



## Progress Notes

# MEDICAL STAFF

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at both the issue and the process. There is no doubt that there were Medical Staff members on both sides of the question who felt they had the best interest of our staff and institution at heart. Although we were eventually able to reach a resolution in a reasonably amicable manner, it is most important for us all to give some thought toward how we deal with important yet controversial issues such as this. The goal should be to ensure that we have an orderly way of evaluating difficult problems without engendering acrimony and divisiveness.

We will certainly need to hone these skills as a collective Medical Staff if we are to be successful in dealing with the ever-widening array of third party payors, regulators, and other "players" who are seeking to become increasingly involved with the direction and control of medical care. As always, I welcome your thoughts and constructive comments.

The Clinical Planning Committee has begun to meet again. Its current focus, of course, is to facilitate the new Clinical Plan

itself. The committee specifically is looking at implementation of a transitional plan with several task forces appointed to help with this. In addition, the issue of Ambulatory Care is receiving immediate attention from this committee.

As previously mentioned, we are making plans to establish a litigation support service for physicians involved in malpractice actions. This is to consist of a group of interested individuals who may have experience with malpractice problems, and are willing to provide information, counseling and support to their colleagues going through this often painful process. This will be a loosely structured network rather than a group with formal regular meetings. Please indicate your interest through the Medical Staff Services Office.

John Jaffe, M.D.  
President, Medical Staff



### From the President

Now that the dust has settled a bit over the Managed Care question, I am hopeful that we will all be able to take a dispassionate look



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## **KePRO KORNER**

Physicians are reminded that Medical Staff Bylaws require that KePRO issues involving quality assurance and utilization be forwarded upon receipt to the Office of Medical Affairs at The Allentown Hospital site.

### **National Association of Medical Staff Services Week Celebrated**

The week of November 4-10 was celebrated as National Association of Medical Staff Services Week. The association is organized in 40 states with more than 2,000 members representing hospitals and other healthcare organizations.

Medical Staff Services is responsible for ensuring compliance with federal, JCAHO, and state mandates concerning various aspects of medical staff activities, including medical staff credentialing, appointment, and reappointment.

Members of Medical Staff Services at TAH--LVHC include John W. Hart, Vice President; Rita M. Mest, Medical Staff Coordinator; Eileen Iobst, Medical Staff Secretary; and Elizabeth Ehnot, Medical Staff Receptionist, who support the activities of the 700+ member Medical Staff.

### **Deadline for Mandatory Eye Exams Extended**

The Laser Safety Committee has extended the date for all laser credentialed attending physicians and residents for mandatory eye examinations, as required by Laser Policy #7101.00. The deadline has been extended from Friday, November 29, 1991 to Tuesday, December 31, 1991.

Eye exams are at the physician's own expense, and a report of the ophthalmologic exam should be forwarded to the Medical Staff Office upon completion.

### **Echo Lab On-Call Coverage**

Effective October 28, the Echocardiogram Department within the Heart Station at both sites will extend their on-call coverage to include weekdays. This will provide coverage for all STAT echo requests during non-scheduled staffing periods. Weekday call coverage begins each day at 5 p.m. and extends until 7 a.m. the following morning. Weekend call coverage begins Friday at 5 p.m. and continues until Monday morning at 7 a.m.

All requests for a STAT call-in echo must be arranged through a cardiologist who will be available upon completion of the echo to give a STAT interpretation. This does not represent a consultation on the patient.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call Nancy L. Carr, Director, Cardiology, at 776-8829.

### **Pre-Admission Testing Requests at LVHC**

The Pre-Admission Testing Department at the LVHC site has been working with the Admitting Department to better utilize resources while simultaneously improving customer service with physician offices.

Effective November 11, 1991, when calling in an elective or Short Stay Unit reservation at LVHC, the Admitting Department will take requests for all pre-admission testing information and requirements. This information will be transmitted to the Pre-Admission Department, decreasing the calls currently required by physicians' offices.

Information and guidelines have been distributed to physician offices. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Terry Ceci Miorelli, Director, Pre-Admission Testing (LVHC), at 776-8877.

**A General Medical Staff Meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. All physicians are urged to attend.**

## Post-Hospital Patient Care

In order that a patient may be transferred to a rehabilitation hospital, skilled nursing facility, or receive home health services post hospital discharge, physicians must complete the appropriate form noting diagnosis, medications, treatment, etc. These forms must also be signed and dated by the attending physician. If this is not done, the services mentioned cannot be provided. This is a requirement of Medicare, Medicaid, and other Third Party payors.

Physician cooperation is necessary in order to provide patients with the appropriate continuum of care upon discharge from the hospital.

## Transcranial Doppler

Effective November 1, 1991, the Vascular Laboratory at the LVHC site will be performing all Transcranial Doppler studies.

Inpatient referrals will be scheduled through physician orders on charts. Outpatient studies will be scheduled by appointment only and will be performed at the LVHC site. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 776-8824 or 776-8825.

There is no preparation for this procedure which takes approximately one hour.

If you have any questions, please contact Alice Madden, Manager,

Vascular Laboratory, at 776-8824.



### LABORATORY UPDATE

#### *Blood Transfusion Consent/ Refusal Form*

Recently, Administrative Policy #6301.00 - Transfusion Consent, was distributed to all physicians. At the November 5, 1991 Medical Executive Committee meeting, a revision regarding when to obtain consent was recommended and approved. **Consent for transfusion is only required when ordering a type and crossmatch. Consent is not required when you are requesting a type and screen be done.**

A memo outlining the changes to the policy, which was distributed to the nursing staff, will be distributed to all physicians under separate cover.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Theodore J. Matulewicz, M.D., Chairman, Transfusion Review Committee, at 776-8140, or Cindy Litzenberger, Quality Assurance Liaison, at 778-2414.

#### *STAT Chem 20 Orders*

A two-week audit of the Chem 20 test indicated that it is ordered

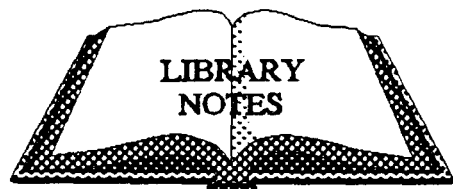
inappropriately STAT 23% of the time. A Chem 20 is a routine laboratory test and should never be ordered STAT. When a Chem 20 is ordered as STAT, it delays result reporting and contributes to increased laboratory costs due to special specimen handling and duplicate testing. If a STAT is required, a Chem 7 should be ordered along with other individual tests as required.

For your information, the laboratory large volume instrument is now the Technicon DAX which replaced the SMAC in September. The DAX is in operation from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Gerald E. Clement, Ph.D., Director, Toxicology/Immunology/Chemistry, at 776-8150 or 778-2534, or Jan Gushen, Chemistry Supervisor, at 776-8174.

### Reminder!

**Don't forget to put  
Saturday, March 28,  
1992, on your calendar --  
the date of the first  
Physician Recognition  
Dinner.**



Requests for photocopies of articles for which citations are accurate and complete will be processed for attending physicians within 24 hours if staff time permits. However, the Library is unable to provide telefax service for journal articles at this time.

As in the past, in-hospital departments are encouraged to send clerical staff to the library to photocopy articles.

### **Recent Acquisitions**

New book acquisitions at TAH site include:

Datta. **Anesthetic and Obstetric Management of High-Risk Pregnancy.** Mosby-Year, 1991.

Harrison. **The Unborn Patient: Prenatal Diagnosis and Treatment.** 2d ed. W.B. Saunders, 1991.

Wei. **Pediatric Dentistry: Total Patient Care.** Lea & Febiger, 1988.

Recent book acquisitions at LVHC include:

American Medical Association. **Physician Characteristics and Distribution in the U.S.** AMA, 1990.

New Periodical Subscription at LVHC:

**Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technology Assessment**, produced by the American Medical Association, assists physicians in evaluating new technology and procedures.

## **Telefax Update**

In July 1990, the Eugene Davids Co., Inc., was selected as the hospital's preferred vendor for telefax equipment. As the preferred vendor, Eugene Davids Co., Inc., agreed to offer the hospital's discount to physicians who are members of TAH--LVHC Medical Staff. Over the past several months, Eugene Davids Co., Inc., has successfully worked with the hospital and physician offices to implement fax technology which has facilitated communication among physician practices and the hospital.

Some of the benefits that have been realized by physicians and their office staffs include: history and physicals performed in the physician office are faxed by the physician's office to the hospital eliminating the need to repeat the procedure when the patient is admitted; ancillary test results, such as laboratory and radiology reports, are more readily available to the physicians through fax transmission to the physician's office; faxing patient consent forms completed in the physician's office has reduced surgical and procedural delays; and requests for medical records needed for immediate patient care are received more timely through fax transmission.

In addition to these benefits, the vendor offers physician offices an analysis of their fax applications to determine the appropriate type and level of machine to meet the practice's needs. Quality training and service following the

purchase of a machine is also provided by the company.

For more information regarding fax equipment for your office, contact David Guzowski at the Eugene Davids Co., at 1-800-422-8592. If you have any questions or comments regarding the hospital's fax program, please contact Pat Skrovanek, POPS Representative, at 778-2781.

Any physician offices who have fax machines, please submit your fax number to Medical Staff Services for inclusion in the Medical Staff directory. Please fax your practice name and fax number to the attention of Eileen Iobst, Medical Staff Secretary, at 778-2867.

## **Physician Information Card**

Included with this month's issue of *Medical Staff Progress Notes* is a Telephone Hotlist which contains hospital telephone numbers frequently used by physicians. The card also contains a summary of the key benefits for the PHAMIS patient care computer system along with Dictation I.D. numbers.

The card will be updated regularly with new developments of the PHAMIS computer system and to reflect pertinent changes to the telephone hotlist.

For additional copies of the pocket card, contact Deborah Strauss at HealthEast Information Services at 778-1401.

## Mailbox Mania

In an effort to improve the delivery of hospital mail to private physician offices, Physician Office Practice Services (POPS) has been investigating several alternatives to using in-hospital mailboxes.

Through this investigation, it has been found that the majority of practices prefer hospital courier service, when available, or U.S. Mail.

Courier service is currently available to offices located at:

- \* 400 N. 17th Street (Fairgrounds Medical Center)
- \* 401 N. 17th Street (Allentown Medical Center)
- \* 1210 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. (MOB 1)
- \* 1230 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. (MOB 2)

A pilot project with courier service, scheduled to begin on December 2, is being planned for offices located at:

- \* 1251 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.
- \* 1259 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.
- \* 1275 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.

Through the use of courier service, when available, private physician practices should notice a quicker turnaround of reports and necessary information from the hospital which will enable continued efficient care to your patients. In addition, a significant savings in postage costs will be noticed by the hospital.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this issue, please contact Joe Pilla, POPS Representative, at 778-9647.

## Applicant Referral Service

Physician Office Practice Services (POPS) has received numerous requests from physician offices for assistance in finding full-time and part-time office personnel. In response to these requests, POPS is pleased to announce the addition of the Applicant Referral Service.

This service consists of special application forms, developed by POPS, which are available to individual job applicants at the Human Resources Department at both hospital sites. Interested job applicants may complete one of the application forms. Completed applications will be kept on file in the POPS office according to job classification, i.e., receptionist, medical assistant, etc. Upon request, POPS will forward copies of appropriate applications to physician offices for review.

Information regarding this program was mailed to physicians' office managers on November 5. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the program, contact Maria L. Pillsbury, POPS Representative, at 778-2242.

## "Red Bag" Program Update

Earlier this year, Incendere, Inc., was selected as the preferred vendor of TAH--LVHC Medical Staff for the disposal of infectious waste. Incendere is a full-service company which transports, handles, and destructs medical waste. Since July, Incendere has set up infectious waste disposal programs for over 35 Medical Staff offices.

This program was investigated and set up by Physician Office Practice Services (POPS) at the request of many physicians and office managers. Thanks to you, your feedback and input helped develop a high quality, cost-effective program for the Medical Staff.

Any TAH--LVHC Medical Staff office seeking the services of an infectious waste disposal vendor should contact Joe Pilla, POPS Representative, at 778-9647, for more information.

### *Quote of the Month*

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

## CPT 1992 Available

CPT 1992, a publication listing the latest revised CPT codes required by Medicare for use in January, 1992, will be available through the American Medical Association in mid-December. The cost of the publication is \$27 for members, and \$34 for non-members. The American Medical Association also offers a pre-packaged CPT that includes a CPT 1992 and a CPT minibook covering one of eight specialty areas.

For more information or to place an order, contact the American Medical Association at 1-800-621-8335.

## Nutrition and Dietetics Consumer Hot Line Announced

Through a grant from Kraft General Foods, the National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics (NCND) will have a Consumer Nutrition Hot Line available beginning in December, 1991.

The hotline, which will be staffed by registered dietitians from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Central Time), Monday through Friday, will answer food and nutrition-related questions. Recorded nutrition messages will also be available 24 hours daily.

The number for the NCND Consumer Nutrition Hot Line is 1-800-366-1655.

## Reminder from Outpatient Lab Services

In order to increase efficiency within the outpatient laboratory, physicians are requested to **please** make a special effort to **write legibly** and **be specific** when requesting lab tests for patients. This will save a considerable amount of time during the patient's registration and in the outpatient lab area, and will also reduce the patient's anxiety caused by confusion and delay when clarification of tests is necessary. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

## Congratulations!



**Robert J. Coni, M.D.,**  
neurologist, and  
his wife,

Carolyn, welcomed a baby son on November 1, 1991. Gregory Hunter Coni weighed 7 lbs., 6 3/4 oz., and was 19 1/2 in. long. He was welcomed home by his sister Lauren.

**George A. Kirchner, D.D.S.,** prosthodontist, was recently named chairman of the Council of Dental Care Programs for the American Dental Association (ADA). Now in his fourth year on the Council, Dr. Kirchner served a Vice Chairman this past year. He also serves on a special ADA Task Force studying the health care and financing policy for the ADA.

**Linda L. Lapos, M.D.,** colon and rectal surgeon, was recently informed that she successfully completed the Certifying Examination and has now become a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery.

**F. Geoffrey Toonder, M.D.,** cardio-thoracic surgeon, was recently appointed chairman of the Membership Committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Thoracic Surgeons. Any cardio-thoracic surgeons wishing to join the Association should contact Dr. Toonder at 434-6886.

## IN CASE OF FIRE...

If you ever find yourself in a fire situation, remember the following abbreviated **Code Yellow** procedure:

### 1st - FIRE ALARM

- \* Locate fire alarm nearest the fire.
- \* Take hold of fire alarm handle and pull down.

### 2nd - TELEPHONE

- \* Dial 555.
- \* Give your:
  - name
  - hospital site
  - room number/specific location
  - type of fire

### 3rd - ACTION

- \* Remove patients from danger.

For more information, refer to the yellow **FIRE SAFETY** poster located in numerous locations throughout the hospital.

## Publications, Papers and Presentations

Henry H. Fetterman, M.D., obstetrician/gynecologist, presented *"Shoulder Dystocia -- Risk Management"* at the District III Annual District Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists held October 13 to 17, in Orlando, Fla.

Houshang G. Hamadani, M.D., psychiatrist, presented a paper titled *"Therapeutic Miliue and Cultural Issues"* at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture held recently in Natchez, Miss.

Herbert L. Hyman, M.D., gastroenterologist and senior consultant in gastroenterology, spoke on *"Women's Abdominal Affairs"* at the October 22 meeting of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Society held in Dayton, Ohio. The following day, he spoke at the Department of Gynecology Grand Rounds at the Miami Valley Hospital.

Dr. Hyman was also a guest speaker at the U.C.C. Church in Coopersburg where he spoke on *"Faith and Health."* Along with Jane E. Ziegler, Director, Clinical Nutrition Services, Dr. Hyman gave a talk on *"Supermarket Savvy"* to a group of retirees at Air Products.

Peter A. Keblish, M.D., chief of Orthopedic Surgery, authored a publication which appeared in the October, 1991 issue of *Clinical Orthopaedics*. The publication, titled *"The Lateral Approach to*

*the Valgus Knee: Surgical Technique and Analysis of 53 Cases with Over Two-Year Follow-Up Evaluation,"* is part of the Newest Knowledge of Total Knee Arthroplasty symposium.

Charles A. Kosteva, D.D.S., general dentist, and John S. Ziegler, D.D.S., chairman, Department of Dentistry, served as co-chairman for the Valley Forge Dental Conference held in September. The conference, sponsored by the Second District Dental Association of Pennsylvania, attracted more than 3,900 attendees. Drs. Kosteva and Ziegler continue to serve on the Steering Committee for the conference in addition to serving on several other committees.

Lester Rosen, M.D., colon and rectal surgeon, was invited to speak at the American College of Surgeons meeting on October 25 for the Colorectal Session on *Retrorectal Neoplasms*. He also chaired the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Standards Task Force which sets National Standards for colorectal surgery.

## HealthCounts News

HealthCounts, the employee and community wellness program of The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, will present the following free public lecture in November:

Heart Healthy Cooking will be presented on Wednesday, November 20, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC

site. Come join Jane E. Ziegler, Director, Clinical Nutrition Services, and Marvin Schmidt, Executive Chef, who will provide information for participants to become their own heart healthy cooking experts. Activities will include recipe modification for everyday and special occasion menu planning. A special feature will include heart healthy recipes for the holidays.

In addition to this free lecture, HealthCounts offers a number of classes and programs for weight control, stress management, and smoking cessation which may benefit your patients.

For more information regarding these and other programs, please call HealthCounts at 821-2150.

### 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 improvements in our work processes. Our approach is based on "Prevention" and the concept of "Do it right the first time."

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*Medical Staff Progress Notes* is published monthly to inform TAH--LVHC Medical Staff and employees of important issues concerning the Medical Staff. Articles should be submitted to Janet M. Laudenslager, Coordinator, Physician Office Practice Services, TAH site, by the first of each month. If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, please call Ms. Laudenslager at 778-2780.

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES,  
SEMINARS AND MEETINGS*****Regional Symposium Series***

**Pain: The Patient's Experience, The Clinician's Challenge** will be held on Friday, November 15, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Holiday Inn-Bethlehem, Routes 512 and 22, Bethlehem. At the completion of this program, the participant will be able to identify assessment parameters consistent with various etiologic factors of pain, describe the use of the "analgesic ladder" as an approach to the selection of pharmacological agents in the treatment of pain, identify specific strategies and interventions for promoting pain control, identify the problems, myths and misconceptions that lead to inadequate control of pain, discuss the special considerations in managing pain for geriatric patients, and outline strategies for implementation of pain documentation standards. This program will benefit physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals interested in pain management.

**HIV Infected Healthcare Worker** will be held on Friday, November 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. At the completion of this program concerning the HIV infected healthcare worker, the participant will be able to describe various techniques of discovery; nature of information revealed, including employee consent; counseling issues related to patients and employees; assessment of fitness for duty;

and necessity of reassignment of duty. The program will benefit Employee Health professionals, Infection Control practitioners, nursing personnel, Human Resource professionals, and other disciplines involved in direct patient care.

**First Annual Musculoskeletal Sciences Symposium: Update on Lower Extremity Injuries in Athletes** will be held on Saturday, December 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of the LVHC site. At the completion of this program, the participant will be able to describe the symptoms, treatment, and rehabilitation process of knee, ankle, and foot injuries in the athlete. The program will benefit orthopedic surgeons, general practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists, coaches, trainers, and others interested in an update on lower extremity injuries in the athlete.

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

***Medical Grand Rounds***

**HIV Seroprevalance at TAH--LVHC** will be presented by Luther Rhodes III, M.D., chief of the Section of Infectious Disease, on November 19.

**Vasopressors for Heat Failure in Cardiogenic Shock** will be presented by Carl Leier, M.D., Division of Cardiology, Ohio State University, on November 26.

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

***Pediatrics Conference Schedule***

**Experience with Pediatric Trauma at LVHC Site** will be presented by Michael Rhodes, M.D., chief, Division of Trauma, on November 22.

**Home Care of Ventilator Dependent Children** will be presented by Robert G. Kettrick, M.D., chairman, Division of Critical Care Services, A. I. DuPont Institute, on December 13.

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

***Primary Care Seminars***

**Female Infertility** will be presented by Bruce I. Rose, M.D., obstetrician/gynecologist, on Wednesday, November 20, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Auditorium of TAH site.

**Carotid Artery Stenosis** will be presented by John E. Castaldo, M.D., neurologist, on Wednesday, December 11, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Auditorium of the LVHC site.

For more information, contact the Department of Medicine at 776-8200.



## Physician Practice Opportunities

\* Slots are currently available for the Brown Bag suite at Kutztown Professional Center.

\* Office Space Available - Share large medical office near LVHC. Fully furnished and staffed. Multiple line phone system. Computerized billing available.

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

\* For Sale - Medical-Professional Office Building on Cedar Crest Boulevard, just minutes from both The Allentown Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital Center sites. Plenty of parking. Ideal for physician.

\* 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.

\* Springhouse Professional Center, 1575 Pond Road. Lease or sale of space. Ideal for physician's office. Two suites available -- one with 2,540 sq. ft.; one with 2,514 sq. ft. Will finish space to specifications.

\* Office space available -- for sale or sublease. Medical-professional office building on South Cedar Crest Boulevard, just minutes from both The Allentown Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital Center sites. 3,560 total sq. ft. Ample parking, security/fire alarms installed. Ideal for physician group.

For more information, contact Joe Pilla, POPS Representative, at 778-9647.

## 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.

### Medical Staff

#### Appointments

#### Melchiorre L. Buscemi, MD

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Provisional Active

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Department of Surgery  
Division of Orthopedic Surgery  
Section of Podiatry  
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Department of Medicine  
Division of Dermatology  
Provisional Referring

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#### Mary T. Zygmunt, DO

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Department of Obstetrics and  
Gynecology  
Provisional Courtesy

#### Additional Privileges

#### Henry H. Fetterman, MD

Department of Obstetrics and  
Gynecology  
Emeritus Active  
Radium Insertion Privileges

#### Beth A. Folio, MD

Department of Obstetrics and  
Gynecology  
Provisional Active  
Additional Obstetrical and  
Gynecologic Privileges

#### Bruce M. Kaufmann, MD

Department of Obstetrics and  
Gynecology  
Courtesy  
Obstetrical Privileges

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**Yasin Khan, MD**

Department of Anesthesiology  
Pain Management  
Provisional Active  
Specific Surgical Privileges for  
Pain Management

**Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Colon and Rectal  
Surgery  
Active  
Laparoscopic Endoscopy  
Privileges

**John A. Mannisi, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Internal Medicine  
Section of Cardiology  
Active  
Cardiac Catheterization  
Laboratory Privileges without  
PTCA Privileges

**Mark D. Rader, MD**

Department of Obstetrics and  
Gynecology  
Active  
CO<sub>2</sub> and YAG Laser Privileges

**Craig R. Reckard, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of General Surgery  
Section of Transplantation  
Surgery  
Provisional Active  
Laparoscopic Endoscopy  
Privileges

**Robert D. Riether, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Colon and Rectal  
Surgery  
Active  
Laparoscopic Endoscopy  
Privileges

**Change of Status**

**Lawrence M. Galtman, MD**

Department of Pediatrics  
Division of General Pediatrics  
From Active to Courtesy

**Peter H. Goldman, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Family Practice  
From Active to Courtesy

**Robert G. Harman, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Family Practice  
From Courtesy to Honorary

**Elizabeth J. Knapper, MD**

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Division of Dermatology  
From Consulting to Referring

**Richard C. Pearce, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Family Practice  
From Courtesy to Referring

**Stephen C. Senft, MD**

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Division of Dermatology  
From Consulting to Referring

**David B. Vasily, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Dermatology  
From Courtesy to Referring

**Voluntary Reduction of Privileges**

**David B. Goldner, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Internal Medicine  
Section of Cardiology  
No longer performs Cardiac  
Catheterization Laboratory  
Procedures

**Resignations**

**Thomas H. Pierzchala, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Family Practice

**David A. Tomb, MD**

Department of Psychiatry

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Number Changes**

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**Joseph M. Jacobs, MD**

**Robert N. Pursell, MD**  
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Associates

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**Telephone Number Correction**

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# 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 October 14, 1991 Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting.

### PARENTERAL ANTIBIOTIC ACTIVITY

Following several months of work, the P & T Committee approved a new Parenteral Antibiotic ordering and evaluation program. The program was developed by a task force from Medicine, Surgery, OB/GYN, Pediatrics and P & T with support from Pharmacy. The essential components are a separate check off style parenteral antibiotic order sheet together with suggested guidelines for major agents printed on the reverse side. To assist the prescriber, a copy of the antibiogram and an interpretation of the data with recommended agents for common pathogens will be included in each patient chart. P & T will review usage which falls outside the guidelines for selected agents. More details will follow.

### FORMULARY REQUESTS

**Bepredil (Vascor, McNeil)** a calcium channel blocker with local anesthetic properties indicated as a second line agent for chronic stable angina patients. This agent has serious side effects i.e. proarrhythmias, agranulocytosis, therefore, the request was tabled until the Cardiology Division submits usage guidelines. In the meantime, a Pharmacist will inform all non-cardiologist ordering physicians that their patients should meet the manufacturer recommended patient selection criteria before dispensing bepredil.

**Pipecuronium (Arduan, Organon) and Doxacurium (Nuromax, B-W)** both are long acting nondepolarizing neuromuscular blocking agents indicated as adjuncts to general anesthesia. Both have an improved cardiovascular side effect profile over pancuronium. Anesthesia will select one of these agents and use if preferentially.

### DRUG USE EVALUATION

**Clozapine** - Criteria to review this drug's usage in schizophrenia, dosage regimen, monitoring requirements, and adverse events were approved.

**Tetracaine, Adrenalin, Cocaine (TAC)** - Data from 39 patients who received this topical anesthetic combination were reviewed. Major conclusions were 4 patients (10%) had it applied to contraindicated surfaces, 2 patients (5%) had reapplication, 20 patients (51%) had no documentation of dose or efficacy, 17 patients (44%) received supplemental lidocaine. Results will be sent to Chairman of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics and Nursing Administrator, Ambulatory Services for review, comment and

CENTOXIN PRE-MARKETING DISCUSSIONS

Centoxin is a human IgM monoclonal antibody, which will be marketed in the next several months. It has received a significant amount of publicity both in the Medical and Financial literature because of its indications for treatment of gram negative bacteremic sepsis and high cost (Approximate-\$4,000/dose). In fiscal year 1991, there were 167 confirmed cases of gram negative Septicemia at our institution. The committee agreed that a task force be appointed by the Chairman to review the potential role for this agent in our formulary.

KETOROLAC (TORODAL) AVAILABILITY AND RESTRICTION

This article is an update on the availability of Ketorolac (Toradol) and the P & T Committee's action on the issue. First, Ketorolac distribution will continue to be limited thru December because of the manufacturer's inability to supply. Second, we are able to get only 100 doses of 30mg/week, and the 15mg strength is not being produced. Third, continued restrictions are necessary since unlimited usage would exhaust supply. Hence, the P & T Committee approved that distribution should be allowed to all Prescribers who document on the order sheet at least one of the following in patients who are NPO.

- a) Respiratory Depression ( $PCO_2 > 50$  torr or  $PO_2 < 60$  torr) is present.
- b) Sedation is potentially harmful to patient.
- c) Opioids are contraindicated (allergy, etc), side effects are intolerable (urinary retention in prostate hypertrophy, etc) patient has adynamic bowel (Ogilvie's Syndrome, etc), or pancreatic/biliary disorders which preclude opioid use.

To obtain Ketorolac physicians are asked to write an order on the Doctor's Order Sheet and indicate the reason within the order. You are also asked to review usage against the above criteria and convert to oral or parenteral opioid therapy as soon as possible to conserve this limited supply.

Please contact Jim Giardina, Director of Pharmacy at #8880 if you have questions.

TWO IS NOT BETTER THAN ONE

Occasionally, patients receive sucralfate together with an H2 Receptor Antagonist (PO or IV). There is no demonstrated benefit to this combination therapy. Duodenal ulcers heal equally well with sucralfate monotherapy as with combination therapy. As for gastric ulcer prophylaxis, combination therapy may be more effective than a H2 Blocker alone but no more effective than Sucralfate alone. Physicians will be advised of these facts and urged to change to monotherapy through a non-permanent chart note.