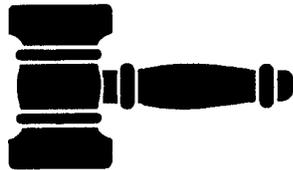


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The man who removes a mountain
begins by carrying away small stones.

Chinese Proverb

The Chinese culture, most certainly, is embued with wisdom and has many pearls to offer us. My only question is "what happens when there are multiple mountains and the stones aren't so small?"

Of course, the major news this month is that the Muhlenberg Hospital Center/ Lehigh Valley Hospital merger is now a reality. On November 20, 1997, the new Lehigh Valley Health Network, Inc. was born. Where there were two hospital systems, there now stands one. Where there were two medical staffs, there now stands ... two. As you know, a Medical Staff Merger Transition Team Exchange session was held at the Lehigh Valley Hospital campus on November 10 and at the Muhlenberg Hospital Center campus on November 11. While these sessions were sparsely attended at both sites, certain common themes and questions recurred.

- Do we need to merge and what is the value of merging the two staffs?
- If we merge, is the Transition Team considering Bylaws implications?
- How is medical staff credentialing to be handled?

- What will be the requirements for Board certification?
- What will be the implications for the Manpower Plan which has been in effect at Lehigh Valley Hospital since 1982?

These are just a few of the issues that arose. The purpose of these first exchanges were to listen to the concerns and opinions of the physicians membership of our two staffs. At this time, the Transition Team feels that merging the two medical staffs is the correct course to take to allow synergy, forge new relationships, facilitate program development, allow all physicians to speak with one large voice, enhance efficiency, assure uniform credentialing, address manpower plan/ issues, and, most importantly, ensure that quality is uniform across the new hospital system. Other than this, no firm answers/policies have been defined. I promise to take all these issues into our meetings and report back to our medical staff as we progress.

An interesting parallel issue has arisen in our discussions with Muhlenberg colleagues who, as many of you may already know, usually have multiple hospital affiliations. That issue centers around the incentive for Muhlenberg physicians to more closely align themselves with Lehigh Valley Health Network. One simple and obvious incentive is that, with a more extensive, unified hospital system, we will be better able to develop physician led and hospital supported programs which will help us better serve the population of the Lehigh Valley. However, this issue has once again stimulated our own concerns about

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“alignment”. We are now beginning to discuss at the administrative level, as well as at the Medical Executive Committee, creative incentives to help physicians see real value to their practices by alignment with Lehigh Valley Health Network. As these discussions develop from their infancy, you will be kept up to speed.

The need for tightening our ranks and solidifying our own, locally based, hospital system was made abundantly clear on Wednesday, November 12 when banner headlines on the front page of the Morning Call announced that the University of Pennsylvania will be coming to the Lehigh Valley to begin a clinical and educational affiliation with St. Luke's Hospital. Most certainly, there is some value to strengthening our own shop to help keep patients here in the Lehigh Valley and away from Philadelphia!

In the last several weeks, an old concept has been resurrected, i.e. the Trexlertown Medical Mall. I'm happy to report that Medical Staff leadership is now involved in this latest set of discussions, whereas this had not been the case in the earlier series. The concept will be to develop a brand-name “Ambulatory Supermarket” which can be extended, with modifications, to other areas within PennCARE. This wellness center will include concepts such as preventative medicine/wellness education, programs such as Women's Health Centers, Urgent Care Centers, Diagnostic facilities, and

Brown Bag Suites. There will be a real paradigm shift from a practice-based medical office building to an ambulatory program-based medical community center. This is an exciting concept with tremendous potential for our patients, our practices, and Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Finally, I don't mean to beat a dead horse, but this is an important dead horse. JCAHO will be visiting us Monday, December 15 through Friday, December 19. I remind you all that anyone walking the halls on any of those five days is subject to being interviewed/interrogated. To lessen the burden on everyone, Medical Staff Services will be providing “cheat sheets” in the lounges and parking lots on the dates of the inspection. I encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with this information and keep it handy during this five day stint.

Too many stones ...!

Despite the number of stones and mountains we are all facing, on behalf of David Caccese, John Castaldo, John Hart, Beth Martin, Rita Mest, Karen Fox, Bess Ehnot, Janet Seifert, and myself, I wish you and all your families Happy and Safe Holidays and a healthy and rewarding 1998!



Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD
President, Medical Staff

Radiology File Room Changes

With only a week's notice and very few options, during the weekend of November 15 and 16, a large section of the viewing area in the Radiology File Room was lost due to the East Wing construction project. This was totally unanticipated. Radiology administration is currently working with the Facilities and Construction staff to

identify a way to enlarge or relocate the viewing area. However, this will take some time as a variance needs to be obtained from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Radiology regrets any inconvenience and appreciates your continued support.

LVH Studies Effects of Radiation on Regrowth of Heart Lesions

Can radiation slow the regrowth of blockages in the heart's arteries, possibly preventing heart attacks? Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) physicians are hoping their role in a national research study will help answer this question.

LVH is one of 12 hospitals in the U.S. -- the only one in Pennsylvania -- that will soon be treating sections of patients' cardiac arteries with low-dose gamma radiation, after re-opening obstructions where wire stents had been inserted to maintain blood flow. Stents are small mesh tubes used to permanently hold open blockages that were flattened against the artery wall using a balloon catheter. About one-half million people in the U.S. undergo balloon angioplasties each year to clear their cardiac arteries of these obstructions.

According to Bryan W. Kluck, DO, LVH cardiologist and co-principal investigator for the hospital, the research will determine the effectiveness of radiation in delaying or preventing the recurrence of blockages at the stent site.

"Generally, about 20 percent of patients return to the hospital within six months of stent placement for the removal of lesions that form at the stent site," Dr. Kluck said, adding that these obstructions result from the body trying to repair the tiny cracks in the artery lining caused by balloon dilation and stent insertion. Hopefully, treating the site with radiation will retard the natural healing response in the artery, which tends to cause tissue overgrowth and restrict adequate blood flow in many patients."

LVH cardiologists will recruit up to 50 patients for the trial, which is

scheduled to last six months and involve three years of follow up of participants. The study will use a double-blind strategy so neither the patient nor the physician knows if radiation or a placebo is being used.

Clinton H. Leinweber, D.O., LVH radiation oncologist and co-principal investigator, explains the use of radioactive material in the study.

"After the lesion is re-opened at the stent site, a tiny ribbon containing several radioactive seeds' is guided through a catheter to the stent, left there for about 15 minutes and then removed."

According to Dr. Leinweber, computer planning will determine the ideal radiation dose for the procedure and ensure that only the targeted area of the artery is exposed to the radioactive material.

LVH operates the third largest heart program in Pennsylvania. Its cardiologists use balloon angioplasties and innovative techniques like stents, atherectomy and rotoblator to improve blood flow through the heart arteries of nearly 1,500 patients per year. In 1996, cardiac surgeons completed over 1,000 cases of open heart surgery at LVH, which also pioneers new operative techniques designed to improve patient recovery and reduce hospital stays.

There will be a meeting of the General Medical Staff on Monday, December 8, beginning at 5:45 p.m., in the Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78. All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

Immunization Recommendation for Health Care Workers

Because of their contact with patients or infective material from patients, many health care workers (including physicians, nurses, dental staff, medical and nursing students, laboratory technicians, administrative staff, etc.) are at risk for exposure to, and possible transmission of, vaccine preventable diseases. Optimal use of immunizing agents will safeguard the health of workers and protect patients from becoming infected. A program requiring immunizations of health care workers could eliminate the problem of having susceptible health care workers in hospitals and health departments and the attendant risks to other workers and patients.

Health care facility staff born in 1957 or later with direct patient contact (even casual) should be required to document receipt of the following immunizations.

Measles - Two doses of measles vaccine (preferably MMR) received on or after the first birthday (in 1968 or later) or laboratory evidence of immunity. In addition, receipt of one dose of MMR is strongly recommended for medical staff born before 1957.

Rubella - One dose of rubella vaccine on or after the first birthday or laboratory evidence of immunity.

Mumps - One dose of mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday or documented history of mumps disease.

Hepatitis B - Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine for all medical and other support personnel who may have contact with blood or body products or laboratory evidence of immunity.

Td - Completion of a primary series of Td and a vaccine booster dose every 10 years.

Influenza - Annual vaccination with current influenza vaccine (either whole or splits virus).

Varicella - Two properly spaced doses of varicella vaccine or laboratory evidence of immunity or a reliable history of varicella.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease, Division of Immunization, August 1997.

If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Fry in Infection Control at 402-0680.

You're Invited!

All LVHHN employees, physicians, and volunteers are invited to attend the network's annual meeting. The theme of this year's review is "A Neighbor to All," which will focus on PennCARE, the merger, the Department of Community Health and Health Studies, and how LVHHN is designing the future of health care.

Date: Wednesday, December 3

Time: 4 p.m.

**Location: Lehigh Valley Hospital Auditorium
Cedar Crest & I-78**

Physician Blood/Body Fluid Exposure

Act 148 (1990) - Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act for Pennsylvania specifically outlines the regulations for reporting, certifying and testing health care providers following an exposure to patients' blood or body fluids. Recently, there have been several cases of exposures throughout the Lehigh Valley Hospital when the proper sequence of testing the health care provider and the patient has not been followed, creating a liability for both the hospital and the provider who is ordering the patient's test. Individual physicians are not to initiate HIV testing in the event of a blood/body fluid exposure, without regard to the requirements of Act 148.

Several opportunities exist to inform and educate the physician staff about the appropriate procedure to follow in the event of a blood/body fluid exposure.

- Policy #6300.25 - HIV Antibody Testing of the Members of the Medical Staff -- can be found in the Administrative Manual.
- Policy #3900.00 - Managing Blood and Body Fluid Exposures - - can be found in the Infection Control Manual.
- A needle stick hotline - 402-STIK - is available 24 hours a day, with a recorded message detailing steps to take when an exposure occurs.
- E-mail messages have been sent, and physician newsletter updates have been published.
- A poster was created depicting a user-friendly flow diagram displaying the process to follow after an exposure.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Terry Burger, Manager, Infection Control at 402-0680.

Lab Re-certified for EEGs

The neurophysiology laboratory recently received a five-year re-accreditation to conduct electroencephalography studies (EEGs), from the EEG Laboratory Accreditation Board of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society. Lehigh Valley Hospital's EEG lab is one of only 70 facilities in the country having this certification.

According to Margaret Jessup, Technical Director, Neurophysiology Laboratory, over 2,500 EEGs are performed annually at LVH, 90 percent of which are done to diagnose seizure activity. Alexander D. Rae-Grant, MD, Division of Neurology, is the lab's medical director.

The Quarterly General Membership Meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association, Inc., will be held on Monday, December 22, 1997, at 6 p.m., in the Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78. Consultant Linda Halbert Hart will present *important* information regarding the ***Choice Plus Incentive Plan*** and the ***PennCARE Risk Sharing Model*** followed by a question and answer period.

Reminder: The annual meeting of the GLVIPA is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 1998, which will include the election of Trustees.

Lehigh Magnetic Imaging Center Adds New Open MRI Unit

Lehigh Magnetic Imaging Center (LMIC) is pleased to announce that appointments are now being scheduled for the new open MRI system. The Picker Outlook MRI scanner is open on three sides to accommodate patients who are claustrophobic or anxious, large statured or obese, as well as older pediatric patients. The open system is also an option for quality routine MRI studies for all patients. This new open MRI system compliments LMIC's two high-field GE MRI scanners and provides patients a continuum of MRI services.

An Open House is scheduled for December 10 and 11 from 7 to 9 a.m., for physicians and their staff to tour the new MRI suite and see a demonstration of the open MRI scanner and the quality images it produces.

For more information or to RSVP to the open house, please call Sandy Cray at 740-9733.

News from the Center for Educational Development and Support

Exceptional Faculty Assignment (EFA) Grants

Facts about EFA grants...

- EFA grants are supported through the Pool Trust.
- The purpose of the EFA grants is to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Medical Education.
- EFA grant funds are specifically intended to enable members of Lehigh Valley Hospital medical staff who are faculty members of Penn State-Hershey Medical Center to develop and enhance their skills as teachers and clinicians in a community model of care.
- EFA grants will be made to individual faculty members for well-defined educational projects with specific expected outcomes.

Examples of EFA grant activities...

- Site visits
- Symposium presentations
- Investigations
- Curriculum development
- Other professional development activities specifically related to medical education.

More information about EFA grants is available:

- on the **EFA_Grants** bulletin board in LVH e-mail.
- by calling the Center for Educational Development and Support office at 402-1401.

If you would like to discuss an educational project or professional development activity that may qualify for EFA grant funding, please call John Frankenfield, Center for Educational Development and Support, at 402-5297.

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EFA Grant Applications forms may be obtained by calling the Center for Educational Development and Support at 402-1401.

Faculty Development News

William F. Iobst, MD, Division of Rheumatology, has been accepted to the 1998 Harvard Macy Institute: Program for Physician-Educators. The program, involving 18 days in residence at the Harvard Medical School, provides a select group of 25 physicians with the knowledge base and skills to enhance their expertise in both conducting an educational project of their own design and taking a leadership role in the educational activities at their institutions. Dr. Iobst's institutional project deals with expanding the rheumatology curriculum and residency training experience at Lehigh Valley Hospital. The Center for Educational Development and Support congratulates Dr. Iobst and is pleased to support his participation in the program through functional support of his project as well as underwriting all program-related costs.

CEDS Staff Attends AAMC Annual Meeting

Members of the Medical Staff and the Center for Educational Development and Support (CEDS) attended the 108th Annual Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) meeting held in Washington, DC, from October 31 through November 5. Members attending the meeting were Robert J. Laskowski, MD, Senior Vice President for Clinical Services; Yehia Y. Mishriki, MD, Chief,

Division of Ambulatory Care; Martyn Hotvedt, PhD, Director, Center for Educational Development and Support; John Frankenfield, Instructional Designer; Craig Koller, Education Analyst; Michael Oberholzer, Medical School Liaison; Chris Sarley, Academic Systems Programmer/Analyst; and Dean Shaffer, Medical Medical Specialist.

In addition to attending seminars and discussions at the meeting, Drs. Laskowski and Hotvedt presented the organizational plan of CEDS at Lehigh Valley Hospital in the Interdisciplinary Health Education forum. Dean Shaffer demonstrated his project, "Hypermedia and Its Role in Medical Resident Education at a Teaching Hospital." Dr. Mishriki, John Frankenfield, Chris Sarley, and Craig Koller presented their computer-based training program, "Hypertension-Hyperlipidemia Tutorial and Case Studies."

Lehigh Valley Hospital Given CME Accreditation

The Commission on Continuing Medical Education of the Pennsylvania Medical Society approved provisional accreditation of Lehigh Valley Hospital's continuing medical education (CME) program. The approval was given at the Commission's September 22 meeting and is in effect for two years. The accreditation allows Lehigh Valley Hospital to present Category 1 courses and programs of continuing medical education.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Bonnie Schoenenberger at 402-1210.

Congratulations!

LVH's Trauma Protocol Development Team scored the "Outstanding Achievement Award," the highest team honor, at the 1997 Quality Valley USA celebration on October 23. Members of the team include: **Michael D. Pasquale, MD**, Chief, Division of Trauma/Surgical Critical Care, and team leader; **James G. Cushman, MD**, Chief, Section of Pediatric Trauma; **Judith Bailey, RN**,

Maria Barr, PharmD, Juliet Fischer, RN, Mae Ann Fuss, RN, Kimberly Hunsicker, RN, and Judith Schultz.

Neal A. Stansbury, MD, and Prodromos A. Ververeli, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, have fulfilled all the requirements for certification by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and are now Diplomates of the Board.

Papers, Publications and Presentations

Joseph L. Antonowicz, MD, Chief, Division of Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry, presented a talk -- "Five Financial Survival Strategies for Consultation/Liaison Services" -- which focused on operating a financially viable consultation/liaison service as part of the section on Innovative Programs at the Psychiatric Services Meeting sponsored by the American Psychiatric Association on October 24 in Washington, DC.

George A. Arangio, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was the primary author of a research paper which was published in the *Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy*. The title of the study was "Thigh Muscle Size and Strength after Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction and Rehabilitation."

Houshang G. Hamadani, MD, Department of Psychiatry, presented a paper -- "Factors Contributing to the Successful Adjustment of Immigrants to North America" -- at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture held in Key Biscayne, Fla., on October 27.

Lester Rosen, MD, Associate Chief, Division of Colon/Rectal Surgery, was one of the authors of "Practice

Parameters for the Treatment of Mucosal Ulcerative Colitis," which was published in the November, 1997 issue of *Diseases of the Colon and Rectum*.

Stephen R. Shore, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine, and **Mary Gallagher-Sabo**, Cardiothoracic Clinical Coordinator, gave a poster presentation at the national meeting of the American Public Health Association, held November 10 to 13, in Indianapolis, Ind. The poster -- "The Effectiveness of a Continuous Peri-operative Insulin Infusion in the Elderly Diabetic Patient Undergoing Cardio-Thoracic Surgery" -- was a combined effort of **Mary Gallagher-Sabo, Stephen R. Shore, MD, Thomas Wasser**, Biostatistician, Health Studies; **Larry N. Merkle, MD**, Chief, Division of Endocrinology/Metabolism; and **Annette Cawley, RN**. The subject matter of the poster represents the protocol developed by Dr. Merkle on the topic.

Prodromos A. Ververeli, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, was the invited speaker for Grand Rounds at Hershey Medical Center on November 6. His topic was "Total Knee Replacement."

Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Lupus Conference

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: A Clinical and Research Update will be held on Saturday, December 13, from 7:30 a.m. to Noon in the hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78.

Participants should be able to discuss Lupus and its impact on patients and their families; identify significant data to diagnose Lupus; explain the pathophysiologic process of Lupus; discuss clinical factors that are monitored in renal complications; discuss complications of Lupus during pregnancy; and identify the impact of research on treatment protocols.

For more information or to register, contact Gail Pitsko, Continuing Education Coordinator, at 402-5226.

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds are held every Tuesday from Noon to 1 p.m., in the hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78.

Topics to be discussed in December include:

- December 2 - Osteomyelitis, Current & Practical Management
- December 9 - A New Class of Asthma Therapy, Antileukotriene Agents
- December 16 - Pain Management & Palliative Care

For more information, please contact Evalene Patten in the Department of Medicine at 402-1649.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds

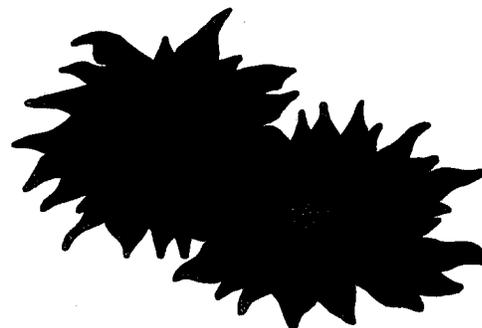
"Depression in the Work Place" will be presented by Dr. Edward Zurad from Temple University on Thursday, December 18, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the hospital's Auditorium at 17th & Chew.

For more information, contact Bruce Curry in the Department of Psychiatry at 402-2705.

Corrections in the Medical Record

Regulatory guidelines indicate that all corrections in the medical record be made in the following manner:

1. Draw a single line through the incorrect entry (without obliterating the entry), indicating "error," "incorrect entry," etc.
2. Date and initial the incorrect entry.
3. If an entry is accidentally omitted, the entry should be made after the last entry with an explanation of omission and reason it is out of order.



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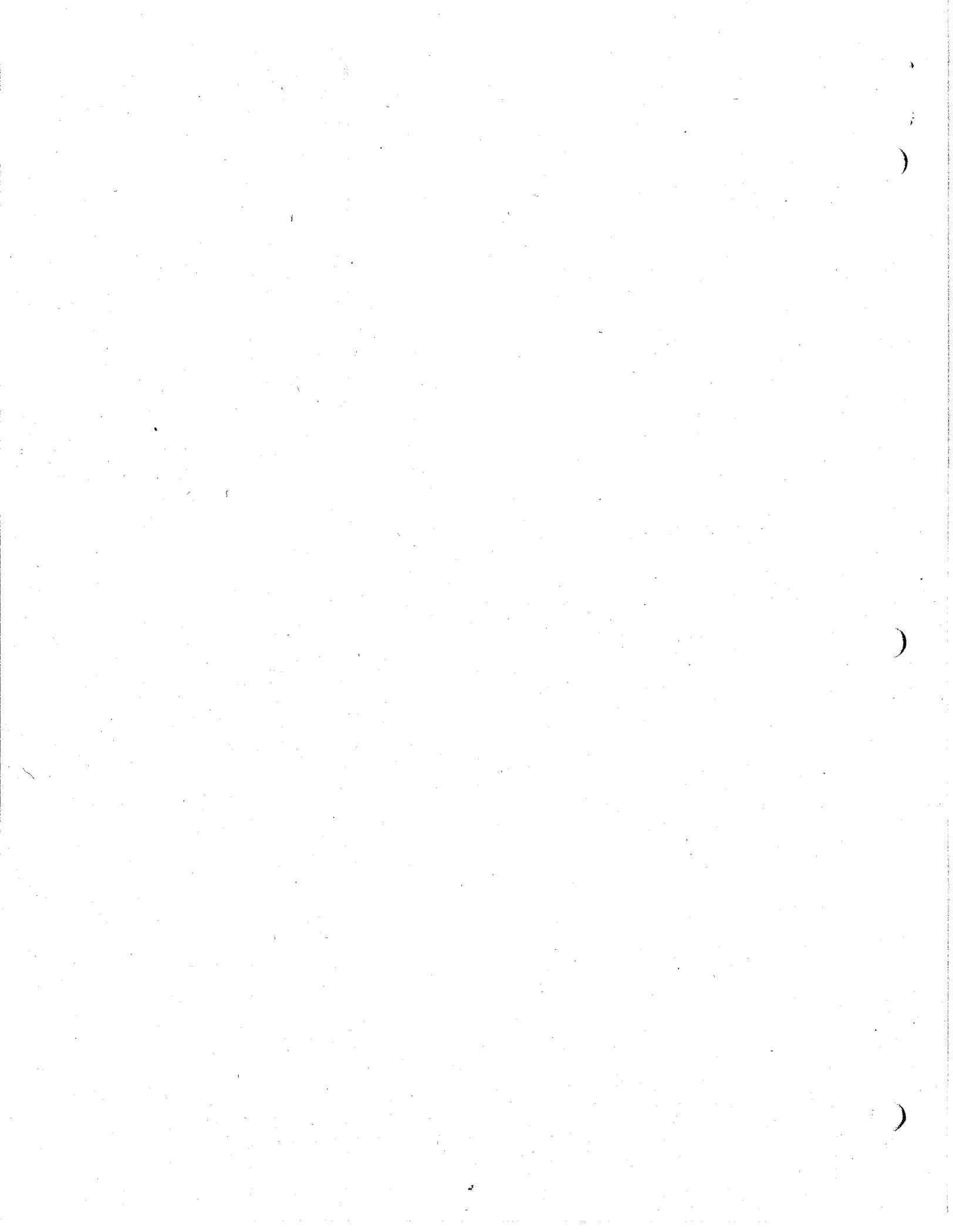
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An URGENT Call to Action

(NOTE: Includes link to Pennsylvania State Senate)

Managed Care Reform

You Pay Your Bills on Time, Shouldn't Insurers?!

The State Senate will soon be considering legislation to reform the managed care industry.

Senate Bill 100, introduced by Senator Tim Murphy (R-Allegheny), is very likely to be considered by the Senate in the next few weeks. The Society is working with other health care advocates to introduce an omnibus amendment that will make **significant improvements** to the bill's original language. As you might imagine, the insurance lobby is aggressively fighting these changes and is attempting to amend the bill to significantly lessen its effectiveness.

The omnibus amendment contains these provisions that the Medical Society supports.

- A prohibition on gag clauses and penalties that prevent providers from discussing treatment options and advocating on behalf of their patients;
- Enrollees would be permitted to seek emergency care under the "prudent lay person" standards;
- At least 90 days of continuity of care after a treating provider is terminated from the plan;
- A requirement that there be disclosure of plan's operation, provider network, fiscal incentives, etc.;
- Greater access to health care services, including direct access for women to OB/GYN and maternity services.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To further strengthen this bill for both physicians and patients, the Medical Society is seeking to amend the bill with language that would:

- Require **timely payment of claims** (To mandate that insurers **PAY YOU ON TIME!**);
- Improve **confidentiality** of patient's medical information;
- Enact **utilization review** standards and safeguards for providers and patients.

Call your State Senator NOW to request support for Senate Bill 100 with the Medical Society's amendments.

Cite personal experiences you have had with managed care plans on the issue of timely payments, confidentiality and utilization review. Stress the importance of these reforms and emphasize the need for

full disclosure to protect the patient and the health care provider.

Do it for your patients, do it for your practice....Do it NOW.

NOTE: If you do not know who your State Senator is, or need his or her telephone number, please call the Society's Governmental Affairs staff at 1-800-228-7823. We'll be happy to help you and listen to any feedback you may have after speaking with your State Senator. Call at the number above, or e-mail us at: Governmental Affairs

CONTACT NOW! State Senate Web site

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert X. Murphy, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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