



## Progress Notes

# MEDICAL STAFF

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### AIDS AWARENESS MONTH

As part of AIDS Awareness Month, which is being held during September, the Miller Memorial Blood Center is requesting the medical community to make an effort to identify those individuals who received a blood transfusion between 1977 and 1985 (prior to generalized testing of the blood supply for HIV). Those transfusion recipients should be evaluated by their physicians for possible anti-HIV antibody

testing. This will also be an opportunity for those transfusion recipients to have HCV (Hepatitis C) testing performed.

Blood transfusion recipients identified by physicians who require further testing may obtain HIV testing through the Allentown Health Bureau at The Allentown Hospital site on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Call the Allentown Health Bureau at 437-7760 for more information. HIV testing is also available through Miller Memorial Blood Center in Bethlehem by appointment only. Call 691-5850, Ext. 50, for more information.

Currently, Miller Memorial Blood Center is the only facility performing Hepatitis C (HCV) testing. For those patients requesting testing at Miller Memorial Blood Center, a signed order (prescription) form will be required.

Miller Memorial Blood Center will provide free testing for those transfusion recipients

(1977-1985) qualifying for HIV/HCV testing. The patient must call 691-5850, Ext. 50, to schedule a time to have their blood drawn. A signed order (prescription) form from their physician will be required at the time their blood is drawn.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ronald E. Domen, M.D., Medical Director, Miller Memorial Blood Center, at 691-5850.

### CRITICAL CARE BED COMPLEMENT

Following re-evaluation of the complement of critical care beds at The Allentown Hospital site, effective Monday, September 17, eight beds in the Intensive Care Unit and six beds in ACCU will be opened. This complement is based on historical census, patient care needs, and staffing. The census will be continually evaluated to determine the need to open additional beds in the ACCU.



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**SPECIAL GENERAL MEDICAL STAFF MEETING SCHEDULED**

A Special General Medical Staff Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit Medical Staff input into the corporate reorganization study currently taking place within the HealthEast system.

As this is a Special General Medical Staff Meeting occurring in the same month as the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting and since the topic is of such importance, you will receive credit for two meetings attendances rather than one if you attend. If you have any questions, please contact Charles J. Scagliotti, M.D., John S. Jaffe, M.D., Joseph A. Candio, M.D., or John W. Hart.

**KePRO HELPFUL HINTS**

In order to reduce the number of KePRO denials which you have to appeal, refer to the following helpful hints which have been provided by KePRO:

**ON ADMISSION:**

1) Include in history: reason for admitting now versus outpatient observation or home care, including geographic and psychosocial factors; discussion

of how outpatient therapy failed; and reasons why problems were not resolved during previous recent admissions for the same diagnosis.

2) Include in the physical: vital signs; assessment of distress, acuteness and severity of illness; and description of patient's frailty, dependency, or dementia.

3) Describe in general terms your plan for this admission, discussing reasons for any limited treatment plan.

**IN PROGRESS NOTES:**

1) Account for any unexpected laboratory and x-ray findings and untoward events or contradictory allied health observations.

2) Explain thinking behind major changes in diagnostic efforts and therapy.

**AT DISCHARGE:**

1) Designate principal diagnosis that explains admission and other diagnoses that required action, giving reasoning.

2) Discuss abnormal lab, x-ray, and nursing observations.

3) Note tests not reported at time of summary.

4) In the disposition section, describe: support and caregiver arrangements; level of functioning; special problems--AMA discharge, poor cooperation, unstable condition; details of diet, medication,

activity and education effort and follow-up visit plan.

**PMS REMINDER**

Please be aware that physicians are required to renew their Pennsylvania license in a timely fashion as failure to do so could result in civil penalty which was the case of one staff member who was assessed a \$500 penalty.

**MEDICAL STAFF / ADMINISTRATION LUNCHEON**

In order to provide physicians with an opportunity to exchange ideas and participate in informal discussion about current issues and future plans with Sam Huston, Hospital President, and Alan Schragger, M.D., Chairman of the Board, a Medical Staff/Administration luncheon has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in Conference Room B at TAH site.

Interested physicians should stop by the Medical Affairs Office or call to schedule their attendance through Gina Jones at 776-8100. Lunch will be provided.

## PROTECTIVE ATTIRE DURING PROCEDURES

During the month of June, the number of nosocomial bacteremias (primarily those that were line-related) at LVHC site exceeded the established threshold. In reviewing the significant findings, there is no way to know whether or not appropriate attire was worn during certain procedures. (A policy regarding Recommendations for Protective Attire During Procedures was approved by the Medical Executive Committee on January 22, 1990 and may be found in the Infection Control Manual under Section V.) In order to reduce the number of line-related bacteremias to below threshold level as soon as possible, the Infection Control and AIDS Activities Office is requesting the cooperation of the Medical Staff in enforcing this policy.

If you have any questions, please refer to the policy or call Andrea E. Geshan, R.N., LSW, CIC, Director, Infection Control and AIDS Activities, at 776-8197.

## 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 1, 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 for adults and \$3 for children under 10 years. Tickets for the dinner are available in the Alcove Gift Shop and the Volunteer Office at TAH site, the Tree Top Shop at the LVHC site, and the Medical Affairs Office at both sites.

## LABORATORY UPDATE

### Medicare Coverage for PAP Smears

Clinical history and accurate demographic information have always been key factors in the accurate and prompt reporting of PAP smears. Recent Medicare regulations further mandate an accurate and complete data base.

On July 1, 1990, Medicare authorized coverage for PAP smears that **SCREEN** for early detection of cervical cancer. PAP smears are now covered once every three years **OR** more often if the patient is at high risk of developing cancer. Medicare continues to cover diagnostic or "for cause" PAP smears.

HealthEast Laboratories requests physician cooperation in providing necessary patient information in order to generate

accurate patient bills. Cytology requisition slips must contain all information relative to clinical diagnosis, patient history as well as **DATE OF LAST PAP SMEAR**.

Physician cooperation will ensure expedient payment by Medicare and prevent unnecessary expenditures for patients.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Cepil, Sites Coordinator, QA Manager, at 778-2523.

### Revised Procedure for the Laboratory Diagnosis of Lyme Disease

Due to limitations associated with currently available laboratory tests for Lyme Disease, the Immunology Division of HealthEast Laboratories has revised the procedure for laboratory diagnosis of Lyme Disease. For more information, refer to the memorandum of August 22, 1990 or contact the Immunology Division at 778-2844.

### Introduction of von Willebrand's Disease Profile

Beginning September 4, 1990, the Coagulation Department will be offering a von Willebrand's disease profile. Included in this profile will be: APTT, Template Bleeding Time, Factor VIII Assay, Factor VIII

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**Related Antigen, Ristocetin Cofactor, and Ristocetin Induced Platelet Aggregation.**

If you have any questions regarding this profile, please contact Daniel A. Kaczor, Supervisor, Coagulation Laboratory, at 776-8175.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

The computer laboratory in the library at the LVHC site has added several new user friendly services.

Micromedex computerized clinical information system consisting of several databases, i.e., poisindex, drugdex, emergindex, is now available in CD ROM format. It provides authoritative, comprehensive answers to patient care information on drug therapeutics, acute care medicine, and toxic agents.

The CD+ MEDLINE system has been upgraded to allow the full database of citations and abstracts from 1966 to present to be loaded at all times. Within the next month, this system will also be available for remote access after regular library hours.

In addition, Knowledgefinder's version of the MEDLINE care index is now available on the MacIntosh in the computer laboratory.

Two interactive video systems are also available for medical education. These systems provide a real world teaching technique using the latest multi-media technology.

For more information on the use of the new services, stop by or call the library at 776-8410.

### **MEDICAL RECORDS NEWS**

The automation of incomplete records has begun! For physicians' convenience and to avoid delays, physicians are asked to call the Medical Record Department in order that their records can be retrieved prior to their arrival in the department. Call 778-2299 at TAH site, 776-8345 at the LVHC site, or have a member of your office staff call the day before you plan to arrive.

If you have any questions regarding the new system, please contact Martie Breshock, Manager, Medical Record Department, at 778-2222.

### **HOSPITAL UROLOGISTS TO OFFER FREE PROSTATE CANCER SCREENINGS**

As part of Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, September 16-23, TAH--LVHC physicians will give free prostate exams to men age 40 and over. This community service is designed to focus public attention on this

serious cancer and encourage men to have an annual exam.

Prostate cancer will strike nearly 106,000 men this year and kill more than 30,000. It is the most common tumor and second leading cause of cancer death in American men. The disease mainly afflicts men age 40 and older.

The screenings will take place on Thursday, September 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and on Saturday, September 22, from 1 to 4 p.m., in the clinic area of TAH site. Appointments are recommended but not required. Call 778-2582 for schedule an appointment.

TAH--LVHC is one of more than 600 medical centers across the United States--and the only Lehigh Valley hospital--that will hold free screenings during Prostate Cancer Awareness Week.

TAH--LVHC urologists who have volunteered their time to provide the prostate exams include Melchiorre L. Buscemi, M.D., Arthur E. Fetzer, M.D., Robert J. Gary, M.D., John S. Jaffe, M.D., Richard M. Lieberman, M.D., Edward M. Mullin, Jr., M.D., Brian P. Murphy, M.D., Joseph Pascal, M.D., Daniel M. Silverberg, M.D., and Robert Wasko, M.D.

**SPECIAL CARE UNIT  
RELOCATES**

On August 25, the Special Care Unit moved from the third floor to the sixth floor, 6A wing, of the LVHC site. Room numbers are labeled 1 through 6 in the open area and 7A and B, 8A and B, 9, 10A and B on the semi-private/private side for a total of 13 patients. Telephone extensions remain the same.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Guldin, R.N., head nurse, SCU, at 776-8730.

**CROHN'S DISEASE/  
ULCERATIVE COLITIS  
SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET**

A Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis therapeutic support group will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center site from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The group will be led by Robert M. Gordon, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist, and Sharon Mills, a social worker.

This therapeutic group is run under the auspices of the Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis Association of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

Patients with this often debilitating disease commonly suffer from depression and anxiety. It has been shown that stress management and

psychotherapeutic interventions are often helpful to patients of these diseases. No appointment is necessary and the group is open to anyone suffering from these bowel diseases. The group is free of charge.

For more information, contact Sharon Mills at 820-3250.

**HEALTHCOUNTS NEWS**

HealthCounts, the employee and community wellness program of The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, has announced its fall schedule of classes and programs which may benefit your patients. Some of these include weight control programs for adults and adolescents, Smoke Stoppers, Smoking Cessation through Hypnosis, and stress management.

Also available are free public lectures sponsored by the Chronic Disease Education Committee of TAH--LVHC. Some of the topics being discussed in October include "What to do About Your Aching Joints," "Arthritis Medication," "Exercise and Pain Management for Arthritis," "Surgical Interventions for Arthritis," "Irritable Bowel Syndrome," "Facts and Fallacies About Digestive Disorders," and "Common Colon Problems." For more information on any of these topics, call HealthCounts at 821-2150.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

...Ernest M. Kuhinka, Ph.D., Director of Education, who was named Professor in the Faculty-at-Large of Hahnemann University, and

...Diane M. Saldukas-Mazur, M.D., a member of the Section of General Internal Medicine, who was named Clinical Instructor at Hahnemann University.

**PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS  
AND PRESENTATIONS**

Charles F. Andrews, M.D., a member of the Department of Radiation Oncology, wrote a chapter in the newly published book "Surgery, Thyroid, Parathyroid Glands," which will be available in the Hospital's library.

Geoffrey G. Hallock, M.D., plastic and reconstructive surgeon, had an article, "Distal Lower Leg Local Random Fasciocutaneous Flaps," published in the August 1990 Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. The article deals with simple solutions to complicated problems of the most distal lower leg that oftentimes require a more complex microsurgical approach, as based on his numerous cases accumulated over the past eight years of experience in treating difficult lower extremity wounds.

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**Peter F. Rovito, M.D.**, general surgeon, who along with co-authors, **Joseph J. Prorok, M.D.**, general surgeon, and **Gary T. Verazin, M.D.**, former surgical resident, wrote the manuscript "Obstructing Carcinoma of the Cecum." This paper will be published in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Clinical Oncology.

**Sze-Ya Yeh, M.D.**, Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, served as a Visiting Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the University of Geneva in Switzerland from September 7-11. He then presented a paper at the 12th European Congress of Perinatal Medicine held in Lyon, France, from September 11-14.

#### UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

##### Symposium and Health Fair on Inflammatory Bowel Disease

The Third Annual Inflammatory Bowel Disease Symposium and Digestive Sciences Health Fair will be held on Saturday, September 22, in the Auditorium of the LVHC site from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The two-part event is free and open to the public.

The symposium theme this year will be on infectious inflammations associated with

medical and surgical management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease. It will begin with an overview of the research supported by the registry this year given by James Reed III, Ph.D., and end with a presentation by Francis S. Kleckner, M.D., gastroenterologist, on the "Health Economics of Colitis." The symposium will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Persons diagnosed with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, their families, and physicians, nurses, and others who care for them are encouraged to attend.

The Digestive Sciences Health Fair will run from 12:30 to 3 p.m., and will address the causes, treatment and prevention of digestive diseases in general.

For more information, call the Digestive Sciences Regional Resource Center at 776-8413.

##### TAH--LVHC Regional Symposium Series

The "Third Annual Coagulation Symposium" will be held on Friday, September 21, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. The one-day seminar will feature nationally recognized experts who will address issues dealing with an abnormal activated partial thromboplastin time, lupus anticoagulants and antiphospholipid antibodies, and new analytes in the coagulation laboratory.

Physicians, medical technologists, and laboratory administrators will benefit from the program.

The "Third Annual Cardiovascular Nursing Seminar: New Beats in Cardiology" will be held on Wednesday, September 26, from 7:15 a.m. to 4:20 p.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. This one-day seminar will feature a nationally-known speaker who specializes in the development of humor skills and in the use of humor as a therapeutic tool. Cardiovascular experts will present the latest information in cardiac pharmacology, hemodynamics, tissue oxygenation, end stage cardiac disease, open heart complications, and AICD patient issues. This seminar is designed for nurses in medical/surgical and critical care areas desiring to enhance their cardiovascular knowledge.

"Management of Perinatal Emergencies" will be held on Thursday, October 25, from 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville. At the completion of the conference, participants will be able to identify perinatal emergencies and how emergencies threaten maternal/fetal/neonatal well-being; describe the current clinical management of selected high-risk obstetrical and

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neonatal problems, including trauma; and discuss ethical and legal issues surrounding perinatal emergencies.

The conference will benefit physicians, nurses, and other health professionals working in the perinatal area.

For more information about the conferences listed above, contact Human Resource Development at 776-8322.

Child Abuse Lecture Scheduled at LCCC

Wayne Snyder, Lehigh County Coroner, will present a lecture on the topic of Child Abuse at Lehigh County Community College, 2370 Main Street, Schnecksville, on the evening of Medical Assistants Day, Wednesday, October 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The lecture, sponsored by the Lehigh County Community College Medical Assisting Program and the Lehigh County Chapter of Medical Assistants, will be held in Rooms 205 and 206 in the Science-Technology Building and will include a slide presentation. A reception will follow the lecture. Parking will be available in Lot A.

Although there is no charge for the program, please call either 799-1516 or 799-1191 before October 12 in order to plan for the reception.

Medical Grand Rounds to be Taped

Medical Grand Rounds, held every Tuesday at noon in the Auditorium at the LVHC site, will be audiotaped for anyone wishing to review a particular topic. For more information, contact Bret Bissey, Administrative Assistant, Department of Medicine, at 776-8200.

**PHYSICIAN PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES**

Physician rental space available in Allentown Medical Center, 401 N. 17th Street, Suite 306, Allentown. 1,350 square feet. Fully equipped and furnished. Immediate occupancy. Partnership interest also available.

Physician rental space available in Allentown Medical Center, 401 N. 17th Street, Suite 307, Allentown. 2,190 square feet. Fully equipped and furnished. Immediate occupancy. Partnership interest also available.

Specialty practice time-share space available in a comprehensive health care facility. Riverside Professional Center, 4019 Wynnewood Drive, Laurys Station. Half- or full-day slots immediately available.

For more information on these practice opportunities, contact John W. Hart, Vice President, 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.

Please remember that each department or unit is responsible for updating its directory, rolodexes, and approved privilege rosters.

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Change of Status

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Resignations

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