



Progress Notes

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

To All Members of the Hospital Family:

As President of the Medical Staff, I have enjoyed working with you over the past year and wish to express my sincerest appreciation and thanks.

As the holidays approach, I would like to extend to you all my best wishes for a very happy holiday and a sincere wish for a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Scagliotti, M.D.
President, Medical Staff

NEW OUTPATIENT RADIOLOGY FACILITY NOW OPEN AT THE LVHC SITE

Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging, the new full-service outpatient radiology facility located at 1230 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard (MOB II), Suite 104, on the LVHC site, is now open.

The new facility, which began providing CT services on November 13, is expected to be fully operational by January 1, 1990. Additional services to be provided at that time include ultrasound, general radiography (with tomography), mammography, and fluoroscopy.

When Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging becomes fully operational, patients will be able to receive all of the above radiologic services in a pleasant, attractive outpatient setting with convenient parking and easy access. They will no longer have delays due to emergency and trauma patients and will not experience the hospital registration process.

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To schedule outpatient CT scans, please call 435-1600. Until the new facility becomes fully operational, please continue to call 776-8099 to schedule all other outpatient radiologic services. At the time of full operation, all outpatient radiology services (with the exception of a small number of complex or invasive procedures) will be performed at Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging and will no longer be performed at the Hospital Center site.

Please note: The opening of Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging will affect outpatient radiologic services only at the LVHC site. All outpatient CT scans and other outpatient radiologic services available at TAH site remain unaffected by this change and will continue to be offered at TAH site.

EPIDURAL/SPINAL OPIOID ANALGESIA NOW AVAILABLE AT LVHC SITE

According to Carmen Montaner, M.D., Medical Advisor, Pain Management Program, Epidural/Spinal opioid analgesia is now available to selected patients at the LVHC site who are to be normally transferred to the Intensive Care Units East or West, the Special Care Unit, or the Shock/Trauma Unit post-surgery if such analgesia

modality is requested by the surgeon. Patients already in these units will also be able to receive this modality of pain control if requested by the primary physician and deemed appropriate. Patients referred to the Anesthesiology Department/Pain Control Team by the primary physician will be interviewed by the Anesthesiologist and a proper consult will be obtained. It is requested that, when possible, patients needing this therapy be identified preoperatively in order that the proper pre-anesthetic interview is facilitated.

For more information, please contact Linda Woodin, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Pain Management Program, at 776-8216.

NEW HYPER-COAGULABILITY PROFILE NOW OFFERED BY HEALTHEAST LABORATORIES

On December 1, 1989, the Coagulation Department of HealthEast Laboratories made available a hypercoagulability profile to assist in the care of patients. This profile was developed to aid in the identification and confirmation of thrombotic states. The profile covers a wide spectrum of coagulation disorders that may predispose a patient to thrombosis including the following tests:

- * Antithrombin III Activity
- * Plasminogen Activity
- * Fibrinogen (Functional)
- * Protein C Activity
- * Protein S Activity
- * Lupus Anticoagulant and Antiphospholipid Antibody
- * Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time

Collectively the profile can be ordered as a "Hypercoagulability Profile" (HCPR). Please note that because anticoagulant therapy (heparin or warfarin) affects the outcome of the tests in this profile, it is desirable to receive patient specimens for testing prior to its initiation.

For more information regarding this profile, please call Daniel A. Kaczor, MT (ASCP), Supervisor, Coagulation, at 776-8185.

OUTPATIENT LAB SERVICES SPECIMEN COLLECTION REMINDER

Please remember that it is requested that all outpatient non-blood, non-urine specimens be collected in the physicians' offices. These specimens include throat cultures, nasal smears for eosinophils, saliva for IgA, skin scrapings for fungal cultures, and Herpes cultures. These specimens can then be delivered by the patients when they have their other bloodwork drawn at one

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of the outpatient laboratories in the hospital or Medical Office Building at the LVHC site, in the hospital at TAH site, or the Allentown Diagnostic Center located in the Allentown Medical Center.

For more information regarding this outpatient specimen collection, please contact David G. Beckwith, Ph.D., Director and Administrator of HealthEast Laboratories, at 776-8150.

In addition, please remember that darkfield examinations must be scheduled since they require a specially trained individual and microscope preparation. For more information on this service, contact the Microbiology Department at 776-8190.

DISPENSING OF L - T R Y P T O P H A N TEMPORARILY STOPPED

Due to continued publicity regarding a possible link between L-tryptophan use and eosinophilia, the hospital pharmacy has temporarily stopped dispensing this product.

This action was taken because of the safety concerns associated with the product and its questionable efficacy.

Once the FDA and CDC release more conclusive evidence supporting or refuting the connection between L-tryptophan and eosinophilia, appropriate action will be taken.

TAH SITE/FAIRGROUNDS SURGICAL CENTER OPERATING ROOM SCHEDULE TO BE INTEGRATED

Plans are now being made to integrate the scheduling of outpatient surgical procedures in TAH site operating rooms with those of the Fairgrounds Surgical Center. The unified booking system is expected to be implement beginning with the cases scheduled for January 2, 1990. In the interim, all physicians holding block time in either or both locations will be contacted concerning their times. Every effort will be made to optimize OR allocation with minimal disruption to current schedules.

This approach has received the support of the Chairmen of Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Anesthesiology, as well as the full support of the hospital's management staff. It is believed that this is an essential step which must be taken in order to attain satisfactory efficiencies and effectiveness in both the hospital and the Fairgrounds Surgical Center.

RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meets quarterly to review clinical/epidemiological research proposals (requests for funding) submitted by the Medical and Professional staff of TAH--LVHC. The next meeting of the RAC is January 24, 1990.

At that meeting, all proposals submitted by January 15, 1990 will be reviewed. For more information or proposal guidelines, please contact James Reed III, Ph.D., Director, Research Department, at 776-8889.

A N C R O D S T U D Y CONTINUES

The Ancrod Study, which began in April of 1989 to treat acute stroke patients, continues at the LVHC site. The Ancrod Study uses the medication, ARVIN, which thins the blood to make it flow more freely and breaks up clot.

The LVHC site is one of seven clinical sites in the United States and two in Germany. Since the study began at the LVHC site, five patients have been entered in the study out of a goal of 20.

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For general information about the Ancrod Study or if you have questions regarding patient eligibility and enrollment, please contact Peter J. Barbour, M.D., at 776-8420.

MEDICAL RECORDS IDENTIFIES DEFICIENCIES IN PRELIMINARY STUDY

A preliminary study by the Medical Records Department of 80 outpatient records identified the following deficiencies.

Documentation of Significant Past Surgical Procedures, Past and Current Diagnoses or Problems on Record

Of the records reviewed at TAH site, omissions noted were heart murmur, hypertension, atrial fibrillation, arthritis, renal failure, cyst on ovary, prostate surgery, and appendectomy.

Of the patients' records reviewed at the LVHC site, omissions noted were arthritis, CA of skin, hypothyroidism, hysterectomy, colon resection, hemorrhoidectomy, cholecystectomy, appendectomy, BK amputation.

Documentation of Discharge Condition of Patient - Ambulatory Care Patients

Of the patients' records reviewed at both sites, several lacked documentation of patient's condition upon discharge.

Documentation of Entering Dates of Written H & P's

Of the records reviewed at both sites, a number of them had missing dates on handwritten H & P's.

Physicians are asked to make note of these deficiencies and remember to include the necessary information when completing patients' medical records.



LIST OF AMA CATEGORY I CREDIT PROGRAMS FOR 1989 NOW AVAILABLE

The Human Resource Development Department recently developed a list of TAH--LVHC programs which were approved by the Lehigh Valley Area Health Education Committee (LVAHEC) for AMA Category I credit for 1989. A copy of this list is available for your information in the Medical Affairs Office at both hospital sites. Please call the Medical Affairs Office at 778-2244 for a copy of the list.

NEW WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM AVAILABLE

OptiTrim, a new weight loss program for individuals who are 20 to 40 lbs. overweight, has been developed by Sandoz Nutrition, the makers of Optifast. This new program is a modified fast which incorporates some solid food. The program is also conducted in conjunction with the patient's physician, who performs the physical and laboratory monitoring of the patient. The Weight Management Center of Lehigh Valley will conduct the nutritional and behavioral portions of the program.

Physicians who are interested in learning more about the program should contact Donna Dispas at the Weight Management Center at 433-2201.

B I O M E D I C A L PHOTOGRAPHY DEVELOPS PRODUCTION GUIDELINES

Due to the increase in the number, variety and complexity of job requests, the Biomedical Photography Department is no longer able to handle effectively all the assignments coming into the department. To effectively and fairly meet the needs of all those requesting the services of the department, production guidelines have been developed by Biomedical Photography.

Copies of the Production Guidelines were distributed to physicians in early November. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, or if you have questions regarding these guidelines, please call Jack Dittbrenner, Director of the Biomedical Photography Department, at 776-8511.

NEED EXTRA MONEY FOR THE HOLIDAYS?...

...Why not visit the HealthEast Federal Credit Union -- now with two locations.

The main office of the HealthEast Federal Credit Union is located in the modular units at the LVHC site. Hours of operation are Mondays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Thursdays, 3 to 7 p.m.

The branch office is located on Rooms 3916 and 3918 of the School of Nursing at TAH site. Hours of operation are Mondays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; and Thursdays, 3 to 7 p.m.

Some of the services available at the Credit Union include loans, savings accounts, vacation and Christmas clubs, payroll deduction, and more.

For more information, call the Credit Union at 776-8404 (LVHC site) or 778-9499 (TAH site).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Peter F. Rovito, M.D., general surgeon, was recently informed that he successfully completed the Certifying Examination and is now a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery.

David B. Sussman, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, recently became certified by the Arthroscopy Board of North America based on his experience in arthroscopy and successful completion of a proctored, written examination.

Several members of the Medical and Laboratory staffs of The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center were elected to Fellowship in the nation's oldest honorary medical society -- the College

of Physicians of Philadelphia. These individuals include David G. Beckwith, Ph.D., Administrator and Director, HealthEast Laboratories; Malcolm L. Cowen, M.D., forensic pathologist; Mark A. Gittleman, M.D., general surgeon; Diane C. Halstead, Ph.D., Director, Microbiology, Immunology and Virology; Brian W. Little, M.D., neuropathologist; Isidore Mihalakis, M.D., forensic pathologist; and Douglas R. Trostle, M.D., general surgeon. Previously elected members include Theodore J. Matulewicz, M.D., pathologist; Raymond A. Rachman, M.D., Assistant Chairman, Department of Pathology; Michael Scarlato, M.D., pathologist; and John J. Shane, M.D., Chairman, Department of Pathology.

Fellowship in the College is a unique honor for these individuals which implies extraordinary dedication as leaders in their professional fields and in their communities. A Fellow must be a physician or a doctoral level medical scientist active for at least five years in medicine or an allied health profession who has exhibited the highest standards of excellence in their practice, research, and education.

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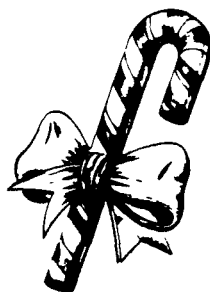
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The College of Physicians of Philadelphia was established in 1787 by 24 of Philadelphia's most prominent physicians whose purpose was to establish an organization to promote the exchange of medical information, discuss and debate health care issues, and to preserve and uphold the highest ethical standards of the profession.

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Two abstracts were presented by members of the hospital's Division of Plastic Surgery at the October meeting of the Northeastern Plastic Surgery Society held in Newport, Rhode Island. Geoffrey G. Hallock, M.D., presented "Distal Lower Leg Random Fasciocutaneous Flaps" as a useful alternative to complex free flap procedures. John A. Altobelli, M.D., Edward F. Guarino, M.D., and Dr. Hallock presented "Laser Doppler Flowmetry for Monitoring Plastic Surgery of the Breasts," which describes their innovations in breast reconstruction using microsurgical techniques.

Geoffrey G. Hallock, M.D., also presented "Unconventional Flaps: When the Simple Skin Graft Cannot Solve the Dilemma of Burn Wound Coverage" at the recent Mid-Atlantic Burn Conference held in Bethlehem. The presentation discussed not only microvascular tissue transfers as used in the acute life-threatening stage of burn injury, but also as a means for restoration of function and form in the reconstructive phase. In addition, some other simpler operations not necessitating these more complicated procedures were discussed as newer ways to handle similar problems.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Regional Symposium Series

"Differential Diagnosis & Treatment of 'Spells' or 'Attacks': The Cardiovascular, Emotional, Neurological & Endocrinologic Etiologies" will be presented on Saturday, January 27, 1990, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. This program will be highly advantageous for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists who all have an integral role in making the appropriate observations and correlations leading to the correct diagnosis and treatment of these sometimes difficult problems.

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

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.

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Division of Orthopedic Surgery
Laser Privileges

Change of Status

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Division of Prosthodontics
Active to Courtesy

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Courtesy to Referring

Resignation

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Allied Health Professionals

Appointments

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John Cassel, M.D.
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**Kristin L. Haney
Physician Extender
Dental Assistant
David H. Packman, D.D.S.
Effective 11/16/89**

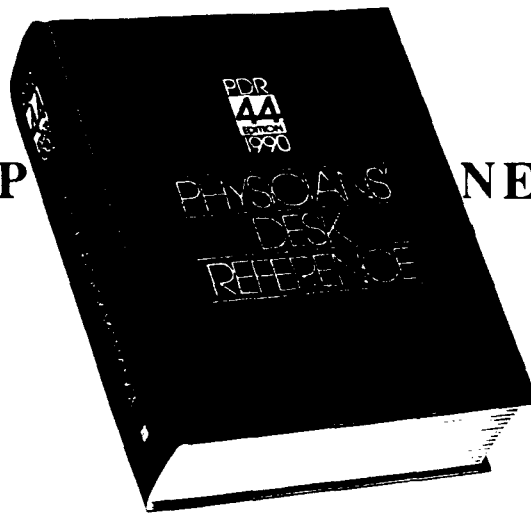
**Shirley B. Reeve, L.P.N.
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**Change of Supervising
Physician**

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



NEEDED!

If you can help us reduce our PDR costs this year, your support would be greatly appreciated. This is what you can do to help. Every year the hospital buys PDRs and nonprescription PDRs. If your group does not utilize all your free copies and would like to donate them to a worthwhile cause please let us know by completing the form below and returning it to the Medical Affairs Office by **January 5, 1990.**

I would like to donate **1990 PDRs** to the hospital.

Quantity _____ PDRs

Quantity _____ Nonprescription PDRs

Name _____
(Please Print)

Telephone # _____