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MEDICAL STAFF

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IN MEMORIAM

Mithlesh G. Asnani, M.D.

1941 - 1989

Mithlesh G. Asnani, M.D., pediatrician, died on September 5, 1989 after a lengthy illness.

Mithlesh, or Michelle as she was known by her colleagues, came to Allentown in 1978 with incredible credentials.

She completed studies for her Bachelor of Science Degree at the age of 17 and then went on to study medicine at King George's Medical College in Lucknow, India. She completed her studies and was awarded her Medical Degree at the age of 22.

Dr. Asnani's training in the United States included internship training at Roger Williams General Hospital, Providence, R.I., and pediatric residency and specialty training at the University of Georgia Medical Center, Augusta, Ga. She became certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in 1967.

In 1973, Michelle became a mother and performed her role not only as a physician who loved children, but as a wife to Gul whom she dearly loved and as a mother to Monica, her pride and joy. Somehow she had the energy and was able to sustain a balance in her roles as physician, wife, and mother.

We knew Michelle since 1978 when she began to practice in Allentown. She came to us stating she felt she would and could care for the poorer patients and she extended herself in many directions to meet the demands and needs of the children she cared for. She loved children in her own quiet way and often went out of her way to call parents to check on their children's condition.

Michelle, a most pleasant and learned colleague, will always be remembered as a petite, quiet, pleasant person who served as an inspiration to those who she left to care for children.

At the request of the family, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Hindu Temple, 4200 Airport Road, Allentown, PA 18103, or Lehigh Valley Hospice, 136 S. 4th Street, Allentown, PA 18101.



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MEDICAL RECORD COMMITTEE NEWS

The following Department of Health deficiencies, which pertain to the medical record, continue to exist.

* Dates are lacking on H & P's written by medical personnel.

* All verbal orders are not co-signed by the physician within 24 hours.

* Lack of documentation of the patient's condition by the physician prior to the discharge of the patient from the ambulatory surgical unit.

Please make a note of these deficiencies and make an extra effort to correct them.

DISCHARGE DIAGNOSIS SHEET AT TAH TO BE DISCONTINUED

The Discharge Diagnosis Sheet at The Allentown Hospital site will be discontinued. However, physicians are reminded to document the final diagnosis, any significant secondary diagnoses and procedures on the Face Sheet or the last progress note to expedite coding and billing functions.

NEW CRITICAL CARE TRIAGE POLICY IN EFFECT

On August 14, a new policy regarding the triage of critical care patients at TAH--LVHC went into effect. Rose Trexler will be managing the critical care triage system at both sites, Monday through Friday. Coverage for evenings/nights, weekends, holidays, and when Rose is off is delineated in the policy. The triage coverage schedule will be available in Admitting and Centrex.

If you have any questions regarding the policy, please direct them to Rose Trexler at Beeper 1516.

AIDS ACTIVITIES OFFICE RELOCATES

The AIDS Activities Office recently relocated to the MH/MR Building, TAH site. The address is 236 N. 17th Street, Allentown. Please address all correspondence to AIDS Activities Office, MH/MR Building.

The office may be entered from the rear of the building by the door adjacent to Magic Years Day Care Center. The telephone numbers remain 778-2400 or 776-8193.

RESULTS OF AIDS SURVEY COMPLETED

In July 1989, the hospital participated in a survey conducted by the National Public Health and Hospital Institute. The purpose of the survey was to identify national trends associated with the care and cost of caring for patients with HIV infection. The period covered in the survey included January to December, 1988. Copies of the survey results are available in the Medical Affairs Office at both sites.

Questions regarding the survey or results may be directed to Andrea Geshan, R.N., M.S.W., C.I.C., Director of Infection Control and AIDS Activities Office, at 778-2400.

CLINICAL/EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Clinical/epidemiological research proposals to the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust are now being accepted for the October 1989 round of competitions. The Research Advisory Committee will meet on October 16 to review and evaluate the proposals which are submitted on or before October 2, 1989.

For additional information or grant application guide, please contact James F. Reed, Ph.D., Director of Research, at 776-8889.

NEW OUTPATIENT LAB HOURS AT TAH

Effective September 5, the Outpatient Laboratory hours at The Allentown Hospital site have changed to 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday hours will remain 8 a.m. to noon.

ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER AND RAFFLE

The Annual Italian Dinner and Raffle, sponsored by the Auxiliary of The Allentown Hospital, will be held on Thursday, November 2, in the Dining Room at TAH site. The first sitting will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the second sitting at 7:15 p.m.

The cost of the dinner, which includes live music, wine, and candlelight, is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10 years. Tickets for the dinner are available in the Alcove Gift Shop and the Medical Affairs Office at The Allentown Hospital site.

FALL SCHEDULE OF HEALTHCOUNTS CLASSES ANNOUNCED

HealthCounts, the employee and community wellness program for The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, has announced its fall class schedule.

Smoking Cessation Hypnosis - One way to quit smoking is through hypnosis. The hour-and-a-half session focuses on eliminating the thoughts and behaviors that continually support your smoking habit. Relaxation and visualization techniques are emphasized.

Smoke Stoppers - Smoke Stoppers is a nationally recognized behavior modification program that has helped thousands of people to quit smoking by neutralizing the desires for tobacco--in five days--without using scare tactics, filters or other devices. And you won't have to worry about weight gain or vision.

All Stressed Up and Nowhere to Go - Does this describe your day or even your week? For teachers, nurses, homemakers, office workers, managers, etc., stress is an intimate part of a job's daily routine. If not handled effectively, stress can become an occupational hazard that can be damaging to your health and work performance. Learn new ways to overcome techniques for managing stress in your life.

Weight Control and Nutrition - HealthCounts offers a psychophysical approach to successful weight control to all TAH--LVHC and HE employees and community members. There are no prescribed "magic" foods and the program is structured around your lifestyle.

Cholesterol Facts and Food Preparation - Are you concerned about how to control the amount of cholesterol and fat in the foods you eat? Come learn from our expert...she makes it easy! And you will also learn "helpful hints" on increasing the fiber and reducing and sugar and sodium content of your food.

For more information regarding dates, times, locations, and fees for any of the above classes, contact the HealthCounts Program at 821-2150.

SECOND ANNUAL BRAIN TUMOR SUPPORT GROUP RAFFLE TO BE HELD

Due to the tremendous success of last year's raffle, the Brain Tumor Support Group of the Lehigh Valley will sponsor another raffle to be held throughout the month of November.

Only 1,000 tickets will be available through October 31 for a \$5.00 donation each. The raffle will be held from November 1 through 30 with a winner each day. Prizes for the raffle total over \$950.00 in merchandise from local businesses.

For more information, contact Delores Fioriglio from the Brain Tumor Support Group of the Lehigh Valley at 776-2566.

PARTICIPANTS WANTED FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

James N. Burdine, Dr.P.H., Vice President for Community Health, is looking for physicians interested in participating in several on-going research projects. Opportunities exist to assist with the analysis and interpretation of existing data with the objective of submitting articles to national professional journals. Prior research experience is not necessary.

One data set comprises about 25,000 individuals who have received total serum cholesterol "finger-sticks" at local malls and workplaces. This may be the largest data set of its kind in the country. Data collected includes demographics, self-reported personal and family history of cholesterol-related disease, and behavioral data (smoking, exercise, etc.). Single measure blood pressure is also available on a sub-set of about 2,000.

A second data set is a "first of its kind" in Pennsylvania in that state agencies do not maintain age/sex/race adjusted mortality data at the local level. The information in this data set is a 15-year record of mortality in the Lehigh Valley by the 15 leading "preventable" causes of death for the 20 standard five-year age groups (0-4, 5-9, etc.) by "minor civil division." This results in the ability to compare communities (e.g., Topton versus Coopersburg, versus New Tripoli) with data which accounts for differences in age, sex, and racial composition of the population. The opportunity to examine differences, and trends, as well as make projections for specific causes of death or for age or sex groups, and/or by community is extremely fertile ground for those with a research interest.

Other research efforts under development include regional surveys of adult and adolescent substance abuse related behavior (both prevention and treatment oriented); smoking behavior and attitudes; and regional morbidity related to smoking.

The possibilities for collaboration with another existing research project exists as well. The Lehigh Valley Stroke Program's Recurrent Stroke Study is considering additional data which could be collected on the 700 stroke patients currently enrolled in the study (data such as lipids, changes in EKG, effects of smoking, etc., as risk factors for subsequent stroke are among the possibilities).

If you have an interest in any of these efforts, or other research interest, please contact Jim Burdine at 778-7929, or James F. Reed, Ph.D., Director of Research, at 776-8889.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Larry N. Merkle, M.D., Chief of the Section of Endocrinology/Metabolism, was recently elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Michael Rhodes, M.D., Chief of the Division of Trauma, was one of 150 critical care physicians from throughout the United States selected for induction to Fellowship in the newly formed American College of Critical Care Medicine.

Robert D. Riether, M.D., colon-rectal surgeon, recently became a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PMS) Council on Medical Practice. The Council is one of five physician councils which formulate policy recommendations to the PMS Board of Trustees and assist in the implementation of policies approved by the Board. This particular Council's primary charge is to assist physicians in establishing and maintaining successful practices.

Alexander M. Rosenau, D.O., emergency medicine physician, was recently certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine.

Michael S. Werner, D.P.M., podiatrist, was recently notified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery that he successfully passed the board examination and is now certified in Podiatric Surgery.

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Howard S. Selden, D.D.S., endodontist, authored an article titled, "The Endo Antral Syndrome: An Endodontic Complication," which was published in the September issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND MEETINGSPhysician Office Practice Forum

The next Physician Office Practice Forum will be held on Thursday, September 21, from 9 to 11 a.m., in Classroom 1 at the LVHC site. Please call 778-2242 to register.

General Medical Staff Meeting

A meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on Monday, September 25, at 6 p.m., in the Auditorium at the LVHC site. All members of the Medical Staff are urged to attend.

Medical Grand Rounds

"New Insights in the Pathogenesis of Asthma" will be presented by Edward Shulman, M.D., from Hahnemann University, on Tuesday, September 19.

"Nosocomial Pneumonias" will be presented by Richard Brown, M.D., Chief of the Infectious Disease Division and Associate Professor of Medicine at Baystate Medical Center, on Tuesday, September 26.

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

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

Surgical Grand Rounds

"T&U Trauma" will be presented by Michael Rhodes, M.D., Chief of the Division of Trauma, on Tuesday, September 19.

A Radiology Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 26.

Surgical Grand Rounds are held Tuesday mornings at 7 a.m. in the Auditorium at the LVHC site.

TAH--LVHC Regional Symposium Series

"Hypercoagulability and Therapy," a one-day seminar for physicians, medical technologists, and laboratory administration, will be held on Friday, September 22, in the Auditorium at the LVHC site.

"The Challenge of Perinatal Care in the Nineties," a two-day seminar for physicians, nurses, and other health professionals working in the perinatal area, will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 27 and 28, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center.

"Second Annual Cardiovascular Nursing Seminar: New Beats in Cardiology," a symposium for nurses, physicians, and other healthcare professionals, will be held on Monday, October 2, in the Auditorium at the LVHC site.

"First Neuroscience Symposium: Epilepsy" will be held on Friday, October 6, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. This symposium is an update in the physiology, diagnosis, and treatment of the epilepsies, both surgical and nonsurgical. It is aimed at internists and general practitioners with an interest in epilepsy, practicing neurologists, neurosurgeons, and other physicians involved in the neurosciences. Nurses and EEG technicians are welcome to attend.

"Aggressive Therapy of Atherosclerosis: Methods and Evidence for Lesion Regression," a program designed for physicians, nurses, and health care professionals interested in the most current information about treatment for lesion regression in atherosclerosis, will be held on Saturday, October 7, in the Auditorium at the LVHC site.

"Computers in Healthcare: Symposium and Expo" will be held on Saturday, October 21, in the Auditorium at the LVHC site. This program is designed for physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals in order to increase awareness and provide knowledge of the present and future uses of computers in healthcare practices.

For more information on any of the above programs, please contact Human Resource Development at 776-8320.

Laboratory Contributions to the
Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases

"Laboratory Contributions to the Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases" will be held Wednesday evening, October 25, and Thursday, October 26, in the Auditorium at the LVHC site. This is an intermediate to advanced level Continuing Education Program designed for physicians, nurses, pharmacy, and laboratory staff. The program will focus on laboratory impact on case histories to emphasize the importance of laboratory testing and multidisciplinary interaction in the diagnosis of infectious diseases.

For more information, contact Diane C. Halstead, Ph.D., Director of Microbiology, Virology and Immunology, at 776-8150.

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.

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