



LVHN Has Heart

Next week, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day – the holiday that gives us another reason to express love for those we hold dear. In ancient times, the heart was thought to be the center of all emotions. Love, being the strongest of the emotions, was therefore thought to be a product of the heart. Not coincidentally, February has been designated as American Heart Month, raising awareness of cardiac health for more than 60 years. Cardiac conditions are the leading cause of mortality in both men and women in the United States, with one in four deaths attributed to heart disease. Heart health, in a word, is important.



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At LVHN, we are blessed with remarkable heart care providers and cardiovascular offerings within our medical staff. This provider group is overseen by talented medical and interventional cardiologists and a devoted team of cardiothoracic surgeons. As a network, we often focus on the clinical achievements and accolades of our medical staff and colleagues, and rightfully so. But the true greatness of our heart care providers comes from the intangibles, culture and drive to excel that have been created among them.

Cardiac services represent the epitome of clinical excellence in LVHN. Cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery at Lehigh Valley Hospital has been nationally ranked by U.S. News and World Report for four consecutive years and 11 times since 2002. Out of 4,667 U.S. hospitals rated, LVHN ranked 35th on this elite list in 2016. LVHN is clearly the leader in cardiac care in the region, but also ranks above many other exceptional hospitals in the state, including well-respected academic institutions, such as Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Jefferson Health System. These rankings are based on reputation, survival, patient safety and care-related metrics. Specific examples of our clinical excellence include LVHN being ranked consistently in the top one percent of hospitals in the country for heart attack survival.

Innovation, or a willingness to offer unique and novel care options, is also needed to establish a program of excellence. Our cardiac service lines include many examples of leading-edge efforts that make us both different and better. We were the first network in the area to offer transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), a minimally invasive, life-saving procedure for patients with aortic stenosis. It seems apropos the division will implant its 500th patient this coming month. Similarly, starting in April 2016, we began implanting WATCHMAN™, a newly approved therapy for people with atrial fibrillation designed as an alternative to blood thinners in preventing stroke.

Education and research remain critical elements of our mission at LVHN, and few factions of our medical staff have had more success in this area than our cardiology colleagues. Our cardiology fellowship receives approximately 450 applications for its five spots every year. Beyond getting excellent training, graduates of this program have a 100 percent board pass rate over the past five years. Our cardiovascular physicians have published or presented more than 30 peer-reviewed publications and presentations over the past year, several of these being meaningful national studies that will greatly impact the specialty.

Finally, community involvement and social responsibility is also a focus of our heart doctors – they care and “show heart” both inside and outside of the hospital setting. The department recently sponsored the distribution of portable electrocardiogram (EKG) units that have been placed in 90 ambulances within the region. This critical technology allows for better monitoring, and therefore management, of cardiac patients in the field, optimizing their care when they reach the hospital. Raymond Singer, MD, MMM, our chief of cardiothoracic surgery, will also be assuming the role of the Director of the Heart Ball in Lehigh Valley this year. This is a local and national event sponsored by the American Heart and Stroke Association that last year raised more than \$70 million for cardiovascular research.

Our network, hospitals and medical staff members at LVHN are genuinely special. We offer our patients excellent cardiac care, and we do it – if you will – with heart. The cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery department is a nationally-ranked, innovative, education-centered and community-minded group all year long, not just in February. Now, don't forget to pick up that heart-shaped box of chocolates for all of your loved ones.



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Medical Staff President

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Progress Notes Highlights



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

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.

This year, you are required to complete the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire by April 2, 2017. 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. The information is confidential and will be reviewed by LVHN Compliance Services.

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.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact Shannan Ott or Kim Geiss in Compliance Services at Compliance_Services@LVHN.org.

LVHN Medical Staff Merger Spawns Revised Committee Structure

The recent merging of the medical staffs at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg and Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton into one LVHN Medical Staff has also brought about committee structure modifications designed to ensure that each hospital staff has input into network-wide concerns while maintaining guardianship over issues at the local level.

Under this structure, the Medical Executive Committee (MEC) acts as the organizational body overseeing all functions and duties of the LVHN Medical Staff. Its primary purpose is to regulate quality, credentialing and peer reviews across the entire medical staff.

Additionally, each hospital corporation now has an Executive Medical Leadership Committee (EMLC), which includes representation on the MEC but mainly has principal responsibility to address matters impacting patient care, professional staff, quality and performance on-site. The committee can tackle issues through recommendations to the MEC, but also is able to empower multidisciplinary teams to take care of problems.

“As LVHN grows through additional mergers, the challenge has been to bring together the medical staffs of multiple hospitals into a common association where each has appropriate representation and input into the governance of a single medical staff,” says Joseph Patrino, MD, LVHN Medical Staff President. “While still a work in progress, we believe this model allows us to maintain the efficiencies of centralized medical leadership while also making sure each hospital has a significant voice in local and network matters.”

The MEC consists of the Troika, which includes Medical Staff President Joseph Patrino, MD, Medical Staff President-Elect Patricia Martin, MD, and Medical Staff Past President Mark Lobitz, DO, as well as the LVHN President and CEO Brian Nester, DO, LVHN Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Thomas Whalen, MD, LVHN Associate Chief Medical Officer and LVPG President Michael Rossi, MD, and Senior Vice President, Quality and Safety, Anthony Ardire, MD. The committee also includes all LVHN department chairs, the chairs of each EMLC, the senior medical directors of each EMLC and John Stanley, chair of the LVHN board of trustees.

The ELMC consists of a committee chair and senior medical director, both of whom also sit on the MEC, and a vice-chair for each discipline with a significant hospital site presence, appointed individually by the corresponding LVHN department chair. The ELMC chair is elected each July by committee members. The committee also includes up to five at-large members who are elected at the Annual Medical Staff Meeting to serve for the following year.

Membership to the MEC and EMLC includes both employed and independent clinicians. In order to be eligible for ELMC at-large positions, clinicians must have at least 51 percent of their activity at that particular hospital site.

Currently, LVHN Medical Staff directors are exploring the possibility of a merger with the medical staff at LVH–Schuylkill. Similar efforts will be explored with LVH–Pocono in the future.

“We had a positive experience with a similar model called the Medical Advisory Committee following our merger with LVH–Muhlenberg back in the late '90s,” Patruno says. “We’ve borrowed what we learned there for this model. We look to continue to make it even better going forward.”

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [John Hart](#), Senior Vice President, Medical Operations, at 484-862-3223.

Associate Medical Director Appointed at LVHN ACO

Jennifer Stephens, DO, Medical Director, Lehigh Valley Health Network Accountable Care Organization, announced the appointment of Kevin McNeill, MD, to the ACO team as an Associate Medical Director.

McNeill joined the network in 2007 and worked at Trexlertown Medical Center until moving to LVPG Family Medicine–Hamburg and joining the Family Medicine residency faculty in 2015.

Prior to joining the network, he worked in private practice in Westfield, N.J., for 10 years. He completed his medical education at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School and his residency at Overlook Family Practice Residency Program in Summit, N.J. He has been active in many aspects of quality improvement and will assume oversight of key initiatives within the MSSP (Medicare Shared Savings Program) ACO program.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Beth Downing](#), Coordinator, Lehigh Valley Health Network Accountable Care Organization, at 610-969-2415.

A New Name for LVPG Orthopedics

As of Jan. 1, 2017, LVPG Orthopedics was renamed LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine to better reflect the variety of services and treatment options offered by the practice.

LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine offers the full spectrum of orthopedic care for children through adults. All physicians are certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and have sub-specialty expertise in hip and knee joint replacement, sports medicine, orthopedic trauma, pediatric orthopedics, foot and ankle, and chiropractic care.

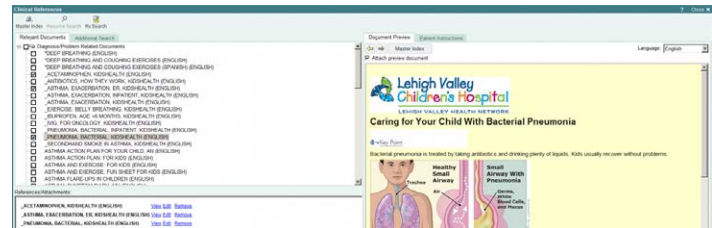
The four practice locations include LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine—1250 Cedar Crest; LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine—Muhlenberg; LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine—Moselem Springs; and LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine—Health & Wellness Center (Hazleton).

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Ronald Henry](#), Vice President, LVPG Operations, at 484-862-3767.

New Pediatric Patient Education Content

New pediatric patient education content is available in the Clinical References/Discharge Instructions screens and selected items will print with AVS.

- KidsHealth content is now the preferred source for patient education for children instead of Krames healthsheets.
- Branded with the Children's Hospital logo, there are more than 1,800 KidsHealth items available in English and Spanish.
- Items will appear in the list of Relevant Documents based on the active problem list.
- There is an automatic filter; KidsHealth items will not appear for adult patients.
- Like Krames healthsheets, the titles of KidsHealth items must be copied and pasted into the comment section of the education activity in order to be documented in the patient's record. See the [Epic Tip Sheet – Clinical References Activity](#) for details.
- KidsHealth content is preceded by an underscore and displays KidsHealth in the title (see gray highlight below):



For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Linda Matula Schwartz](#), Director, Department of Education, Educational Infrastructure, at 610-402-5290.

February 2017 Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Jennifer Rovella, DO, and Brian Civic, MD, of the Division of Critical Care Medicine, and Nadine Opstbaum, MBA, of Information Services, presented “Building on a decade of success: Epic tele-ICU transformation continues” at the Epic user group meeting held in Verona, Wisc.
- Gillian Beauchamp, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored three articles. “Delayed salicylate toxicity in a 17-year-old girl with initially undetectable salicylate concentration 3.9 hours after ingestion” was published Sept. 30 online ahead of print, and “Adolescent intentional abuse ingestions: overall 10-year trends and regional variation” was published Oct. 4 online ahead of print, both in Pediatric Emergency Care. “Administration of CroFab antivenom by a helicopter emergency medical service team” was published in Air Medical Journal, Volume 35, Number 6, November-December, 2016.
- Drew Keister, MD, and Julie Dostal, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, “Teaching resident self-assessment through triangulation of faculty and patient feedback.” It was published Dec. 21 online ahead of print in Teaching and Learning in Medicine.
- Anita Kurt, PhD, RN, Lauren Semler, PA-C, Matthew Meyers, Bernadette Porter, and Jeanne Jacoby, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, and Brian Stello, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, “Research professionals’ perspectives, barriers, and recommendations regarding minority participation in clinical trials.” It was published Dec. 21 online ahead of print in the Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities.
- Bryan Kane, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored two articles. “The role of education in the implementation of shared decision making in emergency medicine: a research agenda” and “Dissemination and implementation of shared decision making into clinical practice: a research agenda” were published in Academic Emergency Medicine, Volume 23, Number 12, December 2016.
- Beth Careyva, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, “Which pneumococcal vaccinations are effective for prevention of infection and mortality in asplenic patients?” It was published in Evidence-Based Practice, Volume 19, Number 12, December 2016.
- Beth Careyva, MD, and Brian Stello, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, “Diabetes mellitus: management of gastrointestinal complications.” It was published in American Family Physician, Volume 94, Number 12, December 2016.

February 2017 Seminars, Conferences, and Meetings

Department of Education Conferences

- March 7 – Child Maltreatment Hurts Us All; LVH–Cedar Crest Auditorium, 4:30-6:30 p.m. To register and for other dates, visit https://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn_doe/event/child_maltreatment_hurts_us_all_4/
- March 25 – Stepping Up Type 2 Diabetes Care: A Practical Approach; LVH–Muhlenberg, 7:45-9:45 a.m. To register, visit https://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn_doe/event/stepping_up_type_2_diabetes_care_a_practical_approach_2/

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds

- 7 – NICU topic, with Erika Yench, MD, neonatologist; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest, 8-9 a.m.
- 14 – Pediatric surgery topic, with Daniel Relles, MD, pediatric surgeon; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest, 8-9 a.m.
- 21 – Sexual Abuse Cases, with Debra Esernio-Jenssen, MD, Child Advocacy Center; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest, 8-9 a.m.
- 28 – Pediatric rheumatology topic, with April Bingham, MD, pediatric rheumatologist; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest, 8-9 a.m.

The department of pediatrics holds Grand Rounds on Tuesdays at the locations noted.

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

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MEDICAL STAFF

New Appointments

Effective Jan. 31, 2017

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Anatomic Pathology

Health Network Laboratories

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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 01/31/2017 Temporary Privileges: 01/30/2017

James Frick, MD

(LVPG General and Trauma Surgery–1240 Cedar Crest – Michael M. Badellino, MD, MPH)

Surgery

Trauma-Surgical Critical Care

LVPG General and Trauma Surgery–1240 Cedar Crest

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Appointment Date: 01/31/2017 Temporary Privileges: 1/16/2017

James J. Gallagher, MD

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Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging

Diagnostic Radiology

Neuroradiology

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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 01/31/2017

Angela L. Magdaleno, DO

(LVH Department of Medicine – Matthew J. Sullivan, DO)

Medicine

General Internal Medicine

LVH Department of Medicine

Lehigh Valley Health Network

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Provisional Limited Duty

Appointment Date: 01/31/2017 Temporary Privileges: 01/12/2017

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Anesthesiology

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Allentown, PA 18104-9131

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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 01/31/2017 Temporary Privileges: 01/16/2017

Jignesh K. Patel, MD

(Advanced Inpatient Medicine – Louis J. O'Boyle, DO)

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

Advanced Inpatient Medicine

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Mountain Top, PA 18707-9654
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Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 02/01/2017

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Robert D. Reinhart, MD

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New Appointments

Effective Jan. 31, 2017

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Appointment Date: 01/31/2017 Temporary Privileges: 01/16/2017

Morgan E. Boni, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified
Valley Kidney Specialists, PC
1230 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 301
Allentown, PA 18103-6231
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Supervising Physician: Kathryn E. Ussai, MD
Appointment Date: 01/31/2017 Temporary Privileges: 01/12/2017

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Physician Assistant-Certified
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Allentown, PA 18103-6231
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Supervising Physician: Craig A. Mackaness, DO
Appointment Date: 01/31/2017 Temporary Privileges: 01/12/2017

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1243 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 2800
Allentown, PA 18103-6230
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Supervising Physician: Mal R. Homan, MD

Appointment Date: 01/31/2017 Temporary Privileges: 01/16/2017

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Supervising Physician: Susan D. Wiley, MD

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Amanda M. Ketusky, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

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Supervising Physician: Brian K. Shablin, MD

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Appointment Date: 01/31/2017 Temporary Privileges: 01/12/2017

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