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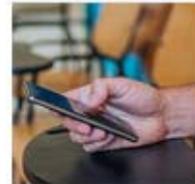
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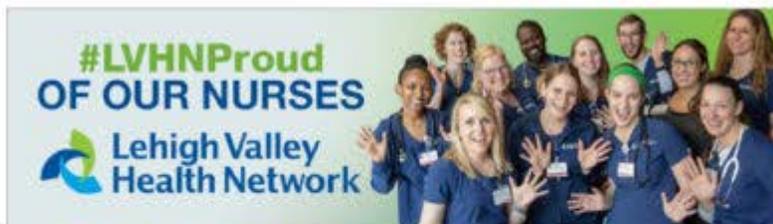
Billboards and Ads Show We're #LVHN Proud of Our Nurses – PHOTOS

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · MAY 2, 2019

LVHN nurses are caregivers, leaders, partners, scholars, advocates, innovators, lifesavers and so much more. Nurses Week begins on May 6, and it's the perfect time to thank our nursing colleagues for the world-class care they provide.

To give our nurses the recognition they deserve, you'll see billboards and newspaper featuring our LVHN nursing colleagues in all the communities we serves. Here's a sneak peek.

Billboards





Newspaper ads

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To all of the remarkable Lehigh Valley Health Network nurses, we thank you and honor you for the exceptional ways you care for patients and make a difference in their lives.

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You can thank our nurses on LVHN Daily. [Comment on this post](#). Share your thoughts or a story about why you are #LVHN Proud of our nurses.

‘Experience the Compassion, Witness the Connections’ at 2019 Friends of Nursing Awards Gala – PHOTOS

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · MAY 3, 2019

Nurses are caregivers, leaders, partners, scholars, innovators and lifesavers. They possess unique values to provide high-quality, compassionate care to the people they serve. At the 2019 LVHN Friends of Nursing awards program, held May 2 at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks in Bethlehem, LVHN nurses and health care professionals were honored for the exceptional patient care they provide.

This year’s theme was “Experience the Compassion. Witness the Connections.” Attendees did just that when the heartwarming and inspirational stories of 37 award recipients were shared.

In the weeks ahead, the individual stories of each Friends of Nursing Award recipient will be shared on LVHN. Here are photos from the event and a list of all the 2019 recipients.

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During a processional featuring Friends of Nursing and DAISY Award recipients, colleagues place

white flowers in a vase, which is one part of the ceremonial Nightingale Tribute.

Michelle G. Asnani, MD, Award for Excellence in Pediatric Nursing

Caitlin Jacobs, Inpatient Pediatric Unit

Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Obstetrical/Gynecologic Nursing Care

Krista Gery, Mother Baby Unit, LVH–Cedar Crest

Professional Excellence Council Physician Friends of Nursing Award

Ranju Gupta, MD, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Robert Lurig Memorial Award for Excellence in Burn Care

Michelle Scales

John M. Eisenberg, MD, Award for Excellence as a Student Nurse

Kayla Homan, DeSales University

Josephine Ritz, RN, Nursing Award for Excellence in Patient and Family Engagement

Cheri Mease, Infusion Center, LVH–Muhlenberg

Ann Marie Nasso Award for Excellence in Emergency Medicine

Jennifer Brown, Emergency Department, LVH–Muhlenberg

Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg Administrative Partner Award

Denise Wright, Behavioral Health

Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital Technical Partner Award

Carmen Lopez, Intensive Care Unit, LVH–Muhlenberg

Winsome Davis Semancik, 7T

Edward and Anne Davis Award for Excellence as a Nurse Preceptor

Danielle France, 5T

Edward and Anne Davis Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing

Julia Hoff, Operating Room, LVH–Cedar Crest

Award for Excellence as a Case Manager

Janet McKinnon, Case Management

Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Respiratory Care

Kenneth Miller, Respiratory Therapy, LVH–Cedar Crest

Award for Excellence in Neuroscience Nursing

Kristina Houck, Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit

Keri Fegley Suchy Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Ambulatory Care

Valerie Unangst, Infusion Center, LVH–Muhlenberg

Bill and Nancy Mason Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Rehabilitation Services

Katharine Bell, Rehabilitative Services

Alma W. Holland Award for Excellence in Home Care Nursing

Kimberly Lehrman, Home Care

Advanced Practice Clinician Award

Garrick Karns, Anesthesia Services, LVH–Cedar Crest

Award for Excellence in Education

Chrissy Schirer, Transitional Trauma Unit/7A, LVH–Cedar Crest

Fleming Award for Exemplary Performance Associated With the Nurse Residency Program

Jennifer Rabenold, 6B/6C

Fleming Nursing Caring Award

Andrea Storm, Interventional Progressive Care Unit

Paulette Helman, Intensive Care Unit, LVH–Muhlenberg

Award for Excellence as a Pharmacist

Matthew Fair, Inpatient Pharmacy, LVH–Cedar Crest

Award for Excellence in the Promotion of Patient Care

Sloane Radcliffe, Children's Cancer and Multipurpose Infusion Center

Medical-Surgical Nursing Award

Susan Berg, 7C

Simms Family Florence Nightingale Exemplary Professional Practice Award

Tracie Heckman, 4K South

Dr. Peter and Ruth Keblish Award for Excellence in Orthopaedic Surgical Nursing

Courtney Sniscak, 7K

Ardis Gaumer Award for Excellence in the Care of Geriatric Patients

Michelle Oglesbee, Population Health

Legal Services/Risk Management Award for Exemplary Care and Professionalism in a Critical and Challenging Situation

Mary Catherine Gavin, 6C

Award for Excellence in Critical Care Nursing

Mary Grace Kressly, Intensive Care Unit, LVH–Muhlenberg

Award for Professional Nursing Certification – Department Greater Than 15 Staff Members

2K South

Tewari Family Award for Professional Nursing Certification – Department Less Than 15 Staff Members

J.B. and Kathleen Reilly Children’s Surgery Center

Fleming Award to Recognize New Knowledge, Innovations and Improvements

Whole Health Connection Team, Muhlenberg Mental Health Clinic/Family Medicine Muhlenberg

Fleming Award to Recognize a Unit/Department Which Demonstrates a Commitment to Structural Empowerment

Infection Control and Prevention

Lehigh Valley Health Network Board of Trustees Patient Satisfaction Award for Ambulatory Services

J.B. and Kathleen Reilly Children’s Surgery Center

Senior Management Patient Satisfaction Award for Inpatient Care

Inpatient Rehabilitation Center–Cedar Crest and Inpatient Rehabilitation Center–Muhlenberg

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Nurses Week: Thank You for Changing Lives

BY [KIM JORDAN, DNP, RN](#) · MAY 3, 2019

To all my nursing colleagues, I wish you a very happy Nurses Week! Your commitment to patients and providing exceptional care is the core of this profession. I'm guessing though, that for some of us, Nurses Week doesn't feel as "special" as it should or once did. In the midst of Mother's Day, graduations, proms, kids coming home from college, and life in general, it's easy to understand how Nurses Week can get lost in the mix. But there are a few ways you can help reinvigorate how you feel about being a nurse and reaffirm that this is your calling.



Inspired by the 'why'

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of attending one of LVHN's Advanced Management Academy graduations. One of the group's "team inspiration" encourages us to ask each other our "why?" Why did you choose health care? Why did **you** become a nurse?

Nurses had an impact on me as a small child. Now, more than three decades after becoming a nurse, I can recall moments with many patients and their families. Their lives made an impact on mine – and they helped mold me into a stronger and better nurse.

Take some time this week to reflect on your own "why," and share your story in the comment section below. Reflecting on the "why" can be inspirational to you as well as others.

You change lives

A wonderful organizational effectiveness (OE) colleague, Jody Millard, shared a Johnson & Johnson (J&J) nursing video recently. As you may be aware, J&J is very invested in positively promoting nursing. Their latest campaign is "Nurses Change Lives." I encourage you to take a few minutes to watch the [Nurses Change Lives](#) video on their YouTube channel, [Johnson & Johnson Nursing](#).

In two short minutes, you will be inspired (and perhaps brought to tears). The tag line is "**nurses change lives**, and that changes everything." No matter what department, specialty, shift, or hospital you are part of at LVHN, **you all change lives every day!**

Please know you have my sincere thanks and admiration for all you do. My inspiration is the care you all provide to our patients. I'm humbled and grateful to be your leader. I wish each of you a reflective, happy Nurses Week that continues to inspire you!

Kim

P.S. Just a reminder, my email is open to you. Please send ideas or questions to me at:

Marie.Jordan@lvhn.org.



Kim Jordan

About me: My name is Kim Jordan, DNP, RN, and I am Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at LVHN. I came to LVHN 15 years ago as director of the open-heart and transitional open-heart units. I consider it an honor and a privilege to lead our outstanding nursing colleagues.

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Vote and Make our Hospitals, Providers and Services the ‘Best of the Valley’

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · APRIL 29, 2019

You already know LVHN is the best in the Lehigh Valley for health care. Now, we need your help to let even more people know our services and colleagues are the best.

Every year, Lehigh Valley Magazine hosts its “Best of the Valley” competition. People vote online for their favorite places to receive services in numerous categories. In the medical category, LVHN has many facilities and providers in the running.

Visit LehighValleyMagazine.com and vote for these LVHN facilities and colleagues.

Best hospital

- Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest

Best family medical practice

- LVPG Family Medicine–Trexlerstown
- Jon E. Brndjar, DO, LVPG Internal Medicine–1230 Cedar Crest

Best medical specialist

- LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest
- Prodromos A. Ververeli, MD, LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine–Hausman Road
- Scott A. Rice, MD, LVPG Pediatrics–Fogelsville

Best walk in urgent care

- ExpressCARE–Muhlenberg



You can vote now through June 15. Should any LVHN nominees win, they will be honored and recognized at an event in August.

Let's work together to make sure they win. Thank you for helping them be named "Best of the Valley."

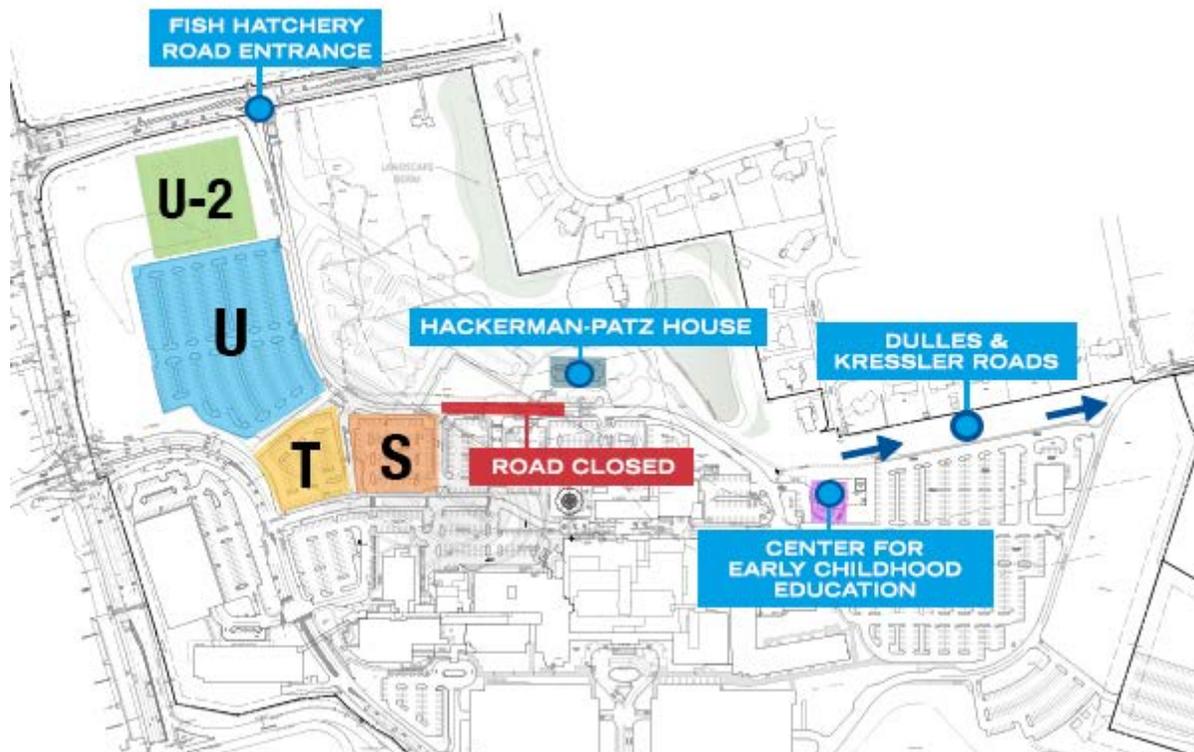
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Road Closure, Parking Changes at LVH–Cedar Crest Beginning May 1

BY RICK MARTUSCELLI · APRIL 25, 2019

The construction of a new emergency department and observation unit continues at LVH–Cedar Crest. Beginning May 1, the construction project will impact how some colleagues enter and exit the campus, park, and access the Center for Early Childhood Education and Hackerman-Patz House.



Here is what will happen beginning May 1. Refer to the map for details.

- The South Access Road will be closed to thru traffic.
- The Fish Hatchery Road entrance should only be used by colleagues assigned to park in Lots S, T, U and U-2. Changes to these lots are as follows.
 - Lot T (currently used by colleagues in the 1230 building) and Lot S (currently used by physicians and residents), will become gated physician lots. A temporary passage will be created between Lots T and S. All motorists will access this area through the Lot T gate. While there is sufficient parking most days in these lots, parking for physicians and residents will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, as there will not be separate parking lots for each. Any colleague with access to Lot S who is not a physician or resident will be removed from this lot.
 - Colleagues from the 1230 building who currently park in lot T will be displaced and be required to park in Lots U and U-2. Shuttle service will be offered in Lots U and U-2. Security will be on

site and monitoring parking lots to ensure colleagues are parking in their designated locations.

If any colleague parks in the front parking decks or the 1230/1240 building patient parking area, they will receive a ticket and possible disciplinary action as per the LVHN parking policy.

- Colleagues who park in all other lots, or are traveling to the Center for Early Childhood Education of the Hackerman-Patz House should enter the LVH–Cedar Crest campus via Kressler Road or the main entrance off of Cedar Crest Boulevard.
- All drivers making deliveries to LVH–Cedar Crest must enter and exit the campus via Kressler Road. Access to the loading docks from the Fish Hatchery Road entrance will not be available.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to expand the health care service the people of our community need.

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Service Anniversary List – May 2019

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · MAY 1, 2019

Happy anniversary to these colleagues celebrating a career milestone at LVHN in May 2019. Congratulate them on their years of service.

45 years

Donna O'Donnell, HIM Facility Based Coding

Jacqueline Repsher, Dietary

40 years

Faith Ginther, Operating Room

Karen Schleicher, Labor and Delivery

Janette Tough, Medical Oncology

Pamela Ziminski, Med Surg 4

35 years

Susan Dreher, LVPG Pediatric Surgical Specialties–1210 Cedar Crest

Mary Scanlan, ICU

Suzanne Smith, LVPG Bariatric Medicine–1243 Cedar Crest

30 years

Judith Depersia, Med Surg 4

Jane Evans, Emergency Department

Marybeth Gallagher, Patient Registration

Margaret Griesback, Labor and Delivery

Sonja Handwerk, Kidney Acquisition

Suzanne Jany, Cancer Support Services



Terry Koehler, Pre-Admission Testing

Melinda Lamond, Cardiovascular/Telemetry Unit

Bonnie Llewellyn, Communications

Susan Mindler, Information Technology

Mark Pelak, Cardiovascular/Telemetry Unit

Georgine Shoener, Laboratory

Renee Sube, Med Surg 4

25 years

Constance Brown, Progressive Coronary Care Unit

Michelle Christman, Home Care-Home Health Aide

Bonnie Coover, Recovery Room

Lisa Fisher, Patient Registration

Teri Gerhard, Home Care Central Business Office

Ilene Harrison, Clinical Social Work

Cheryl Kofskie, 6 North

Michelle Lapp, Obstetrics

Shirley Matrone, Med Surg 5

Debra MCGowan, Housekeeping

Diane Messenlehner, Group Health Admin. Services

Juanita Miller, 3T

Patricia Murphy, Respiratory

Charlene Piro, Health Information Management

Karen Radel, 5 North

Jessica Smith, Home Care Skilled Nursing

Denise Wright, Behavioral Health 2

Katherine Wuerstle, 5K

20 years

Nirmal Chana, Behavioral Health 2

Kimberly Fenstermacher, Physician Documentation

Michael Krestynick, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services

Michelle Rummel, Physician Documentation

Erin Shay, Population Health

Mark Short, Information Services

Loriann Vaccola, Home Care Skilled Nursing

Margaret Van Velsor, ICU

Kevin Virgo, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services

15 years

Mariana Badelita, 7K Orthopedics

Joel Calarco, LVPG Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine–1250 Cedar Crest

Amanda Castillo, Revenue Cycle Coordinators

Carol Demcher, 5 North

Denise Dengler, TNICU

Leann Dewalt, LVPG Family Medicine–Laurys Station

Lucy Fabian, Operating Room

Brandi Haja, PACU

Jason Kirka, Nurse Staffing Office

Jennifer Kornhausl, Nuclear Medicine

Kathleen Mack, MRI

Valerie Martin-Randall, Courier Services

Jolanta, Maslinski, Radiology

Allison Miller, Patient Accounting

Shelly Reiner, Organizational Development

Eileen Rowley, Float Nursing

Margaret Scott, Express Admission Unit

Marlene Shields, NICU

Veronica Stoeckel, Health Spectrum Pharmacy Infusion

Dolores Suzansky, NICU

Anne Marie Tressler, Short Procedure Unit

Karen Wallace, ICU

10 years

Carolyn Bozsolak, Cancer Center Multipurpose Area

Milagros Caraballo, LVPG Internal Medicine–Bartonsville

Amber Chaplain, LVPG Family Medicine–West End

Vincent Chiacchio, Information Services

Kelly Davison Heater, Pharmacy

Jenna Eustice, Department of Emergency Medicine

Eufemia Farfan, LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Pond Road

Jamie Galade, APTS Operations

Guillermo Garcia, LVPG General Surgery–Muhlenberg

Carmela Hallett, Float Nursing

Elissa Harwick, Children's ER

Pamela Henry, LVPG General Surgery–Muhlenberg

Kelly Hewitt, Outpatient Registration

Kerry Hogan, HIM Provider Based Coding

Holly Jones, LVPG General Surgery–Muhlenberg

Erika Keller, LVPG Maternal Fetal Medicine–3900 Hamilton Blvd.

Bernadette Klima, LVPG General Surgery–Muhlenberg

Sara Madrid, 4KS

Teresa, Matejicka, LVPG Family Medicine-Laurys Station

Jennifer McClarin, 6T

Michael Nguyen, Emergency Department

Kathy Ostrich, Clinical Services Observation

Aifer Pendeve, Labor and Delivery

Linzi Pummer, Children's Specialty Float Pool

Amanda Reesel, Patient Transport Services

Denise Reitz, LVPG Family Medicine–Catasauqua

William Riechers, Emergency Department

Rebecca Rodland, Same-Day Surgery

Cheryl Seritsky, Laboratory

Avani Shah, LVPG Ophthalmology–17th Street

Heather Sneckenburg, 5K

Heather Stack, Speech Therapy

Pamela Tito, Endoscopy

Pat Toselli, Office of the Chief Medical Officer

Patricia Trowbridge, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services

Nicholas Yackanicz, Pharmacy

Donna Yelles, LVPG Family Medicine–Laurys Station

5 years

Christina Anton, Cancer Data Management

Constance Asoh-Ndi, Float Pool

Michael Bartholomew, Cancer Financial Services

Monica Baumgardner, Cancer Financial Services

Carolyn Bechtel, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Ruth Brown, Volunteers Office

Michelle Burgess, NORI

Nicole Cabrera, Emergency Department

Mary Lynn Chesh, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Naser Chowdhury, Organizational Development

Larissa Cooper, LVPG Internal Medicine–Muhlenberg

Denise Cresswell, Care Management

Victoria Dejesus, Housekeeping

Kimberly Dougherty, MRI

Susan Dulin, 7T

Amy Dvorscak, PACU

Paula Edmondson, Inpatient Rehabilitation Center

Joseph Fabian, Supply Management

Lynnann Fenstermaker, LVPG General Surgery–Muhlenberg

Kindra Fiorelli, Mammography

William Fritz, Information Services

Jatinder Gahla, Hospitalist Program

George Gavalla, Radiology

Connie Gioielli, Parent Education

Susan Gulycz, Transitional Skilled Unit

Karlee Hantz, Emergency Department

Barbara Heagele, Benefits

Kelsee Heimbecker, Case Management

Karen Hertel, Human Resources

Lindsay Hischak, Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit

Chelsea Holthausen, Center for Women's Medicine

Amanda Kemeter, LVPG Pediatrics—Center Valley

Jessica Kratzer, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Sharon Krebs, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Lisa Kurutz, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Matthew Kuzmission, Epic

Jessica Light, Transitional Open-Heart Unit

Carmen Lopez, ICU

Kelvin Lopez, LVPG Family Medicine—Easton Avenue

Myrta Lopez, ICO Staging and Recovery

Rebecca Loux-Clark, Emergency Department

Ileana Maldonado, Patient Accounting

Vanessa McWhite, 5CP

Angie Melendez, Cardiovascular/Telemetry Unit

Ashley Mood, NICU

Sandra Muller White, Wound Care

Sandi Mullins, ExpressCARE

Angelica Newell, Emergency Department

Jamie Nickle, Medical Records

Danielle O'Connor, Transitional Trauma Unit

Victoria Ortiz, LVPG Internal Medicine—East Stroudbeurg

Kelsey Palma, Emergency Department

Stephen Palmieri, Dietary

Angela Papay, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Arlene Pasternak, Diagnostic Imaging

Dan Popescu, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Kristine Pothering, 2K South

Eleanor Price, Wound Care

Melissa Puhak, Respiratory Therapy

Ashley Reitz, Lehigh Valley Physicians Practice

Lorraine Rodriguez, Open-Heart Unit

Madeline Rodriguez, Pediatrics

Valerie Rodriguez, LVPG Cardiology–Pocono

Aidan Ryan, Marketing Sales and Business Development

Surendra Shah, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Heather Shamonsky, LVPG Cardiology–1250 Cedar Crest

Brandy Shupp, LVPG Family Medicine–Nazareth

Haley Smith, TNICU

John Smith, Patient Transport Services

Shaune Southern, Emergency Department

Marcella Staivecki, Communications

Selena Swan, Human Resources

Dorothy Thompson, LVPG General and Bariatric Surgery–Plaza Court

Kristy Tramonte, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Katherine Upchurch, Respiratory Care Services

Candice Veale,, Inpatient Rehabilitation Center–Muhlenberg

Clarence Walker, Pharmacy

Dora Weber, Cancer Financial Services

Cathy Zelif, LVPG Hematology Oncology

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LVPG Practice of the Month: LVPG Pediatrics–Palmer Township and Children’s ExpressCARE – PHOTOS

BY [MARCIANN ALBERT](#) · APRIL 30, 2019

Like many new practices, LVPG Pediatrics–Palmer Township and Children’s ExpressCARE weathered a variety of workflow and staffing challenges in their first year. Practice Manager Jaclyn Silverman and Practice Lead David Burnham, MD, encouraged colleagues to stay consistent and operate at that their highest scope. Here are photos of this amazing team.

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By collaborating with the division to ensure staffing, adopting an “air-traffic controller” model to address patient needs, concentrating on flow process, and leveraging relationships with colleagues at Children’s ExpressCARE, remarkable things began to happen.

Around December, the practice became fully staffed. Colleagues were able to breathe, sustain and

strategize – rather than just “operationally” progress. LVPG Pediatrics–Palmer Township experienced the opposite of outmigration. A surge of new patients and families – many of whom received exemplary care at Children’s ExpressCARE – wanted to establish care.

An influx of new patients brought forth new challenges, which required creative thinking, piloting and partnering. Silverman and Burnham collaborated with care teams to establish cross-training of Children’s ExpressCARE clinicians into the primary care setting.

Partnering with Children’s ExpressCARE clinicians enhanced patient throughput for well visits, acute illnesses and preparations for spring/summer volumes. In addition, two separate huddles were instituted to ensure colleagues from both practices were kept in the loop on practice volumes, appointments, coverage and more.

The concentration on flow process helped propel LVPG Pediatrics–Palmer Township to score 100 percent in three or more patient satisfaction “Top Box” areas and be at the forefront of the expansion of our services in Northampton County. Pediatric specialty rotations, such as pediatric endocrinology and neurology, laid the groundwork for Lehigh Valley Reilly Children’s Hospital specialty services to have a presence in the region.

Please join in celebrating these incredible colleagues for their efforts, commitment and phenomenal patient-centered care.

To learn more about the services and medical staff working at the health center, visit the [LVPG Pediatrics–Palmer Township and Children’s ExpressCare](#) website on LVHN.org.

You Can Help Create a Glass Sculpture for Our Children's Hospital

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · APRIL 30, 2019

Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital is a special place for kids, and exists to care for all children and families, from every town in our region, of every age and ability. We are opening a new entrance specifically for Children's Hospital, and you can be a part of making it magical.



Through our partnership with ArtsQuest Glassblowing Studio, a one-of-a-kind glass sculpture will be created to adorn the entrance lobby. This unique piece will include 400 blown-glass “beans” made by people like you. Each glass bean will be as unique as the person who makes it. The shimmering beans will be affixed to three spheres that will hang from the ceiling of the new children's hospital new entrance.

How you can help

You can sign up to create your glass bean during an event at the Banana Factory on May 16 from 5-8 p.m. The \$75 fee to participate includes food and beverages in addition to your glass piece which will be your contribution to the new lobby in the Children's Hospital.

If you would like to sign up, contact Gerald.McGlenn@lvhn.org.

By contributing to the sculpture, you will help create a colorful, magical reminder to our patients, families and colleagues that our Children's Hospital is here to heal, comfort and care for each individual patient and family who walks through our doors.

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Epic Upgrade – Successful Go-Live to February 2019 Version

BY [JENN FISHER](#) · APRIL 29, 2019

Early Sunday morning, all LVHN locations that use Epic successfully went “live” with updated applications in a system-wide Epic upgrade to implement the February 2019 version of Epic. Colleagues who work at LVPG–Hazleton locations experienced their first Epic upgrade since those practices and other locations transitioned to the electronic health record (EHR) system on Feb. 1. For all locations, this is the first of regularly scheduled quarterly Epic upgrades that LVHN will implement to keep our EHR system in sync with the latest version of Epic.

Command center support

To ensure all Epic-connected inpatient and outpatient locations are supported during this upgrade, information services (I/S) has a fully-staffed, 24/7 command center located in downtown Allentown at LVHN–Three City Center. Command center staff include:

- Analysts who support each application
- Operational leadership
- Clinical leadership
- CMIO group
- LVPG EMR Operations leadership
- I/S Support Center leadership

This team will continuously monitor the EHR system, obtain status assessments, provide systematic problem-solving, and answer provider and end user questions, as needed.

The command center is slated to be open through May 10.

How to reach support

Should you have problems or questions about changes associated with the Epic upgrade, please call I/S Support at 610-402-8303. The team is available around the clock for your support.

Still need training for this Epic upgrade?



If you haven't had a chance to do the eLearnings for this Epic upgrade, you still can do so. [Please see this training information document](#) and then log into The Learning Curve (TLC) from your Single Sign-On (SSO) icon, and register for your courses on TLC. You also can find this same training information in an April 17 email from Epic@LVHN.org, as well as attachments to Epic Flash newsletter emails dated April 12, 19 and April 26.

Epic thanks

The Epic team extends its thanks to all who helped prepare for go-live, as well as those who are providing support during this "live" phase. Thanks also to all our colleagues who are adjusting to new functionality while still ensuring patients enjoy a seamless and positive patient experience.

Mark your calendar

The next quarterly Epic Upgrade is scheduled for August, when we will implement the May 2019 version of Epic. You can stay up to date with information about that upgrade (and all LVHN Epic news) by reading the weekly Epic Flash newsletter.

If you have any questions about Epic, please send them to: Epic@LVHN.org.

ExpressCARE Redefines Access to Care in Schuylkill County – PHOTOS

BY [MIKE PECKMAN](#) · APRIL 30, 2019

With the cut of a ribbon, LVHN introduced ExpressCARE to Schuylkill County. “Today, we share our latest investment in your health with the establishment of our first ExpressCARE in Schuylkill County,” says Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer. “ExpressCARE adds yet another layer of health care convenience for this community.”

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Located at 200 Schuylkill Medical Plaza, Pottsville, ExpressCARE offers walk-in care without an appointment for common illnesses and minor injuries such as, but not limited to: sprains/strains, cuts/lacerations, poison ivy/rashes, seasonal allergies, flu symptoms, bronchitis, ear infections, sore throat and fever. LVHN offers laboratory and X-ray services at suite 103 in the adjoining medical office building. Care is provided by advanced practice clinicians.

ExpressCARE–Schuylkill Medical Plaza will open at 8 a.m., Wednesday, May 1. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The facility will be open 365 days a year.

“This is a giant step in making care more accessible to a broad range of people in need,” says William Reppy, President of LVH–Schuylkill. “ExpressCARE is close-to-home, convenient care.”

Since the merger of 2016, LVHN has invested more than \$50 million into new and expanded facilities, new services, recruiting more physicians, and in its colleagues. Other recent enhancements include a new Family Birth and Newborn Center, new senior behavioral health unit, the new LVHN Cancer Center–Schuylkill, new cardiac rehabilitation unit, new Advanced Wound Center, a new rehabilitation services facility in Tamaqua, and the new emergency department at LVH–Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street, which was completed in late 2016.

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Community Forum: Advances in Melanoma Cancer Care

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · MAY 2, 2019

Facing a melanoma diagnosis? Find HOPE and MORE at Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute. Join us for a special program and learn about new advances in melanoma treatment available through Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute. We also will celebrate melanoma survivors who now are cancer-free and thriving.

Thursday, May 16

Registration at 5 p.m.

Program at 5:30 p.m.

A light dinner will be served.

LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion, ECC rooms 6, 7 and 8

Agenda

Moderator: Suresh Nair, MD, Physician-in-Chief, Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute

Melanoma Clinical Trials: Paving the Way for the Future

Margaret Callahan, MD, PhD, medical oncologist, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Care for the Patient With Melanoma; A Case Presentation

Suresh Nair, MD, medical oncologist

Aaron Blackham, MD, surgical oncologist

Alyson McIntosh, MD, radiation oncologist

Lauren Demberger, PA-C, physician assistant

To register go to LVHN.org/MelanomaEvent or call 888-402-LVHN (5846).



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Professional Milestones Spring 2019 – PHOTOS

BY [LORI GRISCHOTT](#) · MAY 1, 2019

Oral Presentation

Tiffany Epting, MSN, RN-BC, “Nurse Residency Accreditation: The Tale of Two Journeys,” at the Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program™ Annual Conference, Orlando, Fla., in March 2019

Poster Presentations

Jill Hinnershitz, MSN, RN-BC, “An App for Onboarding Orientation: Leading Through Technology to Prepare Learners for Successful Orientation,” at the Association for Nursing Professional Development, Phoenix, Ariz., April 2019

Maureen Smith, MSN, RN, CNRN, “Pragmatic Strategies to Create a Culture of Quality,” at the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses 50th Annual Educational Meeting, Denver, Colo., March 2019

Rachael Artinyan, BS, RN, and Bonnie J. Wasilowsky, RN, CNRN, “Neurological Compromise Associated with Pregnancy: Cautionary Tales from the Bedside,” at the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses 50th Annual Educational Meeting, Denver, Colo., March 2019

Debra Peter, MSN, RN-BC, “A Path to Excellence: Key Components of an Evolving Best Practice Clinical Informatics Team,” at the American Nursing Informatics Association Annual



Joan Yankalunas, MSN, RN-BC, PCCN-K; Lien Hoang, BSN, RN; Tiffany Epting, MSN, RN-BC; and Mackenzie Woodbridge, BSN, RN, 7C, attending the Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program™ Annual Conference in Orlando

Conference, Las Vegas, Nev., April 2019

Brian Joho, MSN, RN, Daniel Lozano, MD, MBA, FACS, and Hamed Amani, MD, FACS, “Lessons from a Decade of Burn Disaster Planning,” at the American Burn Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev., April 2019

Paula Kovach, MEd, RN, “Implementing a Medication Pass Supplement Workflow: A Multidisciplinary Team Approach,” at the American Nursing Informatics Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nev., April 2019

Lien Hoang, BSN, RN, and Mackenzie Woodbridge, BSN, RN, “Necessity for Focused Assessments,” at the Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program™ Annual Conference, Orlando, Fla., March 2019

Professional Nursing Specialty Certifications

Jacqueline M. Raub, RN, PCCN

Keoma Gopaulsingh, RN, CCRN

Karlana G. Phillips, RN, RNC-NIC

Gabrielle N. Riker, RN, CCRN

Kaylee E. Raudenbush, RN, CCRN

Amanda J. Billig, RN, CCRN



Debra Peter, MSN, RN-BC, Clinical Informatics, at the American Nursing Informatics Association Annual Conference in Las Vegas



Paula Kovach, MEd, RN, Clinical Informatics, at the American Nursing Informatics Association Annual Conference in Las Vegas

Military Appreciation Festival June 1 in Hazleton

BY [JANE DANISH](#) · APRIL 29, 2019

The Lehigh Valley Health Network–Hazleton Veterans Committee and many community organizations have come together to provide a free event for military members and their families that will include health screenings, activities, food, prizes and entertainment. The Military Appreciation Festival will be held Saturday, June 1, at the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Military personnel from throughout our region and their families are invited to attend.

Schedule of events at the Military Appreciation Festival

- A military-style opening ceremony begins at 10:15 a.m.
- “Drop the Drugs” van on site during the event. Bring your unused and expired medications.
- Special appearance from Scranton/Wilkes Barre RailRiders mascot, Tux, from 10-11 a.m.
- Patriotic music performed by the Hazleton Area Marching Cougars from 10-11 a.m.

All veterans will receive a ticket that qualifies them to win from among several prizes including a television and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton RailRiders game tickets.

Colleagues can support our local military members by donating items such as gift cards, baskets, etc., to be used as prizes. Please drop off or send to Jon Morell, Director-Materials Management, at LVH-Hazleton’s purchasing office, basement level.

For more details on screenings to be provided and other interactive activities, go to LVHN.org/militaryfestival.



During Lager Jogger, LVH–Schuylkill Offers More Every Day – PHOTOS

BY [MIKE PECKMAN](#) · MAY 1, 2019

The streets of Pottsville were filled this past weekend with thousands of joggers, walkers, cheering fans and cowbells? Despite cool temperatures and high winds, the sun was shining as LVH–Schuylkill shared our ‘More Every Day’ message.

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The scene was the 7th Annual Lager Jogger sponsored by Yuengling, America’s oldest brewery, to benefit Operation Gratitude which has a dual mission to express gratitude to our military and first responder communities, and to provide people an opportunity to offer thanks.

Brewery icon and six generation owner Dick Yuengling stopped by the LVHN tents to welcome colleagues and offer his thanks. “I appreciate you being here today,” Yuengling says. “Thanks for

coming.”

He then joined the Schuylkill team for a quick photo and continued on mugging for the camera and taking selfies with participants thousands more times before the day was done.

Ten LVH–Schuylkill colleagues participated under our sponsorship while many more also participated. Most wore special lime green LVHN shirts to show their PRIDE.

“This was a great day to see our colleagues representing LVH–Schuylkill and telling our story in such a positive way; we were all LVHN Proud,” says Bill Reppy, LVH–Schuylkill President who joined other Schuylkill colleagues handing out promotional items and information on the new ExpressCARE and other LVH–Schuylkill and LVPG–Schuylkill activity.

As runners and walkers crossed the finish line, they were greeted by applause and the ringing of cowbells at several LVHN cheer stations. There were even a few cheer stations set up along the course.

All agreed, the cowbells were a hit. LVH–Schuylkill also offered a photo zap booth where people could take a commemorative photo and text or email it to themselves.

Get Discounted Pentatonix Tickets

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · APRIL 29, 2019

LVHN's Recreation Committee rarely gets discount offers for concerts. However, to fill remaining seats and because LVHN is a founding partner, the PPL Center is offering tickets to the Pentatonix concert on June 4 for \$29.50. Tickets are for seats in sections 106 and 107.

There is a small window to order your tickets, however. Your order must be received before 5 p.m. on May 6.

[Download this flyer](#) for details and the reservation form.

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