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Diagnosis Calculator Added to Epic

All U.S. health care organizations were required to begin submitting claims using the new ICD-10 code sets on Oct. 1 – and those that do not comply will see their claims rejected. Since ICD-10 includes changes to diagnosis and procedure codes, the new codes will affect nearly every aspect of the health care system. This includes hospitals, physician offices, health plans and patients.

To prepare LVHN for the transition to ICD-10 diagnosis codes, the Epic team implemented a change that affects the surgery scheduling workflow. A diagnosis calculator tool has been added to help you select the correct new codes.

Previously: You could select the correct diagnosis without any specifics. Generic ICD-9 codes were also accepted.

Now: This tool requires specificity when selecting a diagnosis and helps you select the correct ICD-10 diagnosis code based on the required questions.

Please review the ICD-10 Diagnosis Calculator tip sheet on your learning home dashboard in Epic for more information.

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If you have any questions, contact the I/S support center at 610-402-8303.

For more information about the transition to ICD-10, [check out the ICD-10 Resource Site.](#)

Flu Vaccine Update

All medical and allied health professional staff are considered to have patient contact. Therefore, they are required to get a flu shot.

Those who cannot be vaccinated because of a valid medical or religious reason must submit an exemption request, obtainable from any employee health services office, by Nov. 1. These individuals must be granted an exemption or be vaccinated by Nov. 23. Those approved for a permanent exemption in prior years do not need to request an exemption again this year.

Failure to comply with the immunization policy will result in a written warning. All medical and allied health professional staff and other staff with patient contact who are not vaccinated or granted an exemption within two weeks of the warning will be subject to termination.

There are several places you can get a free flu shot:

- Employee health services locations during walk-in hours (see below)
- Vaccination clinics (see below)
- On units and in practices that participate in our peer vaccination program

- LVPG membership meetings

The influenza immunization policy can be found in its entirety on the intranet. From the LVHN home page, select Departments – Non-Clinical – Human Resources – Policies and click on “Influenza Vaccine Policy.”

Do your part – get a flu shot and help create a safer health network, a more confident workforce and a healthier community. Thank you for your commitment to our colleagues, patients and community, and for helping to make our mission possible.

For questions or feedback on this article, please contact [Carol Guanowsky](#), director, employee health services, at 610-402-8869.

Employee Health Services Walk-in Hours

LVH–Cedar Crest – Kasych Pavilion Corridor

Monday – 7 to 8 a.m.; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday – 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Thursday – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Friday – 7 to 8 a.m.

LVH–Muhlenberg

Monday – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday – 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Wednesday – 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday – 7 to 10 a.m.

Friday – 8 to 10 a.m.

Flu Vaccination Clinics

LVH–Cedar Crest – Kasych Pavilion Corridor

Oct. 9 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 14 – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 24 – 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Nov. 10 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 11 – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 23 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

LVH–17th Street – Center for Healthy Aging

Oct. 13 – 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 2 – 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 18 – 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LVH–Muhlenberg – ECC Corridor

Oct. 7 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 14 – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 31 – 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Nov. 11 – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 12 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

LVHN–Mack Boulevard – Cafeteria

Oct. 15 – 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 27 – 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 4 – 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 16 – 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Health Network Laboratories – 798 Roble Road

Oct. 19 – TBA

LVHN–One City Center – 7th Floor – Central 1

Oct. 29 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For Employed Physicians and APCs: Enroll in Benefits Oct. 9 to 30

If you're an employed physician or advanced practice clinician (APC) with LVHN or LVPG and you want Choice Plus medical, dental, vision, supplemental life insurance or flexible spending account (FSA) benefits coverage in 2016, you must enroll between Oct. 9 and Oct. 30, 2015.

In mid-September all benefit-eligible colleagues received a detailed packet of benefits information that included:

- **What's Changing for 2016** – Detailed information about important benefit changes
- **2016 Choice Plus Medical Plan Brochure** – Information and examples to help you choose between the Choice Plus PPO and HSA health plans
- **Summary of Material Modifications** – A one-page sheet of the health plan changes for 2016
- **ExpressCARE or Emergency Room information** – A one-page sheet to help you decide the level of care required
- **Vision Plan Enhancements** – National Vision Administrators (NVA) will be our new vision provider

in 2016. Colleagues will have an option of electing the basic plan or a buy-up plan.

Please review all documents carefully before you enroll in benefits. If you didn't receive your packet, call the benefits hotline at 484-884-3199 or access the HR Intranet for an electronic version.

To receive benefits in 2016 you must enroll between Oct. 9 and Oct. 30, 2015. Do so through Lawson on your SSO toolbar during these dates. **All LVHN employed physicians must re-enroll in benefits for 2016 to be eligible.** If you miss the Oct. 30, 2015 deadline, you won't be able to enroll in benefits until 2017 unless you have a significant life event (divorce, birth of a child, etc.)

This year the Health and Wellness Assessment is not required as a step to enroll in the medical plans. However, all colleagues are encouraged to take the assessment and continue to learn more about your health and taking care of yourself.

If you need assistance with your benefits enrollment, please attend an Open Enrollment help session:

At LVH–Cedar Crest, Computer Lab 1

- Tuesday, October 13, noon-4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15, 3-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21, 7-11 a.m.

At LVH–Muhlenberg, I/S Training Room

- Tuesday, October 20, noon-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 28, 7-11 a.m.

At LVH–17th Street Auditorium

- Wednesday, October 14, noon-4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29, 7-11 a.m.

At LVHN–Mack Boulevard, LVPG Training Room (second floor)

- Monday, October 19, 7-11 a.m.

At Health Network Laboratories, 794 Roble Road, Main Computer Training Room

- Thursday, October 15, 2-5 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 20, 7-11 a.m.
- Thursday, October 22, 6-9 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Annual Dues Deadline: Oct. 15

On Oct. 1, final notices were emailed to members of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians who have not yet paid their annual dues.

In order to avoid automatic resignation from the Medical or Allied Health Staff, your payment **must be received** in the Medical Staff Services office **no later than 5 p.m.** on Oct. 15.

Both Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinician dues may be paid using a credit card. A link to the appropriate payment screen was provided in the final notice you received by email. In addition, these links are also available on the front page of the Medical Staff Services website.

Medical Staff

If you wish to pay by check, Medical Staff payments should be made payable to LVHN Medical Staff and mailed to: Janet Seifert, Medical Staff Services–9G, LVHN–One City Center, P.O. Box 1806, Allentown, PA 18105-1806.

Questions regarding Medical Staff dues should be directed to [Janet Seifert](#) at **484-862-3224**.

Advanced Practice Clinicians

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Questions regarding Advanced Practice Clinician dues should be directed to [Gloribel Nieves](#) at **484-862-3904**.

Groundbreaking Marks Start of Specialty Care Pavilion Construction at LVH–Muhlenberg

Everybody loves to celebrate a new arrival.

So it was on Sept. 24 at [LVH–Muhlenberg](#), where LVHN leaders and local officials donned blue hard hats and pink shovels. Together they broke ground on the four-story, 161,00-square-foot Specialty Care Pavilion that will bring numerous “new arrivals” – about 2,000 births a year – to LVH–Muhlenberg for the first time in the Bethlehem hospital’s 54-year history.



In addition to the official ceremony, the event featured 11 Lehigh Valley-area children and their families.

The children conducted their own “groundbreaking,” using miniature shovels in a tiny sandbox. “These children represent the type of strong families that will start right here at LVH–Muhlenberg,” said hospital president Jim Geiger.

LVHN leaders also released new information about the Specialty Care Pavilion, which was initially announced in May and is scheduled for completion on July 1, 2017. “This project will extend our commitment to growing strong families closer to home for people in and around Northampton County,” said LVHN president and chief executive officer Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP.

The total project cost of \$93.6 million will be paid for through a combination of LVHN capital funding and philanthropic gifts, including a \$600,000 pledge courtesy of the LVH–Muhlenberg Summer Festival and a \$300,000 pledge courtesy of the Auxiliary of LVH–Muhlenberg. The Specialty Care Pavilion will create 225 new construction jobs and 185 new patient care jobs.

Plans call for the Specialty Care Pavilion to include:

- **Obstetrics and newborn services** on the second and third floors, including:
 - A mother-baby unit with 20 private patient rooms
 - An admitting-holding nursery for use during the admission process or for procedures
 - A Level II NICU with 10 private rooms
 - Eight labor, delivery and recovery rooms
 - Two operating rooms
 - Five obstetrics triage beds
 - A three-bay post-anesthesia care unit area
 - And a four-bed antepartum unit
- **A Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation** on the first floor, providing patients a short period of intensive, hospital-based therapy following a serious illness, injury or procedure. It will include:
 - 28 beds
 - A therapy gym
 - A suite where patients can perform activities of daily living
 - Specialized rehab equipment, including a harness patients can use as they learn to stand and walk again during recovery
- **Lobby space** on the first floor, including a new gift shop, café, a children’s play center, private lactation rooms for breastfeeding mothers, additional rest rooms and an outdoor courtyard.
- **Shell space** on the fourth floor for future growth.

The Specialty Care Pavilion also will offer people in Northampton County tight connections to additional services available throughout LVHN. “Moms at LVH–Muhlenberg will have access to maternal fetal medicine for high risk pregnancy, assistive reproductive technology, and to all the services available through our Children’s Hospital at Lehigh Valley Hospital,” said Mary Bianchi, vice president, women and children’s service line.

Erdman Healthcare Real Estate Solutions of Washington, DC, will provide the design/build services for

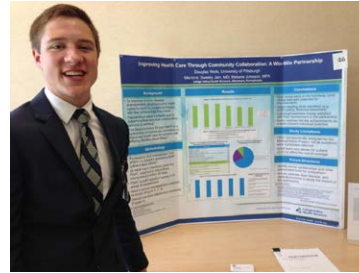
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the Specialty Care Pavilion, while the Pidcock Company of Allentown will assist in civil engineering.

Summer Research Scholars Program a Win-Win

The Summer Research Scholar program, made possible through the generosity of the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, was once again very successful this year. Undergraduate students from universities across the region participated under the guidance of LVHN mentors, producing a total of 63 student projects.

One such research scholar was Douglas Wells. He is entering his senior year at the University of Pittsburgh and applying to medical schools, and was mentored by Sweety Jain, MD, of the department of family medicine. In just eight weeks, he was able to work on two different projects related to improving health care of the patients with disabilities. He worked with the Medical Home Project (MHP) team – a group of community members who partner with the department of family medicine – and was able to assess team



Research scholar Douglas Wells with his poster. Wells worked with his LVHN mentor, Sweety Jain, MD.

strengths and needs. In the second project, he worked with another summer scholar, Yasaira Rodriguez (mentored by Judith Sabino), and was able to train 112 LVHN medical personnel on disability etiquette.

“This summer was such an enlightening experience,” Wells says. “I had the opportunity to observe steps being taken to eliminate health care disparity in the disability community here at LVHN. I was also able to take advantage of the network and learned about many areas of my personal interest, thus getting better insight into my future career. I was able to shadow physicians and staff in different specialties.”

“During his internship, Douglas completed two very important projects for the MHP team – a survey and trainings,” says Ellen Hunt, executive director of the Autism Resource Community Hub and a member of the MHP. “Douglas was able to achieve an impressive 97 percent survey response rate, which is unheard of. His presentation of the information gathered through the survey is data that will be used as guiding principles by MHP. We thank Douglas for his valuable work.”

Jain mentored a summer research scholar for the first time and remarked that this was a very effective use of the time and resources. Through the work of the summer scholar, much was accomplished in a very short period of time.

In January 2016, the department of education will send out an announcement about the Summer Research Scholars program for 2016, when we look forward to matching a whole new set of exceptional students with our physicians and clinicians.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [AJ Lemheny](#) in the department of education.

Remember These Documentation Requirements

Health Information Management Operations has issued a reminder regarding documentation requirements as a follow-up to our recent Joint Commission survey.

All handwritten documentation must be legible, complete, signed, dated and timed by the person responsible for providing or evaluating the service provided.

An immediate postoperative note is required immediately after surgery, if a full operative report is not documented and available on the medical record prior to the patient being transferred to the next level of care. The immediate postoperative note must contain:

- Name of surgeon(s)
- Name of assistance (if any)
- Type of anesthesia used
- Procedure performed

- Description of each procedure finding
- Estimated blood loss
- Specimen removed
- Pre-op and post-op diagnosis
- Any complications
- Date of entry
- Time of entry

History and physical must be completed prior to any procedure and updated within 24 hours of admission with the following requirements:

- Chief complaint
- History of present illness
- Relevant past/surgical history
 - Current medications and dosages
 - Allergies and medication reactions
 - Existing co-morbid conditions
- Social and family history
- Physical exam including a comprehensive physical assessment
- Conclusions and/or Impression
- Course of action/plan for inpatient stay
- Date of entry
- Time of entry

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Benefit Managers Present Challenges to Drug Coverage

PBM. In the pharmacy world, this stands for pharmacy benefit manager. It is the folks from either insurance companies or businesses' human resources departments. They determine what is and is not covered by prescription plans.

Both you as providers writing prescriptions and we pharmacists battle with them constantly, trying to get coverage for medications you and we feel the patient should be on. Their rules are becoming more and more stringent as the years go by, new medications become available and drug prices rise. There are more closed networks, allowing only certain pharmacies, or only mail-order prescriptions, certain doctors and very tightly controlled formularies.

In some cases they receive special considerations from brand-name manufacturers to use their product rather than a generic. For example, Nexium is now available generically (esomeprazole), yet some PBMs require that only the brand name be used. Generic prices increase at times twofold or more as the number of manufacturers is reduced through consolidation or related to other business decisions. Typically, the timing of the price change by the PBM will go to the PBM's advantage.

Prescription insurance companies check prescription records of pharmacies regularly to make sure the pharmacies are in compliance with their rules. It is similar to a Joint Commission visit that's focused on just the pharmacy. One area that is being audited by insurance companies and causing trouble for pharmacies is when "used as directed" is the sig code for eye drops, inhalers, topicals, insulin and diabetes test strips. Please try to put the number of days' supply (and area to be used on topicals) on the prescription so the quantity dispensed is accurately reflected.

Quick Hits

- **Codeine for kids:** The European Medicines Agency has recommended that codeine not be used in children under age 12 due to the dangerous side effects. The FDA is evaluating the findings and may issue a recommendation in the future.
- **Gliptins:** DPP-4 inhibitors for type 2 diabetes can cause severe and disabling joint pain, according to an FDA warning. These medications are available as single entities and in combo with metformin. Patients should not stop taking them, but should contact their providers. Trade names for single entities include Januvia, Nesina, Onglyza and Trajenta.
- **Brilinta vs. Brintellix:** The FDA warns that there has been some confusion of Brilinta, a blood-clotting medication, and Brintellix, an antidepressant, because of the similarity of their names. Please be careful to notate which one you want when prescribing.

New Generics

- Axert 6.25 and 12.5 mg tablets: *Almotriptan Maleate*
- Nalfon 400 mg capsules: *Fenoprofen*
- Pulmicort 1 mg inhalation suspension: *Budesonide* – Previously available in the 0.25 and 0.5 mg strengths only.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Jay Needle RPh](#), manager, Health Spectrum Pharmacy–LVH Muhlenberg, at 484-884-7004.

Seated for Better Communication

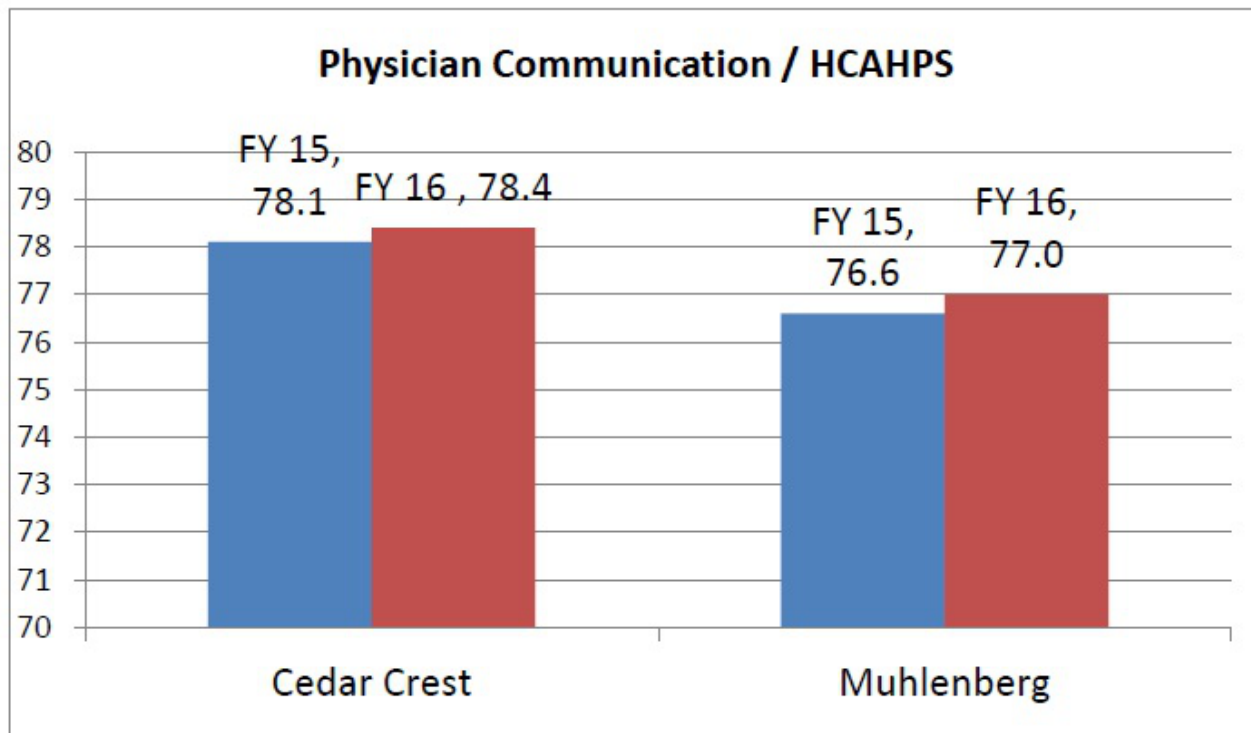
Fiscal year 2016 performance for the first two months has been very positive overall with modest increases in physician communication.

Despite the increase in raw score, LVH–Muhlenberg experienced a one-point drop in percentile ranking. What that means is we are slowly getting better, but the nation is getting better even faster.

Press Ganey is the company that we use to conduct our HCAHPS surveys. The company offers a wealth of knowledge and resources. Behind all the data, it provides a list of our top areas on which to focus to have the biggest impact on overall hospital rating. Both LVH–Cedar Crest and LVH–Muhlenberg have physician communication areas included as five of the top 10 areas of focus. Among the Press Ganey resources, the first suggestion for improvement is to sit eye-to-eye with the patient.

Fortunately, we now have stools in all private rooms. Thanks to a project at LVH–Muhlenberg, where volunteers use iPads to ask patients about their doctors, we have seen a significant increase in patients reporting that the doctor sat down. Patients reported doctors sitting 29 percent of the time prior to the stools and 59 percent of the time after the stools were in place.

As mentioned in prior updates, patients perceive a 40 percent increase in time spent with the provider when the provider is sitting. However, one of the greatest provider fears of sitting down is being drawn into an extensive conversation. Because you are making a better connection with the patient, there may be times when you want to be there longer. However, sitting down is one of the best ways to have an exit strategy. Without being abrupt, standing up from the seat is a gentle way of transitioning out.



For questions or feedback on this article, please contact [E.J. Rovella, MBA, MHA, FACHE](#), program manager for HCAHPS, at 610-841-6799.

Nominations Open for Special Physician Recognition Awards

The next Physician Recognition Dinner will be held April 2, 2016, in the Musikfest Café at SteelStacks in Bethlehem. Plan to attend this grand event to celebrate with your colleagues and recognize those who will be celebrating 50 and 25 years of service on the hospital's Medical Staff.

In addition to the years of service awards, several special awards will be presented at the big event. These special awards will be presented to the individuals who best meet the criteria for each award. The awards and criteria are as follows:

- **Community Service Award** – This award will be presented to the doctor who best embodies the importance of participation in community activities in terms of service on boards, involvement in community groups, philanthropic interests or other community activities over a period of years.
- **Team Building Award** – This award will be presented to the doctor who best embodies the ability to build a team of doctors, allied health professionals or other health care workers and to nurture the cohesive actions of the team over a period of years.
- **Physician Research Award** – This award will be presented to the physician who has shown

excellence in the pursuit of academic activities in clinical research, primarily in terms of peer-reviewed publications.

- **Friend of the Medical Staff Award** – Given to the allied health professional, management professional, or other health care worker who over a period of years has shown exceptional ability in assisting physicians in improving the care of patients at LVHN.
- **Doctors' Doctor Award** – This award is presented to a physician or a group of physicians, selected by members of the Medical Staff, who embodies all of the attributes of a superior doctor of medicine.

Award nominations will be accepted until Dec. 31. To submit a nomination, please include the name of the award, the nominee's name, your name and a brief explanation of why you believe the nominee should receive the award, and email it to [Jarret Patton, MD](#), Medical Staff president or [Dana Hacker](#), director, medical staff services.

For questions or feedback on this article, please contact [Janet Seifert](#) in Medical Staff Services at 484-862-3224.

Who's New — October 2015

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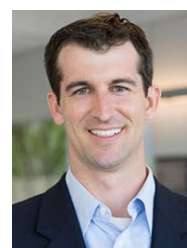
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Change of primary office

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(LVPG Vascular Surgery-1259 Cedar Crest)
Active

Allied health staff new appointments

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Supervising Physician – Marshall G. Miles, DO



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Department of Emergency Medicine – 9th Floor
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Supervising Physician – Richard S. MacKenzie, MD



Vanessa M. Perez, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
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Allentown, PA 18102-3508
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Supervising Physician – Timothy M. Daly, DO



Kristen K. Rutter, PA-C

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Supervising Physician – Yury L. Bykov, MD



Jessica J. Schreck, CRNP

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Supervising Physician – Courtney A. Boyle, DO



Maura K. Snyder, PA-C

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Supervising Physician – Mei Y. Wong, MD



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Change of primary office

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Change of supervising physician

Eleanor Z. Franges, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(Neurosurgical Associates of LVPG)
From: Robert A. Morrow, MD
To: Chris A. Lycette, MD

Kerry R. Hood, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG Pediatrics-Laurys Station)
From: Renee D. Morrow-Connelly, DO
To: Amy A. Jibilian, MD

Lynn M. Shay, CRNP, DNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG Family Medicine-Moselem Springs)
From: W. William Shay, DO
To: Aaron D. Katz, MD

Timothy A. Smolenyak, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG Family Medicine-Whitehall)
From: Robin S. Schroeder, MD
To: Aaron D. Katz, MD

Change of supervising physician and group

Stefanie L. Toman, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
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To: OACIS Services – Daniel E. Ray, MD
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Change of practitioner category

Elizabeth B. Rohn, LCSW

From: Licensed Social Worker
To: Licensed Clinical Social Worker
(LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry-Muhlenberg - Joel Lerman, MD)

Resignations

Jessica B. Reichard

Medical Assistant
(American Home Medical Equipment & Services Inc)

Richard A. Drabic, LCSW

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

(LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry-1259 Cedar Crest)

Christine N. Luiken, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVPG Cardiology-1250 Cedar Crest)

Ashley C. Pope, CRNA

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC)

Tavershima Asom, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVPG Family Medicine-Emmaus)

Congratulations: October 2015

- Asare B. Christian, MD, MPH, division of physical medicine–rehabilitation, was recently certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Christian has been a member of the medical staff since December 2014. He is in practice with Good Shepherd Physician Group.
- Daniel M. Kraus, MD, division of maternal-fetal medicine/obstetrics, was recently certified in maternal-fetal medicine by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is also certified by the same board in obstetrics and gynecology. Kraus has been a member of the medical staff since September 2012. He is in practice with LVPG Maternal Fetal Medicine.
- Janet S. Laflouf, DO, division of hospital medicine, was recently recertified in internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Laflouf has been a member of the medical staff since August 2013. She is in practice with LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest.
- Martin A. Martino, MD, division of gynecologic oncology/gynecology, was recently recertified in gynecologic oncology by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is also certified by the same board in obstetrics and gynecology. Martino has been a member of the medical staff

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since October 2005. He is in practice with LVPG Gynecologic Oncology.

Papers, Publications and Presentations: October 2015

- Joseph L Yozviak, DO, FACP, AAHIVS, of the AIDS Activities Office, co-authored an article, “Daclatasvir plus sofosbuvir for HCV in patients coinfectd with HIV-1.” It was published in the New England Journal of Medicine, Volume 373, Number 8, August 20, 2015.
- Thomas M. Nappe, DO; Matthew T. Niehaus, DO, and Terrence E. Goyke, DO of the department of emergency medicine, co-authored an article, “Open ring sign diagnostic of multiple sclerosis in the emergency department.: It was published June 23 online ahead of print in the Western Journal of Emergency Medicine.
- Beth Careyva, MD, of LVPG Family Medicine—Easton Avenue, presented “2014–2015 Clinical Guidelines and Recommendations” at the Chesapeake Summer Escape CME Conference in Cambridge, MD, on July 29.
- Denise Woodworth, MBA, CHI, PCMH CCE; Nyann Biery, MS; Kay Werhun, DNP, MBA, RN, NE-BC; Charlene McFeeley, MSN, NP-C, LNC, NLCP, SANE, CME, and Barbara Pyle NP, MSN,

CRNP, FNP-BC, COHN-S, CME, MBA, presented “Telehealth, Care Transitions and Closing the Tech Skill Gap” on Aug. 20 via webinar.

- Robin S. Schroeder, MD, of LVPG Bariatric Medicine—1243 Cedar Crest, was featured on the front cover of the journal Medical Encounter, Volume 29, Number 2, Spring/Summer 2015.
- William L. Miller, MD, of LVPG Family Medicine co-authored three articles: Understanding care integration from the ground up: Five organizing constructs that shape integrated practices,” “Preparing the workforce for behavioral health and primary care integration” and “Designing clinical space for the delivery of integrated behavioral health and primary care.” They were published in the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine, Volume 28, Supplement 1, September-October 2015.

October Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Neurology Conferences

- Oct. 8 – USF Update, with Amy Smith, PhD, department of education
- Oct. 22 – Creative Writing, with Peter Barbour, MD
- Oct. 29 – Update from AAN Meeting, with John Castaldo, MD

All conferences will be held in the conference room, at 1250 South Cedar Crest and videoconferenced to the 1770 Bathgate office.

For more information, contact [Angeline Regis](#) in the division of neurology at 610-402-9008.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

- Oct. 13 – Nephrotic Syndrome, with Tecile Andolino, MD, pediatrics and pediatric nephrology at St. Luke's University Health Network
- Oct. 20 – PICU topic, with Amy Lindmark, DO, pediatric intensive care
- Oct. 27 – Cardiology topic, with Robert Palermo, DO, Children's Heart Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania

The department of pediatrics holds Grand Rounds on Tuesdays, beginning at 8 a.m., in the Kasych Family Pavilion Educational Conference Center Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

For more information, contact [Cari Coelho](#) in the department of pediatrics at 484-862-3131.

Department of Education Conferences

- Oct. 9 – 10th Annual Innovations in Gyn Cancers
- Oct. 20 – Quality Across the Continuum: Focus on the ACO
- Nov. 7 – Cardiology for the Primary Care Physician
- Nov. 14 – Veterans Health Care Symposium
- Dec. 4-5 – Seventh Annual Ultrasound in OB/GYN Symposium

For more information, call 610-402-2410, option 1, or visit www.lvhn.org/cecalendar.