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Medical Staff Biennial Reappointment

In compliance with regulations from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Medical Staff and hospital bylaws and standards of The Joint Commission, each member of the hospital's Medical Staff must be reappointed a minimum of once every two years.

On March 3, this year's biennial reappointment process will be put into motion when reappointment application will be deployed online for approximately 1,200 members of the Medical Staff. In addition of the online reappointment application, instructions will be included for submitting the reappointment application and how to:

- Review your current privilege sheet and relinquish any privileges that you no longer perform.
- Complete the LVHN conflict of interest/commitment questionnaire, which must be done annually. Completion for fiscal year 2016 is required in conjunction with the biennial reappointment and must be done by April 2.
- Complete the appropriate TLC (The Learning Curve) moderate/deep sedation module(s) and examination if you have adult/children/infant moderate sedation and/or deep sedation privileges. This requirement is mandatory for continuation and maintenance of the privileges and for your 2016 Medical Staff biennial reappointment, and must be completed by April 2.

Practitioners are encouraged to review the checklist to make sure all information is provided and arrangements for submission of all required documents have been made.

As a convenience, the application will be prepopulated with information previously provided to Medical Staff Services. It is of paramount importance that *all* the information be reviewed, changes made where necessary, and missing data completed.

An annual tuberculosis skin testing (PPD Mantoux) is required for members of the following specialties:

- Anesthesiology (*not* pain management)
- Emergency medicine
- Hospital medicine
- Infectious disease
- Pathology
- Pulmonary

Those who have a history of a positive test must annually provide the date of screening by their private physician for signs and symptoms of tuberculosis. Practitioners will self-report compliance through directed questions on the reappointment application. The following information will be requested:

- Date of test
- Results of test
- If corrective action was necessary, when the action took place
- If a positive history, the date of screening by their private physician for signs and symptoms of tuberculosis

Practitioners who are unable to obtain PPD testing in the private setting may contact the hospital's employee health office during walk-in hours to make arrangements for the test. For a list of hours, contact employee health at 610-402-8869.

The deadline to return reappointment applications is March 23.

Please note: This online process will require the use of the LVHN-assigned user ID. If you are not a regular user of the LVHN computer system, you are urged to log onto a network computer prior to Feb. 15 to ensure that any login issues can be corrected prior to March 3. If you have any questions or problems related to the login process, call Rita Mest at 484-862-3907 or Matthew Kuzmission at 484-862-3909.

If you have any other questions regarding this year's Medical Staff biennial reappointment process, contact Medical Staff Services at 484-862-3900.

Changes to Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules and Regulations

The following revisions to the Medical Staff Bylaws received approval by the Medical Executive Committee on October 6, 2015, the General Medical Staff on December 14, 2015, and the Boards of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg on January 6, 2016.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION A - PURPOSES

1. The Medical Staff shall be the formal organizational structure through which members shall obtain the benefits and fulfill the obligations of membership on the staff.
2. The Medical Staff may act through the Medical Executive Committee of the Medical Staff and delegate authority to the Medical Executive Committee. The Medical Staff shall define the purposes, composition and authority of the Medical Executive Committee as set forth in these Bylaws and the Medical Staff shall periodically review these Bylaws to modify any such delegated authority.
3. The Medical Staff shall monitor the quality of medical care in the Hospitals and take action and

make recommendations to the Boards of Trustees in order to effectuate that goal.

4. The Medical Staff shall strive for an acceptable level of professional performance of all practitioners through the appropriate delineation of clinical privileges and/or clinical functions and the ongoing review and evaluation of the performance of practitioners.
5. The Medical Staff exists to provide a means through which individual members may participate in the policy-making, planning, staffing and development processes of the Hospitals.
6. The Medical Staff shall provide an appropriate educational setting for members of the Medical Staff and personnel of the Hospitals in order to maintain and enhance professional knowledge and skill in the healing arts.
7. The Medical Staff shall establish these Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Medical Staff consistent with the effective functioning and self-government of the Medical Staff.
8. The Medical Staff shall provide a means whereby issues concerning the Medical Staff and the Hospitals may be discussed by the Medical Staff with the Boards of Trustees of the Hospitals and the Chief Executive Officer of the Hospitals.
9. The Medical Staff shall participate in a spirit of mutual cooperation with the Boards of Trustees of the Hospitals and the Chief Executive Officer of the Hospitals in all appropriate projects where the unique qualifications of the Medical Staff are an essential ingredient.

SECTION B - RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Membership on the Medical Staff implies a responsibility and obligation consistent with full cooperative participation in all required and necessary activities for the assessment and improvement of the effectiveness and efficiency of medical care provided in the Hospitals, including, but not limited to:

- (a) The evaluation and proctoring of the performance of practitioners and the institution itself through objective, clinically sound criteria;
- (b) Participation in the processes of peer review, quality assessment, credentialing and corrective action through service upon Medical Staff committees so as to assure that patient care in the Hospitals is monitored continuously; and
- (c) Participation in educational programs for the benefit of practitioners and employees of the Hospitals so as to enhance the level of professional operations in the Hospitals.

2. Each member of the Medical Staff shall:

- (a) Provide his or her patients with care and respond to all requests for consults at the generally recognized professional level of quality and efficiency;
- (b) Abide by these Medical Staff Bylaws and all other lawful standards, policies, rules and regulations of the Hospitals;
- (c) Discharge such staff, department, committee and Hospital functions for which he or she is responsible by staff category assignment, appointment, election or otherwise;
- (d) Provide Clinic coverage and Emergency Department on-call coverage as determined by the Department Chair;

- (de) Prepare and complete in a timely fashion the medical and other required records for all patients he or she admits or in any way provides care to in the Hospitals; and
- (ef) Abide by the ethical principles of his or her profession.
- (fg) Complete the Hospital Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Statement in order to determine any potential conflicts of interest in the various roles and positions of each Medical Staff Member.
- (gh) At all times act in accordance with the Hospitals' safety plan(s).
- (hi) Participate and cooperate with the Hospital's charitable mission and to reasonably attend to patients who do not have the ability to pay for their medical care.

ARTICLE IV - CATEGORIES OF THE MEDICAL STAFF

SECTION A - THE MEDICAL STAFF

1. The Medical Staff consists of the following categories: Active, Affiliate, Emeritus, Limited Duty, and Medical Administrative. The Active, Affiliate, Emeritus, Limited Duty, and Medical Administrative categories shall have a Provisional status. Appointment to each category of the Medical Staff will be made by the Governing Bodies based on the recommendations of the Credentials Committee and the Medical Executive Committee. All members of the Staff shall be assigned to a specific department, and where appropriate, to a division and/or section.

2. PROVISIONAL STATUS

- (a) All new appointments to the Active, Affiliate, Emeritus, Limited Duty and Medical Administrative categories shall be placed in a Provisional status for a minimum period of twelve (12) months. During the Provisional period, the member's performance and clinical competence shall be evaluated by the Chair of the Department and the Chief of the division or section to which the member is assigned. All members with Provisional status, regardless of specialty, shall be proctored. Each department, division or section shall establish proctoring protocols. Based upon this evaluation, and upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Department, the Provisional period of any practitioner may be extended to a maximum period of twenty-four (24) months. The decision to extend a practitioner's Provisional status shall not entitle the member to the provisions of the Fair Hearing and Appellate Review Process.
- (b) At least two (2) months prior to the end of the Provisional period, the member will receive a reminder from the Office of Medical Staff Services in the form of a reappointment application that his or her Provisional status is coming to an end. The member shall be instructed that he or she must request Active, Affiliate, Emeritus, Limited Duty, and Medical Administrative status, as appropriate. Such request shall be made by the submission of a reappointment application to the Credentials Committee through the Office of Medical Staff Services. A request for movement from Provisional status shall be considered by the Credentials Committee only after receiving a recommendation from the Chair of the department to which the practitioner is assigned.

3. DUES: To finance the activities of the Medical Staff , dues shall be assessed for members of the Medical Staff as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the General Medical Staff at their annual meeting. Dues will not be assessed for members sixty-five (65) years and above. The dues shall be for a fiscal year and shall be billed on September 1 of each year. Only one (1) reminder letter will be sent to the staff member for return of dues ten (10) days prior to the October 15 deadline. Any member whose dues are not paid in full by October 15 shall be considered to have voluntarily resigned from the Medical Staff effective as of that date and shall not entitle the member to the provisions of the Fair Hearing and Appellate Review Process. Re-application to the Medical Staff will be considered based on satisfaction of all Medical Staff Bylaw/Rules and Regulations, Hospital Staff Development Plan criteria and any applicable fees. The Treasurer will append the copy of this paragraph to an affected practitioner's final billing.

SECTION B - THE ACTIVE MEDICAL STAFF

1. The Active Staff shall consist of members with a primary or significant relationship with the Hospitals. The Active Staff shall be the core or nucleus of the Medical Staff.
2. Active Staff members shall:
 - (a) Satisfy the patient care activity level of each department in which they have clinical privileges, as defined in the rules and regulations of the respective department.
 - (b) Abide by meeting attendance rules of their respective department.
 - (c) ~~As determined by need and subject to site-specific privileges, provide~~ Provide Clinic coverage and on-call coverage in the Emergency Department on-call coverage as determined by the Department Chair., ~~upon the assignment by the appertaining Department Chair.~~
3. An Active Staff member may:
 - (a) Serve on any committee of the Medical Staff.
 - (b) Vote at Medical Staff meetings and of the Department and Committees of which he or she is an official member.
 - (c) Hold office on the Medical Staff and Chair any committee of the Medical Staff.

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ARTICLE XII – DEPARTMENTS

SECTION A - DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

The Departments of the Medical Staff shall be organized as follows:

1. Department of Anesthesiology which shall include the following Divisions: Pain Medicine, Cardiac Anesthesiology, Obstetric Anesthesiology and Pediatric Anesthesiology.

2. Department of Dental Medicine which shall include the following Divisions: Endodontics, General Dentistry, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics.
3. Department of Emergency Medicine which shall include the following Divisions: Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medical Services and Pediatric Emergency Medicine.
 - a. The Division of Emergency Medicine shall include the Section of Medical Toxicology.
4. Department of Family Medicine which shall include the Sections of Geriatrics, Palliative Medicine and Hospice, and Sports Medicine.
5. Department of Medicine which shall include the following Divisions: Allergy, Cardiology, Critical Care Medicine, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Hematology-Medical Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Neurology, Nephrology, Pulmonary, Physical Medicine-Rehabilitation, and Rheumatology.
 - a. The Department of Medicine shall include the Sections of Occupational Medicine, and Palliative Medicine and Hospice.
 - b. The Division of General Internal Medicine shall include the Section of Hospital Medicine.
 - c. The Division of Neurology shall include the Section of Neurocritical Care.
6. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology which shall include the following Divisions: Gynecologic Oncology, Gynecology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Obstetrics, Primary Care Obstetrics and Gynecology, Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility and Urogynecology.
7. Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine which shall include the Division of Anatomic Pathology.
 - a. The Division of Anatomic Pathology shall include the Sections of Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology, Breast Pathology, Cytopathology, Dermatopathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology, Genitourinary Pathology, Gynecologic Pathology, Hematopathology and Clinical Laboratory Medicine, Histopathology, Medical and Forensic Pathology, Molecular Pathology, Neuropathology, Pediatric Pathology, Pulmonary and Endocrinology Pathology, Renal Pathology, Transfusion Medicine and HLA and Transplantation Pathology.
8. Department of Pediatrics which shall include the following Divisions: Critical Care Medicine, General Pediatrics, Neonatology and Pediatric Subspecialties.
 - a. The Division of Pediatric Subspecialties shall include the Sections of Adolescent Medicine, Allergy, Cardiology, Developmental-Rehabilitation, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Genetics, Hematology-Medical Oncology, Neurology, Pulmonary and Rheumatology.
9. Department of Psychiatry which shall include the following Divisions: Adult Inpatient Psychiatry, Child-Adolescent Psychiatry, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry and Psychiatric Ambulatory Care.
10. Department of Radiation Oncology.
11. Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging which shall include the Division of Diagnostic Radiology.
 - a. The Division of Diagnostic Radiology shall include the Sections of Cardiovascular-Interventional Radiology, Chest Radiology, Gastrointestinal Radiology, Genitourinary Radiology, Mammography, Musculoskeletal Radiology, Neurointerventional Radiology, Neuroradiology, Nuclear Medicine, Pediatric Radiology and Ultrasound.
12. Department of Surgery which shall include the following Divisions: Burn, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery, General Surgery, Hand Surgery, Neurological Surgery, Ophthalmology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, Pediatric Surgical Specialties, Plastic Surgery, Podiatric Surgery, Spine Surgery, Trauma-Surgical Critical Care, Urology, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery and the Section of

Pediatric Trauma.

- a. The Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery shall include the Sections of Cardiac Surgery and Thoracic Surgery.
- b. The Division of General Surgery shall include the Sections of Surgical Oncology and Transplantation Surgery.
- c. The Division of Neurological Surgery shall include the Section of Neuro Trauma.
- d. The Division of Orthopedic Surgery shall include the Sections of Foot and Ankle Surgery and Ortho Trauma.
- e. The Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties shall include the Sections of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Pediatric Surgery and Pediatric Urology.
- f. The Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care shall include the Sections of Geriatric Trauma and Trauma Research.
- g. The Department of Surgery shall include the Section of Pediatric Trauma.

Complete Your 'Find A Doctor' Profile for LVHN.org

Each month, about 49,000 people use LVHN.org's "Find a Doctor" tool. It's the most visited section of our public website.

[LVHN.org/Find_a_Doctor](#) is where community members get to know more about their health care providers. When we created it, we asked prospective patients to tell us what they wanted to know about their providers. They told us that information about your personality and care philosophies helps them to make informed decisions about where to turn for care.

That's why filling out your Find a Doctor profile is so important. If you haven't completed your profile yet, please log in at <http://lvhn.org/doclogin/login.php>. You'll be asked to answer the following questions:

- Why I Entered Medicine
- Philosophy of Care
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Community and Charity Involvement

- Personal Interests

After you submit your answers, they will be edited for grammar and style by our marketing team.

If you need assistance, please contact [Alyssa Banotai](#).

CDC Guidelines for Opioid Prescribing

Besides the Affordable Care Act and the high cost of drugs, the health care topic covered most often by the media lately is opioid addiction. It is a growing problem that can lead to heroin use. Many news specials and dramas have focused on this issue. It also has been raised in presidential debates and town hall meetings.

Since 1999, prescription opioid sales have quadrupled in the U.S. Health care professionals are divided on how to respond. In December, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a draft of its guidelines on opioid prescribing. They were met with pushback from some physician groups, including the American Medical Association, as well as patients and patient advocates. The guidelines focus only on primary care settings and only in treating chronic pain lasting more than three months, excluding end-of-life scenarios.

When a narcotic prescription is presented to most pharmacies from an out-of-the-area doctor or from an out-of-the-area patient, extra care is taken to verify its authenticity or it can be refused. Retail pharmacists are put in an uncomfortable position when they get repeated narcotic prescriptions from a local primary care prescriber (PCP) for a regular patient for chronic pain. We do not know the

circumstances that lead to the PCP writing the prescriptions, but we may wonder if that patient would be better off seeing a pain management specialist, orthopedic group or other specialty practice.

We see the anxiety demonstrated by patients when they try to get their refills too soon, when the prescription is written incorrectly, or when they are denied by their insurance plans. Clearly they are addicted. We are conflicted by our role as part of the health care team and our relationships with the local prescribers. Should we be a policeman and question why the prescriptions are being written?

As a nonprescriber, the CDC guidelines seem to make common sense, and the blowback is unwarranted. But there is nothing about the enforcement of the guidelines and who should be responsible.

Here are some key recommendations of the guidelines:

- Providers should only consider adding opioid therapy if the expected benefits for both pain and function are anticipated to outweigh risks.
- Before starting long-term opioid therapy, physicians should establish treatment goals and only continue prescribing if there is “clinically meaningful improvement” that outweighs safety risks.
- When starting opioid therapy, doctors should prescribe short-acting opioids instead of extended-release, long-acting opioids.
- When opioids are started, doctors should prescribe the lowest possible effective dosage.
- When prescribing for acute pain, the lowest effective dose of short-acting opioids should be prescribed and only in quantities for the expected duration of the pain; an end-of-therapy timeline should be discussed.
- Providers should evaluate patients within one to four weeks of starting long-term opioid therapy and again at least every three months to assess benefits and harms of continued treatment.

If you would like to see the draft guidelines in entirety, visit [here](#), then choose the 1st SR: Supporting Document, “Draft CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain — United States, 2016.” It is quite lengthy; the recommendations are on pages 18-34.

We as health care professionals face the increasing problem of opioid abuse and its ramifications, and must work together as rule changes are presented and enforced. When pharmacists call your office to question an opioid prescription, they are doing so to protect patients and play their role in stemming the tide of addiction.

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

For Practitioners with Moderate Sedation Privileges

All Medical Staff members with adult, children and/or infant moderate sedation privileges at LVHN are required to successfully complete The Learning Curve (TLC) adult and/or pediatric moderate sedation module and examination by April 2. This requirement is mandatory for continuation and maintenance of these privileges and for your 2016 Medical Staff biennial reappointment.

In addition, current life support certification (NRP, NALS, ARLS/BLS, ACLS, PALS or ATLS as appropriate for patient practice population) is also required to maintain these privileges. If your life support certification will expire before June 30, please make arrangements for renewal by registering with the Emergency Medicine Institute using the following link: <http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/?id=1207&sid=1>.

Failure to complete the appropriate TLC module(s) and/or renewal of required life support certification will result in the loss of your adult, children and/or infant moderate sedation privileges.

Access to the adult and/or pediatric moderate sedation module(s) is available from any network

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computer by selecting the TLC icon on your SSO toolbar. An automatic email notification was sent by TLC to your LVHN email for completion of your required module(s). You can access your assigned module(s) by clicking on “My Training” in TLC.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, contact Medical Staff Services at 484-862-3900.

For Emergency Medicine Practitioners with Deep Sedation Privileges

All emergency medicine Medical Staff members with deep sedation privileges at LVHN are required to successfully complete The Learning Curve (TLC) deep sedation module and examination by April 2. This requirement is mandatory for continuation and maintenance of these privileges and for your 2016 Medical Staff biennial reappointment.

In addition, current ACLS life support certification is also required to maintain deep sedation privileges. If your ACLS life support certification will expire before June 30, please make arrangements for renewal by registering with the Emergency Medicine Institute using the following link:
<http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/?id=1207&sid=1>

Failure to complete the deep sedation TLC module and/or renewal of required ACLS life support certification will result in the loss of your deep sedation privileges.

Access to the deep sedation module(s) is available from any network computer by selecting the TLC icon on your SSO toolbar. An automatic email notification was sent by TLC to your LVHN email for

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completion of the deep sedation module. You can access your assigned module by clicking on “My Training” in TLC.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Medical Staff Services at 484-862-3900.

Conflict of Interest/Commitment Questionnaire

As stipulated in the Medical Staff Bylaws, all members of the Medical Staff are required to complete the LVHN Conflict of Interest/Commitment Questionnaire on an annual basis.

For Fiscal Year 2016, in conjunction with the Medical Staff biennial reappointment, you will be required to complete the questionnaire by April 2. Please remember, the overarching purpose of our conflict-of-interest policy is to protect LVHN's interest when it is entering into or contemplating a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of any individual who has a role in the decision-making process with respect to the transaction or arrangement, or who otherwise has the ability to affect the decision-making process in any manner.

The internal audit and compliance services department has partnered with Health Endeavors to administer the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire. In this initial year, you will need to complete a new online questionnaire. The information is confidential and will be reviewed by the LVHN internal audit and compliance services department. In subsequent years, you will be able to review your prior submission and resubmit the questionnaire. The new online survey tool includes links to updated

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LVHN conflict-of-interest policies, key definitions and other documents.

In January, you received an email via your LVHN email account that included your personalized link to access the new online questionnaire. Deadline for completion is April 2.

If you have questions related to the questionnaire, contact [Shannan Ott](#), the LVHN compliance analyst administering the conflict of interest program, at 484-884-0438.

Getting to Library Resources in Epic

To get to Library Resources, click on the WebLinks dropdown menu at the top right of the Epic screen. Click on the resource you wish to use. You can get to the Digital Library homepage as well as go directly to resources like DynaMed, Lexicomp, PEPID and Visual Dx.

To get to the Lexicomp information for a drug:

- Click Orders activity.
- From the right-hand Manage Orders screen, click New+.
- Search for medication and click on it in the Preference List Search.
- Click Select & Stay; click Accept.
- In the Manage Orders list of New Orders, click on the title of the medication.
- In the medication information screen, click on the Reference Link to go to Lexicomp Drug Information.

Learn More About Cultural Competence and Earn Free CMEs

Do you want to learn more about cultural competence and earn FREE CMEs? Take Viewpoints, an e-learning CME course.

Developed by Critical Measures, this interactive course offers physicians a framework for providing clinically competent care in a globally mobile world. Upon completion, medical professionals can expect to have an increased understanding of racial and ethnic disparities in care, language access issues, and medical disparities that result from globally mobile populations. Follow the steps below to complete the course. Viewpoints is accredited to provide 6.0 hours of AMA Category 1 CME/CEU credits for physicians.

1. Go to: <http://train.cmelearning.com>
2. If you have not registered previously, select [register here](#) under New User?
3. Complete all the information requested in the boxes. Tip: Use **LVHS** as your username. Enter **LVHN100** in the Code box.
4. Select the Register box at the bottom.

5. After completing the registration, you will receive an email link that will confirm your registration.
Click on the link within 24 hours to complete registration.
6. Enter your username and password at www.cmelearning.com
7. Proceed to subscribe to Viewpoints.

If you need assistance, please contact support@criticalmeasures.net or call Critical Measures Support at 612-964-1815.

24th Annual Golf and Tennis Classic

The 24th Annual Golf and Tennis Classic will be held May 16 at Saucon Valley Country Club. The golf format is scramble/shotgun start. The tennis format is mixed doubles/round robin start.

Proceeds benefit LVH–Muhlenberg.

For sponsorships or player reservations, contact [Amy Burrows](#), director, special events, at 484-884-9223, or [Sandi Marsh](#), senior director, special events, at 484-884-9119.

Who's New — February 2016

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Medical staff new appointments

Razan Asaad, MD

LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest

(Daniel P. Bitetto, MD)

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Lehigh Valley Hospital

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

Third Floor Anderson Wing

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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Department of Emergency and Hospital Medicine
Division of Hospital Medicine
Provisional Active

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(LVPG Pediatric Surgical Specialties—1210 Cedar Crest – Marybeth Browne, MD)

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Suite 1100

Allentown, PA 18103-6241

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Department of Surgery

Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties

Section of Pediatric Otolaryngology

Provisional Active

Aileen L. Love, MD

LVPG Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine—1250 Cedar Crest

(Robert J. Krukltis, MD, PhD)

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Center for Advanced Health Care

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Department of Medicine

Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine



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Department of Pediatrics

Division of Pediatric Subspecialties

Section of Neurology

Provisional Active



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2406 Hamilton Street

Allentown, PA 18104-6214

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Department of Dental Medicine

Division of Pediatric Dentistry



Provisional Active

Erik A. Sylvin, MD

LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery—1250 Cedar Crest

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Lehigh Valley Physician Group

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Department of Surgery

Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Section of Cardiac Surgery/Thoracic Surgery

Provisional Active



Resignations

Lawrence W. Bardawil, MD

Department of Medicine

Division of Gastroenterology

(Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd)

Active

Charles M. Brooks, MD

Department of Medicine

Division of Gastroenterology

(Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd)

Active

Albert B. DeFranco, MD

Department of Family Medicine

(Bushkill Family Practice)

Affiliate

Sean R. Lacey, MD

Department of Medicine

Division of Gastroenterology

(Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd)

Active

William J. Liaw, DO

Department of Family Medicine

(Macungie Medical Group)

Active

Harry Pickle, MD

Department of Medicine

Division of Gastroenterology

(Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd)

Active

Christian R. Subbio, MD

Department of Surgery

Division of Plastic Surgery

(LVPG Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery—1243 Cedar Crest)

(Lehigh Valley Physicians Practice—Subspecialties)

Active

Michael H. Ufberg, MD

Department of Medicine

Division of Gastroenterology

(Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd)

Active

Sotirios A. Vasilopoulos, MD

Department of Medicine

Division of Gastroenterology

(Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd)

Active

Carl B. Weiss, Jr., MD

Department of Surgery

Division of Orthopedic Surgery

(Coordinated Health)

Active

Status Change to Honorary

Joseph N. Nader, MD

Medicine

Cardiology

(Joseph N. Nader, MD)

From: Active

To: Honorary

Primary Practice Address Change

The Heart Care Group, PC

Elinor A. Barsony, RN

Janet L. Ebert, RN
Ryan A. Friend, PA-C
Ramprasad Gadi, MD
Sean K. George, DO
Courtney A. Kleckner, PA-C
Debra M. Loder
Crystal A. Maksimik, DO
Shehzad M. Malik, MD
Joseph F. Panczer
Prasant Pandey, MD
Jamie D. Paranicas, MD
Alpesh A. Patel, MD
Charles D. Peters, Jr. MD
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Papers, Publications and Presentations: February 2016

- Nathan Hagstrom, MD, chair, department of pediatrics, offered the presentation “National quality indicators and quality improvement in hemophilia” at the American Thrombosis and Hemostasis Network meeting on Oct. 30, 2015, in Chicago.
- Alan Cherney, MD, of the department of emergency medicine, co-authored the articles “Funding research in emergency diagnostic imaging: summary of a panel discussion at the 2015 Academic Emergency Medicine Consensus Conference” and “Research priorities in the utilization and interpretation of diagnostic imaging: education, assessment, and competency.” They were published Nov. 14 ahead of print in the journal Academic Emergency Medicine.
- Allison Rusgo, PA-C, MPH; Michelle Carraro, DO; Matthew Niehaus, DO; Shawn Reynolds, MSPAS, PA-C; and Jeanne L. Jacoby, MD, all of the department of emergency medicine, co-authored an article, “An unusual cause of abdominal pain in pregnancy: omental infarction.” It was published Nov. 19 ahead of print in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine.
- Tracy Bishop, MD, and Kathleen E. Kane of the department of emergency medicine and Kareem Elsayed, a USF medical student, co-authored the article “Subdural hematoma as a consequence of epidural anesthesia.” It was published Nov. 30 ahead of print in Case Reports in Emergency

Medicine.

- Sameh Morkous, MD, chief, division of pediatric neurology, department of pediatrics, co-authored an article, “Actigraphy as a ‘truth-buster.’” It was published in the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine, Volume 11, Number 12, November 2015.
- Gary Tarola, DC, section chair of chiropractic medicine and post doctoral faculty member of National University of Health Sciences, was lead author of an article, “Chiropractic response to a spontaneous vertebral artery dissection.” It was published in the Journal of Chiropractic Medicine, Volume 14, Issue 3, November 2015.
- Debra Esernio-Jenssen, MD, child abuse specialist, department of pediatrics, presented “Update on child sexual abuse,” “Sexual abuse & the media: friend or foe,” “Examination findings in child sexual abuse” and “Update on physical abuse” at Children’s Alliance of Montana Medical Training on Dec. 7, in Butte, Mont.
- Robin Schroeder, MD, of LVPG Bariatric Medicine, and Shaniqua McGraw, MD, family medicine resident, co-authored an article, “Treatment of adult obesity with bariatric surgery.” It was published in American Family Physician, Volume 93, Number 1, Jan. 1, 2016.
- Kris Rooney, MD, LVHN pediatrics associate residency program director, department of pediatrics, has been invited to present her poster, “Procedure documentation and checklists in the palm of your hand,” at the Association of Pediatric Program Directors Spring Meeting in New Orleans on April 1.
- Richard Mazzaccaro, MD, LVHN pediatrics residency program director, department of pediatrics, has been invited to present his poster, “Implementing a milestone-based system of pediatric faculty evaluation,” at the Association of Pediatric Program Directors Spring Meeting in New Orleans on April 1.
- Indru Khubchandani, MD, honorary member, division of colon and rectal surgery, and president of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons, spoke at King’s College in London, at a meeting cosponsored by the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland on Nov. 19-21. In a session on “Dilemmas & debates in colorectal surgery,” he showed a video on “Endorectal repair of rectocele” and moderated a session on a “Mixture of topics” including robotics and natural orifice surgery.

February Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Department of Education Conferences

- March 9 – Gastrointestinal Symposium
- March 30-31 – Ethics Workshop
- April 6 – Pain Management Symposium
- April 14 – Ninth Annual Ethics Symposium
- April 23 – Second Annual Urology Symposium
- April 30 – Update in Cardiology

For more information, call 610 402 2410, option 1, or visit LVHN.org/ce calendar.

Cardiology Grand Rounds

- February 5 – The Pancreas of the Chest, with Mohit Bhasin, MD, Sentara Heart Hospital, Norfolk, Va.
- March 4 – Incorporating Cardiac Mechanics in Clinical Cardiology: Principles, Promises and

Pitfalls, with Theodore Abraham, MD, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore

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

Surgical Grand Rounds

- February 23 – Ethics in Trauma: A Tale of Two Heads with Robert Barraco, MD, MPH, chief academic officer, associate dean for educational affairs, USF Morsani College of Medicine–LV.

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.

Medical Grand Rounds

- March 1 – Lipid Management/Risk Factor Modification Including the PCSK9 Inhibitors, with Andrew Sumner, MD, LVPG Cardiology

Medical Grand Rounds begin at noon (unless otherwise noted) in the LVH–Cedar Crest auditorium.

Neurology Conferences

- 4 – Stroke Intervention, with Neil Patel, MD, Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley, PC
- 11 – Update on ALS, with Glenn Mackin, MD, LVPG Neurology
- 18 – Hospital Neurology, with Jay Varrato, DO, LVPG Neurology

All conferences will be held beginning at noon in the conference room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. and videoconferenced to the 1770 Bathgate Road office.

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds

- February 9 – Faculty Development and Education, with Elaine Donoghue, MD, vice chair for education, department of pediatrics, and Liborio Larussa, MD, medical director, inpatient pediatrics; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest
- February 16 – Skittles and Spice, and Everything Nice, Tasha Desai, DO, PGY – III; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest
- February 23 – The Limping Child, Christian Turner, MD, sports medicine pediatrician, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest

The department of pediatrics holds Grand Rounds on Tuesdays, beginning at 8 a.m., in the locations noted.

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