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Flu Vaccine Deadline is Nov. 23

This year's deadline to receive the required flu shot is quickly approaching. All medical and allied health professional staff members are required to get a flu shot by Nov 23.

Failure to comply with the immunization policy will result in a written warning. All medical and allied health professional staff members and other staff members with patient contact who are not vaccinated or granted an exemption within two weeks of the warning will be subject to termination. Don't procrastinate – get your flu shot now.

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

- Employee Health Services locations during walk-in hours
- Vaccination clinics (see below)
- On units and in practices that participate in our peer vaccination program
- LVPG membership meetings

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, contact [Carol Guanowsky](#), director, employee health services, at 610-402-8869.

Employee Health Services Walk-in Hours

LVH–Cedar Crest

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

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–Muhlenberg – ECC Corridor

Nov. 11 – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 12 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

LVH–17th Street – Fleming Memory Center (formerly the Center for Healthy Aging)

Nov. 2 – 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 18 – 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LVHN–Mack Boulevard – Cafeteria

Nov. 4 – 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 16 – 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

StayWell (Krames) Patient Education Info Upgraded

Two important categories of patient education materials produced by health information vendor StayWell have been integrated into the LVHN Epic platform. This upgrade makes it easier than ever to connect your patients with information they need.

Health Sheets™ on Krames On Demand and Krames Exit-Writer® patient education handouts now are available to send to your patients through their activated MyLVHN account. This optimization is one that Judi Brooks, CRNP, lead ambulatory provider champion for LVHN Epic, knows will benefit her patients, especially when test results or other diagnoses require further explanation.

“Yesterday I received a lipid panel result on my patient,” says Brooks, who practices at LVPG Internal Medicine—3080 Hamilton Blvd. “Since the patient is active on MyLVHN, he was able to see results, and I was able to not only write him a quick note letting him know his results were a little elevated, but I also provided Krames information describing ways to improve his numbers and lower his risk for heart attack and stroke.”

This integration gives LVHN the ability to provide better patient care after treatment. Another plus: less paper coupled with more instant communication.

“With the Krames information available in the results note section, I can easily select relevant patient education information and message a patient,” Brooks says. “This eliminates the need to print a handout and mail it to a patient.”

This optimization impacts both Wave 1 and Wave 2 areas. Exit-Writer includes the latest evidence-based patient education handout for admitted patients, along with 60 LVHN-developed discharge instructions. Health Sheets on Krames On Demand cover more than 4,000 medical topic areas.

This upgrade allows ambulatory sites the ability to pull these instructions into a patient's record so they can appear on the MyLVHN Portal.

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This sheet captures highlights from the latest issue of Progress Notes.

Join Doximity to Vote for U.S. News 'Best Hospitals'

Want to raise the chance of improving your specialty's reputation score on the U.S. News & World Report's "Best Hospitals" rankings? Then claim your profile on [doximity.com](https://www.doximity.com) by early December.*

U.S. News & World Report, sponsor of arguably the health industry's most recognized quality ranking programs, will survey all Doximity members who are board-certified in one of the 16 ranked specialties as one arm of the reputation score calculation. Reputation accounts for 27.5 percent of a hospital's total score in the "Best Hospitals" ranking, except for ophthalmology, psychiatry, rehabilitation and rheumatology, where reputation is 100 percent of the ranking score.

Reputation scores for LVH and LVH–Muhlenberg are low in all specialties, even though the hospitals perform quite well in the objective clinical measures. This is an opportunity for our network of specialists to make their opinions count by becoming a Doximity member and casting your vote. Help LVH and LVH–M improve their "Best Hospitals" rankings – your vote matters.

All board-certified physicians within one of the 16 specialties who become Doximity members by early

December (last year the deadline was Dec. 5; this year's date hasn't yet been announced) will receive a request to vote either via email or as a prompt when logging into Doximity.

As a Doximity member, you also can connect with physician colleagues across the nation, learn about job openings, access peer-reviewed journal articles and more.

Physicians who are board-certified in the 16 specialties, but who do not claim their Doximity profile to become a member, will be part of the other voting arm. Among Doximity non-members, U.S. News will select 200 specialists from each of the 16 specialties to receive a "Best Hospitals" ballot. This ballot will be sent first via email, then by regular mail if no vote is cast. Since the chances of being selected randomly for this arm of the reputation voting are slim, you are encouraged to claim your Doximity profile to ensure you have the opportunity to vote.

Of course, should you receive a survey via email or mail, this is your opportunity to cast a vote for your specialty in hopes of ranking it as a "Best Hospital." Be sure your office staff also is aware of this possible mailing, so that they can be on the lookout for the survey as well.

**The deadline was December 5 last year; this year's date hasn't yet been announced, but again will be in early December.*

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Robert Stevens](#) at 484-884-0824.

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Highlight Your Work in Scholarly Works

LVHN's institutional repository, [Scholarly Works](#), celebrated its third anniversary during October. Scholarly Works was created to collect, share and preserve the scholarly materials produced by LVHN. This is part of our mission to heal, comfort and care for the people of our community by providing advanced and compassionate health care of superior quality and value, supported by education and clinical research. Scholarly Works is a service of LVHN's Library Services.

Since the launch of Scholarly Works three years ago, there have been 125,308 sessions. Of those, 61,122 were outside of LVHN, including locations in India, the United Kingdom, Canada and China. To date, there have been a total of 238,558 downloads. In September 2015, LVHN Scholarly Works had 10,126 full-text downloads, and 252 new submissions were posted. LVHN also was among the most popular institutions in the Medicine and Health Sciences Commons, ranking highly in three out of 248 disciplines this month – infectious disease, neurology and primary care.

If your work isn't currently being highlighted in Scholarly Works, contact library services for more information on how to get started.

Specialty Medications Can Present Access Challenges

Specialty medications are a fast-growing category. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services define specialty medications as those that cost more than \$600 per month. Additional definitions include drugs that require special handling or storage, biotechnically engineered medications, oral oncology agents, or infused medications, among others. Additionally, these medications treat complex chronic or life-threatening conditions and involve regular patient education, monitoring and management.

For these and other reasons, manufacturers want to limit the pharmacies that have access to the drugs. Manufacturers are now making products “limited distribution.” This means pharmacies must demonstrate their storage, packaging and distribution of these medications are compliant with manufacturers’ standards. Some also require ongoing patient management after a new start of the medication.

Another roadblock to accessing specialty medications is the payers. Insurance companies may require patients to pursue lower-cost options (i.e., step therapy) before they cover more expensive

medications. Once the lower-cost therapies are exhausted, the payer usually requests a prior authorization from the prescriber to approve the specialty medication. This results in wasted time spent filling out forms instead of seeing and treating patients.

Recently Approved Specialty Medications

- Praluent (alirocumab) and Repatha (evolocumab) are two new medications that are part of a new class called PCSK9 inhibitors. In clinical trials, these medications have shown drastic decreases in LDL-cholesterol levels. They have been approved for patients with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia or atherosclerotic vascular disease not at goal. These medications are injected under the skin, at home, every two weeks.

Specialty pharmacies are a good resource for any questions about this topic. Feel free to reach out to us.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Sean Maydick](#), Health Spectrum Pharmacy–Specialty Division, at 610-402-8444.

National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush issued a proclamation designating the first week of November as National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week, to acknowledge and thank medical services professionals (MSPs) for playing “an important role in our nation’s healthcare system.”

What role do these professionals play? They are the people behind the scenes who make certain the credentials of all practitioners who are caring for patients are correct and have been verified. MSPs are experts in provider credentialing and privileging, medical staff organization, accreditation and regulatory compliance, and provider relations in the diverse health care industry. They credential and monitor ongoing competence of the physicians and other practitioners who provide patient care services in hospitals, managed care organizations and other health care settings.

This year, the members of LVHN’s Medical Staff Services team will celebrate National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week Nov. 1–7. Don’t forget to stop by or drop them a line to thank them for a job well done.

MSPs are a vital part of the community's health care team. They are dedicated to ensuring all patients receive care from practitioners who are properly educated, licensed and trained in their specialty.

For more information about MSPs and the National Association Medical Staff Services, visit namss.org.

APC Awards and Election Results

At the quarterly meeting of the advanced practice clinicians (APC) held on Sept. 24, the recipients of the biennial APC Awards for 2015 were announced. Congratulations to the award recipients, who are listed below:

Professional Advancement

Shannon N. Diallo, PA-C

LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest

Community Outreach Award

Ramon J. Deeb Jr., CRNA

Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC

Education/Research Award

Ashleigh M. Renitsky, PA-C

LVPG Urology—1250 Cedar Crest

Also at the meeting, elections were held for two at-large members. Current members in addition to department chair appointments and newly elected members of the APC Executive Council include:

President

Wendy J. Prutsman, CRNP

LVPG Maternal Fetal Medicine—3900 Hamilton Blvd.
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

President-elect

Michele C.G. Hartzell, PA-C

LVPG—Emergency Medicine
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Past President

Paul J. Evans, CRNA

Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Secretary/Treasurer

Rachel M. Morcrette, PA-C

LVPG Gynecologic Oncology—1240 Cedar Crest
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

At-Large Members

Jessica L. Bowell, PA-C

LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2017)

Christina A. Felten, CNM

LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology—Pond Road
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2017)

Jessica A. Rush, PA-C

LVPG Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg
(Re-elected – Term ending Sept. 30, 2018)

Melissa N. Shaner, PA-C

LVPG Urogynecology—Pond Road
(Newly elected – Term ending Sept. 30, 2018)

Maria D. Thomas, CRNA

Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Pamela A. Thomas, CRNP

LVPG Family Medicine–Whitehall
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Department Chair Appointments

Department of Anesthesiology (two seats)

Andrew E. Aspen, CRNA

Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC
(Newly appointed – Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

James C. Miller, CRNA

Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Department of Medicine (two seats)

Kathy S. Attieh, PA-C

LVPG Cardiology–1250 Cedar Crest
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Ryann E. Morrison, PA-C

LVPG Hematology Oncology–1240 Cedar Crest
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Department of Surgery (two seats)

Rachel L. Moyer, PA-C

LVPG Neurosurgery–Muhlenberg
(Newly appointed – Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Jason E. Sommer, PA-C

LVPG Urology–Muhlenberg
(Newly appointed – Term ending Sept, 30, 2016)

Department of Emergency and Hospital Medicine (one seat)

Christina M. Davies, PA-C

LVPG–Emergency Medicine
(Newly appointed – Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Department of Family Medicine (one seat)

Debra P. Goodwin, PA-C

LVPG Family Medicine–Whitehall

(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (one seat)

Maria L. Smalley, PA-C

LVPG Gynecologic Oncology–1240 Cedar Crest

(Newly appointed – Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Department of Pediatrics (one seat)

Pamela K. Prisaznik, CRNP

LVPG Pediatric Pulmonology–1210 Cedar Crest

(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Department of Psychiatry (one seat)

Krista T. Carson, PA-C

LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–1259 Cedar Crest

(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

The mission of the APC Executive Council is to support, advocate, promote, facilitate and integrate the professional interests of advanced practice clinicians who maintain active clinical privileges within LVHN.

The APC Executive Council meets monthly, and general APC membership meetings are held quarterly. The next APC quarterly membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the general medical staff meeting on Dec. 14, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Kasych Family Pavilion, Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley Educational Conference Center Rooms 6, 7 and 8. Please note: the meeting will NOT be teleconferenced to LVH–Muhlenberg.

For questions or feedback on this article, please contact [Wendy Prutsman](#), APC Executive Council president, via pager at 610-402-5100 9769.

Veterans Health Care Symposium 2015

The Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council sponsors the Veterans Health Care Symposium 2015 from 8 a.m. to noon on Nov. 14 at Lehigh University's Mountaintop Campus.

Program objectives are to:

- Define disparities in health care provided to the veteran community.
- Describe how the bio/psycho/social/cultural considerations of the veteran community impact patient-provider interactions.
- Discuss barriers to patient-provider communications with veterans and their families.

Physicians and advanced practice clinicians interested in meeting the health needs of the vulnerable population within the veteran communities are invited. Nurses and allied health staff are welcome to attend and will receive a certificate of attendance.

Registration for this symposium is required and free. Registration deadline is Nov. 11. Register at lvmac.org/vetcentric-registration.

Post-event attendees will have free access to an additional 4.0 CME credits when they complete four self-paced comprehensive computer-based modules that deal with military and veteran culture in the clinical and community setting.

Designation statement: It is LVHN's policy to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all of our sponsored educational programs. Faculty and all others who have the ability to control the content of continuing education activities sponsored by LVHN are expected to disclose to the audience whether they do or do not have any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest or other relationships related to the content of their presentation(s).

LVHN is accredited by the Pennsylvania Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians. LVHN designates this live educational activity for a maximum 3.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the educational activity.

For questions or feedback on this article, please contact Alexander Alex, co-chair, Healthcare in Our Community Task Force, at 610-986-4304.

Who's New — November 2015

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Medical staff new appointments

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Provisional Active



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Division of General Surgery
Provisional Active



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Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Division of Anatomic Pathology
Section of Breast/Gastrointestinal/Genitourinary/Gynecologic/Pulmonary and Endocrine Pathology
Provisional Active



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Division of Physical Medicine–Rehabilitation
Provisional Active



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Division of General Pediatrics
Provisional Active



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Provisional Limited Duty



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Department of Medicine
Division of Geriatrics/General Internal Medicine
Provisional Active



Leadership appointments

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Amanda B. Flicker, MD

Chief, Division of Obstetrics

John C. Smulian, MD, MPH

Vice Chair, Quality

Medical Directors of Patient Care Units, Laboratories and Programs

Lisa R. Lindauer, MD

Medical Director, ICU–M

Steven A. Scott, MD

Co-Medical Director, 7K

Change of primary practice location

Folusho A. Tugbiyele, MD

From: LVPG Urogynecology–Muhlenberg

To: LVPG Urogynecology–Pond Road

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1611 Pond Road

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Allentown, PA 18104-2258

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Change of phone/fax number

Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley, PC

Lehigh Valley Hospital

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Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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Dana R. Burke, MD

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Pain Specialists of the Greater Lehigh Valley, PC

Sandra Grello, CRNP

Prabhakar Gundappu Reddy, MD

Renee Lehmann, CRNP

Scarlet Lichtenwalner, CRNP
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1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.
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Allentown, PA 18103-6224
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Change to staff category

Sandra Fogelman, MD

Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine
(Adult Medicine and Geriatric Associates)
From: Active To: Affiliate

Status change to honorary status

Isidore Mihalakis, MD

Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Division of Anatomic Pathology
Section of Medical and Forensic Pathology
(Forensic Pathology Associates Inc.)
From: Active To: Honorary Status

Resignations

Guido J. Ascanio, MD

Department of Anesthesiology
(Northeastern Anesthesia Physicians, PC)

Pradeep Dhakarwal, MD

Department of Medicine
Division of Nephrology
(Valley Kidney Specialists, PC)

Jason E. Kooch, DO

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Division of Physical Medicine–Rehabilitation
(Coordinated Health)

Vito A. Loguidice, MD

Department of Surgery
Division of Orthopedic Surgery/Spine Surgery
(Coordinated Health)

Gary W. Seldomridge, DMD

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Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
(Conestoga Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Ltd.)

Sherry M. Sheppard, MD

Department of Emergency and Hospital Medicine
Division of Hospital Medicine
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg)

Jennifer B. Uxer, DO

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology
(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology-Pond Road)

In memoriam

Joseph J. Grassi, MD

Department of Medicine
Division of Physical Medicine–Rehabilitation
April 4, 1944 – Oct. 1, 2015

Edmund Levendusky, DDS

Department of Dental Medicine
Division of General Dentistry
May 20, 1935 – Sept. 18, 2015

William Lozinger Jr., DO

Department of Family Medicine
(Bangor Medical Center)
June 25, 1937 – Sept. 25, 2015

Joseph L. Mallon Jr., MD

Department of Emergency and Hospital Medicine
Division of Hospital Medicine
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)

Allied health staff new appointments

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Supervising Physician – W. William Shay, DO



Lindsay T. Clark, CRNP

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Supervising Physician – Maria L. Jones, MD



Jennifer R. Druck, PA-C

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LVPG Family Medicine–Southside
Lehigh Valley Physician Group

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Supervising Physician – Neal J. Berkowitz, MD



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Supervising Physician – Eric T. Young, MD



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Supervising Physician – Richard S. MacKenzie, MD



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Supervising Physician – Katherine A. Harris, MD



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Change to practitioner category/supervising physician

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To: Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

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From: Nainesh C. Patel, MD

To: Andrew D. Sumner, MD

Change of supervising physician

Debra A. Kramer, CRNP

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From: Edward M. Mullin Jr., MD

To: Joseph G. Trapasso, MD

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To: Wael A. Hanna, MD

Denise S. Stein, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVPG Family and Internal Medicine)

From: David M. Stein, DO

To: Matthew A. Nussbaum, DO

Change of supervising physician and group

Nickole G. DeReinzi, LPC

Licensed Professional Counselor

From: LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–1259 Cedar Crest – Susan D. Wiley, MD

To: LVH–Adult Transitions Partial Program – Ralph A. Primelo, MD

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Additional supervising physician and group

Nathan P. Fenstermacher, PA-C

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(LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest – Vitaliy Koss, MD)

Addition of: LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest – Shadi Jarjous, MD)

Removal of supervising physician and group

Song-Hee Bohn, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVPG–Emergency Medicine – Anthony T. Werhun, MD)

Removal of: LVPG Urology–1250 Cedar Crest – Angelo A. Baccala Jr., MD

Addition and removal of supervising physician and group

Mark R. Houle, PA-C

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Addition of: LVPG Family Medicine–Moselem Springs – W. William Shay, DO

Removal of: LVPG Family Medicine–Macungie – Christine K. Block, MD

Name change

From: Lori A. Paulowskey, CRNA

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Change of practice

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Change of primary practice**Song-Hee Bohn, CRNP**

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Brenda S. Kuhns

Medical Assistant

(Youngs Medical Equipment)

Nicholas R. Lambros, CRNA

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC)

Ann M. Merkel, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(Coordinated Health)

Joanne P. Mulligan, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(T. Kumar Pendurthi Surgical Associates, LLC)

April L. Smith, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

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Patricia A. Spichiger, CRNA

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

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Katherine I. Stackhouse, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(HealthWorks)

Rebecca A. Zeigler, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

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Congratulations: November 2015

- Haley M. Guzzo, MD, department of anesthesiology, was recently certified in her specialty by the American Board of Anesthesiology. Guzzo has been a member of the medical staff since February 2014. She is in practice with Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc.

November 2015: Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Gary Stopyra, MD, chief, section of pediatric pathology and pulmonary and endocrine pathology, co-authored an article, “Cystic brain metastases in NSCLC harboring the EML4-ALK translocation after treatment with crizotinib.” It was published in the Journal of Thoracic Oncology, Volume 10, Number 7, July 2015.
- Shereen Gheith, MD, chief, section of hematopathology and clinical laboratory medicine, and Dennis Cornfield, MD, education coordinator, co-authored an article, “Promyelocytic sarcoma present with spinal cord compression and treated successfully with surgical debulking and the PETHEMA regimen for acute promyelocytic leukemia.” It was published in Case Reports in Clinical Pathology, Volume 2, Number 3, 2015.
- Shereen Gheith, MD, chief, section of hematopathology and clinical laboratory medicine, co-authored an article, “Primary dural lymphoblastic B-cell lymphoma: a rare subtype of aggressive dural lymphoma.” It was published Aug. 14 online ahead of print in the Journal of Hematopathology.

- Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, honorary member, division of colon and rectal surgery, was a visiting professor at Agostino Gemelli Hospital, Rome, Italy, on Sept. 13-14, 2015. The conference was focused on various management modalities of hemorrhoidal disease, and he spoke about surgery during pregnancy, end-stage renal disease and immunocompromising hematologic disorders. The visit also included a tour of the THD factory in Correggio, Italy, where the instruments for Doppler-guided hemorrhoid ligation devices are manufactured.

November Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Cardiology Grand Rounds

- Nov. 6 – Mitral Valve Repair: Current Methods and Results, Future Considerations, with Raymond L. Singer, MD, MMM, FACS, FACC, clinical professor of surgery – USF Morsani College of Medicine; chief, division of cardiothoracic surgery; surgical director, Charles C. Chrin Heart and Vascular Center; vice chair, quality and patient safety, department of surgery, LVHN

Cardiology Grand Rounds are held the first Friday of the month beginning at noon (unless otherwise noted) in the auditorium at LVH–Cedar Crest and videoconferenced to ECC Room D at LVH–Muhlenberg.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

- Nov. 10 – Newborn Screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency with Jennifer Heimall, MD, allergy/immunology attending physician, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Nov. 17 – HPV with Kristen Feemster, MD, MPH, MSHPR, FAAP, infectious diseases attending physician, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

- Nov 24 – Seizures Classification, Single Seizure Treatment and Pediatric Sleep Apnea with Sameh Morkous, MD, pediatric neurology

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

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

Surgical Grand Rounds

- Dec. 1 – Laughter is the Best Medicine with Joel L. Schwartz, MD, chairman, department of psychiatry, Abington Memorial Hospital

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7 a.m., in the auditorium at LVH–Cedar Crest and videoconferenced to the first floor conference room at LVH–Muhlenberg.

13th Annual Patt Endowed Lectureship in Oncology

- Dec. 8 – Cancer Immunotherapy: The End of the Beginning, with Jedd D. Wolchok, MD, PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Professor of Medicine, Weill Medical College–Cornell University, New York, N.Y.

To be held noon to 1 p.m. in the auditorium at LVH–Cedar Crest and videoconferenced to the VTC Room at LVH–17th Street and ECC Room D at LVH–Muhlenberg.