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Schuykill Health System, LVHN Sign Agreement to Merge

Schuykill Health System (SHS) and LVHN have signed an agreement to merge. The merger will give residents of Schuykill County access to expanded health care services, more advanced technology and more medical specialists. The merger is subject to regulatory review and is expected to be complete by the end of 2016.

LVHN has worked with SHS to care for patients suffering from burns and stroke through the use of

telemedicine, as well as other patients who require specialized care. LVHN is committed to increasing the number of primary care and specialty physicians in the community. LVHN also plans to maintain services such as emergency, obstetrics, surgery and behavioral health, and expand specialty services such as cardiology and orthopedics.

SHS was established in 2008 when the former Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center and The Pottsville Hospital and Warne Clinic merged. Pottsville Hospital was established in 1895, and Good Samaritan was founded in 1925. While merged, the two Pottsville hospitals never fully integrated services, something that is now underway as part of a campus integration plan, which should be completed in 2016. As Schuylkill County's largest employer, SHS employs about 1,300 employees and has a medical staff of about 180 members.

SHS provides inpatient units for medical-surgical, critical care, behavioral health (geriatric, adult and adolescent), acute rehabilitation, maternity and pediatrics. In addition, SHS is a leader in outpatient physical rehabilitation services with Schuylkill Rehabilitation Center, as well as outpatient facilities in Orwigsburg and Frackville.

For outpatients, SHS provides a physician-staffed, 24-hour emergency department, home health department, outpatient surgery center, cardiac rehabilitation program, nutrition and wellness center, women's imaging center as well as speech-language pathology services, occupational medicine center and clinical diabetes educators. SHS also is the home of the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing, a 32-month RN diploma program, which serves as the primary supplier of registered nurses in Schuylkill County.

Both Schuylkill medical centers are accredited by the Joint Commission and licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and have been recognized for numerous quality initiatives such as the most recent Gold Plus Awards and Honor Roll from the American Heart Association in the treatment of congestive heart failure and cardiac disease.



Introducing the J.B. and Kathleen Reilly Children's Surgery Center

To enhance its commitment to caring for children throughout the Lehigh Valley, Children's Hospital at LVH has officially opened the J.B. and Kathleen Reilly Children's Surgery Center.

The new center, which began caring for patients on April 4, is located on the third floor of the 1210 building on the LVH-Cedar Crest campus. The approximately 15,000-square foot facility features pediatric surgeons who use minimally invasive, state-of-the-art technology for general pediatric

surgeries, including surgical urology, ear nose and throat, plastic surgery and dental surgery among other procedures, all on an outpatient basis.

Because it's located near the children's ER, pediatrics unit and pediatric intensive care unit, the Children's Surgery Center also will:

- Provide a family-centered experience for children and parents
- Expand and improve existing services
- Further enhance the quality, safety and access of inpatient and outpatient children's surgical services
- Create efficiency
- Enhance all the care delivered at the only Children's Hospital in the Lehigh Valley region

The center is made possible thanks in part to the generosity of J.B. Reilly, founder and CEO of City Center Lehigh Valley, and his wife, Kathleen.

The Children's Surgery Center is the latest addition to Children's Hospital at LVH, which will celebrate its fourth anniversary next month. The Children's Hospital was the final goal in the "children's care checklist" initially created by the late Forrest Moyer, MD, known as the father of Lehigh Valley pediatrics.

Moyer was chief of pediatrics at what was then called The Allentown Hospital (now LVH-17th Street) from 1953 to 1975. In the 1950s, he spearheaded a community effort to immunize the children of the Lehigh Valley against polio. In the 1970s, he created the first neonatal intensive care unit in the region, which at the time was housed at The Allentown Hospital.

"I know somewhere Dr. Moyer is smiling today, proud of our celebrating another special day for the children of our community," says Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, president and chief executive officer at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Watch a recording of the press event below:

New Physician Prompt for LVPG Practices

If you're calling a Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) office, you'll likely notice a new standardized phone tree. It's among the changes LVPG is making to increase access and enhance the patient experience.

The new phone tree begins with a 20-second introduction that:

- Includes the practice name and location
- Reminds the caller to dial 911 if they are having a medical emergency
- Briefly discusses the benefits of signing up for MyLVHN

After the introduction, callers are asked to choose from several menu options.

If you are a clinical provider calling to talk to another clinical provider, the new phone tree includes a hidden menu prompt you can dial to reach your destination quicker. By pressing 8 after the 20-second introduction, you will be connected directly to a clinical provider within that LVPG practice.

Please use this new prompt to ensure quick access, and please let your practice manager and staff know of this important change.

Dietitians Added as Allied Health Professionals

LVHN is slated to present applications for registered dietitians seeking privileges as members of the Allied Health Professional Staff at the May 12 meeting of the Credentials Committee.

The new regulation providing eligible registered dietitians the opportunity to apply for privileges to order patient diets in hospitals was granted in May 2014 under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The ruling can be implemented in Pennsylvania thanks to collaboration among the Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. In response to the ruling, LVHN pursued the Department of Health's exception for dietitian order-writing privileges at LVHN, which was granted in March 2016.

The addition of ordering privileges allows registered dietitians to fully function within their scope of practice and expertise while preserving the ultimate authority of the physician in the care of patients. In addition, the privileges will enhance the ability that registered dietitians already have to provide timely, cost-effective and evidence-based nutrition services as the recognized nutrition experts on a hospital interdisciplinary team.

Supervising physicians for LVHN dietitian allied health professionals are J. Nathan Hagstrom, MD, chair, department of pediatrics, for pediatric specialty dietitians; Timothy J. Friel, MD, chair, department of medicine, for nutrition support specialty dietitians; and David B. Burmeister, DO, chair, department of emergency and hospital medicine, for all other specialties.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Kimberly Procaccino](#), Sodexo nutrition director at LVHN, at 610-402-8609.

Electronic Prescriptions: Keep These Tips in Mind

As both prescribers and pharmacists adjust to e-prescribing becoming the norm, there are problems that arise that need attention. Many prescriptions are coming through electronically with conflicting sigs. Sometimes the sig field contains two different sets of instructions, and sometimes the notes field contradicts what is transmitted in the sig field.

Prescribers need to review the sig and note fields before transmitting to make sure there are no errors. In a qualitative analysis of 26,000 e-prescriptions, researchers found 19 percent had patient directions in the notes field that differed from what was in the sig field. New York state has mandated that all prescriptions must be e-prescribed starting March 27.

There are still questions to be answered, but it behooves all of us to sharpen our computer skills and double check before hitting send.

Daytrana: The methylphenidate transdermal patch's availability has become sporadic due to a manufacturing issue. Prescribers and patients need to check with their pharmacy to see if it is in stock.

New Drugs

- Descovy 200/25 mg tablet (*emtricitabine/tenofovir*): Antiretroviral medication.
- Viberzi 75 and 100 mg tablet: (*eluxadoline*): Treatment of IBS-D.
- Vraylar 1.5, 3, 4.5 and 6 mg capsules (*cariprazine*): Acute treatment of manic or mixed episodes associated with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia in adults.

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

Changes to DynaMed CME

Recently there has been a change to the DynaMed CME platform. CME credit is still issued by Tufts University, but it has introduced the new CME tracker platform. When you finish submitting your CME for a topic, you will receive an email with instructions to obtain a printable transcript from Tufts University. Please wait until the next day for the activity to be recorded.

Follow these instructions to get to your transcripts:

First-Time User

- Go to <https://cmetracker.net/EBSCO/Login?FormName=SearchCreditInput>.
- Enter your **email address**.
- Select **I am a new user**.
- Enter a **range of dates** for the transcript you want to create.
- Click **Submit**. A temporary password will be sent to the email address you entered. Log back into <https://cmetracker.net/EBSCO/Login?FormName=SearchCreditInput>.
- Enter your **email address** and **temporary password**.
- On the **My Profile page**, update any information needed, and enter the password you would like to use. Click **Submit**.
- You will be returned to the CME Transcript page, Enter a **range of dates** for the transcript you want to create.

Existing User

- Go to <https://cmetracker.net/EBSCO/Login?FormName=SearchCreditInput>.
- Enter your **email address**.
- Select **I already have a password** and enter your password.
- Enter a **range of dates** for the transcript you want to create.
- Click **Submit**. Your transcript will open as a PDF that you can print or save

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How Medical Necessity and Medical Decision Making Work Together

Why do we always focus on medical decision making documentation? What does that have to do with medical necessity? Documentation of medical decision making is vital because it:

- demonstrates the quality of care the patient receives
- justifies utilization
- provides the basis of medical necessity
- properly quantifies the thought process of the provider

The complexity of medical decision making is determined by three factors:

1. **Number of diagnoses and management options (problems)**

One way to demonstrate medical necessity is by the specificity and proper diagnoses codes on a claim form. These same diagnoses should be listed in the assessment in your documentation for the dates of services.

2. **Amount and/or complexity of data to be reviewed**

Another way to improve the validity of the medical necessity of the visit is by documenting the studies (labs, radiology, etc.) that were reviewed or ordered during that patient encounter.

3. **Risk of significant complications, morbidity and/or mortality**

The risk is qualified by the documentation supporting the complexity of the patient, not only by the number of diagnoses but by the thought process required to be able to help this patient decide on the care they will receive.

Medicare says this about medical necessity and documentation:

“Medical necessity of a service is the overarching criterion for payment in addition to the individual requirements of a CPT code. It would not be medically necessary or appropriate to bill a higher level of evaluation and management service when a lower level of service is warranted. The volume of

documentation should not be the primary influence upon which a specific level of service is billed.”¹ Remember: It is not about what happened in the end. It is about your thought process and receiving payment for the cognitive labor you performed for that patient on that date of service.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact Denise Ladd, RHIT, CCS-P, internal audit and compliance services, at 484-884-1963.

Medicare Claims Processing Manual, 100-04, Chapter 12, 30.6.1B. Rev. 10-17-14

Stepping Up Type 2 Diabetes Care: A Practical Approach

A CME event, “Stepping Up Type 2 Diabetes Care: A Practical Approach,” will be offered on Saturday, May 14, at LVH–Cedar Crest and on Thursday, June 23, at LVH–Muhlenberg.

This program is designed for physicians, physician assistants and certified registered nurse practitioners who care for patients with type 2 diabetes.

Objectives

1. Describe initial therapies for patients with type 2 diabetes, including a review of newer oral agents, incretin injectables and insulin options.
2. Discuss appropriate candidates for early intervention with insulin therapy.
3. Identify best practice strategies for adding oral medications, when and how to initiate and titrate insulin to help patients achieve goal.

Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 14, 7:45–10:30 a.m.

LVH–Cedar Crest, Employee Auditorium

Faculty: Mal R. Homan, MD, FACE; Gretchen Perilli, MD, FACE, FACP

7:45–8:15 a.m.: Registration and breakfast

8:15–9:15 a.m.: **Practical Approach to Adding Diabetes Pharmacological Options to Improve Glycemic Control**

9:15–9:30 a.m.: Break

9:30–10:30 a.m.: **Case-Based Applications**

Thursday, June 23, 5–7:45 p.m.

LVH–Muhlenberg, classrooms B, C, D

Andrew Brackbill, MD; Robert McCauley, MD, FACE

5–5:30 p.m.: Registration and dinner

5:30–6:30 p.m.: **Practical Approach to Adding Diabetes Pharmacological Options to Improve Glycemic Control**

6:30–6:45 p.m.: Break

6:45–7:45 p.m.: **Case-Based Applications**

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LVHN is accredited by the Pennsylvania Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians. LVHN designates this live educational activity for a maximum 2.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.[™] Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the educational activity.

Registration Information

Registration deadline: May 7 for LVH–Cedar Crest program; June 16 for LVH–Muhlenberg program

Registration fee: Free

Registration for the conference includes the educational program and any food event listed on the conference agenda. LVHN colleagues, please bring your LVHN badge the day of the event since a badge swipe will be used to record your attendance.

To complete electronic registration for Saturday, May 14, please visit:

<https://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe/event/stepping-up-type-2-diabetes-care-a-practical-approach>.

To complete electronic registration for Thursday, June 23, please visit:

<https://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe/event/stepping-up-type-2-diabetes-care-a-practical-approach-1>.

You will receive an email confirmation of your registration. Please keep this information since it contains your receipt and instructions in case you need to cancel.

On-Site Registration

On-site registrations may be available if space permits. Please be prepared for additional time to process your registration when you arrive.

Cancellations and Substitutions

LVHN reserves the right to substitute faculty flier and will provide comparable alternative faculty.

Evaluation Email Policy

LVHN respects your right to privacy and will not sell, lease or provide your contact information to a third party. By registering for this event, you agree to be contacted after the event for a post-event evaluation survey.

For more information, please contact the LVHN Department of Education at **610-402-2277, option 1**.

Who's New — May 2016

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Medical staff new appointments

Timothy J. Harrison, DO

LVPG General and Trauma Surgery—240 Cedar Crest

(Michael M. Badellino, MD, MPH)

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

1240 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.

Suite 308

Allentown, PA 18103-6218

Phone: 610-402-1350 Fax: 610-402-1356

Department of Surgery

Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/General Surgery

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 05/09/2016



Michael Fras, MD

Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley, PC

(Robert Kricun, MD)

1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.

Suite 3600

Allentown, PA 18103-6364

Phone: 610-770-1606 Fax: 610-740-0560



Department of Radiology—Diagnostic Medical Imaging
Division of Diagnostic Radiology
Section of Nuclear Medicine
Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 05/09/2016 Temporary Privileges: 04/14/2016

Su Ann Ng, MD

Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley, PC
(Robert Kricun, MD)
1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.
Suite 3600
Allentown, PA 18103-6364
Phone: 610-770-1606 Fax: 610-740-0560



Department of Radiology—Diagnostic Medical Imaging
Division of Diagnostic Radiology
Section of Neuroradiology
Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 06/01/2016

In Memoriam

William W. Frailey, Jr., MD

Surgery
General Surgery
(William Frailey, MD)
Honorary Status

Status Change to Honorary Status

Edward R. Mullin Jr., MD

Surgery
Urology
(Urology Specialists of the Lehigh Valley)
From: Active
To: Honorary Status

Harvey B. Passman, DO

Family Medicine
(Parkland Family Health Center)
From: Active
To: Honorary Status

Change to Departmental Assignment

Susan I. Haas, MD, PhD

Obstetrics and Gynecology
From: Gynecology
To: Obstetrics/Gynecology

(LVPG Gynecology-Brodhead Road)

Resignations

Ramprasad Gadi, MD

Medicine

Cardiology

(The Heart Care Group, PC)

Active

Mark A. Gittleman, MD

Surgery

General Surgery

Surgical Oncology

(Coordinated Health Breast Care Specialists)

Active

Steven G. Hardy, MD

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(LVPG–Emergency Medicine)

Active

Celeste M. Hollands, MD

Surgery

Pediatric Surgical Specialties

Pediatric Surgery

(LVPG Pediatric Surgical Specialties–1210 Cedar Crest)

Active

John R. Hratko

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Gynecology

(John R. Hratko, MD, PC)

Active

Aasta D. Mehta, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Obstetrics/Gynecology

(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–1245 Cedar Crest)

Active

Mark P. Shampain, MD

Pediatrics

Pediatric Subspecialties

Allergy

(Mark P. Shampain, MD, PC)

Active

Status Change to Honorary Status

Edward R. Mullin Jr., MD

Surgery

Urology

(Urology Specialists of the Lehigh Valley)

From: Active

To: Honorary Status

Harvey B. Passman, DO

Family Medicine

(Parkland Family Health Center)

From: Active

To: Honorary Status

For Your Information – Demographic and Practice Changes

Anticoagulation Management Service

1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.

Tel: from 610-402-0079 to: 610-402-5988

Fax: from 610-402-3912 to: 610-402-5989

Faisal A. Al-Alim, MD

From: LVPG Family Medicine–Catasauqua

To: LVPG Orthopedics

2597 Schoenersville Road, Suite 100

Bethlehem, PA 18017-7317

Tel: 484-884-5580 Fax: 484-884-5594

Name Change

Amy L. Steigerwalt, DO, changed to **Amy L. Gourniak, DO**

(Parkland Family Health Center)

Family Medicine

Allied health staff new appointments

Michele M. Byrnes, CRNA

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC

Lehigh Valley Health Network

Lehigh Valley Hospital

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

Central Utilities Building, 2nd Floor

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

Phone: 610-402-1374 Fax: 610-402-4230

Supervising Physician: Thomas M. McLoughlin Jr., MD



Appointment Date: 05/09/2016

Christie L. Campbell, CCP

Certified Cardiovascular Perfusionist

LVHN Perfusion Services

Lehigh Valley Health Network

Lehigh Valley Hospital

Perfusion Department

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

Phone: 610-402-1278 Fax: 610-402-0013

Supervising Physician: Timothy S. Misselbeck, MD

Appointment Date: 05/09/2016



Kelsey A. Groves

Emergency Department Scribe

ScribeAmerica

One City Center

PO Box 1806

Department of Emergency Medicine—9th Floor

Allentown, PA 18105-1806

Phone: 484-862-3232 Fax: 484-862-3250

Supervising Physician: David M. Richardson, MD

Appointment Date: 05/03/2016 Temporary Privileges: 04/25/2016



Lori L. Hicks, MA

Medical Assistant

LVPG Pediatrics—Fogelsville

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Health Center at Fogelsville

1431 Nursery Street

Suite 102

Fogelsville, PA 18051-1612

Phone: 610-821-4920 Fax: 610-821-1358

Supervising Physician: Scott A. Rice, MD

Appointment Date: 05/03/2016 Temporary Privileges: 04/14/16



Therese Norcott-Gibbons, LCSW

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

LVPG Family Medicine—Trexlerstown

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Health Center at Trexlertown

6900 Hamilton Blvd.

PO Box 127

Trexlerstown, PA 18087-0127

Phone: 610-402-0101 Fax: 610-402-0102

Supervising Physician: Susan D. Wiley, MD



Appointment Date: 05/03/2016 Temporary Privileges: 04/14/2016

Anthony J. Palonis, CRNA

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC

Lehigh Valley Health Network

Lehigh Valley Hospital

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

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Allentown, PA 18105-1556

Phone: 610-402-1374 Fax: 610-402-4230

Supervising Physician: Thomas M. McLoughlin Jr., MD

Appointment Date: 05/03/2016 Temporary Privileges: 04/14/2016



Chelsea L. Paskman

Mapping Support Specialist/Pacemaker/ICD Technician

St. Jude Medical

333 Meadowlands Parkway

Fifth Floor

Secaucus, NJ 07094-1821

Phone: 800-722-3423 Fax: 818-256-8789

Supervising Physician: Babak Bozorgnia, MD

Appointment Date: 05/03/2016 Temporary Privileges: 04/14/2016



Poorva R. Patel

Emergency Department Scribe

ScribeAmerica

One City Center

PO Box 1806

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Allentown, PA 18105-1806

Phone: 484-862-3232 Fax: 484-862-3250

Supervising Physician: Richard S. MacKenzie, MD

Appointment Date: 05/03/2016 Temporary Privileges: 04/25/2016



Carmen Sciandra, CCP

Certified Cardiovascular Perfusionist

Keystone Perfusion Services, PC

PO Box 161

Mountain Top, PA 18707-0161

Phone: 800-407-1198 Fax: 888-290-7095

Supervising Physician: Timothy S. Misselbeck, MD

Appointment Date: 05/03/2016 Temporary Privileges: 04/14/2016



Linda J. Sesa, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

LVPG Surgical Oncology—1240 Cedar Crest
Lehigh Valley Physician Group
1240 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.
Suite 205
Allentown, PA 18103-6264
Phone: 610-402-7884 Fax: 610-402-8876
Supervising Physician: Lori A. Alfonse, DO
Appointment Date: 05/03/2016 Temporary Privileges: 04/25/2016



Change of Supervising Physician

Melissa A. Clark, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg)
From: Adedotun A. Adewusi, MD
To: Bianca M. Mokgethi, MD
Allied Health

Deborah B. Gianos, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG Pediatric Surgical Specialties—1210 Cedar Crest)
From: Anthony J. Georges, MD
To: Marybeth Browne, MD
Allied Health

Susan G. Herman, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg)
From: Adedotun A. Adewusi, MD
To: Nicole L. Grube, DO
Allied Health

Emily E. Ickes, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg)
From: Adedotun A. Adewusi, MD
To: Bianca M. Mokgethi, MD
Provisional Allied Health

Adam P. Polkowski, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg)
From: Adedotun A. Adewusi, MD
To: Anamika Goenka, MD
Allied Health

Tamera A. Schneck, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVP Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg)

From: Adedotun A. Adewusi, MD

To: Anamika Goenka, MD

Allied Health

Change of Supervising Physician and Group

Gail O. Brown, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

From: LVP Pediatric Hematology Oncology–Muhlenberg – Phillip M. Monteleone, MD

To: LVP Pediatrics–Trexlerstown – Debra L. Carter, MD

Allied Health

05/03/2016

Additional Supervising Physician and Group

John M. Blundetto, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(The Head & Neck Center, PC – Andrew J. Pestcoe, DO)

Addition of: ORL Associates – Andrew M. Wakstein, DO

Allied Health

Steven T. Rohe, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(Burn Recovery Center – Sigrid A. Blome-Eberwein, MD)

Addition of: LVP Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest – Kaushik Patel, MD

Allied Health

Valerie Tomino-Entrot, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(Burn Recovery Center – A. Hamed Amani, MD)

Addition of: LVP Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest – Kaushik Patel, MD

Allied Health

Jonna P. Trexler, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVP Physiatry–1250 Cedar Crest – Wayne E. Dubov, MD)

Addition of: LVP Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest – Wael A.S. Hanna, MD

Allied Health

Removal of Supervising Physician and Group

Rachel E. Guerrero, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

LVP Family Medicine – Macungie – Suzanne L. Widmer, DO

Removal of: LVP–Emergency Medicine – Jeanne L. Jacoby, MD

Allied Health

Resignations

Sandra A. Grello, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(Pain Specialists of Greater Lehigh Valley, PC)

Allied Health

Kevin M. Nicgorski, CRNA

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC)

Allied Health

Samantha J. Rutkoskie, CRNA

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC)

Allied Health

Brianna M. Smith, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(John R. Hratko, MD, PC)

Allied Health

Mark E. Walter, DC

Chiropractor

(LVPG Orthopedics)

Allied Health

Name Change

Megan K. Fairchild to **Megan K. Wukitsch, CRNP**

(LVPG—Pediatrics)

Pediatrics

General Pediatrics

Papers, Publications and Presentations: May 2016

- Amy B. Smith, PhD, of the division of education; Lauren Semler, MS, a PA student; Elizabeth Rehman, BS, a student; Zachary Haddad, BS, BA, a department scribe; Katie Ahmadzadeh, DO, Steven Crellin, DO, Katarzyna Falkowska, DO, Kalif Kendig, DO, and Brent Steinweg, DO, graduated residents; Stephen Dusza, DrPH, a network contracted analyst; Bernadette Glenn-Porter, BS, research coordinator; and Bryan Kane, MD, of the department of emergency medicine, co-authored an article, "A cross-sectional study of medical student knowledge of evidence-based medicine as measured by the Fresno Test of Evidence-Based Medicine." It was published March 5 online ahead of print in the Journal of Emergency Medicine.
- William Miller, MD, MA, Leonard Parker Pool Chair of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, "Maximizing the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) by choosing words wisely." It was published in the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine, Volume 29, Number 2, March-April 2016.
- Chadd Kraus, DO, DrPH, MPH, a graduated resident; Marna Greenberg, DO, MPH, of the department of emergency medicine; and Daniel Ray, MD, MS, chief, section of palliative medicine and hospice medicine, co-authored an article, "Palliative care education in emergency medicine residency training: a survey of program directors, associate program directors, and assistant program directors." It was published March 14 online ahead of print in the Journal of Pain and Symptom Management.
- Thomas Nappe, DO, a graduated resident; Craig Chuhran, MD, a hospitalist; and Steven Johnson, MD, of the department of emergency medicine, co-authored an article, "The Chikungunya virus: an emerging US pathogen." It was published in the World Journal of Emergency Medicine, Volume 7, Number 1, 2016.

May Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Department of Education Conferences

- May 10 – Feather Lecture
- May 12-13 – Stroke Symposium
- May 19 – I Pink I Can
- May 21 – CKD Symposium

For more information, call 610 402 2277, option 1, or visit LVHN.org/ce calendar.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

- May 10 – No grand rounds: pediatrics department meeting in its place
- May 17 – Anxiety Disorders, with John Champion, MD, LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 7 at LVH–Cedar Crest
- May 24 – Topic and speaker to be announced
- May 31 – Pediatrics topic, with Patrick Philpot, MD, pediatric resident; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 8 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.

Surgical Grand Rounds

- May 10 – Surgical Grand Rounds: Trauma: Past, Present and Future, with Michael Pasquale, MD, FACS
- May 17 – Stahler Rex Grand Rounds: Improving Surgical Education and Patient Care, with Mark

Malangoni, MD, FACS, associate executive director, American Board of Surgery

Surgical Grand Rounds begin at 7 a.m. in the LVH–Cedar Crest auditorium and are videoconferenced to the first floor conference room at LVH–Muhlenberg.