is available at both campuses for patients who are concerned with hospital billings or who may need financial assistance in paying hospital bills. Amy Potter, financial counselor at the LVHC campus, may be reached at 776-8302. Donna Rosen is available at TAH campus at 778-2394. Office managers are urged to make a note of these numbers for future use.

**NEW RESEARCH PRINCIPLES AND
PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED**

In order to comply with federal regulations and to be eligible for grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the hospital has established and the Medical Executive Committee has approved Principles and Procedures for Investigation of Misconduct in Research and Principles and Procedures for the Conduct of Research.

For more information or a copy of these new documents, contact James Reed, Ph.D., Director of Research, at 776-8889.

**PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND
PRESENTATIONS**

Geoffrey G. Hallock, M.D., plastic surgeon, presented a paper titled "Random Fasciocutaneous Flaps in Distal Lower Extremity Soft Tissue Reconstruction" at the Second Scientific Assembly of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST) at Longboat Key, Fla.

In addition, Dr. Hallock wrote two papers which were published in the Annals of Plastic Surgery, Volume 22, January 1989: "The Extended Temporoparietal (Non-free) Flap" and "The Role of External Cranial Fixation in Simplifying Scalp Composite Tissue Transfer."

PHYSICIAN PARKING/I.D. BADGES

The gate at the entrance to the LVHC campus physicians' parking lot has been repaired and is now in operation. The gate may be opened by using photo I.D. cards.

If you do not yet have your photo I.D. with the merged logo, please call Linda Katkovcin at 776-8033 or 778-2441 to schedule an appointment for a photo session at either of the campuses.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dennis J. Giangulio, M.D., recently passed the subspecialty examination given by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is now certified as a Diplomate in the subspecialty of Hematology.

Nora A. Suggs, M.D., was recently notified by the American Board of Surgery that she successfully completed the examination for Certification of Added Qualifications in Surgical Critical Care.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Medical Grand Rounds

"An Exercise in the Case Study" will be presented by Alexander Rae-Grant, M.D., Department of Medicine, Section of Neurology, TAH--LVHC, on Tuesday, March 21.

"Renal Artery Stenosis - Changing Focus for 1989 - Attention Directed to Renal Preservation Rather than Control of Hypertension" will be presented by Marc Pohl, M.D., Department of Hypertension and Nephrology, Cleveland Clinic, on Tuesday, March 28.

"Chest Pain of Esophageal Origin" will be presented by Sidney Cohen, M.D., Chairman, Department of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine, on Tuesday, April 4.

"Pulmonary Embolism and Deep Venous Thrombosis" will be presented by Mark Kelly, M.D., Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, April 11.

Medical Grand Rounds is held every Tuesday at noon in the Auditorium of the LVHC campus.

For more information, contact the Department of Medicine at 776-8200.

Primary Care Seminars

"The Spleen: Normal and Abnormal Function" will be presented by Lloyd E. Barron II, M.D., Department of Medicine, Section of Hematology/Medical Oncology, TAH--LVHC, on Wednesday, April 12. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Auditorium of the LVHC campus.

"Growth and Development and the Evaluation of the Handicapped Child" will be presented by Karen Senft, M.D., Department of Pediatrics, TAH--LVHC, on Wednesday, April 19. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in the Auditorium at TAH campus.

The Primary Care Seminars are specifically designed for physicians in Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Emergency Medicine, and are sponsored by the Family Practice Division of The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center.

For more information, call the Human Resource Development Department at 776-8320.

Ethics Seminars

Two ethics seminars have been scheduled for March 31 and April 1.

"Issues of the 90's: Can the Old 'Ethic' Guide Nurses into the Future" will be presented on Friday, March 31, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at the LVHC campus.

This program, designed primarily for nurses, will include an overview of sources of ethical principles and professional obligation and a presentation of a model for ethical analysis.

The registration fee is \$15 which includes lunch.

"Critical Issues in Health Care Today: Some Ethical Perspectives" will be presented on Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at the LVHC campus.

This program is designed for physicians, nurses, social services, risk managers, attorneys, administrators, and clergy. Three nationally renowned speakers will address various ethical issues which are challenging health care.

The registration fee is \$25 which includes lunch.

For more information, contact Human Resource Development at 776-8320.

Medical Education Symposium

A Medical Education Symposium will be held on Saturday, April 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Allentown Hilton, 904 Hamilton Mall, Allentown.

The symposium is intended for all physicians and nurses who participate in clinical education programs. The program will bring together a group of experts in the field of medical education to provide information that is immediately applicable to the clinical education setting. Emphasis will be placed on clinical teaching and evaluation to include clinical judgment, small group teachings, and learner evaluations.

There is no registration fee for members of TAH--LVHC staff.

For more information, contact the Department of Surgery at 776-8334.

WHO'S NEW

The Who's New section of **Medical Staff Progress Notes** contains an update of new appointments, address changes, newly approved privileges, resignations, etc. This has replaced the monthly "All Concerned" bulletins which notified all hospital departments of these changes. Please remember that each department or unit is responsible for updating its directory, rolodexes, and approved privilege rosters.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAFF

Carol Anderson, M.D.
Department of Pediatrics
Provisional Consulting

Joseph M. Zasik, Jr., D.O.
Department of Medicine
Division of Internal Medicine
Section of Pulmonary
Provisional Courtesy

APPOINTMENT - CHIEF OF DERMATOLOGY

Arthur C. Sosis, M.D.
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Division of Dermatology
Active

ORGAN HARVESTING PRIVILEGES

Dr. Vincent Armenti Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

Dr. Francisco Badosa
Albert Einstein Medical Center

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Dr. Pierantonio Russo
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Dr. Farokh Samimi
Hahnemann University Hospital

ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES

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Change Phyllis Schaeffer, D.O.
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ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

APPOINTMENTS

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Physician Extender
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published monthly to inform TAH--LVHC
employees and physicians of important
issues concerning the Medical Staff.
Articles should be submitted to
Janet M. Laudenslager, Medical Affairs
Office, by the first of each month.
