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BY [BRIAN NESTER, DO, MBA, FACOEP](#) · NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Special Announcement



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

At Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), we're committed to keeping you informed. I want to give you an update about LVHN's intent to acquire the assets of Coordinated Health.

After conducting an antitrust review under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has cleared both parties to move the transaction forward.

The review process continues with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. In the meantime, we continue to complete due diligence. LVHN and Coordinated Health will operate as separate entities until the transaction has closed. We will keep you informed throughout the process.

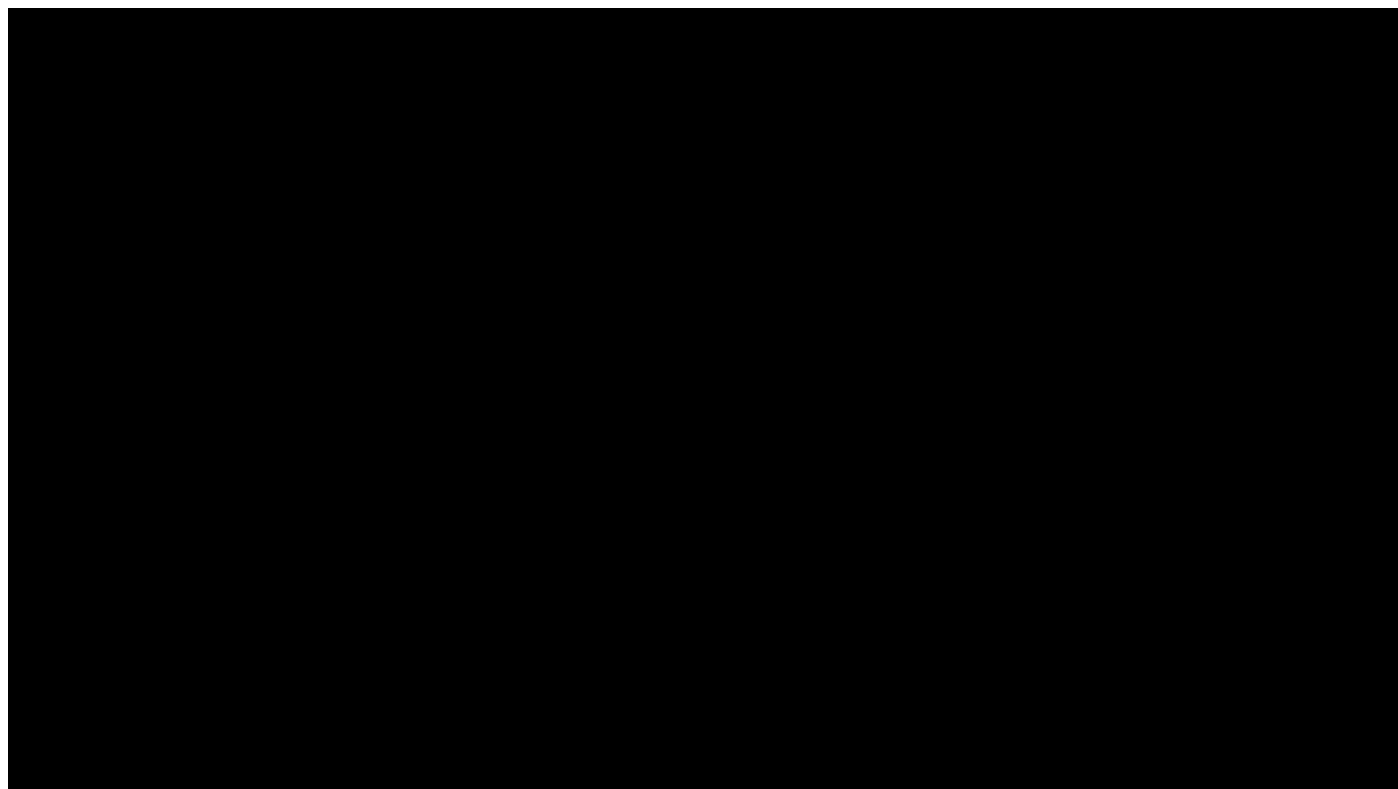
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Superheroes Drop In at Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital-VIDEO

BY [KIRSTIN REED](#) · NOVEMBER 14, 2019

Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital had some super guests drop in today. Spider-Man, Thor, Batman, Wolverine, Iron Man and Captain America repelled from the rooftop to surprise kids on the pediatric inpatient unit.

These superhero window washers brought joy to children, adults and passersby alike.



- [See our story on Instagram](#) and share using #LVHNProud.
- Check out the [helicopter footage from CBS Philly on Facebook](#).

Veterans Day Celebration – PHOTOS

BY [KIRSTIN REED](#) · NOVEMBER 13, 2019

During LVHN's Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, a veteran of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, honored colleagues and community members who served our country. Following the ceremony, veterans had the opportunity to share stories and enjoy refreshments. Here are photos from the event.

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Maur Levan, Army, WWII

Record Turnout as Veterans Celebrate at LVH–Schuylkill

BY [MIKE PECKMAN](#) · NOVEMBER 11, 2019

For a dozen years, Tony Petrozino, Dietary Supervisor and former Navy cook, prepared LVH–Schuylkill’s annual Veterans Day breakfast. This year, Petrozino experienced the event tableside having retired earlier this year after 30 years of service with the hospital. “It tastes almost as good as previous years,” a joking and beaming Petrozino exclaimed.

The Saint Clair native joined his golfing buddy Jim Williams for LVH–Schuylkill’s annual tribute to veterans. Petrozino had the chance to visit with his former colleagues and other attendees he got to know quite well during his time at LVH–Schuylkill. “It was fabulous. Everything was so good. I’m glad to see Bob and his team do such a great job,” says Petrozino, referring to Food and Nutrition Services Operations Manager Bob Seitzinger.

Petrozino was among the record 253 vets who attended this year. Among the attendees were four World War II veterans. Each veteran was personally greeted by Larry Riddles, MD, Regional Chief Medical Officer (Col. Ret., U.S. Air Force), and LVH–Schuylkill President Bill Reppy, a Navy veteran. A special lapel pin reading “Your Service, Our Thanks” was presented to each veteran attending.

The event is staffed by LVH–Schuylkill colleagues, many of whom bring their children to help. A slide show accompanied by patriotic music plays each year and features photos from all previous 18 breakfasts.

We thank our veterans and those currently serving for their service. We also thank colleagues for making Veterans Day extra special.

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Reminder: Get Your Flu Shot by Nov. 21

BY [KIRSTIN REED](#) · NOVEMBER 11, 2019

While it still feels like summer outside, fall is right around the corner. We all know that means cold and flu season is coming.

When you get vaccinated early in the fall, you decrease your chances of getting the flu and transmitting it to our patients and visitors. [Health care workers have a special obligation to be vaccinated, because people who remain unvaccinated and spread the flu can cause serious harm to vulnerable patients.](#) That's why LVHN has an Influenza Immunization Policy, which you can access through the Colleague Resource Center (CRC) by clicking on the Employment Policies Icon, then clicking on Influenza Vaccination Policy.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend [everyone six months of age and older get a flu vaccine every season.](#) Vaccination to prevent influenza is particularly important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza, including adults 65 and older, pregnant women, young children and people with chronic health problems.

LVHN makes getting vaccinated easy. Colleague flu shot clinics will begin Tuesday, Oct. 1, and continue throughout flu season. Click below to get the schedule for your location. Print the schedule, post it in your area, get vaccinated and remind others to do the same.

- [Lehigh Valley schedule](#)
- [Hazleton schedule](#)
- [Schuylkill schedule](#)
- [Pocono schedule](#)

What you need to know

- All hospital employee health offices will begin administering the vaccine on Oct. 1. The deadline for



vaccination is Nov. 21.

- Prior to attending a flu shot clinic, complete the electronic consent form, which is part of your first-quarter education bundle.
- You can also access the [electronic consent form](#) and additional information about influenza vaccination on [the intranet home page](#) by clicking “Influenza Information” under “Colleague Resources.”
- You can [view Frequently Asked Questions and post a question of your own](#).

Four types of vaccines provided this year

- Standard Quadrivalent is designed to protect against four different flu viruses: two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses.
- FluMist is a nasal spray approved for use in non-pregnant individuals, two years through 49 years of age.
- Fluvad High-Dose is recommended for those 65 years and older (administered at flu shot clinics and employee health locations).
- Flubok (Egg-Free) is only approved for use in people 18 years and older with a severe egg allergy (administered at employee health locations only).

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Shop and Save at Our Gift Shops on Colleague Appreciation Day

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Attention colleague shoppers. To thank you for your loyal patronage of our hospital gift shops in the Lehigh Valley, a Colleague Appreciation Day will be held. For you, that means great savings just in time for the holidays.

Colleague Appreciation Day will be held Nov. 22 beginning at 7 a.m. Colleagues will get 20 percent off all purchases at these five Lehigh Valley gift shops:

- Tree Top Gift Shop, Pool Pavilion
- Pavilion Gift Shoppe, Jaendl Pavilion
- Atrium Gift Shop, Morgan Cancer Center Atrium
- Camille Gift Shop
- Grace Gift Shop



Sign Up to Mentor With LVHN Youth Programs

BY [EMILIE CARLINO](#) · NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Want to share your passion for your health care career?

Looking for an opportunity to grow and develop within your current role? Need some additional help on an upcoming quality, processes improvement or stretch project? Sign up to mentor an undergraduate student this summer. In 2020, LVHN will offer two undergraduate mentorship opportunities. Chose one or both.



- **The Research Scholar Program**

This program spans eight weeks and is sponsored by the Department of Education, with funding provided in-part by The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust. The program provides structured educational research opportunities for undergraduate students in a clinical setting.

- **LVHN Nonclinical Opportunities in Health Care Summer Internship**

This program spans eight weeks and is sponsored by Human Resources. The program aims to increase awareness of non-clinical health care careers. Preference will be given to referrals made by current LVHN colleagues.

Mentor Benefits:

- Work with qualified undergraduate students with a variety of skill sets, who are eager to learn and grow.
- Gain help with daily departmental tasks and additional activities i.e. data collection/analysis.
- Get assistance completing a valued-added project/s to benefit your department/LVHN.

How to sign up/next steps

To ensure we meet the needs of both student and participating departments, all mentors who wish to host an intern will need to:

1. Submit a project form outlining the type of work/project requested from the intern.
2. Attend a brief training/orientation session.

For more information on the Research Scholar Program and the Nonclinical Opportunities Program, [click](#)

[here](#).

The success of these programs relies on the participation of our hosting departments and our mentors. Help us show the next generations of health care colleagues what it means to be LVHN Proud and sign up today.

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Nurse Receives Recognition Award

BY [KIRSTIN REED](#) · NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Nurses dedicate themselves to their profession and care for many patients and families throughout their careers. Carole Kirkham, RN, works at the Fairground Surgical Center and is the co-recipient of the 2019 New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) Nurse Recognition Award.

Nurses Honor Guard

Kirkham was nominated for her work in establishing The Nightingale Nurses Honor Guard of New Jersey. Kirkham and fellow nurse Sheri Cleaves, RN, formed the group to honor nurses who have dedicated their lives to the profession. Kirkham and Cleaves met in nursing school and organized the Nurses Honor Guard nearly 15 months ago. To date, the pair has recruited more than 70 nurses to join them.

The Nurses Honor Guard pays tribute to nurses at the time of their death by performing the Nightingale Tribute at the funeral or memorial service. This service officially releases the nurse from nursing duties.

The Nightingale Tribute

The group dresses in traditional white uniforms complete with cap and cape. They recite the Nightingale Tribute and lay a white rose on the casket or next to the urn, symbolizing the nurse's dedication to the profession. After the tribute is recited, the nurse's name is called three times and a triangle is rung after each call of the name. After the roll call, the nurse is officially released from nursing duties. A candle is lit to begin the ceremony. To conclude the ceremony, the candle is extinguished and presented to the family with personal condolences.

"We appreciate all of the volunteers who help us provide this valuable service to our fellow nurses and their families," says Kirkham.

Kirkham and Cleaves were recognized at the NJLN Nurse



Recognition and Scholarship Awards Event on Nov. 1.

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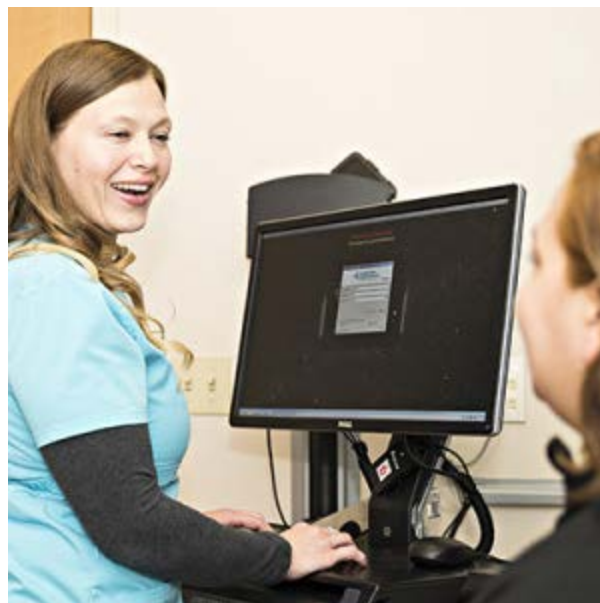
Physician Billing and Patient Services Representative User Group Meeting Scheduled for Nov. 20

BY [MARCIAANN ALBERT](#) · NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Calling all patient services representatives (PSRs), cross-trained medical assistants, office coordinators and revenue cycle support staff. Don't miss the opportunity to attend this month's Physician Billing (PB) and Patient Services Representative (PSR) User Group Meeting.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 8-10 a.m. See the locations below. Agenda topics include:

- PSR MVP Award
- PSR Tip of the Month
- Patient Self Scheduling
- Guarantor Account Maintenance Collection Workflows
- Medicare ID Numbers
- eCare Next
- POS Collection Monthly Update
- And much more



The meeting will be held live in the LVH–Cedar Crest and simulcast to locations across the health network.

LVH–Cedar Crest, auditorium (live location)

LVH–Hazleton, Annex Board Room

LVH–Pocono, Serenity conference room

LVH–Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street, conference room C, second floor

Health Center at Palmer Township, Conference room B

LVH–Muhlenberg, Family Health Pavilion, conference rooms F and G

To register, click below for:

Self-registration directions

- [Directions for managers to register one or more colleagues](#)

Please note that all sites will register as 'attending the Cedar Crest Auditorium location'. This meeting will also be recorded. Questions regarding the PB and PSR User Groups can be directed to Lynne_A.Reph@lvhn.org.

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