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FYI - Charles "Pete" Reninger, M.D., returned home from the Persian Gulf at 2 a.m. on March 27, 1991. Welcome Back, Pete!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

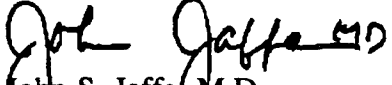
A good turnout of physicians and spouses was on hand to hear nationally known "well-being" expert Dr. John-Henry Pfifferling on Saturday, April 6. Dr. Pfifferling's presentation was very well received and felt to be quite helpful and informative, particularly his emphasis on the need for physicians to care for themselves as well as their colleagues.

Dr. Pfifferling also provided valuable advice on how to set up an ongoing physician support group within the hospital. There was considerable enthusiasm for this among the attendees, and we are planning a kick-off date soon to start such a group here. Initially, this will be constituted as a Physicians' Malpractice Support Service. An announcement will be made shortly concerning the date for the first meeting.

An audio tape of Dr. Pfifferling's presentation is available to loan. If you are interested in hearing it, contact Janet M. Laudenslager in the POPS Office at 778-2780.

The much-awaited Mission/Vision retreat is scheduled for the weekend of April 20-21. We are hopeful that movement toward a consensus on this extremely important subject can be achieved. Any physician interested who has not yet received a packet should contact Janet M. Laudenslager at 778-2780 promptly.

I hope you all were able to enjoy the recent Holidays -- Happy Spring!


John S. Jaffe, M.D.
President, Medical Staff



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At-Large Members Needed for Medical Executive Committee

Nominations are now being taken for four at-large members for the Medical Executive Committee to serve three-year terms. If you have any suggestions or if you are interested in serving in this position, please send your name to John S. Jaffe, M.D., President, Medical Staff, in care of the Medical Affairs Office, LVHC site, Attention: John W. Hart.

If you have any questions regarding these positions, please contact either Dr. Jaffe or Mr. Hart at 776-8968.

KePRO Korner

KePRO has recently implemented a change in their communication process for cases undergoing quality review.

* Non-physician reviewers screen cases using HCFA-mandated generic quality screens.

* If a potential quality problem may exist, a board-certified physician advisor (PA) reviews the case.

* If the PA determines that additional information is needed, a request is sent to the appropriate party.

* The request allows 30 days (from the request letter date) for a response/additional information to be sent to KePRO.

- If additional information is NOT received, a "determination letter" is issued based on the initial PA's decision.

- If a response/additional information IS received, a second review is conducted by the initial physician reviewer whenever possible.

- Based on this second review, the respondent is notified of KePRO's review determination.

* If the "determination letter" indicates that a confirmed quality problem exists, the responsible party may request one more physician review of the case. The request:

- Must be in writing

- Must be postmarked within 15 days of the "determination letter" date

- Should be made by the responsible party.

* If a request is submitted as described above:

- A second board-certified PA conducts an independent review of the case and any new information supplied.

- A final determination letter is then issued, either confirming or nonconfirming the problem.

- No further appeal of the quality concern is allowed.

* For cases involving a related denial (e.g., premature discharge or invasive procedure denials):

- The denial determination will be finalized ONLY after the completion of third review, or the expiration of the timeframe for requesting third review (whichever occurs).

In summary, the major changes include:

1. Request for information allowing 30 days for physicians to respond to potential quality concerns.

2. A determination letter will be issued. The determination letter will indicate whether or not a quality concern was felt to be present. This letter will have been issued based on the additional information submitted by the physician and the review will be conducted by the same physician who requested additional information.

3. Physicians may request an additional review following receipt of the determination letter within 15 days of receipt of that letter. This physician review will be conducted by a new board certified physician.

Telephone Hotlist Now Available

In order to provide physicians and their office staff with a quick reference of the most commonly used hospital telephone numbers, Physician Office Practice Services (POPS) recently developed a telephone hotlist. Copies of the hotlist have been distributed to members of the Medical Staff and office managers with their copy of the newsletter. Additional copies of the telephone hotlist are available in the Medical Staff Lounge at both sites or by calling the POPS Office at 778-2780.



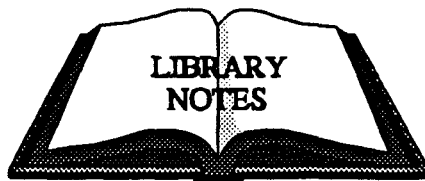
LABORATORY UPDATE

Lab Facts - Autologous Transfusion

Lab Facts regarding Autologous Transfusions are now available in the Medical Staff Lounge at either site.

Autologous Transfusion is defined as the collection and reinfusion of a patient's own blood. It is the "safest" form of blood transfusion. In addition to eliminating transfusion-transmitted viral diseases, the use of autologous blood transfusion prevents antibody formation which may occur when a patient is transfused with homologous red blood cells.

For more information regarding Autologous Transfusions, pick up a copy of Lab Facts in the Medical Staff Lounge.



National Library Week will be celebrated from April 14 through 20. During this celebration, why not take a few minutes to find out what's new in the Library? If you are at TAH, browse through the latest acquisitions in the "history of medicine" collection. While at the LVHC site, the Library staff will be happy to answer questions about accessing the Library's entire MEDLINE data base from a home/office computer. Take a few minutes to visit the Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI) laboratory and view the "Slice of Life" videodisc consisting of over 50,000 slides. In addition, ask about the electronic textbooks soon to arrive at the CAI lab.

Some of the most recent book acquisitions include:

Brenner. **The Kidney**. 4th ed., Saunders, 1991.

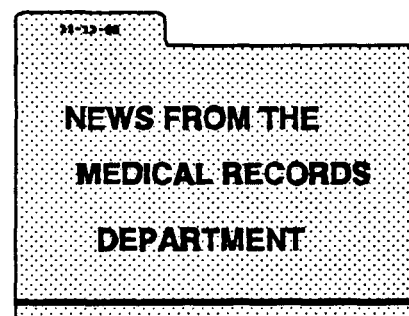
Edelman. **Clinical Magnetic Resonance Imaging**. Saunders, 1990.

Smith. **Grabb and Smith's Plastic Surgery**. 4th ed., Wiley, 1991.

Marcus. **Cardiac Imaging**. (A companion to Brunwald's **Heart Disease**.) Saunders, 1990.

Avioli. **Metabolic Bone Disease and Clinical Related Disorders**. 2nd ed., Saunders, 1990.

Bates. **Guide to Physical Examination and History**. 5th ed., Lippincott, 1990.



Illegible handwriting will become a part of the generic screening process which the Medical Record Department will be introducing in May. Continued exhibits of illegible handwriting may need to be addressed by the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations.

When transferring patients to another facility, the transferring orders must be documented on a separate Doctors' Order Sheet and not on an Order Sheet which lists orders prior to the transfer. The original transferring orders are sent to the receiving hospital.

Physicians are encouraged to visit Medical Records on a weekly basis and complete all records at that time. This will enhance the quality of patient care through follow-up and improve cash flow to the hospital.

Reminder

Physicians -- please do not park in the Emergency Room parking lot at the LVHC site! If you are unable to access the Physicians' Parking Lot, please contact Eileen Iobst, Medical Staff Secretary, at 778-2242 for assistance.

News from Nuclear Medicine

The Nuclear Medicine Department has found that orders for certain scans are not being properly ordered through the HIS computer. In order to avoid further delay in the completion of inpatient studies, Nuclear Medicine recommends the following orders for the following indications:

1. "NM gallbladder scan" (instead of DISIDA, HIDA, DECEDA, etc.) to rule out acute cholecystitis and/or biliary obstruction.
2. "NM gallbladder scan" "with CCK" (enter in text area) to rule out chronic acalculous cholecystitis.
3. "NM GI bleed scan" (instead of blood loss) to rule out an active GI bleed.
4. "NM gated MIBI scan" for assessment of myocardial viability at rest. This scan should be discussed with the Nuclear Medicine physician prior to ordering.

5. "RNA rest" for evaluation of wall motion and ejection fraction at rest at the LVHC site. Please specify LV, RV, or both LV and RV.

6. "RNA stress" for evaluation of wall motion and ejection fraction after exercise at the LVHC site.

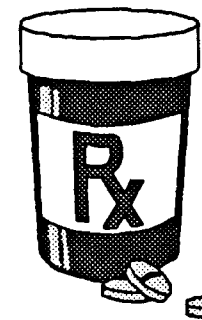
7. "Gated blood pool scan" for evaluation of wall motion and ejection fraction at rest at TAH site. Please specify LV, RV, or both.

Regarding item #4, MIBI (Tc-99m-hexakis 2-methoxy-isobutylisonitril) is the newly approved Technetium based isotope to image the myocardium. At this time, however, its use is being limited for the determination of myocardial infarction. In the future, Nuclear Medicine hopes to expand the use of MIBI for stress/rest tomographic scans to rule out ischemia, however, stress thallium scans are currently being performed to determine areas of myocardial ischemia.

For more information concerning the resting MIBI scan to assess myocardial viability, please consult the following reference: Boucher, CA. **Detection and Localization of Myocardial Infarction Using Technetium-99m Sestamibi Imaging at Rest.** *Am J Cardiol* 1990; 66:32E-35E.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact Robert J. Rienzo, M.D., or John M. Kohler, Director, Nuclear Medicine, at 776-8383.

In addition, please note that Medical Records is now typing Nuclear Medicine reports at the LVHC site. Turnaround time, in most instances, will be one day. The only exception will be cases that are dictated on Friday will not be distributed to the floors until Monday. Wet readings of inpatients will be called either directly to the doctor or to the floor on Fridays.



**facts
from
the
pharmacy**

Due to a quality control problem by the manufacturer, Iron Dextr⁷ Injection (Imferon) for intravenous use has become temporarily unavailable.

This policy went into effective March 15, 1991, when the Pharmacy stopped adding iron to Parenteral Nutrition Solutions. This practice will not be resumed until a supply is reestablished.

During this unavailability, the Pharmacy has increased its supply of the intramuscular formulation which contains the equivalent of 50mg of elemental iron per ml. The intramuscular formulation can be used when the oral route is unacceptable.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact James A. Giardina, Director of Pharmacy, at 778-2590 (TAH) or 776-8880 (LVHC).

Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging Improves Services

Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging (LVDI) currently receives copies of the hospital admissions and operating room lists (LVHC site), Monday through Friday. It is the practice of the LVDI staff to review these lists and if any patients on either list were previously seen at LVDI, their files are pulled and taken to the hospital Radiology file room.

In order to maintain smooth continuation of patient care, LVDI now receives from the Emergency Department a list of Friday night emergency admissions. If any of these patients were previously seen at LVDI, their files are pulled and taken to the file room on Saturday morning. Films usually remain in the file room for approximately three days.

Additionally, in mid to late April, a computer terminal from Lehigh Valley Diagnostic Imaging will be installed in the File Room of the Radiology Department at the LVHC site. This will allow the staff in the File Room access to reports on a screen; however, in order to maintain patient privacy, a printer will not be installed.

Free Speech and Language Screenings to be Offered

Learning to communicate is one of the most significant accomplishments of early childhood. At only one year of age, children recognize their name and repeat familiar words. Two year olds understand simple

questions and produce sentences of two and three words. By age three, children match primary colors and use their language to tell a story or relate events. As parents, these developmental milestones produce feelings of pride and excitement as our children grow and develop.

In recognition of "May is Better Speech and Hearing Month," the Speech Pathology Department of TAH--LVHC is offering a free speech and language screening for any parents interested in having their child's language development addressed.

Screenings will take place from May 13 through 24, in the Speech Pathology Department at TAH site, for children from two years six months through school age. Screenings will be by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Speech Pathology Department at 778-2544.

Free Skin Exams to be Offered

Free skin examinations will be provided by physicians from the Lehigh Valley Dermatology Society at selected locations in the Lehigh Valley. A screening will be offered in the Clinics at TAH site on Saturday, May 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments are recommended and may be scheduled by calling the Comprehensive Community Cancer Center at 778-2582. Walk-ins will also be accepted.

Arthritis Support Group Organized

In order to provide educational programs on arthritis related topics and group support, the Arthritis Foundation has formed an Arthritis Support Group. The first meeting of the group will be held on Wednesday, April 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Classroom 1 at the LVHC site. An Overview of Arthritis will be presented by Albert D. Abrams, M.D., Barre D. Kaufman, M.D., and Kerry D. Miller, M.D., rheumatologists.

For more information, contact Sandy Schwartz, Director of Patient Education, at 776-8775.

Head Nurse Named for New Merged Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at TAH

On April 1, Patricia Boyer assumed the role of Head Nurse of the existing ACCU and ICU until the creation of the new ICU in July. Prior to her new appointment, Mrs. Boyer served as Head Nurse of ICU for the past three years.

David Crabtree, who held the position of Head Nurse of ACCU for the past year, will now serve in an interim role in the Nursing Quality Assurance Department.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*We cannot direct the wind,
but we can adjust the sails.*

"Red Bag Program" Update

A physicians' infectious waste disposal program, which is currently being developed by Physician Office Practice Services (POPS), is now in the final stages.

Those practices that have expressed interest in this program will be notified shortly by Joe Pilla, POPS Representative.

Any practices still interested in this program should contact Joe Pilla at 776-8225.



TAH--LVHC Roundballers to Take on Good Samaritan

A unique group of individuals consisting of TAH--LVHC management and physicians will take on a similar group from Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville in a game of basketball to be played on Thursday, April 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the gymnasium of Blue Mountain High School, Orwigsburg.

Admission is free. For directions, contact Janet M. Laudenslager in the POPS Office at 778-2780.

Practice Start-up Seminar Offered by Pennsylvania Medical Society

"How to Get Started in Medical Practice," a two-day workshop to assist physicians entering practice in determining their start-up strategy, will be presented in October.

The seminar covers practice alternatives, practice financing and marketing, medical record systems, patient management, and legal risk management issues.

The seminar will be held in Philadelphia on October 22 and 23; in Harrisburg on October 24 and 25; and in Pittsburgh on October 29 and 30. The registration fee is \$135. Enrollment is limited to 35.

To receive a brochure with more details or to register, call the Pennsylvania Medical Society, Department of Physician Services, at 1-800-228-7823.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Melchior L. Buscemi, M.D., urologist, was recently informed by the American Board of Urology that he has completed all the requirements for certification and is now a Diplomate of the American Board of Urology.

Drew S. Harrison, M.D., nephrologist, was recently informed by the American Board of Internal Medicine that he successfully passed the Subspecialty Examination and is now certified as a Diplomate in the Subspecialty of Nephrology.

John S. Jaffe, M.D., urologist and President of the Medical Staff, and **Peter Mucha, Jr., M.D.**, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, were recently bestowed the unique honor of becoming Fellows of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the oldest honorary medical academy in the United States.

Being a Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia is a multi-faceted experience and distinction requiring "high ethical and professional standing." Fellowship in the College is a unique honor. It is the honor of being invited to join a select group who share a proud heritage of two centuries of medical excellence. The honor of being elected to the Fellowship implies responsibility; Fellows are charged to uphold the highest ethical standards, to constantly strive for improvement in and to encourage the education of future generations of physicians.

Stephen T. Olex, D.O., cardiologist, was recently appointed to the faculty of Hahnemann University as Clinical Assistant Professor.

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**G e a r y L .
Y e i s l e y , M.D.,**
cardiothoracic

surgeon, and his wife, Katie, welcomed a baby son on February 22. Christopher Daniel weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long. Christopher was welcomed home by his two brothers, Jason and Sean.

Richard C. Boorse, M.D., general surgeon, and his wife, Debbie, welcomed a baby daughter on March 21. Alexandra Michael weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. at birth and was 21 1/4 in. long. Alexandra was welcomed home by her brother, Brian, and sister, Elizabeth.

Melchior L. Buscemi, M.D., urologist, and his wife, Barbara, gave birth to a baby boy on March 28. Michael Ryan weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 22 inches long. He was greeted by his brother, Louie.

Publications, Papers and Presentations

Robert W. Grunberg, M.D., nephrologist, is part of an important two-year nationwide study published in the December issue of the *American Journal of Hypertension*. Dr. Grunberg is one of 127 doctors in the United States participating in this study, evaluating treatment for patients with mild-to-moderate hypertension.

The study, Modern Approach to the Treatment of Hypertension (MATH), is sponsored through an educational grant from Pfizer Labs, and coordinated under the direction of leading clinicians from some of the nation's largest medical teaching institutes. The study examines patients with mild-to-moderate hypertension who represent the bulk of the community-based physicians' caseloads, and compares effectiveness across gender, race, age, weight or concurrent illness.

Herbert L. Hyman, M.D., gastroenterologist, presented "Stress and the Gut" to the Family Practice staff at St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading, on March 7, and at the Medical Staff Meeting of Lower Bucks Hospital, Bristol, on March 20.

Peter A. Keblish, M.D., chief, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, was principle author for two scientific papers presented at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons 58th Annual Meeting, held in Anaheim, Calif., March 7 to 12. His topics were "The Lateral Approach in Valgus TKA: A Prospective study of 41 Cases with 2-7 Year Follow-Up," and "Evaluation of 275 Low Contact Stress TKRs with 2-8 Year Follow-Up." Dr. Keblish presented the former. He was also co-exhibitor (for the second year) for "Patella Retention vs. Patella Resurfacing in TKA."

Dr. Keblish was presented with Certificate of Service for his three-year term on the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) Board of Councilors (BOC). The BOC is the Academy's socio-economic arm and represents the orthopedists' interests to the national association. Dr. Keblish has been involved as a member of the Resolutions Committee, which reports directly to the Academy's Board of Directors.

Lawrence P. Levitt, M.D., neurologist, taught the 13th edition of the Intensive Clinical Neurology Course in Philadelphia on March 23 and 24. There were 130 students including 11 residents and nurses from TAH--LVHC. Co-director was Martin Samuels, M.D., Chief of Neurology at Brigham-Womens Hospital in Boston. Drs. Levitt and Samuels also taught a similar course, "Neurology for the Internist," at the American College of Physicians meeting in New Orleans on April 11 and 12.

Thomas D. Meade, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, recently presented a well-received scientific exhibit at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons meeting in Anaheim, Calif. The exhibit, titled "Anterior Cruciate Ligament Allograft Preparation Techniques for Endoscopic Ligament Reconstruction," had **Thomas B. Dickson, M.D.,** orthopedic surgeon, Thomas Witter, PAC, and Hans Burchardt, Ph.D., as co-authors.

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES,
SEMINARS AND MEETINGS**

"Platelet Function and Related Syndromes" will be held on Friday, April 26, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. The program will benefit laboratorians and physicians and will identify current methodologies to assess platelet functions and identify the heparin associated thrombocytopenia and thrombosis syndrome.

For more information, contact Linda Krasley at HealthEast Laboratories at 776-8155.

**TAH--LVHC Regional
Symposiums Series**

Eleventh Annual Update in Cardiology will be held on Thursday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. Physicians and other health professionals interested in the latest breakthroughs in selected aspects of cardiology will benefit from the program.

At the completion of this program, participants will be able to identify those patients with nonsustained ventricular tachycardia who require therapy; indications and uses of nonmedical therapies for sustained ventricular tachycardia; current indications for bypass and angioplasty for coronary patients; current therapy of acute myocardial infarction including thrombolytic therapy; and current guidelines for antibiotic prophylaxis of cardiac patients.

Second Annual Day in Geriatrics: Ethical Issues and the Elderly will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. This program will benefit physicians, clergy, social workers, nurses, and other health care workers interested in an update on the ethical issues and the elderly.

At the completion of the conference, participants will be able to list the central ethical issues surrounding advance care directives in the care of the elderly; discuss the current status of living wills; describe the difference between power of attorney and durable power of attorney for health care; describe the advantages and disadvantages of living wills; and describe how to assist others in the preparation of living wills.

Contemporary Diagnosis and Management of Hypertension will be held on Saturday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. Family practitioners, general practitioners, general internists, nurses, dietitians, and any other health care professionals interested in hypertension will benefit from the program.

At the completion of the symposium, participants will be able to state the diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to hypertension in the 90s.

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

Medical Grand Rounds

The Effects of Lithium Therapy on Renal Function will be presented by Malcom Cox, M.D., Vice Chairman, Department of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and Chief of Medical Service, Philadelphia Veterans' Hospital, on Tuesday, April 23.

Euthyroid Sick Syndrome will be presented by Leonard Wartofsky, M.D., Colonel, Medical Corps, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md., and Chief of Endocrinology, Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, April 30.

Medical Grand Rounds are held every Tuesday at noon in the Auditorium at the LVHC site. For more information, contact the Department of Medicine at 776-8200.

Pediatric Conference Schedule

Approach to GI Bleeding in Children will be presented by Jonathan Flick, M.D., Chief, Section of Gastroenterology and Nutrition, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, on April 26.

Hypertonic Dehydration will be presented by Ivan Hill, M.D., Pediatric Intensivist, Hahnemann University Hospital, on May 17.

Conferences are held every Friday at noon in TAH Auditorium. For more information, contact Beverly Humphrey in the Department of Pediatrics at 778-2540.

PHYSICIAN PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

* Monday and Wednesday morning slots are currently available for the Brown Bag suite at Kutztown Professional Center.

* Kutztown Professional Center is planning a 5,500 square feet addition for Spring, 1991. Office suites available will include medical, dental, legal, and professional.

For more information on these practice opportunities, contact John W. Hart, Vice President, at 776-8968.

* 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.

* Office space available in new medical building at 1040 Chestnut Street, Emmaus. 1,100 square feet or 1,700 square feet available.

* Office space available at 1111 N. 19th Street, Allentown. 1,080 square feet.

* Temporary office space available on first floor of Fairgrounds Surgical Center, 400 N. 17th Street, Allentown. 380 square feet for one- or two-year lease. Private entrance.

For more information, contact Joe Pilla, POPS Representative, at 776-8225.

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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 From Active to Courtesy

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 From Provisional Courtesy to Provisional Active

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John J. Cassel, MD

Julia A. Schriener
Physician Extender
Technical
Medical Assistant
Syed A. Subzposh, MD, PC

Our Quality Policy
Our commitment is to quality in everything we do. This can only be achieved if we provide services that conform to clearly understood requirements. We are dedicated to continuous improvement in our work processes. Our approach is based on "Prevention" and the concept of "Do it right the first time."
Equal Opportunity Employer
MIF/HIV



P & T HIGHLIGHTS

The Allentown Hospital - Lehigh Valley Hospital Center
PHARMACY DEPARTMENT

James Giardina, R.Ph., M.S. - Editor

The following actions were taken at the March 11, 1991 Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting.

FORMULARY ADDITIONS

Ethanolamine Oleate (Ethamolin, Glaxo) - a mild sclerosing agent indicated for the treatment of esophageal varices which have recently bled. The committee approved this agent for a 6 month evaluation by the Gastroenterology Division. Ethanolamine is injected locally in a dose of 1.5-5ml per varix. The maximum recommended dose per treatment session is 20ml. Dosage reduction is recommended in patients with significant liver dysfunction or concomitant cardiopulmonary disease. The most common adverse reactions include pleural effusion, esophageal ulcer, pyrexia, retrosternal pain, esophageal stricture, and pneumonia.

Tetracaine 0.5%, Adrenalin 1:4000, Cocaine 4% Topical Solution (TAC, Pharmacy Compound) - The Committee approved the addition of this extemporaneously compounded product for non-injectable anesthesia in patients (esp. Pediatrics) with minor lacerations requiring surgical repair. It is contraindicated in patients with lacerations to mucosal surfaces, digits, foot, hand, wrist, penis, nasal alae, or ear lobe. It is also contraindicated in patients with seizure disorders or cardiac dysrhythmias, allergies to any of its ingredients, or age < 1 yr. The dose ranges from 0.5 - 1ml per cm of wound not to exceed 4ml. Criteria for appropriate use, contraindications, critical indicators, complications and outcome measures were also approved.

FORMULARY REJECTIONS

Doxazosin Mesylate (Cardura, Roerig) - a long acting selective alpha-1-adrenergic inhibitor indicated for the treatment of mild to moderate hypertension. The committee rejected this request at this time given the limited inpatient use of the current formulary agents (Prazosin and Terazosin) in this class.

DRUG USE EVALUATION

Dezocine - Anesthesia submitted a report of 53 patients who received Dezocine in PACU following surgery. The drug was confirmed to be an adequate analgesic which appeared to offer no substantial advantage over current formulary agents given its potency, sedative effects and cost.

Alteplase (TPA) - 29 patients received Alteplase for acute MI between September and December. 23 cases appeared to meet existing guidelines with one adverse event (gum bleed) noted. Six cases were forwarded to the Cardiology Division for review and follow-up, if necessary.

HUMAN INSULIN STANDARD

The Committee approved a proposal to make human insulin the standard for all inpatient insulin orders which do not have a species source (i.e. purified pork, or purified beef) ordered for a patient or where documented allergy exists.

The purpose behind this substitution is to minimize the potential for patients getting an inappropriate species source of insulin with the antigenic potential of conventional insulin. Implementation will occur on May 1, 1991.

- 1) Human insulin types (Regular, NPH, Lente, Ultralente) will be used for all insulin orders which don't have the species source (Purified Pork or Beef) indicated on the order. The only exceptions will be for documented allergy to human insulin or where no human type is available (See table below).
- 2) Conventional Regular, NPH, Lente and Ultralente insulin will be eliminated from the formulary.
- 3) Human Regular and NPH will be the only insulin types maintained on floor stock. All other types and species will be dispensed on a physician order and will be returned to pharmacy at time of patient discharge.
- 4) At discharge, the Physician and/or Nurse should inform the patient to resume the insulin used at home, unless otherwise specified in writing by the physician.

TABLE 1

Current Status of Insulin types and species

Type	Species			
	Conventional	Purified Pork	Purified Beef	Human
Regular	Deleted	Form	Form	Form FS
Semilente	Form	NA	NA	NA
NPH	Deleted	Form	Form	Form FS
Lente	Deleted	Form	NS	Form
PZI	Form	NA	NA	NA
Ultralente	Deleted	NA	NA	Form
NPH/Regular 70/30	NA	Form	NA	Form
Regular Buffered	NA	NA	NA	Form
U-500 Regular	NA	Form	NA	NA

Form - formulary

NA - not available commercially

Form FS - formulary floor stock

NS- Available, not formulary

Please contact Jim Giardina (#8880) if you have any questions on this subject.