



Progress Notes

MEDICAL STAFF

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GENERAL MEDICAL STAFF MEETING

A meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on Monday, December 11, at 6 p.m., in the Auditorium at the LVHC site. All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

JCAHO REQUIREMENT

A recent audit of Medical Records documentation for Ambulatory Care Services showed that approximately 48% of the patient records audited had omissions.

Physicians are requested to comply with the following JCAHO requirement: "A summary list of significant past surgical procedures, past and current diagnoses or problems, and currently and recently used medications is legibly recorded in the same location in each patient record." (HO.5.3)

EMG / NCV PATIENT TESTING CHANGE

Effective December 1, 1989, EMG/NCV studies at TAH site may be scheduled by calling the EEG/Neurodiagnostic Laboratory at TAH site at 778-2297. Physical Therapy will no longer schedule these studies. Scheduling of EMG/NCV studies at the LVHC site will continue to be made by calling 776-8860. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Carol Strapple, R. EEG T., Director, EEG / Neurodiagnostic Laboratory, at 776-8860.

HISTORIES AND PHYSICALS

Please note: Non-staff physicians are not permitted to perform histories and physicals, even if the attending physician countersigns the report.

RENOVATION OF CLINICAL LAB

Beginning in November, the clinical laboratory at the LVHC site will undergo a stepwise, phased renovation program which is expected to continue through April, 1990. The renovation will occur while the lab remains full-service and fully operational. During this time, your cooperation and consideration is requested.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David G. Beckwith, Ph.D., Administrator and Director, HealthEast Laboratories, at 776-8150, or James Towers, Assistant Director, Clinical Laboratory, at 776-8158.



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CAT SCAN CHANGES

CAT Scan services will undergo significant changes over the next month and a half which will provide a much quicker response to inpatient requests.

Effective November 9, the relocation of outpatient services took place. Most outpatient CAT scans will now be performed by Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging which is located in MOB II at the LVHC site on the first floor. The second change will be the replacement of the old Siemen's scanner. This update began November 9 and will continue for five weeks. During this time, scans for all inpatients will be done on the one remaining scanner.

Upon completion of this project, a number of significant goals will be met: 1) the new scanner will enable the Radiology Department to use a scan time which means less table time for critically ill trauma patients; 2) a more efficient inpatient department - completion of all inpatient requests within 24 hours of receiving them; 3) three state-of-the-art scanners available at the LVHC site; and 4) a much better environment for outpatient service with no delays due to traumas.

CHANGE IN OUTPATIENT LAB RESULT REPORT FORMAT

In an attempt to lessen the amount of paper distributed by HealthEast Laboratories, beginning Monday, November

20, the format of the outpatient reports printed on green bar paper will change. Each day, reports will contain only those test results for tests completed on that day. The reports will no longer contain tests previously resulted or tests which have not yet been completed. A white final report indicating all test results are complete on that order will continue to be issued.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Jane Erdman, Supervisor, Clinical Laboratory, at 776-8170.

KVO IV REMINDER

While the capping of KVO IV's is not routinely practiced at TAH--LVHC, it is one which can be considered when a KVO is ordered. The capping of KVO's provides a ready access line while decreasing the time and cost associated with hanging an IV bag as well as the inconvenience to the patient. Please consider this option when ordering KVO's.

CEDARBROOK CONSULTANTS

Any physicians interested in being placed on a list of consultants to see patients at Cedarbrook should notify Sam Bub, M.D., Medical Director, Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Road, P. O. Box 508, Allentown, PA 18105.

L I F E S T E P S F O R PHYSICIANS

The Weight Management Center of Lehigh Valley will be conducting a Lifesteps weight reduction program specifically for HealthEast affiliated physicians. This 12-week course is designed for people wishing to lose 20 to 40 pounds and is based on dietary counseling and behavioral modification. The course will be taught by Donna Dispas, Program Director of the Weight Management Center. There is no fee for the course.

Interested physicians should contact Donna Dispas at 433-2201. Dates and times will be determined by availability and general consensus of the group.

NEW MEDIA POLICY APPROVED

In order to conform with hospital policy, physicians are asked to follow the recently approved Administrative Policy relating to Contacts with the News Media. The policy states, "All contacts with the news media are to be coordinated through the Media Relations Director or designee from the Communications Department."

When a contact is made by the news media which was not coordinated by the Communications Department, the person receiving the contact should refer the call to Communications at 778-2581. After the referral has been made, Communications should then be notified of the conversation that took place.

If calls are received outside regular office hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), the person receiving the contact should obtain the reporter's name and phone number and contact the Media Relations Director by page #3595 or by calling 861-0723.

In an effort to be prepared for media inquiries, any special events or incidents, such as a fire or patient information of interest, should be brought to the attention of the Communications Department as soon as possible by paging #3595 or calling 778-2581 (TAH) or 776-8900 (LVHC).

All photographs or videotaping of patients or employees by the news media will be coordinated by the Communications Department. Required written consents will be obtained from the patient, and when necessary, from the patient's family (as in the case of a minor) after notification of the physician. Involved departments such as nursing, security, volunteers, etc., will be notified prior to any photographs. A hospital representative will accompany the news photographer or camera crew.

All reporters visiting the hospital on official business are to be escorted by the Media Relations Director or Communications designee. An unescorted reporter should be asked to go to the main lobby of the hospital and remain there until a Communications representative arrives. The person identifying the reporter should page the Media

Relations Director at #3595. Someone from Communications will then assist and escort the reporter.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Maria Pillsbury, Media Relations Director, at 778-2581.

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CANCER CENTER RECEIVES FUNDING

The Comprehensive Community Cancer Center (CCCC) recently received subsidies from the Francis S. Wieder Trust, a trust fund established in 1966 by the estate of Francis S. Wieder for use by The Allentown Hospital.

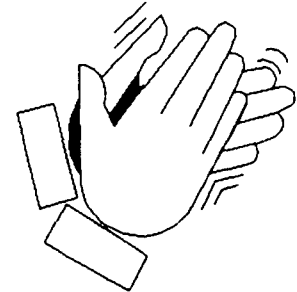
Monies provided by this fund will be used to purchase new computer software for the Tumor Registry. This new software is necessary to meet the revised reporting requirements of the American College of Surgeons.

This is the second time the Tumor Registry benefited from the Wieder Trust. In 1980, funding was provided to develop the computerized data base currently being used by the Tumor Registry.

HAHNEMANN UNIVERSITY FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Three members of the medical staff were recently appointed to the faculty of Hahnemann University.

Brian W. Little, M.D., pathologist, was appointed Clinical Associate Professor; Larry N. Merkle, M.D., endocrinologist, was appointed Clinical Assistant Professor; and James A. Pantano, M.D., cardiologist, was appointed Clinical Assistant Professor.



PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Geoffrey G. Hallock, M.D., plastic surgeon, recently had an article titled "Local Fasciocutaneous Flaps for Cutaneous Coverage of Lower Extremity Wounds" included in the September 1989 issue of the Journal of Trauma. This represents an experience of over 40 flaps for skin coverage in lower extremity wounds, many negating the need for more complicated microsurgical tissue transfers. This paper was originally presented in part at the 1989 Eastern Association for Surgery and Trauma meeting.

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES
AND SEMINARS****Regional Symposium Series**

"Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus: Understanding Its Pathogenesis and Implications for Treatment" will be presented on Saturday, December 2, 1989, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. Physicians, podiatrists, pharmacists, and nurses concerned with patients with diabetes, coronary artery disease, and ESRD will benefit from the conference.

For more information about the conference, contact the Human Resource Development Department at 776-8320.

Physician Office Practice Forum

"What To Do When You Are Sued" will be presented by Janine Fiesta, Esq., Vice President, Legal Affairs, at the next Physician Office Practice Forum to be held on Thursday, December 7, at 4:30 p.m., in the Auditorium at the LVHC site.

For more information or to register for the forum, please call Janet M. Laudenslager in the Medical Affairs Office at 776-8968.

WHO'S NEW

The Who's New section of Medical Staff Progress Notes contains an update of new appointments, address changes, newly approved privileges, 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

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Division of Internal Medicine
Section of General Internal Medicine
Provisional Courtesy
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Additional Privileges

Gregory W. Dimmich, D.M.D.
Department of Dentistry
Division of Oral Surgery
Anterior Iliac Crest Bone Graft Harvesting

Michael H. Ufberg, M.D.
Department of Medicine
Division of Internal Medicine
Section of Gastroenterology
Bicap Tumor Probe

Change of Status

Michael A. Carol, D.M.D.
Department of Dentistry
Division of General Dentistry
Courtesy to Consulting

Milton J. Friedberg, M.D.
Department of Surgery
Division of General Surgery
Section of Surgical Oncology
Active to Emeritus Active

David C. Hay, Sr., D.P.M.
Department of Surgery
Division of Orthopedic Surgery
Section of Podiatry
Active to Consulting

James C. Rex, M.D.
Department of Surgery
Division of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery/Vascular
Cardiac Surgery
Active to Emeritus Active

Leave of Absence

Thomas P. Lenns, M.D.
Department of Medicine
Division of Internal Medicine
Section of General Internal Medicine
Effective 10/26/89

Resignation

John D. Schaeffer, D.O.
Department of Medicine
Division of Neurology

Allied Health Professionals

Appointment

Adrienne J. Burns
Physician Extender
Physician Assistant - PA
Panebianco - Yip Heart Surgeons
Effective 10/26/89

Resignation

LuAnne Franco Procyk, M.S.N.
Physician Extender
Professional - RN
Allen - Neurosurgical Association, Inc.

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