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CheckUp

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Friday, March 1, 1996

TO DEPARTMENT HEADS — Please post. Copy as needed and share with your staff.

Notify Rob Stevens by e-mail or call ext. 3011 with any breaking news you want to include in the next issue of *CheckUp This Week*.

• BREAKING NEWS •

■ The operations improvement incentive program is slated to begin in May. This reward and recognition effort will seek to involve all LVHHN employees and physicians. Prizes, trips and cash will be awarded for useful OI ideas. Look for more information in *CheckUp This Week* and *CheckUp This Month* as the launch date nears.

■ LVHHN medical residents placed second out of 17 teams in the recent Pennsylvania Medical Jeopardy contest, defeating residents from Easton, St. Luke's, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Fitzgerald-Mercy. They lost in the last round to Graduate Hospital. The LVHHN team included Tom Lakata, D.O.; Jamie Wasson, M.D.; Jim Isernia, M.D.; and Rob Branton, D.O.

■ Removal of the East Wing at 17 is slated to begin the end of April and will be completed by the beginning of June.

■ Construction in the main entrance semi-circle at CC during the next two weeks will limit access to cars. Please refrain from parking in the loop. The work will improve lighting in the crosswalk areas, and a spotlight will be installed to illuminate the LVH sign on the building.

■ Nearly 400 employees recently attended employee forums hosted by Lou Liebhaber, COO. The meetings focused on LVHHN costs and the operations improvement program.

■ Lehigh Valley Home Care, in cooperation with PennCARESM partner Muhlenberg Hospital Center (MHC), has opened a new branch office to serve patients in the greater Bethlehem area. Called Muhlenberg Home Health, the program is managed by Lehigh Valley Health Network utilizing MHC staff. Offices are located at MHC. Look for more details in the March edition of *CheckUp This Month*.

• COMING UP •

■ Stahler-Rex Health Care Symposium: *"Controversial Topics in Medicine"*
• March 16 Auditorium, CC
Call ext. 1296 for information.

■ Medical Grand Rounds:
"Use of the Internet in Medical Education"
Albert O. Shar, Ph.D., chief information officer, University of Pennsylvania Medical School
• March 19, noon-1 p.m.
Auditorium, CC
Call ext. 8406 for information.

■ JCAHO Teleconference:
"Restraint and Seclusion: A New Approach for Hospitals"

• March 19 12:30 p.m.
Auditorium, CC

■ Art Show & Auction
• March 29
Sponsored by the professional nurse council of LVH.
Tickets range \$10-\$100.
Call ext. 1704.
Preview 6:30 p.m./Auction 7:30 p.m.

■ **Puppet Sale**

• Feb. 23- March 5
Sponsored by the Parent Action Committee of Lehigh Valley Hospital's Child Care Center. On March 4 and 5, an order table will be in the Anderson Wing lobby, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Child Care Center, and delivery is guaranteed for Easter. For more information or to order a puppet, call ext. 8969.

■ **Kidsfest**

• Sunday, March 10
This celebration of and for children will be held from 12 - 5 p.m. at Muhlenberg College Field House. There will be hands-on exhibit booths of cultural, educational and safety related topics. Admission is \$2. The center for health promotion and disease prevention and the pediatrics department of Lehigh Valley Hospital will participate.

■ **Partners in Prevention**

LVHHN, in cooperation with PennCARESM partner Muhlenberg Hospital Center, will offer health promotion classes on the Muhlenberg Hospital Center campus. The series is called *Partners in Prevention* and two classes are planned for the spring.

• April 10
“*Weigh Less—Exercise More,*” is a nine-week weight management program mixing nutrition, exercise and motivation.

• May 13 & 20
“*Measurable Results: A Woman's Workshop for Assessing and Improving Health,*” is a two session workshop. Call 402-CARE for details.

■ **Cancer Center News**

The Morgan Cancer Center has been selected to receive an award for design excellence. The award is given to the architect (TRO), the contractor (Butz), and the owner. The cancer center was also recently featured in the November editions of *Facilities Design & Management* and *Health Facilities Management*.

■ **Family/Friend Stationed in Bosnia?**

A web site has been established on the Internet for you to get in touch with a family member or friend serving in Bosnia. Called *Bosnia Aviano Link*, the address is: <http://www.irsociety.com/wbs/link.html>
Call ext. 9830 for information.