

# Progress Notes

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## AT-LARGE MEMBERS NEEDED FOR MEDICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The LVHN Medical Staff Nominating Committee is currently soliciting nominations for four at-large seats on the Medical Executive Committee, each for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015.

Nominations should be submitted in writing or by email to Joseph E. Patrino, MD, Chair of the Nominating Committee, via the Medical Staff Services office, LVHN-One City Center – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, or to John W. Hart, Senior Vice President, Medical Services, LVHN-One City Center – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor. All nominations must be submitted by **Friday, May 8, 2015**.

If you have any questions regarding these nominations, please contact Dr. Patrino or Mr. Hart at 484-862-3223.

# LVHN INTRODUCES FOUR NEW ENDOWED CHAIR HOLDERS

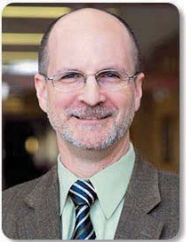
On April 15, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) announced four new holders of endowed chairs that support education and research in specific fields of medicine. The following have been appointed chair holders:



***The Leonard Parker Pool Chair in Health Systems Management***

**Brian A. Nester, DO, MBA**

LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer



***The Forrest G. Moyer, MD, Distinguished Chair in Pediatrics***

**J. Nathan Hagstrom, MD**

Chair, Department of Pediatrics



***The Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, Endowed Chair in Colon and Rectal Surgery***

**Linda L. Lapos, MD**

Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery



***The Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital Endowed Chair in Cancer***

**Suresh G. Nair, MD**

Medical Director, Cancer Service Line

Endowed chairs are common in higher education but rare at community teaching hospitals. LVHN currently has 17 chairs, which are made possible through the generosity of donors including the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, the Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital and community members. The cost of funding a chair is \$2 million. Chair holders have flexibility in how they apply the funding within the guidelines of the endowment.

Endowed chairs promote enhanced patient care through education and clinical research, thereby creating a healthier community. Donors establish a legacy that will live on for generations to come.

As President and CEO of LVHN, Dr. Nester plans to use his chair to “pilot new and innovative ways to both improve care and lower the cost of care,” he said. “We will continue to invest in tools that help us to better identify and care for people at risk for developing a serious illness.”

Dr. Hagstrom said the endowed chair funds will support efforts in evaluating methods for improving children’s health, including the identification of children at risk for poor health outcomes at a very early age, with the goal of early intervention. “We’re creating a system of care for children that will optimize health across the life continuum,” said the health network’s Chair of Pediatrics.

“My priorities as chair holder will be to improve access to screening and care for the underserved in the community at our colon-rectal clinic at LVH-17<sup>th</sup> Street, while leveraging the experience for enhanced education of our colon-rectal fellows,” said Dr. Lapos, Chief of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

The newly named medical director of cancer services, Dr. Nair said, “The endowment will support the training of our cancer program physicians, fellows and nurses to offer more leading-edge research and therapies, many in collaboration with the National Cancer Institute.”



# PATIENT EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN — KIDSHEALTH IS THE PREFERRED RESOURCE!

The KidsHealth program has been selected by the LVHN Women's & Children's Service Line Family Education Initiative as the primary source of patient education materials for parents, teens and children. KidsHealth creates engaging, family-friendly online, print, and video patient education on health, behavioral, and developmental information in English and Spanish. This content is preferred over that currently found in Krames although the Krames content is still approved for use.

KidsHealth partners with over 80 children's hospitals across the United States as well as with the American Academy of Family Physicians and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To access KidsHealth in EPIC, click on the Clinical Reference button on the Activity Tab on the left side of the EPIC screen. If the Clinical Reference button does not appear on your Activity Tab, you need to go to More Activities and locate it in the menu list. If you click on the "star" next to it, it will appear in your Activity Tab in the future.

To access KidsHealth from the LVHN intranet, click on Find Fast/Patient Education/KidsHealth. It is also accessible from the Library Services/Patient Education page and the public LVHN webpage.

To use KidsHealth, go to the website and search for your topic of interest. To print a handout, scroll to the bottom of the handout and use the Print button.

There are a wide variety of patient education resources available. Visit the Patient Education or Library Services/Patient Education pages for links to other approved resources. If you cannot find educational material on a specific topic, please contact the Patient Education team at 610-402-2487.



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## EARN REWARDS FOR DELIVERING QUALITY CARE



Participation  
is a  
Rewarding Experience

A video thumbnail for a presentation titled "3 Need-to-Know Enhancements to the ACE Program". The thumbnail features a man in a suit and tie smiling, with a play button icon overlaid on the image. The text "3 Need-to-Know Enhancements to the ACE Program" is written in a large, blue font. At the bottom of the thumbnail, the "Valley Preferred" logo is visible, which includes the text "Valley Preferred" and "LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK" below it.

Be a part of improving the quality of health care in the Lehigh Valley – and earn rewards along the way through Achieving Clinical Excellence® (ACE), an incentive program administered by the Lehigh Valley Physician Hospital Organization (LVPHO). In a [6-minute video](#), learn about recent enhancements to the ACE program and how you can get involved.

For more information, contact LVPHO Physician Advocacy Liaison Wayne Stephens at 610-969-0028 or via email at [wayne.stephens@valleypreferred.com](mailto:wayne.stephens@valleypreferred.com).

# WHEN TO ORDER A DIAGNOSTIC THORACENTESIS VS. A THERAPEUTIC THORACENTESIS

Through input from residents and other providers, the process to order a thoracentesis was found to be less than user friendly and led to confusion for the ordering providers and their colleagues. Previously, the provider could only choose a thoracentesis order and could not indicate if the procedure was to be completed with a tube inserted or without. It was necessary to indicate what was needed in the comment box.

If the thoracentesis is to be completed with a tube insertion, the procedure is completed in interventional radiology. If the procedure is to be completed without a tube insertion, the thoracentesis is performed in ultrasound. When tube placement is not specified, it raises questions regarding where the procedure will be performed.

To simplify the process, the order sets are now differentiated as a **diagnostic thoracentesis** or a **therapeutic thoracentesis**. A diagnostic thoracentesis is one that is usually the initial study to remove fluid and obtain specimens to determine diagnosis. A therapeutic thoracentesis is one that is done to remove fluid and ease breathing for the patient.

The revised order sets direct the provider to the correct order for tube placement or to proceed without a tube. These new changes will help to decrease the number of phone calls occurring to clarify orders for the thoracentesis procedures.

Select	Order Description	Start D/T	Order Reference
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(THORACENTESIS - DIAGNOSTIC)	14Apr 08:45	03/2015
<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<< Select One of the Orders Below >>	14Apr 08:45	BILATERAL CAN NOT BE PERFORMED ON THE SAME DAY UNLESS TUBE INSERTION IS PERFORMED IN INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY
<input type="checkbox"/>	US-Thoracentesis Left Diagnostic	14Apr 08:45	
<input type="checkbox"/>	US-Thoracentesis Right Diagnostic	14Apr 08:45	
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIR-Fluoro LT Thoracentesis w tube inser	14Apr 08:45	Patient does NOT have to be NPO for procedure performed in ultrasound. If performed in Interventional Radiology NPO except meds for 6hrs prior to procedure (includes tube feedings).
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIR-Fluoro RT Thoracentesis w tube inser	14Apr 08:45	will tap 1.5 liters maximum per day.
<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<< If platelets <50 or INR >2 >>	14Apr 08:45	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<< or test results >30 Days >>	14Apr 08:45	Platelet count should be >50,000 INR should be <2
<input type="checkbox"/>	LAB-Prothrombin Time with INR	14Apr 08:45	
<input type="checkbox"/>	LAB-PTT	14Apr 08:45	
<input type="checkbox"/>	LAB-Platelet Count	14Apr 08:45	If not, perform appropriate corrective measures, and re-check PIt count and/or INR.
<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	THORACENTESIS ORDER SET	14Apr 08:45	Please contact the ultrasound department to arrange the scheduling 610-402-7867.

<p><b>Order:</b> VIR-Fluoro LT Thoracentesis w tube inser</p> <p>Frequency: ONCE      Priority: R</p> <p>Signs/Symptoms: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Tube Instructions: <input type="text"/></p> <p>START: 14Apr2015 08:45      END: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Ordered By: LEVICK, D P0563      Order Mode: W</p> <p>Signed By: LEVICK, D P0563</p> <p>Dept: RAD</p> <p>Ord Location: NULL</p>	<p><b>Biopsy</b></p> <p>NPO except meds for 6hrs prior to procedure (includes tube feedings)</p> <p>Anticoagulation - INR goal &lt; or =1.5 , Platelet count &gt; 50,000</p> <p>Coumadin - hold 3 days</p> <p>LMWH - hold 1 dose prior to procedure</p> <p>Pradaxa - hold 2 days for normal GFR =&gt; 60, Hold 4 days for GFR &lt;60</p> <p>Xarelto - hold 24hr if GFR =&gt;60, hold 48hrs if GFR &lt;60</p> <p>Effient and Plavix - Hold 5 days prior</p> <p>Eliquis - Hold 24-48 hrs</p> <p>ASA - Hold 5 days prior</p> <p>IV Heparin/Argatroban - Hold 4hrs prior to procedure</p> <p><b>If medically inadvisable to hold anticoagulation contact IR at 402-6067</b></p> <p>IR will contact nursing unit with procedure time</p>
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If you have any questions regarding this topic, please contact Tracie Decrosta, Manager, Radiology, at 610-402-0386.

# ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIAN UPDATE

## We Need Your Input!

Do you know an APC who should be recognized for his or her achievements? Please participate in the nomination process for the **Advanced Practice Clinician Awards** that will be presented at the APC Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, September 24.

Nominations will be accepted for the following awards:

### Education/Research Award

➤ Awarded by the Education Committee

This award will be presented to the APC who has shown excellence in the pursuit of academic activities in clinical research, peer reviewed publications, educational presentations, and/or ongoing clinical education in their specialty.

### Community Service Award

➤ Awarded by the Community Outreach Committee

This award will be presented to the APC who best embodies the importance of participation in community activities in terms of service, involvement in community groups, philanthropic interests, or other community activities over a period of years.

### APC Award

➤ Awarded by the Professional Advancement Committee

This award will be presented to the APC, nominated by his or her peers, who embodies the professional attributes of a superior APC, and whose leadership qualities excel.

Please submit your nomination using the following link:

[APC Peer Nomination Form](#)

Please indicate the appropriate award category along with the name of the APC nominee and his or her achievements and **submit the form no later than Monday, June 1.**

If you have any questions regarding these awards, please contact Gloribel Nieves in Medical Staff Services at 484-862-3904.



## LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

### New DynaMed app available for download for your iPhone, iPad and android devices

The new DynaMed app provides an improved user experience, seamless authentication and easy access. **No serial numbers required!** You will be able to access content offline, bookmark favorites, as well as write and save notes about topics you find interesting.

To download the new app, follow these easy instructions:

- 1) Download the free DynaMed App from the iTunes Store or Google Play
- 2) Access DynaMed from the hospital network (**MUST BE ON LVHN NETWORK**)
- 3) Click on "Mobile" from blue toolbar at top of screen and enter your email address. An authentication key will be emailed to you.
- 4) Open DynaMed email from your device.
- 5) Within 48 hours, tap on the link in the email to authenticate the App. **Note:** after 48 hours you will need to request a new authentication key.
- 6) Your device is now ready to go! **Authentication expires after 365 days.**

Authentication is good for up to three mobile devices. If you have more than three devices, submit a second email address to activate the additional devices.

To access instructions for all of our mobile resources, visit the Mobile Resources page on the Digital Library's Homepage, go to Find Fast/Library Services click on "Mobile Resources" on the left.

If you have any questions regarding any of the library resources, please contact Library Services at 610-402-8410.

# WOMEN PHYSICIANS' AFFINITY GROUP UPDATE

The Women Physicians' Affinity Group (WPAG) held its Spring event on April 9, 2015, and welcomed all participants with flowers and warm smiles to celebrate the warming weather.

The evening began with a "Spotlight" on a female physician as a new feature to help those in attendance to know one another better. **Sigrid Blome-Eberwein, MD**, Division of Burn/Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/Plastic Surgery, was interviewed by **Kristin M. Ingraham, DO, MBA**, Division of Rheumatology, and shared some of her background as well as her passion for healing burns.

Frances Johnston, PhD, world-renowned scholar-practitioner, researcher, and founder of Teelos, gave the keynote address on "Emotional Intelligence." The topic was a tribute to the first class of graduating USF SELECT students whose curriculum incorporates training on many leadership skills including emotional intelligence. Teelos is an internationally known consulting firm that helps to build resonant leadership, positive organizational dynamics, healthy workplaces, and community well-being in a variety of organizations including corporations, countries, and the USF SELECT program.

The evening wrapped up with a relaxing mindfulness exercise which was led by **Susan D. Wiley, MD**, Department of Psychiatry Vice Chair (LVH).

In addition to sponsoring the event, WPAG is offering scholarships to female medical students, residents or junior faculty to participate in leadership development activities. The deadline is May 15.

For more information or to be included on the WPAG membership list, contact **Sweety Jain, MD**, Department of Family Medicine ([sweety.jain@lvhn.org](mailto:sweety.jain@lvhn.org)), or **Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH**, Department of Emergency Medicine Director of Research ([marna.greenberg@lvhn.org](mailto:marna.greenberg@lvhn.org)).

The next WPAG session is being planned for the Fall of 2015. Stay tuned!



*Kristin S. Friel, MD, Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology, welcomes attendees to the Spring meeting of the Women Physicians' Affinity Group.*

# THE RETAIL PHARMACY VIEW



Listed below are a few helpful hints to help make the Prescriber vs. Pharmacist relationship much better and improve patient safety, reduce the amount of time it takes to get a prescription filled, and reduce the number of times you have to answer questions from pharmacists.

- When writing a prescription, are the drug name and directions legible? Is your signature legible? Have you circled or marked your pre-printed name on the pre-printed prescription blank? Have you included your DEA or NPI number? Although you know what you want the patient to have and who you are, but the pharmacist in the drug store is just guessing based on your writing.
- As we all get used to EPIC, there are a couple of inherent problems that the pharmacists are dealing with.
  - First, drug names that have the name brand included after the generic name. For example, you want the patient to have Metformin, but you choose Metformin (Glumetza) from the drop down menu. The Glumetza form of Metformin is unsubstitutable; you should have picked Metformin ER (Glucophage) instead. Then the generic form can be dispensed.
  - Second, the directions you pick don't match the version you want to use. Which should be used?
- Speak slowly and clearly when recording a message on the machine at the pharmacy to order a prescription. Also if you are driving when you are leaving a message, pull over and stop, for your safety as well as the quality of the recording.
- When a prescription is processed electronically, it can take as long as an hour from the time you submit it until it arrives at the pharmacy. This is inherent in the systems. Let the patient know there may be a delay and to allow enough time for the pharmacy to fill the prescription.

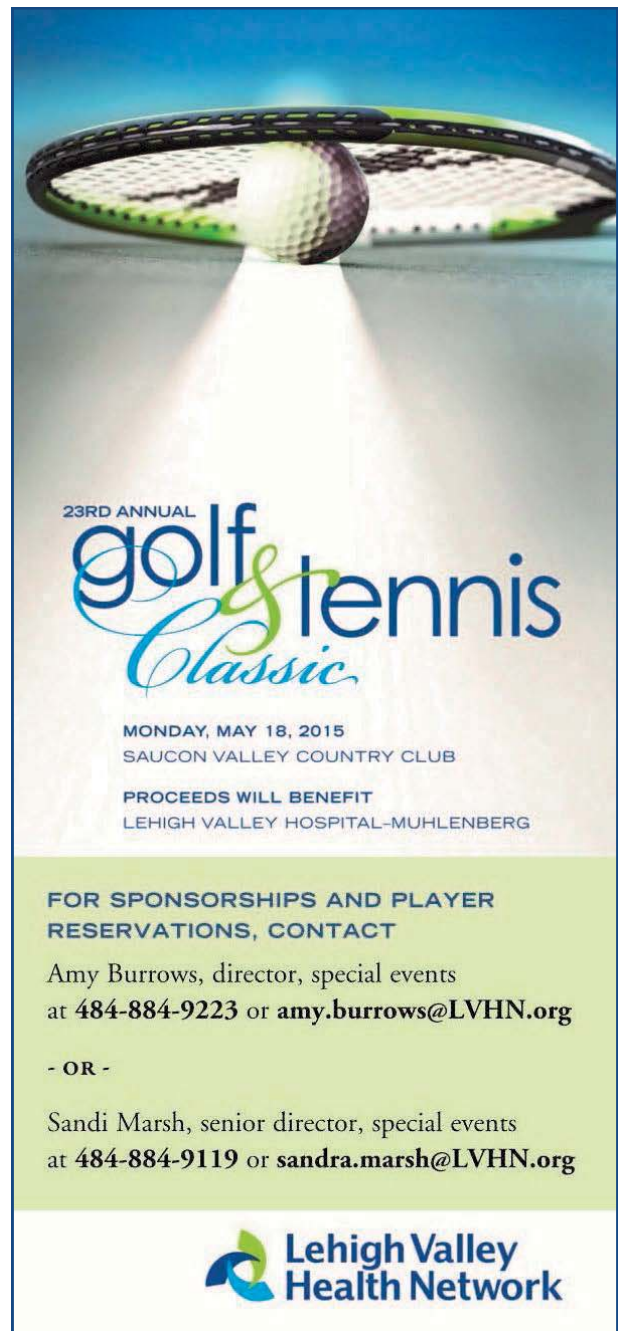
## New Drugs

- Sotylize 5mg/ml Solution: *Sotalol HCl*: For treatment of ventricular arrhythmias and maintenance of normal sinus rhythm.

## Generics coming soon:

Emend \* Abilify \* Zyvox.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding these topics, contact Jay Needle, RPh, Manager, Health Spectrum Pharmacy, LVH-Muhlenberg, via e-mail at [jay.needle@lvhn.org](mailto:jay.needle@lvhn.org) or by phone at 484-884-7004.

A promotional poster for the 23rd Annual Golf & Tennis Classic. The top half features a tennis racket and a tennis ball on a court, with a spotlight effect on the ball. The text on the poster includes:

23RD ANNUAL  
**golf & tennis**  
*Classic*

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015  
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FOR SPONSORSHIPS AND PLAYER  
RESERVATIONS, CONTACT

Amy Burrows, director, special events  
at 484-884-9223 or [amy.burrows@LVHN.org](mailto:amy.burrows@LVHN.org)

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Sandi Marsh, senior director, special events  
at 484-884-9119 or [sandra.marsh@LVHN.org](mailto:sandra.marsh@LVHN.org)

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# CONGRATULATIONS



**Aaron J. Czyns, MD**, Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine was recently certified in Critical Care Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is also certified in Pulmonary Disease and Internal Medicine by the same Board. Dr.

Czyns has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2014. He is in practice with LVPG Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine.



**Nicholas Dalessandro, DO**, Division of General Internal Medicine, Section of Hospital Medicine, was recently certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Dalessandro has been a member of the Medical Staff since

July, 2014. He is in practice with LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest.

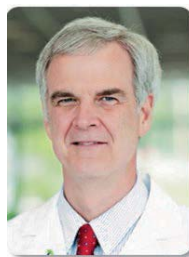


**Sweety Jain, MD**, Department of Family Medicine, was recently inducted into the University of South Florida (USF) Health Morsani College of Medicine Gamma Florida Chapter of the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society in the faculty category.

Dr. Jain has been involved with SELECT since the medical school collaboration between LVHN and USF Health began in 2011. She was selected by Gamma Florida Chapter faculty members for her dedication to teaching and scholarly activity, and is the first faculty member from LVHN to be so honored. Dr. Jain has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2006. She is in practice with Lehigh Valley Family Health Center.



**Ankur Johri, DDS, MD**, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, was recently certified in his specialty by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr. Johri has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2012. He is in practice with Lehigh Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



**Robert J. Motley, MD**, Department of Family Medicine, Section of Geriatrics, was recently appointed to the position of Chair of the Department of Community Health. His extensive experience in serving the medical needs of the community

and support of many community initiatives on behalf of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) will serve him well in his new position.

In December, Dr. Motley finished his term as President of the Medical Staff. He also has served as Vice Chair of Network Collaboration in the Department of Family Medicine and has been a member of the faculty of the Family Medicine Residency Program, where he has been a Resident Teacher of the Year award winner three times. He has been a collaborator with many community organizations in supporting a variety of LVHN service lines and community-based programs. His clinical and academic interests have been in the areas of diabetes and chronic illness care and geriatric care – especially among vulnerable populations. He will continue this work with the department members of community health. Dr. Motley has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2006. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Family Health Center.

# ETHICS CORNER

## Comments on “Why I Hope to Die at 75” (Part Two of Three)

by Joseph E. Vincent, MD, Section of Palliative Medicine and Hospice

In the last issue, we introduced an article by a relatively high-profile ethicist, Ezekiel Emanuel, who claims he wants to live until age 75; after that he will not accept medical treatments other than palliative care for symptom control. As a 76, almost 77, year old, who is presumed to be healthy and enjoying life, the concept is a bitter pill to swallow, so any critique may be biased against the thesis, but let's look at some pro's and con's of the points he makes in the article. He certainly favors autonomy giving him the option of making this decision based on age. He probably believes that he is being beneficent toward himself and society, hoping not to suffer impairment or cause stress and burdens on family and the healthcare system. He wants to die while he is healthy, but does not threaten to kill himself or ask for physician-assisted suicide (he wouldn't qualify since he has no terminal illness). Since he works in health policy it would be difficult to believe that he is not thinking of use of resources and costs to society, although he states that that is not the reason he is proposing this shortening of longevity by withholding medical treatments. He does not state what he would do if before age 75 he required hemodialysis to live (as an example). Would he accept it at age 70 and withdraw it at age 75? This kind of recommendation crosses over the lines between institutional ethics committees where individual ethical dilemmas are addressed and organizational ethics which look at policies and societal issues which should apply to everyone equally.

We need to ask Dr. Emanuel some questions. What will persons with disabilities, under the age of 75, think he is saying to them? Basing a decision like this on a specific time because of what might happen, could be placed nearly anywhere along life's spectrum. Life is more than productivity, creativity, and winning the race. Many persons in the world and in the United States are concerned about survival, and many have never thought of creativity, productivity, winning a Nobel prize, or making a historical discovery or invention as their goals for living, without which life would have no meaning. Many persons get their “meaning” from religion or loving relationships, or living a “good” life.





Emanuel speaks as a tried and true capitalist where innovation, productivity, maximal output and competitiveness often are the main goals for the individual and for society. Only then is “life worth living.”


Why would anyone write an article for a national publication if he weren't trying to convince us that this thesis should be woven, somehow, into our national fabric?  
(To be continued)


If you have any questions or have any feedback or comments regarding this article, please contact Joseph E. Vincent, MD, at [joseph.vincent@lvhn.org](mailto:joseph.vincent@lvhn.org) or [j38vincent@gmail.com](mailto:j38vincent@gmail.com).


# PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS


 **James A. Burke, MD, PhD**, Associate Chief, Division of Cardiology, was a co-author of an expert consensus document – “2015 SCAI/ACC/HFSA/STS Clinical Expert Consensus Statement on the Use of Percutaneous Mechanical Circulatory Support Devices in Cardiovascular Care: Endorsed by the American Heart Association, the Cardiological Society of India, and Sociedad Latino Americana de Cardiologia Intervencion; Affirmation of Value by the Canadian Association of Interventional Cardiology-Association Canadienne de Cardiologie d’intervention” – which was published online on April 7, in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.


 **Beth A. Careyva, MD, Arnold R. Goldberg, MD, Melanie Johnson, Research Specialist, and Brian Stello, MD**, members of the Department of Family Medicine, presented at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring conference held April 25-29, in Orlando, Fla. Their presentation was titled “Diabetes Outcomes That Matter to Patients: Use of Patient-Reported Outcome Measures as Educational Tools.” In addition, Dr. Goldberg gave a poster presentation titled “Ethical Dilemmas in Working with an Interdisciplinary Team in Academic Medical Centers.”


 Thomas R. Fowler, SELECT medical student; Steven Crellin, DO, Emergency Medicine resident, and **Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH**, were co-authors of a case report – “Detecting Foreign Bodies in a Head Laceration” – which was published in *Case Reports in Emergency Medicine*, Volume 2015.


 **Ronald Freudenberger, MD**, Chief, Division of Cardiology, was among the co-authors of an article – “Quality of Anticoagulation Control in Preventing Adverse Events in Heart Failure Patients in Sinus Rhythm: A Warfarin Aspirin Reduced Cardiac Ejection Fraction Trial (WARCEF) Substudy” – which was published online on April 7, in *Circulation: Heart Failure*.


 **Arnold R. Goldberg, MD**, Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article – “Training Family Medicine Residents to Build and Remodel a Patient Centered Medical Home in Rhode Island: A Team Based Approach to PCMH Education” – which was published in the April, 2015 issue of the *Rhode Island Medical Journal*.


 Melanie Johnson, Research Specialist, and **Brian Stello, MD**, Department of Family Medicine Vice Chair, Quality and Research, were co-authors of a research article – “Primary Care Physicians’ Experience and Confidence with Genetic Testing and Perceived Barriers to Genomic Medicine” – which was published in the *Journal of Family Medicine*, Volume 2, Issue 2.

 **William L. Miller, MD**, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, was a co-author of an article – “Learning Evaluation: Blending Quality Improvement and Implementation Research Methods to Study Healthcare Innovations” – which was ePublished in March in *Implementation Science*.

 Thomas M. Nappe, DO, Emergency Medicine resident, and **Shawn M. Quinn, DO**, Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored the article – “Left Flank Pain” – which was published in the *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*, Volume 16, Number 2, March, 2015.

 Members of the Department of Emergency Medicine co-authored an article – “Comparison of airway intubation devices when using a biohazard suit: a feasibility study” – which was published online on March 6, 2015, in the *American Journal of Emergency Medicine*. Co-authors of the article include **Kevin R. Weaver, DO, Gavin C. Barr, Jr., MD, Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, and Bryan G. Kane, MD**, Emergency Medicine attending physicians; Kayla R. Long, DO, Emergency Medical Services fellow; Leonel Diaz, Jr., DO, Aaron S. Ratner, DO, Jeffery P. Reboul, DO, and Douglas A. Sturm, DO, Emergency Medicine residents; and Bernadette Glenn-Porter, project coordinator.

 **Jeffrey L. Sternlieb, PhD**, Psychologist, Department of Family Medicine, authored an article – “A Guide to Introducing and Integrating Reflective Practices in Medical Education” – which was published in the *International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine*, Volume 49(1).

 **Gary A. Tarola, DC**, Chiropractor and member of the Allied Health staff, was a featured speaker on “Inter-professional Collaboration in Research, Education and Clinical Practice,” and moderated a panel discussion with experts in education, research and clinical practice in the plenary session at the Association of Chiropractic Colleges-Research Agenda Conference held March 20, in Las Vegas, Nev.

# UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

## Lehigh Valley Physician Hospital Organization (LVPHO) Practice Manager Meeting

All practice managers are invited to attend an **LVPHO Practice Manager Meeting – “Putting the Triple Aim into Practice”** – on **May 20**, from **2:30 to 4 p.m.**, in **Kasych ECC Room 7** at LVH-Cedar Crest. Refreshments will be served and three speakers will present. [Click here](#) to view the invitation and to RSVP.

For more information, please contact Provider Services at 484-862-3480.

## General Medical Staff Meeting and Awards Program

Due to the overwhelming success of last year’s presentation ceremony of the educational teaching awards at the June General Medical Staff meeting, this year’s teaching awards will again be presented at the General Medical Staff meeting. The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on **Monday, June 8**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the **Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest**. The meeting will be videoconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting to support the recipients of these awards. Additional agenda items will be listed in the June issue of *Progress Notes*.

## Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on **Tuesday, May 5**, from **7 to 8 a.m.**, in **Kasych ECC Room 5** at **LVH-Cedar Crest** and teleconferenced to **ECC Room A** at **LVH-Muhlenberg**.

“**Family Medicine Resident Scholarly Activities**” will be presented by third year Family Medicine residents.

For more information, contact Tammy Winterhalt in the Department of Family Medicine at 484-862-3100.

## Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds on Tuesdays at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6. Topics for May include:

- **May 5 – “Futility Session”** – Robert Barraco, MD, Associate Dean for Educational Affairs
- **May 12 – “School Refusals in Adolescents”** – Olayinka Ajayi, MD, Division of Child-Adolescent Psychiatry
- **May 19 – “Autism”** – Karen Senft, MD, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Developmental-Rehabilitation
- **May 26 – “Circumcision”** – Michele Clement, MD, Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties, Section of Pediatric Urology

For more information, contact Cari Coelho in the Department of Pediatrics at 484-862-3131.

## Spine Conference

Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 a.m. Clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Interesting Case Conference will be held on **Wednesday, May 6**, in **ECC Room 1** (adjacent to the Library) at LVH-Cedar Crest.

For more information, please contact James C. Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery, or Wanda J. McCardle, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973-6343.

## Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds will be held on **Tuesday, May 5**, from **7 to 8 a.m.**, in the **Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest** and teleconferenced to the **First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg**.

“**Epic Update and Review of Surgery Functionality**” will be presented by Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Information Officer; Michael Sheinberg, MD, Medical Director, Epic Transformation; and Rovinder S. Sandhu, MD, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/General Surgery.

For more information, contact Wendy Hess in the Department of Surgery at 484-862-3265.

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## Emergency Medicine Institute – Life Support Classes

Upcoming life support classes sponsored by the Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI) are listed below:

### Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

ACLS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to Noon, at the Emergency Medicine Institute located at 2166 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown, on the following dates:

- June 29
- August 24
- September 11, 14, 18

In addition, a two-day provider course will be held on September 21 and 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

### Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

PALS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute on the following dates:

- May 28
- June 9, 15, 16
- August 27

In addition, two-day provider courses will be held on June 4 and 5 and September 1 and 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

Registration information and a list of additional classes are available on the EMI website - [EMERGENCY MEDICINE INSTITUTE](#)

For more information regarding these classes, contact Christine Ash at the Emergency Medicine Institute at 610-969-0299.

## The Jeffrey Paul and Grace Kathryn Feather Endowed Lectureship Series

Tuesday, May 19 • Noon–1 p.m.

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest  
Lehigh Valley Health Network Employee Auditorium  
*During department of medicine's grand rounds*



Mary D. Naylor, PhD,  
FAAN, RN

## From Evidence to Impact: An Interdisciplinary Approach to High-Value Health Care

### About the speaker

Mary D. Naylor, PhD, FAAN, RN, is the Marian S. Ware Professor in Gerontology and director of the NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health at University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. For the past two decades, Naylor has led an interdisciplinary program of research designed to improve quality of care, decrease unnecessary hospitalizations and reduce health care costs for vulnerable community-based elders. Dr. Naylor is also national program director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program, Interdisciplinary Nursing Quality Research Initiative, aimed at generating, disseminating and translating research to understand how nurses contribute to quality patient care. She was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine in 2005. She also is a member of the RAND Health Board, the National Quality Forum Board of Directors and immediate past-chair of the Board of the Long-Term Quality Alliance. She was appointed to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission in 2010.

# Who's New

*This section contains an update of new appointments, address changes, status changes, resignations, etc. Please remember to update your directory with this information.*

## Medical Staff

### New Appointments



**David M. Brown, MD**  
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Department of Surgery  
Division of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery  
Provisional Active



**Kristen D. Falanga, DMD**  
LVH Department of Dental Medicine  
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Allentown, PA 18105-7017  
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Department of Dental Medicine  
Division of General Dentistry  
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**Sarah N.M. Gatumu, MD**  
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Department of Psychiatry  
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Inpatient Psychiatry  
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Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Section of Hospital Medicine  
Provisional Active



**Rachel E. Lipner, DO**  
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Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Provisional Limited Duty



**Leigh-Anne B. Piechta, DO**  
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*Lehigh Valley Physician Group*  
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Department of Medicine  
Division of Physical Medicine-  
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Provisional Active



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Surgery  
Provisional Active

### Leadership Appointments

*Medical Directors of Patient Care Units,  
Laboratories and Programs*

Cedar Crest & I-78 – Patient Care Units

**Imran Ahmed, MD**

Medical Director  
Express Admit Unit

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**Shadi Jarjous, MD**  
Medical Director  
7B

**Shuisen Li, DO**  
Medical Director  
5K

**Ioana Nistor, MD**  
Medical Director  
6B Renal

**Rita M. Pechulis, MD**  
Medical Director  
2KS

**Benjamin Sanchez, Jr., MD**  
Medical Director  
Cardiac Intensive Care Unit

**Benjamin Sanchez, Jr., MD**  
Medical Director  
Progressive Coronary Care Unit

**Jose E. Santiago-Rivera, MD**  
Medical Director  
6C

**Gregory M. Stout, DO**  
Medical Director  
6K

**Benjamin J. Wilcox, MD**  
Medical Director  
Hemodialysis

**Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg – Patient Care Units**

**Anamika Goenka, MD**  
Medical Director  
4T

**Nicole L. Grube, DO**  
Medical Director  
7T/EAU

**Adam D. Marish, DO**  
Medical Director  
6T

**LVH – Tilghman**  
**William R. Swayser, Jr., DO**  
Medical Director

**Hospital Lab/Service Directors**  
**James A. Newcomb, MD**  
Medical Director  
PICC Team

***Change of Practice***  
**Michael N. Daniels, DO**  
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To: Michael N. Daniels, DO  
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Allentown, PA 18103-6231  
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***Change to Honorary Status***  
**Dale M. Weisman, MD**  
Department of Family Medicine  
From: Active  
To: Honorary Status

***Resignations***  
**Ross N. Futerfas, MD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of Pulmonary  
Active  
(Pulmonary Medicine, PC)

**Arthur D. Hoffman, MD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Affiliate  
(Coordinated Health)

**Mihaela L. Rosca, MD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Section of Hospital Medicine  
Active  
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)

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## Allied Health Staff New Appointments



**Angela S. Grether, CRNP**  
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Supervising Physician – David B. Burmeister, DO



**Brenda L. Noss, PA-C**  
*Physician Assistant-Certified*  
LVPG Family Medicine – Macungie  
*Lehigh Valley Physician Group*  
6451 Village Lane  
Macungie, PA 18062-8484  
Phone: 610-967-2772 Fax: 610-967-2599  
Supervising Physician – Suzanne L. Widmer, DO



**Joshua D. Sellke**  
*Mapping Support Specialist*  
St. Jude Medical  
333 Meadowlands Parkway  
Fifth Floor  
Secaucus, NJ 07094-1821  
Phone: 800-722-3423 Fax: 818-256-8789  
Supervising Physician – Gregory T. Altomose, MD



**Mark H. Zaiter**  
*Emergency Department Scribe*  
eScribe Management Services  
One City Center  
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Department of Emergency Medicine – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Allentown, PA 18105-1806  
Phone: 484-862-3232 Fax: 484-862-3250  
Supervising Physician – David M. Richardson, MD



**Kelly J. Zarnas, CRNP**  
*Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner*  
LVPG-Pediatrics  
*Lehigh Valley Physician Group*  
Lehigh Valley Hospital  
17<sup>th</sup> & Chew, P.O. Box 7017  
Children's Clinic  
Allentown, PA 18105-7017  
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Supervising Physician – Kamini B. Kalola, DO

## Additional Supervising Physician

**Rosaline O. Owusu, CRNP**  
*Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner*  
(LVPG Family Medicine-Catasauqua – Noel D. Brouse, DO)  
Addition of: LVPG Family Medicine-Macungie – Christine K. Block, MD

## Change of Supervising Physician

**Elizabeth A. Parr, CNM**  
*Certified Nurse Midwife*  
(OB/GYN Associates of the Lehigh Valley and Carbon County)  
From: Andrea Waxman, MD  
To: Hai-Yen T. Nguyen, MD

**Allison S. Rusgo, PA-C**  
*Physician Assistant-Certified*  
From: LVPG-Emergency Medicine – Amit Sareen, MD  
To: The Heart Care Group, PC – Shehzad M. Malik, MD

**Christine M. Unger, PA-C**  
*Physician Assistant-Certified*  
From: OAA Orthopaedic Specialists – Jeffrey R. McConnell, MD  
To: Coordinated Health – Christopher F. Wagener, MD

## Removal of Supervising Physician

**Michelle M. Trzesniowski, CRNP**  
*Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner*  
(LVPG Family and Internal Medicine-Bethlehem Township – James T. McNelis, DO)  
Removal of: LVPG Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine – Matthew M. McCambridge, MD

## Name Changes

From: Justina A. Anusionwu, CRNP  
To: **Justina A. Momah, CRNP**  
LVPG Family Medicine-Easton Ave  
Department of Family Medicine

From: Erin P. Rooney, PA-C  
To: **Erin P. Mantilla, PA-C**  
LVPG Infectious Diseases-1250 Cedar Crest  
Department of Medicine  
Division of Infectious Diseases

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## **Change of Practice**

### **Eric A. Paulson, PA-C**

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## **Resignations**

### **Amanda E. Duncan**

Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring Specialist  
(Specialty Care, Inc./Surgical Monitoring Associates, Inc.)

### **Christine D. Franciscovich, CRNP**

*Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner*  
(LVPG-Neonatology)

### **Lillian B. Gattone, PA-C**

*Physician Assistant-Certified*  
(Cardiology Associates and Diagnostic Center of Carbon County)

### **Barry S. Gorin, CRT**

Certified Respiratory Therapist  
(Allcare Medical)

### **Monique R. Holcomb**

*Reflexologist*  
(Therapeutic Reflexology, LLC)

### **Tammi L. Meade, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Neurosurgery-1250 Cedar Crest)

## **U.S. Women's Golf Open – Medical Staff Volunteers Needed**

This year, the U.S. Women's Golf Open will be held at the Lancaster Country Club in Lancaster, Pa. If you are interested in volunteering, Medical Staff members are needed to staff medical services for the event.

**Dates:** July 5 – July 12

**Times:** July 5 – 3:30 – 8 p.m.  
July 6 – 12 – two shifts: 6 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., and 1 – 8:30 p.m.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Handle and assess acute care emergencies

### **Requirements:**

- Must be in good standing with a health system
- Physician (BLS and/or ALS certified)
- Available to commit to shift(s) times in advance

For more information or to register for volunteering, contact:

- Susan Strickler – [sstrickler2@lghealth.org](mailto:sstrickler2@lghealth.org) or by phone at 717-544-3202, or
- Alice Yoder – [amyoder@lghealth.org](mailto:amyoder@lghealth.org) or by phone at 717-544-3283



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