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## From the President

May seems to be a particularly good month in which to discuss our ability as physicians and as a staff to shape the future. The doldrums of winter are behind us. Spring is in full bloom, and our pineal glands are screaming for us all to take advantage of long days and warm weather.

David Caccese and I have recently returned from a Leadership conference run by The Governance Institute. This conference dealt with how the rapid change in medicine has affected physicians, trustees, and administrators across the country.

One of the key themes seemed to be that there must be cooperation across all sectors of the medical field to enable us to act to protect our patients and provide services to our communities instead of react to another's leadership only to find ourselves a day late and a dollar short.

At the meeting, we came across a letter written two years ago by Laurel Pulfer in Cincinnati, Ohio, which we would like to share:

**"The only way to predict the future is to have power to shape the future."**

Eric Hoffer

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TO: Physicians  
 FROM: A Person Who Occasionally Gets Sick  
 SUBJECT: Healthcare  
 BY: Laurel Pulfer, Cincinnati, Ohio\*

Please permit me to be blunt.

Isn't it about time you rescue medicine from the questionable mercies of business and politics? You were the smartest kids in the class. So what happened? Why are you letting everybody else tell you how to do your job?

Most of us are acquainted with dullards who become journalists and lawyers and insurance executives. But I can't think of a single instance when I've heard somebody observe, "Geez, did you hear that Buzzy Binkley became a doctor? I always thought he was a little slow."

You people who became doctors were the good students, the bookworms, the Merit Scholars, the brains, the Boy Scouts, the hall monitors. You were the ones whose homework the rest of us copied. Because you had the answers.

Only for you would we had worn those drafty paper robes, sitting on your cold examining table. Only for you would we have waited in a room of sick people and elderly magazines.

So what's the problem? Are you scared of a bunch of bean counters? You whipped their butts on the SATs. And now they're making medical decisions "in consultation" with you. Consultation? Why aren't you running the show?

Why have you allowed insurance companies and managed care to demand that young couples leave the car running when they enter the maternity ward? I'm not saying all new moms need to hang around the hospital for three or four days. I'd just like for you to be the one to decide when they go home.

Now, in addition to shorter stays, hospitals are planning to use fewer nurses. Are you going to let hospitals cheap out on the people who care for us when you're not there? Of course, hospitals are just buildings and traditionally have been run by administrators. But you have always been in charge of patient care. You and the nurses.

What's going on here?

To be fair, hospitals are simply doing what they've been forced to do -- compete, cut, downsize. Stay alive.

So where have the docs been? Why have you not sent your best and brightest out to do battle, attend the meetings, work on the committees? Why have you not been pushing for us?

Is it the money? It is us? Are you tired of taking care of us? And our untidy illnesses? Does it honk you off that Shaquille O'Neal might get \$97 million to dunk round balls, and you still owe money on your med school loans?

So, maybe business is not your cup of tea. Maybe you hate meetings. Maybe you don't want to become personnel experts or crunch numbers. Fine. That's OK. You can hire somebody to do that.

When I get sick, I'd still like to know that there's a doctor in charge. Not some MBA, not a benefits manager. I sure don't want Hillary Clinton or Newt Gingrich or Ted Kennedy to be taking my temperature.

You will notice that I have a lot of questions. Do I have the answers? Of course not. I was not smart enough to be a doctor.

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All I can say is God bless Ms. Pulfer for pointing out what should be very clear ... we are a talented bunch who have to help find the solution or become lost in a societal problem.

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May is a month which will be full of opportunity for us to help shape the future. Wearing my Legislative Chairman of the Lehigh County Medical Society hat, I am going to remind you, and plead with you all, to become involved in the political process this year. I'm going to ask you spend some money on the candidate of your choice and take the time to vote in the May primaries and the November general elections. Particularly important to us is the U.S. 15th Congressional District seat being vacated by Paul McHale. The mad scramble for this seat will have a domino effect on seats being vacated in the State Senate and House of Representatives as well. As physicians charged with protecting our patients and our profession, we must be seen as a viable political force in our own right!

On a more local level, the next several months also will be rich with other opportunities. At our next General Medical Staff Meeting, which will be held on Monday, June 8, at 5:45 p.m., we will be electing four new members to the Medical Executive Committee to serve three year terms. The Nominating Committee, chaired by David Caccese, is currently deliberating to select appropriate candidates. Please contact David if you have any suggestions.

As I mentioned in April's Progress Notes, I am inviting Mr. Patrick Simonson, Director of Ambulatory Care, Lehigh Valley Health Services Division, to come to our General Medical Staff meeting to update the medical staff on the Trexlertown Medical Mall issue. Patrick will be available to answer questions and inform any interested parties how they can become involved in this futuristic medical concept.

The LVH/MHC medical staff merger team is currently discussing a merged Medical Executive Committee structure and function as the first hot topic to hammer out. We are most concerned about determining a reasonable method for introducing representation from MHC to our Medical Executive Committee once our two staffs finally do merge. As always, I invite your comments or concerns to be directed to David or myself.

So, folks, enjoy the sense of renewal this Spring will bring, but please direct some of that mental, physical,

and creative energy towards making the contributions that will help shape the future in the way that will benefit our patients and profession.

Thanks!



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

## ***At-Large Members Needed for LVH Medical Executive Committee***

The Lehigh Valley Hospital Medical Staff Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for four at-large seats, each for a three-year term beginning July 1, 1998, on the Medical Executive Committee.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to David M. Caccese, MD, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, via the Medical Staff Services Office, Cedar Crest & I-78, or verbally to John W. Hart, Vice President. All nominations must be submitted by Monday, May 18, 1998.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Dr. Caccese or Mr. Hart at 402-8980.

### **Notary Services Now Available in Medical Staff Services**

Beth Martin, Executive Secretary, Medical Staff Services, was recently appointed and commissioned as a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Any member of the Medical Staff with a need for notary services is welcome to contact Ms. Martin at 402-8980.

## ***Pennsylvania Insurance Department Files Petition for Liquidation of PIC***

The Pennsylvania Insurance Department filed a petition of liquidation of the Physicians Insurance Company of Pennsylvania (PIC) on January 20, 1998. The Commonwealth Court entered an Order of Liquidation on January 21. PIC has agreed to a voluntary liquidation order.

A voluntary liquidation occurs when an insurance company's management acknowledges that the assets of the company are not sufficient to meet its liabilities. The Insurance Department appoints a liquidator to take over the operation of the insolvent company.

There is a 90-day stay on the company's activities. This means that all payments to vendors, court cases involving defendants insured by the insolvent company, etc., are placed on hold for this period of time.

According to the Medical Staff data base, almost 200 members of our Medical Staff are currently covered by PIC.

General questions about the liquidation or questions about existing PIC claims are being referred to the Liquidation Division of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department at (717) 787-7823.

New PIC claims should be reported to the Pennsylvania Insurance Guaranty Association (PIGA) at (215) 568-1007.

## ***News from Medical Records***

### **Attestation Sheets**

There has been a process change in the way Attestation Sheets are handled in the Medical Record department. In an effort to expedite the process, unsigned Attestation Sheets are now being placed on the patient's chart with a flag for signature to make them more readily available to the physician during record completion for other documentation requirements.

## **Discharge Process**

In order to allow extra time for documentation by caregivers and for test results/reports to reach the patient's chart, Medical Records has agreed to leave the charts on the nursing unit until noon the day after discharge. With this change, records will not be available in Medical Records as promptly as they have been in the past. However, the record will be available on the unit for a longer period for those who wish to complete documentation or review the record.

### **Process Change for Pre-Admission Testing**

Currently, the Pre-Admission Testing Department at Cedar Crest & I-78 instructs surgical patients to cleanse the surgical site the evening before surgery with a Betadine or Hibiclens sponge which is supplied by the department. However, this process is not followed at 17th & Chew. Therefore, in an effort to be consistent at both sites, Cedar Crest & I-78 will discontinue this process.

The Infection Control Department has recommended that patients be instructed to shower with Dial soap the night before surgery. The patient education instructions at both sites will now include this information. This practice will be implemented at Cedar Crest & I-78 on June 1.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact Jackie Fenicle, Director of Patient Care Services, Pre-Admission Testing, Cedar Crest & I-78, at 402-8733 or pager 7902.

## Library News

### OVID Training

To schedule a one-on-one OVID (MEDLINE) training session, call Barbara Iobst in the Health Sciences Library at 402-8408.

### Library After-Hours Access

This is a reminder that members of the Medical Staff are eligible for around-the-clock access to the Libraries. Most physicians have signed the necessary form to exercise this privilege. The form outlines the rules governing patron usage during the hours the Libraries are unmanned. If you are a new member of the Medical Staff and have not yet signed up for after-hours access to the Libraries, or if you are uncertain whether or not you have 24-hour access to the Libraries, please contact a member of the Library staff at 402-8410.

### New Books - Cedar Crest & I-78

#### "Atlas of General Thoracic Surgery"

Author: L. Kaiser, et al.

#### "Disease Management: A Systems Approach to Improving Patient Outcomes"

Author: D. Nash, et al.

#### "The Total Service Medical Practice: 17 Steps to Satisfying Your Internal and External Customers"

Author: V. Bradford

### New Books - 17th & Chew

#### "Manual of Outpatient Gynecology," 3rd ed.

Author: C. Havens, et al.

#### "Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics of North America" - Volume 25, No. 1 - March, 1998

Guest Editor: James Woods, Jr.

Subject: Substance Abuse in Pregnancy

#### "When to Screen in Obstetrics and Gynecology"

Author: H.I.J. Wildschut, et al.

## Congratulations!

**Tito Gorski, MD**, Colon and Rectal Surgery Resident, was the recipient of the New England Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Regional Award for Best Paper presented at their spring meeting, April 18 & 19, in Cambridge, Mass. The paper, titled "Colorectal Surgery - Does Reduction in Length of Stay Affect Readmission?" was co-authored by **Lester Rosen, MD**, Associate Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery; **Susan Lawrence**, Administrator, Clinical Resource Management; **Douglas Helfrich**, Senior Management Engineer, Care Management Systems; and **James F. Reed III, PhD**, Director, Health Services Research. The paper was jointly sponsored by the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery and the Department of Care Management Systems.

**Thomas D. Meade, MD**, Section of Orthopedic Trauma, and **Alexander D. Rae-Grant, MD**, Medical Director, Neurodiagnostic Laboratory, have been named to the United States Masters Swimming "Top Ten" swimmers list for 1997. Both qualified by swimming a top ten short course meters time in 1997. Dr. Rae-Grant qualified in the 50 meter backstroke, and Dr. Meade qualified by virtue of his time in the 50 meter butterfly. Both swimmers will be participating in the U.S. Masters National Swimming Championships in Indianapolis on May 10.

**Michael D. Pasquale, MD**, Chief, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care, received the President's Citation Award from the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). This award was established by the Society to honor SCCM members who have made outstanding contributions to SCCM during the previous year. The award was presented during the combined American College of Critical Care Medicine Convocation of Fellow/Society of Critical Care Medicine Awards Presentation at SCCM's 27th Annual Educational and Scientific Symposium held in San Antonio, Texas, in early February.

**James C. Weis, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, was informed that he passed the Part II Examination and has fulfilled all the requirements for certification by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He is now a Diplomate of the Board.

## Papers, Publications and Presentations

**George A. Arangio, MD**, Section of Orthopedic Trauma, and Edward Cowen, Penn State University medical student, co-authored a paper, "Incidence of Associated Knee Lesions with Torn Anterior Cruciate Ligament: Retrospective Cohort Assessment," which was published in the *Journal of Sport Rehabilitation* (1998;7:1-8).

In addition, Dr. Arangio co-authored a paper, "Mathematical Modeling of Support Distribution Under the Foot," which was published in the *Journal of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science* (1997;71:29-34).

**Paul Frassinelli, MD**, Chief Surgical Resident; **James F. Reed III, PhD**, Director, Health Services Research, and **Charles J. Scagliotti, MD**, Division of General Surgery, were among the co-authors of a paper, "Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy Alleviates Pain in Patients with Acalculous Biliary Disease," which was published in *Surgical Laparoscopy & Endoscopy* (1998;8:30-34).

The paper, "Utility of Chest Radiographs After Guidewire Exchanges of Central Venous Catheters," was published in the March issue of *Critical Care Medicine* (1998;26:611-615). The authors of this study are **Paul Frassinelli, MD**; **Michael D. Pasquale, MD**, Chief, Division of Trauma/Surgical Critical Care; **Mark D. Cipolle, MD**, Chief, Section of Trauma Research; and **Michael Rhodes, MD**, Department of Surgery, Medical Center of Delaware.

**Mark A. Gittleman, MD**, Division of General Surgery, was invited to return to the European Surgical Institute in Hamburg, Germany, March 22-25, and provided training in Stereotactic Breast Biopsy Techniques. On April 1, Dr. Gittleman was an invited speaker at the A.O.R.N. annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., where he presented a lecture on "New Techniques in Image-Guided Breast Biopsy." Dr. Gittleman was also invited to lecture on stereotactic breast biopsy as a part of the Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy seminar held by the Department of Surgery at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, April 24 and 25. In addition, he was invited as a faculty member of the American College of Surgeons Post-Graduate course "Image-Guided Breast Biopsy" and presented a lecture

on "Interventional Breast Ultrasound" at the annual spring meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Baltimore, Md., April 27-29.

**Herbert C. Hoover, Jr., MD**, Chairperson, Department of Surgery, recently lectured on "The Parallels between Breast and Colorectal Cancers," "Management of Hepatic Metastatic Tumors," and "A Surgeon's Perspective of Breast Cancer" at the Shanghai International Surgical Forum in Shanghai, China. Dr. Hoover also met with the local faculty in Hong Kong to plan the International Cancer Management Course which he will direct for the American College of Surgeons in Hong Kong in November of this year.

**Peter A. Keblish, MD**, Chief, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, presented a scientific exhibit at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons meeting in New Orleans, La. The exhibit, "Revision TKA: A Simplified Approach Stressing Selective Component Replacement," was selected by the Exhibit Committee to be published in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons "Archives of Scientific Exhibits," a new volume which will publish the best exhibits based on clarity of illustrations as well as content.

Dr. Keblish was also co-author of a scientific paper presented at the combined Knee/American Association of Hip & Knee Surgeons, which is held in conjunction with the national AAOS meeting. The paper was titled "Successful Use of a Metal-Backed Rotating Anatomic Patella in TKA: Bio-mechanical Rationale and Clinical Experience."

In addition, Dr. Keblish was an invited guest speaker at the French Orthopaedic Society meeting held in Martinique. Dr. Keblish presented papers titled "Infected TKA: Analysis/Advantages of One Stage Versus Two Stage Revision," "Technical Aspects of Septic Revision

TKA: Femur, Tibia, and Patella," and "Infected THA: Use of an Antibiotic Cement I-M Rod and Temporary Socket Spacer in Staged Revision." At the meeting, Dr. Keblish also served as moderator of panels and discussion groups regarding various aspects of total hip and knee replacement.

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On March 5, Dr. Keblish was the invited Grand Rounds speaker at the Hershey Department of Orthopedic Surgery meeting where he spoke on "Impaction Autograft Enhancement of Femoral Stems in Primary Cementless THA."

**Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was a visiting Professor at University Hospital Cedex, Paris, France, from March 22 to 24. He performed surgery demonstrating the technique of closed hemorrhoidectomy with local anesthesia which was telecast to a group of surgeons.

From March 28 to 31, he attended the Fifth International Post Graduate Course in Coloproctology, sponsored by the Italian Society of Coloproctology in Ivrea (Torino), Italy. He gave a guest lecture on "Neoplasms of the Anus" and moderated a panel on "Inflammatory Bowel Disease."

From April 4 to 11, Dr. Khubchandani was the Keynote Speaker at the 1998 Annual Congress of the Japanese College of Surgeons in Tokyo, Japan. Of the 40,000 members of the College of Surgeons, 10,000 attended the convention.

Inasmuch as coloproctology as a specialty is being standardized with criteria for training and evaluation with board certification in Japan, the subject Dr. Khubchandani was requested to address was "Coloproctology in General Surgery." Dr. Khubchandani capsulized the evolution of the specialty in the United States and across the world. He also met a group of surgeons at "Meet the Professor" Breakfast Session and showed a video of colon resection using a hand-sewn anastomotic technique using fine wire as the suture material.

**Glen L. Oliver, MD**, Chief, Division of Ophthalmology, was the visiting Professor of Ophthalmology at Grand Rounds at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown, WV, on April 3. He presented two lectures: "Idiopathic Retinal Vasculitis with Aneurysms and Neuroretinitis" (IRVAN Syndrome), and "Familial Exudative Vitreo-Retinopathy" (FEVR). The lectures were followed by clinical rounds with the residents and fellows.

**W. Michael Morrissey, Jr., DMD, MD**, Plastic Surgery resident; **Mark D. Cipolle, MD**; **Michael D. Pasquale, MD**; **Kathy Gottlund**, Laboratory Director of the Biological Therapy Center; and **George A. Arangio, MD**, co-authored the paper, "Effect of Systemic Administration of Transforming Growth Factor-B2 on Callus Area in a Rat Tibia Fracture Model," which was published in the *Surgical Forum* (1997; 48:561-563).

"Nonmelanomatous Skin Cancer Following Exposure to Atomic Radiation in the United States," was published in the February issue of *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* (1998; 101:431-433). The authors of the paper are **W. Michael Morrissey, Jr., DMD, MD**; **Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD**, Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery/Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/Hand Surgery; and **Michael Scarlato, MD**, Division of Clinical & Anatomic Pathology.

**Michael D. Pasquale, MD**; **Douglas R. Trostle, MD**, Associate Chief, Division of General Surgery; and **Gerald P. Sherwin, MD**, Chief, Division of General Surgery, co-authored "Retrospective Database Analysis: Causing Problems as Solving Problems" which appeared in the "Sounding Board" section of *Diseases of the Colon & Rectum* (1998;41:261-262). **Lester Rosen, MD**, Associate Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, contributed the "Invited Editorial" response (1998;41:262-264).

**James C. Weis, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, co-authored a chapter in *The Cervical Spine*, published by the Cervical Spine Research Society. The chapter was titled "Lower Cervical Spine Arthrodesis: Wiring Techniques."

**For Lease -- Slots are currently available for the Brown Bag suite at Kutztown Professional Center.**

**For more information, please contact John W. Hart, Vice President, at 402-8980.**

## Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

### Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

"Myths and Misnomers in Pediatrics" will be presented by Alfred Sacchetti, MD, FACEP, on Thursday, May 7, beginning at 9 a.m., in the Hospital's Auditorium at 17th & Chew. Dr. Sacchetti will discuss new and upcoming treatments for common pediatric diseases. His lectures are both entertaining and extremely educational. Dr. Sacchetti is nationally known as an expert in pediatric emergency medicine. He has lectured at multiple national conferences and authored many articles and chapters.

"Mechanisms of Injury and Disasters" will be presented by Richard Aghababian, MD, FACEP, on Thursday, May 28, beginning at 9 a.m., in the Hospital's Auditorium at 17th & Chew. Dr. Aghababian has been involved in multiple small and large scale disasters. He is considered an expert in this field. He will share his insights and experiences through pictures and words. In view of the fact that there have been at least three known disasters in the area within the last seven months, this topic could not be more timely.

For more information, contact Judy Szep in the Department of Emergency Medicine at 402-8130.

### 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 May include:

- ◆ May 5 - Acute Myocardial Infarction
- ◆ May 12 - Update on the Management of Community-Acquired Pneumonia
- ◆ May 19 - Guidelines for Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment of Rectal Disorders
- ◆ May 26 - Communication in Physician-Patient Encounter: Core Competencies and Their Impact

There will be an additional Medical Grand Rounds on Thursday, May 7. The topic will be "The Role of Beta Blockers in the Management of Congestive Heart Failure."

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

### Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The Department of Psychiatry's Grand Rounds series will resume on Thursday, May 21, with "Depression in the Work Place" presented by Dr. Edward Zurad from the Department of Family Practice of Temple University. The presentation will be held at Noon in the Hospital's Auditorium at 17th & Chew.

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

### Information Overload

**Information Overload: Technology Tools for the Modern Medical Practice** will be presented on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hospital's Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78.

Keeping current on technology advancements provides the opportunity for healthcare professionals to meet the modern day challenges in healthcare. Attendees will learn how to apply technology to improve patient care as well as collect and transform data into useful information. The goal is to meet the current demands of providing quality care while reducing costs.

At the completion of this program, participants should be able to:

- ◆ Describe current and merging technologies and their uses in the practice of medicine
- ◆ Describe how technology and information management can facilitate medical practice
- ◆ Describe steps and issues involved in implementing a telemedicine program
- ◆ Describe the steps for preparing a medical practice for technology
- ◆ Describe computer-based medical records and related issues

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- ◆ Demonstrate how to use the Internet and other electronic resources to retrieve quality medical information

Pre-registration is required. Fee will be waived for employees and medical staff affiliated with Lehigh Valley Hospital and PennCARE. For more information, contact Bonnie Schoeneberger in the Center for Education at 402-1210 or via e-mail.

### **Managed Care Symposium**

A Managed Care Symposium will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in the Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78.

Topics to be discussed include "Physician Partnering with Hospitals: The PHO Model," "The Challenges of Organizing and Integrating Physicians," and "State of the Union -- Payer Reform and Product Innovation at the Frontier."

At the completion of the program, participants should be able to relate an overview of the trends and phenomena that are occurring in the marketplace today; illustrate and evaluate the use of a physician hospital organization as a liaison vehicle between physicians and hospitals in dealing with managed care; and summarize and apply a global perspective on the issues raised by efforts to organize and integrate physicians' services.

The fee is waived for employees and medical staff affiliated with Lehigh Valley Hospital and PennCARE.

For more information or to register, please contact Bonnie Schoeneberger in the Center for Education at 402-1210 or via e-mail.

## **Who's New at LVH**

### **Medical Staff**

#### ***Change of Practice***

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*NEWS FROM*



**MUHLENBERG  
HOSPITAL CENTER**

**Update from the Vascular Lab**

In an effort to improve efficiency and avoid delays in reimbursement, the Vascular Lab at Muhlenberg Hospital Center is requesting the cooperation of referring/ordering physicians in obtaining the following information:

Procedure	Accepted Indications for Vascular Ultrasound	Non-Covered Indications Under Medicare Guidelines
<b>Cerebrovascular Evaluation</b>	TIA/CVA Aphasia/Dysphasia Cervical Bruits Syncope Amaurosis Fugax Post-Endarterectomy Follow-up	Diplopia Dizziness/Vertigo Evaluations of High Risk, Asymptomatic Patients
<b>Arterial Evaluation</b>	Claudication Rest Pain Monitor Progression of Arterial Disease Ulcers and/or Non-Healing Lesions Prediction of Wound Healing Baseline Study Prior to Vascular Surgery Level of Amputation	Diminished Pulses
<b>Venous Evaluation</b>	Edema Pain and Tenderness Ulceration Pulmonary Embolism Post Surgical Limb Swelling	Varicose Veins for Pre-op Evaluation History of Deep Vein Thrombosis History of Venous Insufficiency Symptoms of Superficial Thrombophlebitis
<b>Dialysis Access Site Evaluation</b>	Elevated Venous Pressures Limb Swelling Cannulation Difficulty Peri-graft Mass Re-circulation Percentage	

- ◆ Dizziness will be accepted if used in combination with a history of previous stenosis, TIA/CVA, and/or post-endarterectomy follow-up.
- ◆ A physician's written request is required. A patient referral form may be necessary per some insurance carriers.
- ◆ To schedule a procedure, contact Central Scheduling at Muhlenberg Hospital Center at (610) 861-2279.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Helene Oplinger, Director of Imaging Services, Muhlenberg Hospital Center, at (610) 861-7090.

## **Congratulations!**

**Ranjan Sachdev, MD**, Section of Orthopedics, was presented with the Indian Rheumatism Association Award in New Delhi, India, in December. Dr. Sachdev was recognized for his oration on "Osteoporosis -- The Present and Future" and his tireless efforts in the battle against osteoporosis.

## **Papers, Presentations and Publications**

"Metastatic Carcinoma to the Mandible that Mimicked Pulpal/Periodontal Disease," a paper authored by **Howard S. Selden, DDS**, Section of Endodontics; **Dion T. Manhoff, MD**, Department of Pathology; and **Nicholas A. Hatges, DMD**, and **R. Christoph Michel, DMD**, former dental residents, was published in the April 1998 issue of the *Journal of Endodontics*.

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## **Resignations**

**John Ifkovits, DDS**  
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**Donald B. Kopenhaver, MD**  
Department of Surgery/Section of Gynecology

**Norman S. Sarachek, MD**  
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## **Allied Health Staff**

### **Appointments**

**Francisco Lanás, PA-C**  
Physician Assistant  
Coordinated Health Systems  
(Supervising Physician - Eugene Kim, MD)

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