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MEDICAL STAFF

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WELCOME ABOARD

The Medical Staff extends a warm welcome to Francis A. Salerno, M.D., Director of the Geriatrics Program, and David A. Tomb, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry.

Dr. Salerno, who began his new position on January 2, 1990, is a graduate of Temple University School of Medicine where he received his medical degree. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine and served as Chief Medical Resident at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center

Dr. Salerno completed a fellowship in Faculty Development at Temple University School of Medicine.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, Dr. Salerno is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine as a Diplomate in Geriatric Medicine.

Dr. Salerno came to the hospital from the Reading Hospital and Medical Center where he was Associate Director of the Family Medicine Residency Program since 1985. From 1982 to 1985, he was Medical Director of Hassler Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Dr. Salerno and his wife, Aleita, along with their two daughters, Ane and Alison, are looking forward to residing somewhere in the Fogelsville area.

Dr. Tomb, who began his position at the hospital on January 8, 1990, is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine where he received his medical degree. He completed a residency in Adult Psychiatry

and a fellowship in Child Psychiatry at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

Dr. Tomb has extensive clinical, educational, and administrative experience in the field of mental health. He authored several books and chapters and held the academic rank of Associate Professor and the administrative rank of Vice Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

From 1978 to 1981, Dr. Tomb was Clinical Director of the Utah State Hospital, a 380-bed adult, adolescent and geriatric hospital in Provo, Utah. From 1985 to 1987, he was Medical Director of the Western Institute of Neuropsychiatry, a 90-bed psychiatric hospital of the University of Utah School of Medicine.

Dr. Tomb and his wife, Jane, have two children -- a daughter, Collin, and a son, Ian. Currently in Utah, Dr. Tomb's family is looking forward to relocating to the Lehigh Valley in the near future.



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GENERAL MEDICAL STAFF MEETING DATES FOR 1990

The tentative dates for General Medical Staff meetings for 1990 are Mondays, March 12, June 11, September 10, and December 10. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium at the LVHC site. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Notices of each meeting will be sent at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date in accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws.

NOTIFICATION OF IMPENDING LAWSUITS

The Medical Affairs Office has become aware that a misunderstanding exists among a number of physicians regarding the need to report impending lawsuits.

According to the Medical Staff Bylaws, the President of the Medical Staff, through the Medical Affairs Office, must be notified of any impending lawsuit against a member of the Medical Staff.

This requirement may be found in the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations, H. Miscellaneous, 2. Reporting Requirements, which state: "In order to permit the Medical Staff to fulfill its duties under Article VIII, Section E of the Bylaws, it is necessary that all

members of the Medical Staff report the following items to the President of the Medical Staff through the Medical Affairs Office: the termination or curtailment of the professional privileges of the member of the Medical Staff; the resignation or withdrawal from any Medical Staff; conviction of a felony; the institution of any action against the member of the Medical Staff which adversely affects the clinical privileges of said member for a period longer than thirty (30) days; a malpractice claim where the member of the Medical Staff has received official notice of such claim defined as service on the member of a complaint naming him as a defendant in a lawsuit; the settlement, with or without the service of a legal complaint naming the member the defendant in a lawsuit, of any malpractice claim or case."

Notification of impending lawsuits may be made by simply sending a copy of the face sheet of the notice to the Medical Affairs Office. The Medical Affairs Office will be responsible for notifying the Legal Services Department.

WRITTEN ORDERS BY PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS

A formal policy currently exists in the Nursing Services Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual regarding

Physicians' Assistants (PA).

The policy states: "According to the Professional Nursing Law in the state of Pennsylvania, professional nurses execute orders upon the direction of a licensed physician or dentist. Nurses can accept orders written by a Physician's Assistant provided they can be assured that the orders are given under the approval of the physician."

The procedure to follow states: "Nursing staff at The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center will accept orders from a Physician's Assistant in the areas of diet, activity, lab work, diagnostics and treatments, provided the order is written by the PA as a verbal order from the physician.

It is the responsibility of the physician named to sign orders written by their PA within 24 hours.

As dictated by the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations, PA's will not write medication orders, nor will nursing staff accept medication orders written by a PA. Medications include IV's, TPN, blood and blood products as well as oral, topical and injectable medications.

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As with any order given, the nurse may call the physician to confirm the order if there are any questions or uncertainty with its execution."

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Nursing Administration at 776-8240 or 776-8250.

NEWS FROM HEALTHEAST LABORATORIES

Intact-PTH

With the support and endorsement of Donald E. Barilla, M.D., endocrinologist, and the Endocrinology-Metabolism section, the laboratory will now offer a new test for Intact PTH.

The Intact PTH will be substituted for a CTPH and N-Terminal PTH unless these tests are specifically requested to be sent to Smith-Kline Bioscience Laboratory. The Intact PTH represents a new generation of PTH assays offering both technical and clinical advantages over conventional assays because it is a direct measure of the metabolically active hormone. Clinical correlations were performed to discriminate between normal individuals, patients with primary parathyroidism, hypercalcemia of malignancy, hypoparathyroidism and

patients with metabolic bone disease associated with chronic renal failure.

Specimen requirement: one lavender tube immediately placed on ice and one red top. Transport the lavender tube to the laboratory on ice. Intact PTH is not stable at room temperature. Reference range Intact PTH 10-65 pg/ml to include total calcium, inorganic phosphate and creatinine.

Questions regarding the Intact PTH test should be referred to Gerald E. Clement, Ph.D., Director of Chemistry, at 776-8150, or the Endocrinology Lab at 778-2846.

Technicon H1 CBC Differential/Reporting

The HealthEast Laboratories currently utilize automated systems to perform CBC's and differentials. These systems will identify any WBC immaturity (e.g., bands).

An analysis was recently completed of over 200 random ER blood samples. In no instance were immature cells present when these blood smears were manually reviewed and the automated CBC did not exhibit any abnormal flags.

Therefore, if no left shift flags are present and all CBC parameters are in the normal range, an automated differential will be reported and a manual differential will

not be performed.

However, with every Emergency Room CBC, every outpatient CBC, and first time inpatient CBC, if any of the abnormal flags appear, a manual differential will be performed.

1989 YEARBOOK OF STAFF PUBLICATIONS

As a result of inquiries concerning publications by the staff of TAH--LVHC, the Research Department will continue to solicit articles for the purpose of compiling another yearbook. The initial yearbook included articles published between January 1986 and December 1988. The target dates of articles for the new yearbook are January 1989 to December 1989; however, publications since January 1986 will be accepted for consideration if they were not previously submitted.

In an effort to make this yearbook as complete and accurate as possible, the Research Department requests a reprint or citation of TAH--LVHC employee and medical staff publications which meet the following criteria:

- 1) The article is medical/scientific oriented, published between January 1986 and December 1989 in a refereed journal; and

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2) The author or one of the authors was a member of TAH-LVHC during January 1986 through December 1989.

Please forward your reprint or citation to Linda A. Faust, Research Department, at your earliest convenience. Reprints that do not meet the inclusion criteria will not be returned.

A copy of the table of contents of the first yearbook is available for review in the Medical Affairs Office and the Medical Staff Lounge at both sites.

For more information, contact Linda A. Faust in the Research Department at 776-8889.

"HEALTH MATTERS" TO AIR FEBRUARY 7

"Health Matters," a nationally-syndicated television series featuring timely health care topics and underwritten in this area by The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, will begin its 1990 series in February.

"Health Matters" will be televised on WLVT-TV, Channel 39, on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and again on Saturdays at 4 p.m., beginning February 7, 1990.

Each program will include an in-depth feature report on a

single health topic followed by a pertinent interview with two TAH--LVHC physicians or other health care professionals.

Topics to be discussed in February include:

February 7 - "Getting Your Heart In Shape" with Donald J. Belmont, M.D., cardiologist, and Jeffrey E. Burtaine, M.D., Director of Occupational Health and Healthy Business

February 14 - "Burn Care" with David J. Barillo, M.D., plastic surgeon, and Walter J. Okunski, M.D., Chief of Plastic Surgery

February 21 - "Depression" with Joseph L. Antonowicz, M.D., and Paul K. Gross, M.D., psychiatrists

February 28 - "Emergency/Trauma Care" with George E. Moerkirk, M.D., Chief of Prehospital Emergency Medical Services, and Michael Rhodes, M.D., Chief of Trauma

O U T P A T I E N T REHABILITATION CENTER CHANGES NAME

Due to a conflict with a similar business name in the community, the name of the hospital's outpatient rehabilitation center recently changed its name to Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, A Service of The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley

Hospital Center. This change was necessary as the original name, Lehigh Valley Rehabilitation Services, was very similar to Lehigh Valley Rehabilitation and Pain Center and caused a great deal of confusion with patients of both organizations.

Outpatient Rehabilitation Services has been very successful since its opening in September 1989. The center, which handles the outpatient rehabilitation services for the hospital, is located across the street from the LVHC site at 1251 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard in Suite 307. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information about Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, contact Sharon Hix, PT,MS, Manager, at 778-1080.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Francis S. Kleckner, M.D., gastroenterologist, was recently re-elected to a two-year term as alternate delegate on the Pennsylvania Medical Society Hospital Medical Staff Section Governing Council.

Daniel Kaufman, M.D., dermatologist, was recently notified that he successfully

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passed the certifying examination and has become a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology.

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

John A. Altobelli, M.D., plastic surgeon, was appointed Clinical Assistant Professor; Joseph L. Antonowicz, M.D., psychiatrist, was appointed Clinical Senior Instructor; and Bala B. Carver, M.D., pathologist, was appointed Clinical Assistant Professor.

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Geoffrey G. Hallock, M.D., plastic surgeon, had an article titled "Local Knee Random Fasciocutaneous Flaps" included in the October 1989 issue of the Annals of Plastic Surgery.

This technique is particularly applicable for coverage after wound complications following total joint replacement when the joint capsule has not been violated. More complex procedures previously used, such as sacrificing a functioning calf muscle, can now be satisfactorily avoided in most cases.

Hospital radiologist, Robert

Kricun, M.D., and his brother, Morrie Kricun, M.D., from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, have co-authored a chapter titled "Computed Tomography" in the text Imaging Modalities in Spinal Disorders, published by W. B. Saunders Co.

The chapter, which contains over 100 figures and approximately 500 references, examines the wide range of spinal disorders that can be diagnosed by computed tomography. The authors have previously written the book, Computed Tomography of the Spine: Diagnostic Exercises, published by Aspen Publishers.

HEALTHCOUNTS WINTER SCHEDULE

Free Public Lectures

HealthCounts, the employee and community wellness program of The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, will present a series of programs and lectures concerning health promotion and disease prevention.

"Prescription for a Healthy Lifestyle" will be presented on Thursday, January 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Classroom 2 of the LVHC site. Speaker will be Jeffrey E. Burtaine, M.D., Director of Occupational Health. Dr. Burtaine will discuss eating habits, exercise, safety, stress, and overall

wellness guidelines to live a longer and healthier life.

"Heart Disease: Prevention and Early Detection" will be presented on Tuesday, January 30, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Auditorium at TAH site. Speaker will be Bruce J. Silverberg, M.D., cardiologist. Dr. Silverberg will discuss changes in diet and lifestyle that can prevent heart problems, as well as special diagnostic procedures such as angiography, cardiac catheterization, and stress testing that can detect early signs of heart disease.

"Heart Disease: Major Interventions and Continuing Care" will be presented on Wednesday, February 7, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Classroom 1 at the LVHC site. Speakers will include David B. Goldner, M.D., cardiologist, and F. Geoffrey Toonder, M.D., cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon. Drs. Goldner and Toonder will discuss major interventions in caring for heart disease, including medications, angioplasty and bypass surgery, plus follow-up care leading to a positive road to recovery.

"The Aging Eye" will be presented on Thursday, February 15, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Auditorium of TAH site. Speaker will be Harry W. Buchanan IV, M.D., Chief of

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Ophthalmology. Dr. Buchanan will discuss commonly occurring conditions such as presbyopia (the inability to focus "up close") and the need for bifocals. Cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy will also be covered.

These free public lectures are sponsored by the Chronic Disease Education Committee of The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center. For more information and to register, call HealthCounts at 821-2150.

Programs to Help You Look and Feel Your Best

"L.E.A.R.N. Weight Control" - L.E.A.R.N. is a 10-week multifaceted approach to successful weight control that is structured around the participant's lifestyle. The program is designed to help participants identify and change daily patterns to lose weight, and most importantly, to keep it off. The L.E.A.R.N. program takes a positive approach in stressing change in five key areas: lifestyle, exercise, attitudes, relationships, and nutrition.

Classes will be held for 10 Thursdays, beginning January 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the LVHC site, or 10 Wednesdays, beginning February 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at TAH site.

"Cholesterol Facts Update" - Are you concerned about how to control the amount of cholesterol and fat in the foods you eat? Together, with our expert, learn what an elevated cholesterol means and how you can adjust your diet to meet recommended guidelines. The dietitian will review food labeling and suggest healthy cooking alternatives.

Classes will be held four Thursdays, beginning February 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at TAH site.

"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 daily routine. If not handled effectively, stress can become hazardous to your health, work performance, and relationships with others. Learn relaxation techniques that will help you manage the stress in your life.

Classes consist of five Tuesdays, beginning February 6, from 7 to 9 p.m., at TAH site.

"Smoke Stoppers" - This nationally recognized, highly successful group program helps you quit smoking in just five days! Certified instructors are former smokers who understand how hard it is to quit. Through this

multifaceted program, learn effective techniques to overcome cravings for cigarettes and become a "comfortable" non-smoker.

Introductory group programs will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m., on January 10 at the Jewish Community Center, Allentown; February 7 at the Bethlehem Public Library; February 14 at the Lehigh American Legion; and March 7 at the Jewish Community Center, Allentown.

"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.

One-time group sessions will be held on Friday, January 26, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at TAH site; Thursday, February 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the LVHC site; and Tuesday, March 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at TAH site.

For more information, fees, and to register, call HealthCounts at 821-2150.

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES
AND SEMINARS**

**Department of Pediatrics
Conference Schedule**

"Behavioral Interventions for the Child with Attention Deficit - Hyperactivity Disorder" will be presented by Marsha Kaufman, R.N., M.A., Ed.S., School Psychologist, Alliance for Creative Development, on Friday, January 26, at Noon in the Auditorium at TAH site.

"Cardiovascular Effects of Kawasaki Disease" will be presented by Terry Anderson, M.D., Director of the Echocardiography Laboratory, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, on Friday, February 9, at Noon in the Auditorium at TAH site.

For more information regarding Pediatric Conferences, call Beverly Humphrey in the Department of Pediatrics at 778-2540.

**TAH--LVHC Regional
Symposium Series**

"Differential Diagnosis and Treatment of 'Spells' or 'Attacks': The Cardiovascular, Emotional, Neurological, and 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 benefit 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.

"Dermatology: New Therapies and Concepts" will be presented on Saturday, February 10, 1990, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site.

Physicians and other health care workers concerned with new therapies and concepts in dermatology will benefit from the program.

For more information about either of these two programs, call Human Resource Development 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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Allied Health Professionals

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MEDICAL STAFF PROGRESS NOTES

READERSHIP SURVEY

JANUARY, 1990

Medical Staff Progress Notes, the monthly newsletter to inform TAH--LVHC Medical Staff and employees of important issues concerning the Medical Staff, has marked its first year of publication. As we begin our second year, we would like to know how you feel about *Medical Staff Progress Notes*. We are interested in your comments and suggestions. Please take a moment to complete the following questionnaire and return it to the Medical Affairs Office at either site.

1. Do you regularly read *Medical Staff Progress Notes*? Yes No
2. Please check the sections in *Medical Staff Progress Notes* listed below which you most enjoy.

News from the President

Medical Staff General Information Items

News from Hospital Departments

HealthCounts Information

Congratulations (Achievements of members of the Medical Staff)

Publications, Papers and Presentations

Upcoming Conferences, Seminars and Meetings

Who's New

3. Please list other topics you would like included in *Medical Staff Progress Notes*.
4. What items would you like eliminated from *Medical Staff Progress Notes*.
5. Additional comments or suggestions.

Please return to the Medical Affairs Office at either site by Friday, February 2, 1990.