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New Health Campus Planned for Carbon County – PHOTOS and VIDEO

BY [JENN FISHER](#) · AUGUST 1, 2019

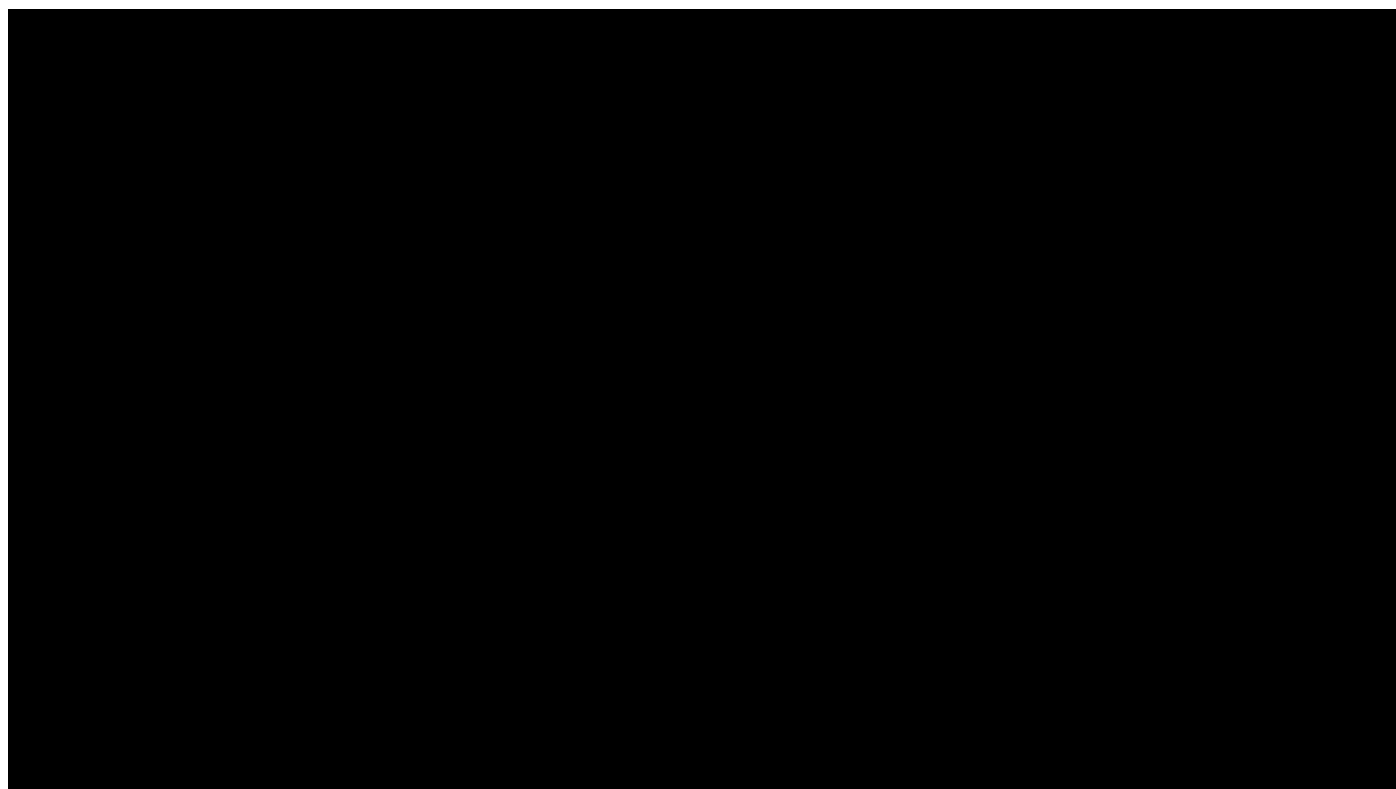
Special Announcement



This message is from Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, Lehigh Valley Health Network President and Chief Executive Officer.

Lehigh Valley Health Network is furthering our promise to our communities to be a partner in their health. One way to do that is to bring services close to where people live. I am excited to share news with you about our plans to give people in Carbon County more convenient access to the quality care they expect, deserve and already seek.

LVHN will build a new health campus on Route 443 in Mahoning Township, adjacent to the Borough of Lehighton. Plans include a new hospital, to be named Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Carbon, and a medical office building, all designed for patient convenience and easy access to LVHN services.



I am also pleased to announce that Terrence (Terry) Purcell, Vice President for Market Development, will serve as President of the new hospital.

The campus will offer a full-service, 24/7 emergency room, full OR services and suites offering inpatient and outpatient surgical care, and a full complement of diagnostic services including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The hospital will include private rooms for inpatient care. Our Lehigh Valley Institute for Surgical Excellence will oversee surgery services at the hospital.



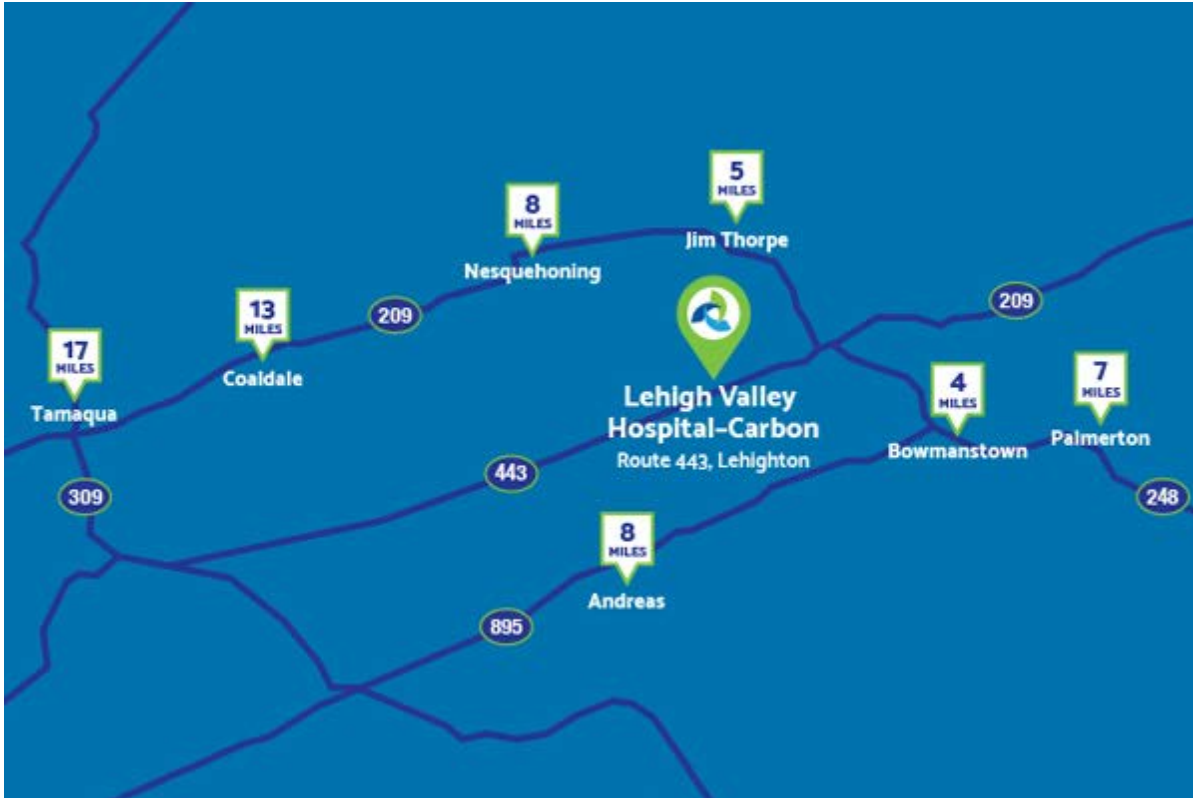
Terry Purcell



The medical office building will provide specialty care services, including heart care (Lehigh Valley Heart Institute), primary care, breast health services and other specialty care services. In addition, we will expand Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute care in Carbon County, and offer greater access to world-class clinical trials and treatments through the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance.



Residents of Carbon County already trust in the care they receive at LVHN. Thousands regularly seek care at LVHN hospitals and with LVPG specialists. As is the case in all the communities we serve, we foster relationships with health care providers who are not employed by LVHN but practice independently. By having a modern health care facility in Carbon County, we will strengthen partnerships with those independent providers and other community-minded organizations that are aligned with our mission to heal, comfort and care.



The campus' one-story hospital offers easy navigation and a full complement of health care services that will enhance the health of people in the borough county and surrounding region. The campus will contain leading-edge equipment needed for today's innovative treatments and telemedicine technology to make care more convenient. With these features, patients and their families can expect extraordinary care and a top-notch experience.

Groundbreaking will take place in spring 2020, with grand opening of the hospital campus slated for fall 2021. Here are photos from the news conference where we announced LVH-Carbon to our community.



The campus is an important addition to the substantial health care resources LVHN has already established in Carbon County to make care more accessible and convenient for area families. Over the course of the last few years, Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute established cancer care and infusion services in the community at our office on N. First Street. In addition, the N. First Street office offers access to many specialties including family medicine, orthopedics, neurosurgery and general surgery.

Cardiology, vascular surgery, neurology, as well as pulmonary and critical care medicine, are all located in new office space at 1001 Mahoning Street. Pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology care is offered by LVPG health care providers at our nearby N. 12th Street office.

We also will provide walk-in care for minor illnesses and injuries at two new ExpressCARE locations opening in the county. In September and October, ExpressCARE–Lehighton and ExpressCARE–Palmerton will each open.

Another benefit to patients who seek care from LVHN and LVPG is care coordination offered by our advanced electronic medical record system, Epic. With Epic, each patient has a single electronic medical record that can be accessed at locations across the health network. This helps ensure seamless care for patients between our physician practices, the new hospital and all LVHN facilities.

Please share this exciting news with your family, friends and neighbors. We want everyone to know what we're doing to make it even more convenient for children, adults and seniors to access the high-quality care LVHN provides. Thank you for all you do every day to be true health care partners with the people who come to us for exceptional, compassionate care.

LVH is Region's Only Nationally Ranked Hospital on U.S. News 'Best Hospitals' List

BY RICK MARTUSCELLI · JULY 30, 2019

Special Announcement



This message is from Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, President and Chief Executive Officer, LVHN.

I'm LVHN Proud to announce that Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) is once again the region's only nationally ranked hospital on U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospital list. It's the latest example of our unwavering commitment to be the health care partner the people of our community need, expect and deserve.

For the 2019-20 rankings, U.S. News evaluated more than 4,500 hospitals and health systems nationwide. Only 165 were ranked in at least one specialty.

LVH is one of them. LVH ranks 35th among the nation's leading hospitals in orthopedics. It's the ninth time we were nationally ranked for orthopedics. The recognition places us among the nation's top 3 percent of leading hospitals in this specialty. (NOTE: See our U.S. News ad and social media video below. Remember to share the video on you social media sites using #LVHNProud.)

For the third straight year, LVH also ranks in the top five among all Pennsylvania hospitals and is high performing in four specialties:

- Gastroenterology and GI surgery
- Geriatrics



- Nephrology
- Pulmonology and lung surgery

LVH also is listed as high performing in these seven common adult procedures and conditions tracked by U.S. News:

- Aortic valve surgery
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Colon cancer surgery
- Heart bypass surgery
- Heart failure
- Hip replacement
- Knee replacement

Other LVHN hospitals also were recognized by U.S. News.

- LVH–Muhlenberg is listed as high performing in orthopedics, urology, COPD and heart failure.
- LVH–Hazleton is listed as high performing in heart failure.
- LVH–Pocono is listed as high performing in COPD and heart failure.

Recognition from U.S. News adds to the list of accolades LVHN recently received identifying our health network as a premier health care organization. In May, four LVHN hospitals received an [‘A’ Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group](#). The rating reflects our focus on protecting patients from accidents, errors, injuries and infections. Also in May, Becker’s Healthcare placed LVHN on its list of the [“150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare.”](#) That recognition was reinforced in July when [Forbes ranked LVHN first among Pennsylvania’s health care employers](#) and sixth among all Pennsylvania employers.

Every colleague can be LVHN Proud to be a member of an organization that is consistently recognized for providing world-class care and being a great place to work. As we celebrate our accomplishments, let’s continue our momentum by creating and fostering strong partnerships. Thank you for being a loyal and trustworthy partner to patients, their families and one another.

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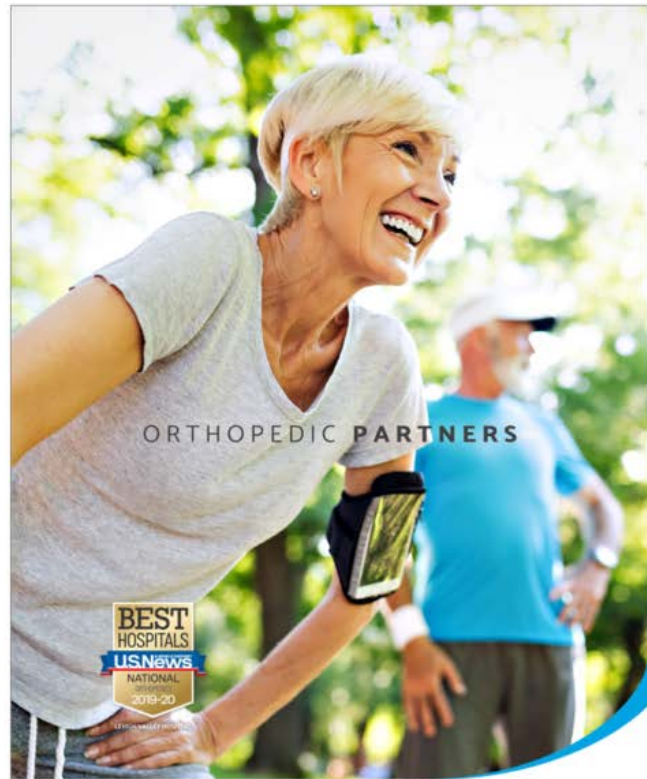


LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL

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Once again, Lehigh Valley Hospital is the region's only nationally ranked hospital in orthopedics on U.S. News & World Report's "Best Hospitals" list. With the most experienced orthopedic surgeons, we care for more patients than anyone in the region. Nationally ranked care and partners that keep you moving. That's what you deserve.

To learn more, visit LVHN.org/USNews or call 888-402-LVHN.



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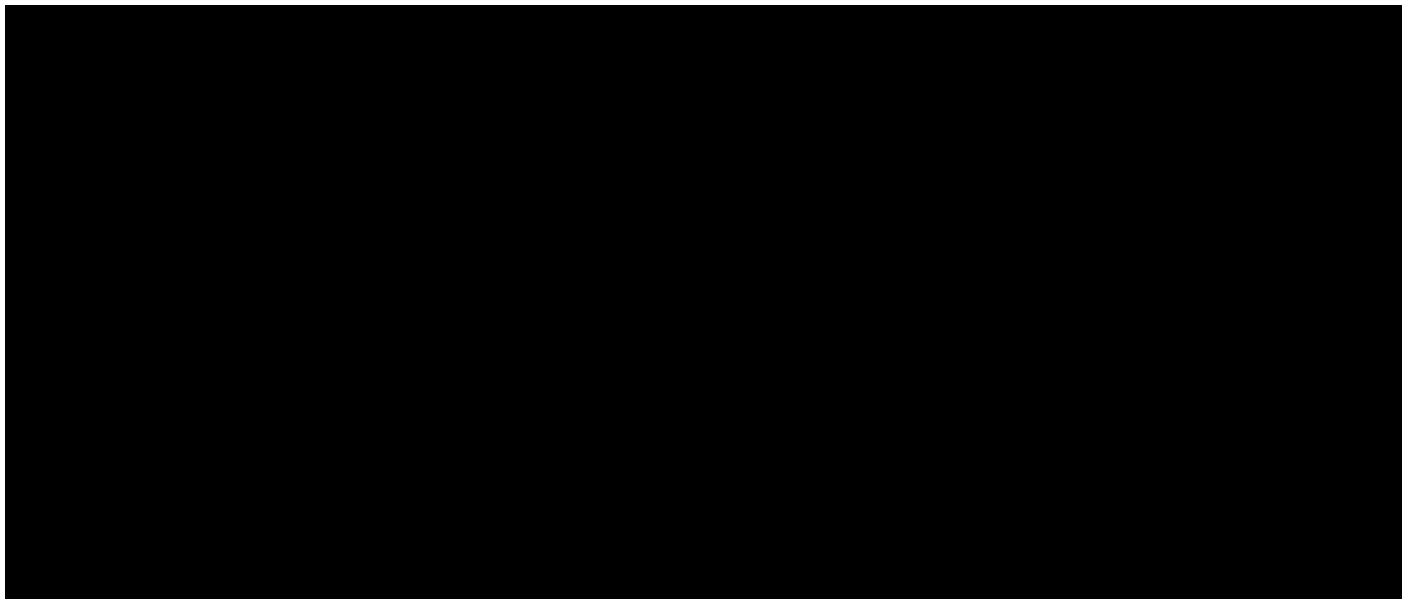
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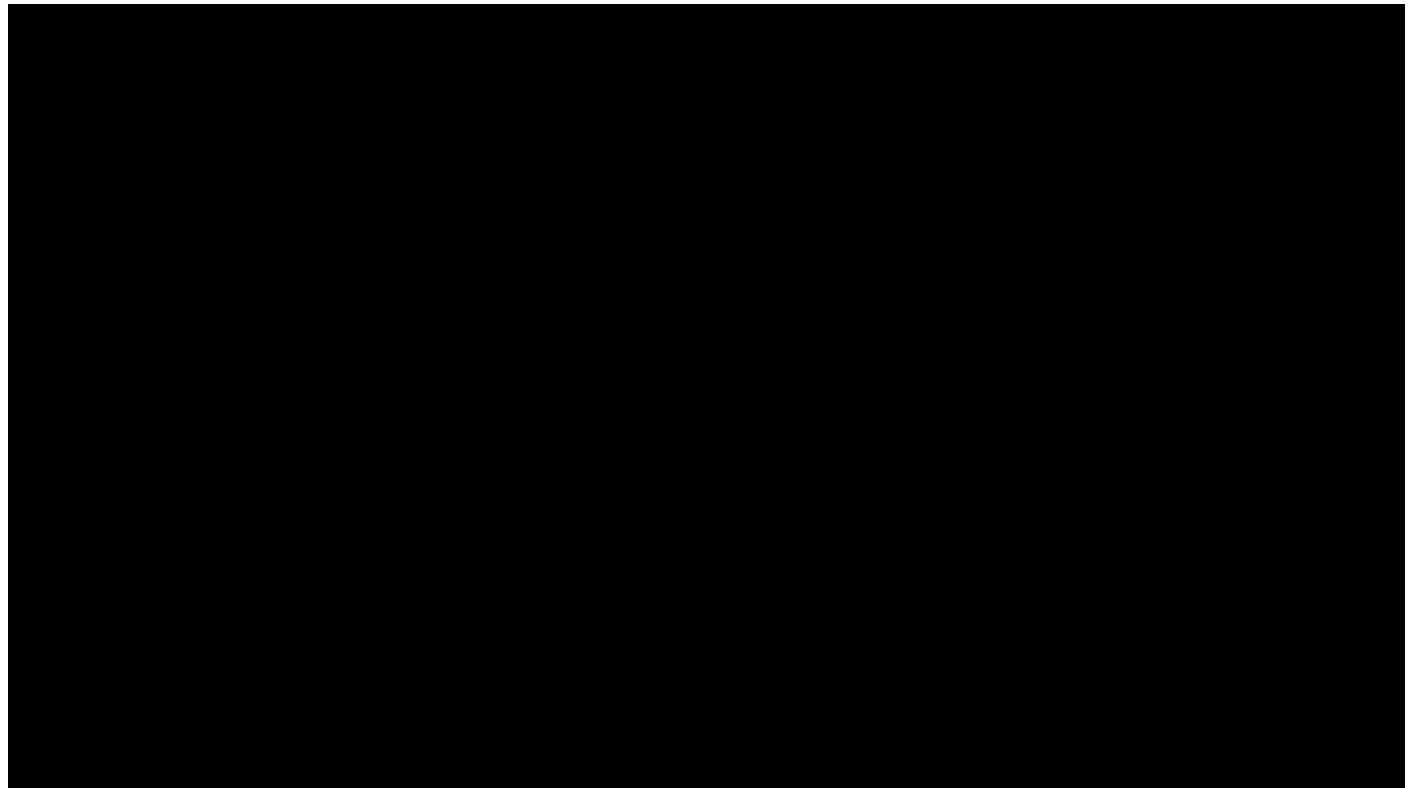


CEO Update: It's an Exciting Time to Be a Colleague – VIDEO

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



Each month, LVHN President and CEO Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, records a video called the CEO Update about a timely topic. In this edition, Dr. Nester talks about the national recognition LVHN is receiving and the growth of our health network throughout the region. Watch the video or read a transcript below.



It's an exciting time to be an LVHN colleague. We're being recognized nationally for our care and our culture. We're financially strong. And, we're growing to give people convenient access to care. Here are examples of why we all should be LVHN Proud.

Once again, [Lehigh Valley Hospital ranks in the top five among all Pennsylvania hospitals on U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospital list](#). LVH also ranks among the nation's top 3 percent of leading hospitals for orthopedics. We're the only hospital in the area to make the U.S. News ranking in at least one specialty area, and we've done just that 22 of the last 23 years. Thanks for all you do to make it happen.

That's national recognition for the quality of our care. We're also receiving national attention for being a great place to work.

[Forbes released a list of "America's Best Employers by State," and LVHN made the list](#). We are the top-rated health network in Pennsylvania, and rank sixth among the state's top 60 employers.

Congratulations. Now, [we're aiming to be a "Best Place to Work in PA."](#) If you receive a survey from "Best Places," please take it and share why you are LVHN Proud. Our success is largely dependent upon your participation.

We're a great place for care. We're a great place to work. And we're growing. We're making investments throughout our region to give people convenient access to the care they need close to home.

Soon, you'll be seeing more information related to our growth in Carbon and Northampton counties, in Hazleton, at Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital and more. I'll talk more in depth about our successes and growth – and your role in our future success – at the State of the Health Network Address on Sept. 19. Watch for a recap of the presentation on LVHN Daily the week of Sept. 23.

It truly is an exciting time to be at LVHN. Thank you for all you do to make our health network exceptional, and for being the partner the people of our community need, expect and deserve.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Nester". The signature is fluid and cursive.

ABOUT ME: My name is Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, and I am the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). I came to LVHN in 1998 as the Director of LVH-Muhlenberg's Emergency Department. Prior to becoming President and CEO in 2014, I served as the health network's Chief Strategy Officer. I am originally from Reading, and I'm proud to lead an organization that continually strives to provide better health and better care at a better cost for the great people of our community.

Let's Do it Again: Vote LVHN Services 'Best' in Lehigh Valley, Hazleton

BY ERIN LUDWIG · AUGUST 2, 2019

Earlier this year, colleagues were asked to help vote LVHN services 'Best of the Valley' through Lehigh Valley Magazine's annual voting contest. The impact of colleague voting was clear, resulting in decisive wins in every category in which LVHN services were nominated – a fantastic achievement that should make all colleagues #LVHNProud.

Let's keep our great momentum going. Colleagues can once again work together to help our nominated services win their respective categories in three contests that are currently running: **The Morning Call Readers' Choice Awards** and **Lehigh Valley Business Reader Rankings** in the Lehigh Valley, and the **Standard Speaker Readers' Choice Awards** in Hazleton.

These awards programs have wide visibility and carry local prestige. They also are a great way to bring awareness to our high-quality services as a health network and show our communities that we are #LVHNProud. **Please take a moment to vote for LVHN services in the following contests:**

Morning Call Readers' Choice Awards

1. Visit <https://mcall.secondstreetapp.com/Readers-Choice-2019/>
2. Click "Wellness & Personal Style Ballot"
3. Vote for LVHN in the following categories by clicking "Vote" or writing in "Lehigh Valley Health Network":
 - Cancer Center
 - Family Doctor
 - Hospital/Health Network
 - Nursing Services



- Obstetrician
 - Orthopedic Services
 - Pediatrician
 - Physical Rehab Center/Services
 - Place to Have a Baby
 - Sports Medicine
 - Surgeon
 - Urgent Care
4. You will be prompted to create an account. You will only need to submit your information once to vote in all categories.
 5. Deadline to vote is **Monday, Aug. 12.**

Lehigh Valley Business Reader Rankings

1. Visit <https://www.lvb.com/reader-rankings/2019-reader-rankings/#/>
2. Click “Health Care” Category
3. Vote for LVHN in the following categories:
 - Hospitals & Health Systems
 - Physical Therapy and Rehab
 - Orthopedic Surgeon
4. You will be prompted to create an account. You will only need to submit your information once to vote in all categories.
5. Deadline to vote is **Monday, Aug. 12.**

Standard Speaker Readers’ Choice Awards (Hazleton)

1. Visit <https://www.standardspeaker.com/contests/readers-choice#/>
2. Click “People and Service” Category
3. Vote for Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton and LVHN services in the following categories by clicking “Vote” or writing in “Lehigh Valley Health Network.”
 1. Chiropractor
 - Dr. Daniel Gavio – Health & Wellness Center
 2. Family Physician
 - Dr. Stephen Shoemaker
 - Dr. Philip Benyo
 - Dr. Eugene Gorski
 - Dr. Jodi Lenko
 - Dr. Emilia Secheresiu
 - Dr. Daniel Benyo
 - Heather Sugarman, CRNP
 - Robin Bohanan, CRNP
 3. Fitness Center

- Health & Wellness Center

4. Hospital

- Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton

5. Massage

- Mary King, at Dr. Gavio's

6. Obstetrician/Gynecologist

- Dr. Jill Snyder
- Dr. Scott Muir
- Dr. Rick Greco
- Jennifer Ruch, CRNP

7. Patient Care

- Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton

8. Pediatrician

- Pediatric Associates–Hazleton (now LVPG Pediatrics-Hazleton Shopping Center)
- LVPG Pediatrics – Brookhill Plaza

9. Physical Therapy and Rehab Center

- Health and Wellness Center

10. Podiatrist

- Dr. Brittany Portonova

11. Surgeon

- Dr. Anthony Carrato
- Dr. Thomas DiBenedetto

12. Orthopedic Services

- Dr. Steven Puccio, LVPG Orthopedics

4. You will be prompted to create an account. You will only need to submit your information once to vote in all categories.

5. Deadline to vote is **Tuesday, Aug. 13.**

Let's work together to make sure LVHN services win so that everyone in our communities know who their best choice is for care.

State Awards \$1 Million for Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton Expansion Project

BY [JANE DANISH](#) · AUGUST 2, 2019

LVHN will receive \$1 million as part of a multi-phased expansion project at the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton campus located along the Airport Beltway in Hazle and Butler townships. The funding received will assist with the planned major expansion of facilities and consolidation of outpatient services that will create an ambulatory medical mall at this location. New services being planned for the medical mall include a medical pavilion, primary care pavilion, women and children's pavilion, surgical center, cancer services expansion and an urgent care center. Additionally, wellness, rehab, fitness, cardiac rehab, and ancillary testing services such as laboratory, cardiology and imaging will be centrally located at the medical mall.



“Lehigh Valley Health Network offers quality health care services to patients across northeastern Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley,” said State Senator John Yudichak. “This funding will allow Lehigh Valley Health Network to expand their services in an effort to deliver access to affordable, quality health care.”

Representatives Gerald Mullery and Tarah Toohil assisted with securing funding for LVHN. “On behalf of our senior leadership at Lehigh Valley Health Network, as well as our entire team at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton, I want to express our extreme gratitude to all the members of our state legislative delegation for this support,” says John Fletcher, LVH–Hazleton President. “They worked very hard on our behalf to secure this significant funding to help meet the health care needs in Hazleton and surrounding communities. This funding will go a long way toward providing critical services and access for local residents as we expand and advance our health care campus along the Airport Beltway in Hazle and Butler townships.”

Work continues on finalizing the facilities and operational plans for the expanded ambulatory campus.

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Lehigh Valley Heart Institute Partners With Colleges on Clinical Education Program

BY ADMIN · AUGUST 1, 2019

A new agreement between two Pennsylvania colleges will result in students receiving clinical education at Lehigh Valley Heart Institute. The agreement allows Northampton Community College (NCC) students to transfer to Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) to obtain an associates degree in cardiovascular technology. Students will then apply to a 15-month clinical program offered at Lehigh Valley Heart Institute.

**Learn more during an Open House.
Aug. 13, 6-8 p.m.
Northampton Community College,
College Center 220
LVHN colleagues will be there to
answer your questions.**



Heart disease is the leading cause of death nationally and in the state of Pennsylvania. “As the health needs of the greater Lehigh Valley area continue to grow, this program will equip students with the knowledge they need to care for patients,” says Vincent Tallarico, Lehigh Valley Heart Institute Vice President. “We are excited to have this partnership to address the local need associated with this important profession and the prevalence of heart disease.”

Starting in fall 2019, NCC students interested in cardiac sonography or invasive cardiovascular technology can take their general education requirements at NCC and then apply to HACC to take the final coursework to earn their degree. Through HACC, the NCC students will complete one online class and two classes at HACC’s Lancaster campus. Students will then apply to the clinical program at Lehigh Valley Heart Institute.

Interested students may learn more by contacting Kristy Werkheiser, program director of HACC’s cardiovascular technology programs, or attend an information session Aug.13 from 6-8 p.m. at NCC’s

Bethlehem campus in the College Center, room 220.

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Service Anniversary List – August 2019

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · JULY 31, 2019

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

45 years

Gregory Fischl, Cat Scanning

Loretta Long, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services

40 years

Selina Angelo, Information Services

Frances Bernabucci, 4KS

Rebecca Caffrey, Operating Room

Susan Legutko, Geriatric Psychiatry

Sharon Strauss, Patient Accounting

Christine Wilcosky, Supply Chain Administration

35 years

Susan Kahr, Center for Women's Medicine

30 years

Cynthia Ault, Employee Health Services

Bonnie Collins, Radiation Oncology

Diane Cunningham, Respiratory

D. James Ezrow, Psychiatry

Michael Gee, Courier Services

Patricia Gronski, NICU



Roxanne Grube, ICO Staging and Recovery

Audrey Gunderman, Cardiac Cath Lab

John Key, Pharmacy

Robert King, Info Services

Darlene Miller, Communications

Michelle Ortiz, 6 North

Marysue Rother, Population Health

Carolyn Traglia, Heart Station

Patricia Trubilla, LVPG Family Medicine–Hamburg

Barry Trust, Engineering

Anne Marie Veneri, Med Surg 4

Annmarie Zvorsky, School Of Nursing

25 years

Michelle Benes, Rehabilitation Services

Kimberly Brown, Children's Clinic

Scott Fegley, Support Services Security

Carol Melvin, Labor and Delivery

Eleanor Oliver, Remote Patient Monitoring

Lisa Prator, Quality and Safety

Tracey Rinaldo, ICU

Maryann Tellez, Laboratory

Paul Torresson, Epic

20 years

Gregory Cassel, Information Services

Lori Dietz Fontaine, Hospice Skilled Nursing

Sherry Greb, Revenue Cycle Coordinators

Susann Groller, Hemodialysis Center

Mark Gutekunst, Emergency Department

Thomas Hutchinson, OB/GYN Department Chair

Nicholas Knapik, Engineering

Mary Lins, Dietary

Molly Peters, LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–1245 Cedar Crest

Brian Downs, Marketing and Public Affairs

Tania Rosario, Clinical Services Observation

Cathy Rosenblatt, Compliance

Sophia Rush, ExpressCARE–Hazleton

Marie Salibi, Clinical Services Observation

Nadia Salibi, Clinical Services Observation

Lori Souders, Diagnostic Radiology

Kristi Thomas, Information Services

Crystal Walker, Family Medicine Residency

15 years

Kimberly Bruns, Psychiatry

Patricia Cathers, Respiratory Care Services

Mary Coopersmith, LVPG Valerie M. Hodge Memorial Pediatric Dental Center-Plaza Court

Michele Feathers, Respiratory

Felix Figueroa, Case Management

Pamela Fitz, Operating Room

Nadine Gerhard, Radiation Therapy

Thomas Haydt, Respiratory

Wendy Kowalski, Pediatrics/Neonatology

Mary Leo, HOA

Vanessa Mackey, Child Life Department

Stephanie Marshall, Epic

Robert Miller, LVPG Pediatric Pulmonology–1210 Cedar Crest

Sue Moyer, Housekeeping

Jeffrey Nagel, TeleIntensivist

Catherine Pena, ExpressCARE–Tobyhanna

Rachel Phillips, Special Care Nursery

Patricia Plantz, Nurse Staffing Office

Stacy Quevy, Children's ER

Melissa Reinhart, Operating Room

Rosalind Rivera, Emergency Department

Amanda Savage, Respiratory

Susanne Sears, 5 North

Melissa Shirey, Infusion Therapy

Stacy Spadt, Clinical Social Work

Sherry Stauffer, LVPG Pediatrics–Fogelsville

Stephenie Steck, Inpatient Rehabilitation Center

Michelle Waitz, Pediatric Rehabilitation

10 years

Radhika Ailawadi, LVPG Urogynecology–Bartonsville

Eleanor Antolin, Psychiatry

Janet Barber, Business Development

Kelli Barz, Mother-Baby/GYN

Heather Bleiler, Rehabilitation

Tiffany Burk, Rehabilitation

Lauren Cannon, PACU

Susan Chaikowsky, Dental Clinic

Lori Cooper, Phlebotomy

Linda Dinbokowitz, Behavioral Health

Louise Doyle, Case Management

Sally Dreher, Clinical Services Observation

Janel Guttmann, LVPG Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery–1243 Cedar Crest

Jennifer Hamershock, Obstetrics

Katherine Hann, LVPG Family Medicine–3080 Hamilton

Benjamin Hynoski, Emergency Department

Danielle Jeffreys, Physical/Occupational Therapy

Jenna Kawa, 5 North

Jennifer Locher, NICU

Starlyn Meitzler, 6 North

Kelli Mikolosko, Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services

Kathy Moisey, Rehabilitation

Meghan Oxford, Transitional Open-heart Unit

Jennifer Rutherford, LVPG Family Medicine–Cetronia Road

Amber Schantzenbach, Staging/PACU

Judith Schrepfer, Rehabilitation

Lalita Shastry, LVPG Infectious Diseases–1250 Cedar Crest

Andra Sipsky, Rehabilitation

Jessica Sluzevich, Home Health Care

Kimberly Stanell, Operating Room

Nicolas Teleo, LVPG General and Bariatric Surgery

Danielle Ward, LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology

Andrea Weiss, Respiratory Care Services

Susan Zeck, Lab Admin

5 years

Noranne Baddick, Sterile Processing

Mary Battaglia, Cancer Center Financial Support

Felipe Bautista Otanez, LVPG Pediatric Hematology/Oncology–Muhlenberg

Lauren Bell, LVPG Neurosurgery–1250 Cedar Crest

Caitlin Blaha, Cardiac Rehab

Lesia Breiner, LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Pond Road

Mallory Brennan, LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest

Sherry Buchman, Medical Oncology

Talia Butler, Emergency Department

Jonathan Butron, Float Pool

Seana Butz, ICU

Jo Ann Coryell, EEG

Aaron Czysz, LVPG Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Amisa Dacey, Case Management

James Demopoulos, LVPG Administration

Steve Denton, Psychiatry

Michalina Depaoli, Population Health

Jesica Dingler, LVPG Pediatric Pulmonology–1210 Cedar Crest

Kessiah Dominique, Transitional Skilled Unit

Michael Dorman, Information Services

Raman Dusaj, LVPG Cardiology-1250 Cedar Crest

Jennifer Dwyer, Emergency Department

Mahendi Effting, Pediatric Unit

Gail Eisenhower, Information Services

Debra Esernio-Jenssen, Child Advocacy Center

Sabrina Esterly, 3A ICU

Danielle Foster, 6 North

Shih Hua Fu, Heart Station

Amays Fuertes, Behavioral Health Nursing

Darryl Gaines, LVPG Internal Medicine-3080 Hamilton

Katie Gillespie, Heart Station

Stuart Gitomer, Health Care Analytics

Deborah Gonzalez Alonso, LVPG Chiropractic Medicine-1243 Cedar Crest

Travis Green, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

Devon Gulick, Child Life Department

Teresa Herrera, 4KS Medical/Surgical Unit

Amy Hodes, Transitional Open-heart Unit

Kevin Hollshwandner, LVHN Fitness

Samantha Iannelli, Payer Contracting

Douglas Jones, Information Services

Carla Kalymun-Freed, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Ryan Keiser, Lab

Janice Keppel, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Margaret Kocher, Employee Assistance Program

Sharmila Koshy, LVPG Endocrinology

Paula Kovach, Clinical Informatics

Jordyn Kriner, 5 North

Christopher Lamberson, Information Services

Jeremy Loveland, Telecommunications

Lisa Mackey, Patient Access Support

Rebecca Mccraw, 3B (3N)

Nidhi Mehta, LVPG Cardiology–Muhlenberg

Daniel Minnich, Pharmacy

Brianne Moyer, Maternity

Susan Nastasee, Transitional Trauma Unit

Quynh Nguyen, LVPG Pediatrics-Laurys Station

Melissa O'Boyle, 4KS Medical/Surgical Unit

Alexander Ortiz, Epic

Ashley Patzuk, NORI Clinical

Nicole Quaranta, Hospitalist Program

Jennifer Race, LVPG Neurology-1250 Cedar Crest

Richard Rau, Patient Transport Services

Carmen Rentas, Payor Based Care Cordination

Rick Reppert, Supply Management

Ryan Repsher, Epic

Migdalia Resto, Pediatrics/Neonatalogy

Susan Ruzze, Communications

Mary Jo Sadusky, Employee Health

Giovanna Saravia, Emergency Deaprtment Registration

Nicole Schuld, Adult Psychiatry

Mary Ellen Siket, LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology

Courtney Sniscak, 7K Orthopedics

Vanessa Spamer, Obstetrics

Jill Spotts, LVPG Neurosurgery-1250 Cedar Crest

Jaime Taucher, LVPG Urology

Jaclyn Taylor, LVPG Hematology Oncology

Greg Terry, Patient Transport Services

Katrina Trexler, LVPG Pediatrics-Fogelsville

Agnes Wane-Slory, ExpressCARE-Pocono

Antoinette Weller, Post Operative Unit

Kimberly Werner, PACU

Erica Whritenour, 3A IPCU

Cadena Wood, Emergency Department

Brittany Yoo, LVPG Family and Internal Medicine–Bethlehem Township

Jennifer Young, Home Care Skilled Nursing

Epic Storyboard Coming to LVHN

BY [TINA VO](#) · JULY 28, 2019

When LVHN implements the next quarterly Epic Upgrade on Aug. 18, the most significant change that colleagues will see is called Storyboard. This change will impact those who interact with the following applications:

- Patient access
- Revenue
- Outpatient
- Inpatient
- Emergency Department
- OR and Procedure Areas
- Radiology
- Therapy

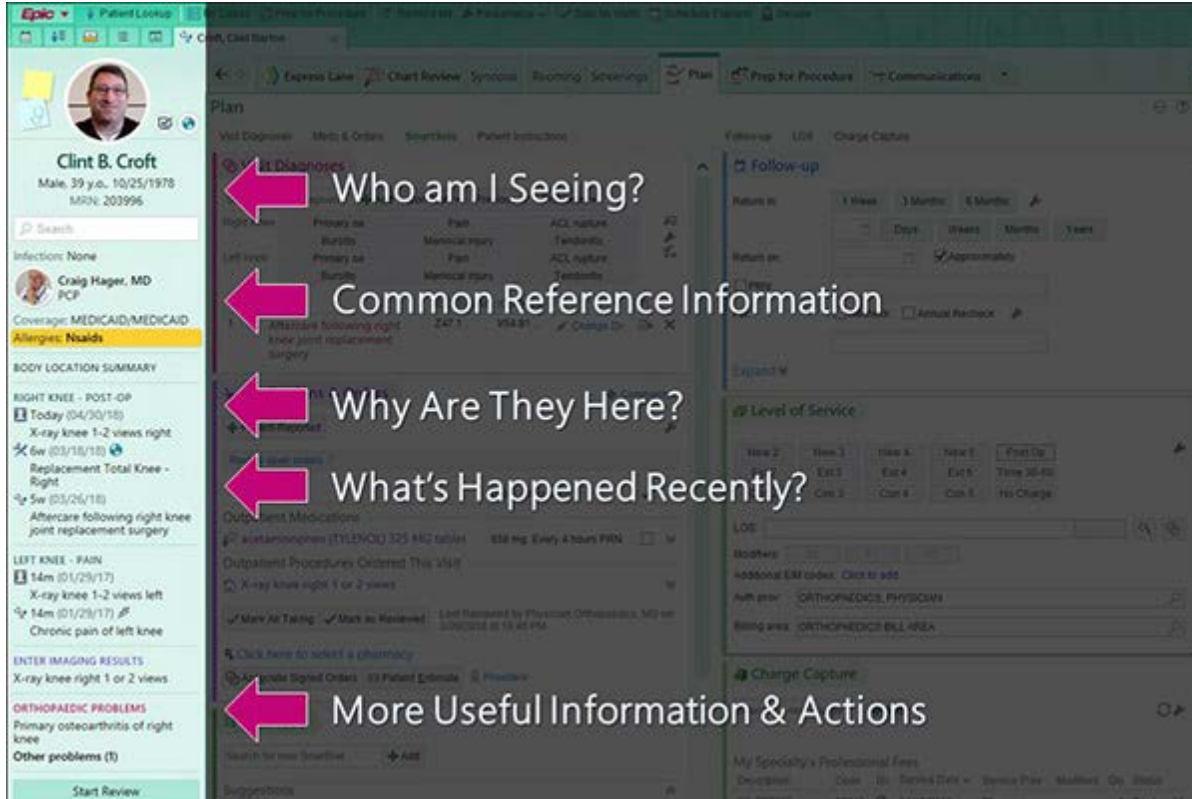
Storyboard is part of a redesigned workspace for colleagues, a tool that provides quicker access to key patient details and common actions without switching screens and without leaving your workflow. Regardless of the application you use, Storyboard will appear on your screen. The details you see will be dependent on your specialty, role, and other security considerations.

What to expect from Storyboard

It tells the patient story

Storyboard has a consistent look across applications. You will see what is relevant to your role and interaction with the patient:

- **Who:** Top of Storyboard tells you who the patient is.
- **Why:** Next, it explains why you are seeing this patient, whether the person is seeing you for an outpatient visit, an inpatient admission, or has a billing question, etc.
- **What:** Important details appear depending on your role. Such as, an outpatient provider sees the patient's problem list; an inpatient provider sees new results, medications, and vitals; the billing office colleague sees account guarantor information.



Storyboard helps you avoid screen jumps

You will see more content in Storyboard than the patient header was able to previously show. Hover bubbles let you see additional information without going to a different activity. You also will be able to complete quick actions, such as acknowledging orders or reviewing a patient's problem list right from Storyboard.

It provides more efficient use of screen space

The new workspace layout makes better use of the space on the screen:

- Information that used to appear in the patient header now appears in Storyboard, where it's easier to read because it's less likely to be truncated.
- Moving the activity tabs to the top of the screen is possible

Learn more about Storyboard

You will be able to explore Storyboard in Epic Playground (PLY) prior to the Aug. 18 Epic Upgrade. Spend some time getting to know this new and useful Epic feature. In the meantime, [check out this video](#) for an overview.

Professional Milestones – Summer 2019

BY [KIRSTIN REED](#) · AUGUST 2, 2019

Oral Presentation

Susan Berg BSN, RN, CMSRN, OCN,

“Nursing Developed Patient Specific Plans to Improve Motivation and Engagement in Their Own Care,” Oncology Nursing Society 44th Annual Congress, San Diego, CA, April 11-14, 2019.

Tina Roma Fisher, MSN, RN, CRRN,

“How to Write an Abstract for Conference Presentations,” Pennsylvania Easter Region of Nurse Leaders Meeting, Bethlehem, PA, April 2019.

Kenneth Miller, MEd, MSRT, RRT-NPS,

ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, “ETCO₂ is it a Surrogate for PaCO₂?” Spring Conference Pennsylvania Society of Respiratory Care, Valley Forge, PA, April 12, 2019.

Kenneth Miller, MEd, MSRT, RRT-NPS, ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, “Reducing Pressure Injuries During Invasive and Non-invasive Ventilation,” North Eastern Conference Pennsylvania Society of Respiratory Care, Wilkes Barre, PA, June 6, 2019.

Kenneth Miller, MEd, MSRT, RRT-NPS, ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, “Preventing Mechanical Ventilation in Patients with Retained Secretions,” North Eastern Conference Pennsylvania Society of Respiratory Care, Wilkes Barre, PA, June 6, 2019.

Poster Presentations

Jill Korn BSN, RN, OCN, and Kerry Kluska, MSN, RN, OCN, “Cool Your Cranium: Implementation of a Scalp Cooling Program,” Oncology Nursing Society 44th Annual Congress, San Diego, CA, April 11-14, 2019.

Dana Clark BSN, RN, CCRC, “Trials and Triumphs Implementation of a Phase I Clinical Trial Program



in a Community-Based Hospital,” Oncology Nursing Society 44th Annual Congress, San Diego, CA, April 11-14, 2019.

Monica Manchester DNP, RN, OCN, Infusion Services Muhlenberg, “Does Sexual Functioning Decline in Female Breast Cancer Patients Receiving Chemotherapy and Surgery as Demonstrated by the Female Sexual Function Index-Breast Cancer Questionnaire?” Oncology Nursing Society 44th Annual Congress, San Diego, CA, April 11-14, 2019.

Publications

Kenneth Miller MSRT, MEd, RRT-ACCS, NPS, AE-C, FAARC, “Nonpharmacological Management of Retained Secretions in the ICU Patient,” *AARC Times*, August 2019.

Professional Nursing Specialty Certifications

Katherine A. Wuerstle, RN, CMSRN

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Katie Best, RN, CPEN

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Warren E. Furry, RN, RNC-NIC

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Sail Away on the Royal Caribbean 'Anthem of the Seas'

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

LVHN's Recreation Committee is running a seven-night cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean *Anthem of the Seas*. Sail away from March 8-15, 2020.

You'll set sail from Cape Liberty, NJ, and visit Port Canaveral, Fla., Nassau, Bahamas, and Perfect Day at Cococay, Bahamas.

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Alumni of LVHN Programs Return to LVHN as SELECT Students

BY [SAMANTHA MULLIN](#) · AUGUST 1, 2019

LVHN offers several educational programs to introduce young students to the possibility of a health care career. Ever wonder if these program help create the next generation of health care providers? Well, these two stories prove that they do.

From an Emerging Health Professionals student to a SELECT student

Joseph Sipko has returned home to the Lehigh Valley. This past month, along with 44 University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine SELECT program classmates, he started his third year of medical school back at LVHN, where he started his post-secondary educational journey seven years ago.

An alum of LVHN's Emerging Health Professionals (EHP) program, which was named the 2018 Program of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Education, Sipko graduated from The Pennsylvania State

University with a degree in Biobehavioral Health and decided he wanted to become a physician. A native of Whitehall, Sipko decided on the SELECT program because he wanted to serve the community that raised him. "I was exposed to the program during my time in EHP and was inspired by the SELECT medical students I met while at LVHN," he says. "I couldn't ask for a better pairing between USF and LVHN for my medical education."

Sipko says the best part about SELECT is the amazing faculty and clinicians at USF and LVHN. His journey through medical school has been full of memorable experiences, but for him, the strong mentorship and coaching is really what sets SELECT apart from other programs.

Reflecting on why he chose to pursue medicine, Sipko credits the EHP program for solidifying his career aspirations of becoming a physician. He commends the LVHN physicians for being great teachers and



mentors. “After only a few days shadowing in the hospital, I knew medicine was right for me and set my mind on becoming a physician,” he says. “I truly believe I would not be in medical school without the EHP program. The early exposure to medicine through shadowing the clinicians at LVHN sparked my interest and inspired me to pursue a career in medicine.”

Sipko has advice for future EHP and other youth program participants. “Take advantage of the opportunity. Shadow as many different specialties as you can. Use college classes to hone your study skills before college. And of course have fun,” he says. Sipko especially wants future health care professionals to know EHP is such a unique opportunity for high school students in the Lehigh Valley that is not available to most high school students throughout the country. “I’m so thankful for my experience in the EHP program,” he says.

For more information about LVHN’s educational programs, [visit the EHP page on LVHN.org](https://www.lvhn.org/ehp).

LVHN Research Scholar turned SELECT student

LVHN’s youth programs continue to have long-lasting effects on alumni. Tara Stansbury is a Research Scholar program alum and currently a third-year medical student in SELECT. The Lehigh University graduate is now using the skills she honed from the Research Scholar program to guide her through medical school and beyond.

As she decided on the medical school she would attend for four years, she thought back on her experience with LVHN and chose SELECT. “I felt the curriculum would help me become a more well-rounded physician,” she says. “The curriculum emphasizes leadership and interpersonal skills that are not typically taught in medical school.” She is



enjoying her third year in the program and recently finished her first rotation. Based on her experience during that rotation, Stansbury has an initial interest in becoming a surgeon. “A patient presents with a problem, you fix it and they are on their way to recovery,” she says. However, as she is going through her rotations she is keeping an open mind on the specific field of medicine she will practice.

Stansbury participated in the Research Scholar program in the summer between her junior and senior year, and credits the experience with giving her an introduction to medical research.

Stansbury's project "Does the Effectiveness of Thymoglobulin as Measured by T-Cell Depletion Correlate with the Incidence of Acute Rejection Post Kidney Transplant?" was accepted to a national conference. "I was able to spend nearly every day shadowing a cardiothoracic surgeon at LVHN," she says. "This was an incredible experience and helped me realize that becoming a doctor was the best choice for me."

Originally from Allentown, Stansbury spends most of her spare time with friends, reading and going to the beach with her family, so she is glad to be back in the area. Because the Research Scholar program solidified her career goals of becoming a physician, her advice to the current and future Research Scholars is, "Use this opportunity to learn as much as you can. It is a really unique experience for college students, so make the most of your summer."

The Research Scholar Program is funded in part by The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust. High school and college programs are a key foundation of our health care pipeline and lead to future providers in our health network. If you or your department are interested in learning more about the programs offered or how you can be involved in working with students, please contact Brooke.Zumas@lvhn.org, Senior Education Consultant, Student Programs or visit learn about our [high school](#) and [college programs](#) on LVHN.org.