The Doctor’s Lounge and Community in Medicine

I recently read an article that asked, “What’s happened to the doctor’s lounge?” According to the article, physician lounges, which in the past were a place where providers could directly interact and connect with each other, have functionally disappeared. The article suggests that doctor’s lounges are often empty and are only used when physicians are working alone, most often charting on a computer. As a medical staff member at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) for 13 years, it got me thinking – although the physician’s lounge has changed little in appearance, the culture of it has changed significantly over the past decade.

In certain ways, the deterioration of the lounge may be a microcosm of the changes and the complexities we are seeing in health care in general. The geographic growth of the network with mergers and a rapidly expanding medical staff allows fewer and fewer opportunities to interact. Our dependence on technology like Epic, which has many merits but requires a great deal of our time, may also impact our time spent in a communal area. The need for face-to-face conversation between providers is not as necessary anymore.

Finally, it reflects a change in traditional practice structures with increasingly fewer physicians crossing over between the ambulatory and inpatient settings. This results in an operative and geographic split in our medical staff where many doctors never enter the hospital and therefore never have the chance to use the lounge. Although we believe that doctors work together, in many cases, this is probably untrue – we as providers are seeing our own patients and doing our own work. Therefore, it is less and less common that we are coming together and interacting professionally or socially.

It might be argued that the loss of the doctor’s lounge is an inevitable change and simply evolution. I would contend loss of the culture that was part of the doctor’s lounge is significant and unfortunate. In the past the lounge was a place where providers could decompress, if only for a few minutes, grab a cup of coffee and most importantly talk with one another. The physician lounge was a place where providers were able to establish a

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sense of community.

With physician burnout being a national epidemic, health care organizations are looking for ways to support providers’ well-being. A sense of community and workplace connectedness is often identified as an important factor for keeping physicians engaged, positive and more resilient against burnout. One of the many reasons people, including physicians, enjoy their work is the collegiality it offers, the opportunity to establish relationships, and the sharing of professional and personal experience. The doctor’s lounge provides one of the few places in the clinical setting where this could occur.

As we grow, become more complex and grow more dependent on technology, the need to nurture and recreate community has never been more vital. This may be through reinventing and restructuring our physician’s lounges. Some hospital systems have revamped and re-established their lounges with very positive effects. Other opportunities to promote community might include further enhancing the social value and connectivity of our practice group, health organization and general medical staff meetings. Mayo Clinic, as a response to burnout epidemic, developed a unique program where physicians joined together for periodic dinners sponsored by the institution. These meetings between colleagues resulted in both improvement in meaning in work and burnout for participants.

Most importantly, members of a community have a sense of trust, belonging, purpose and caring for one another. Now more than ever we need to reconnect and come together. I invite you to share your thoughts and suggestions on this topic and hope you will take a few minutes in the next month to participate in a pulse survey giving your opinion on our current physician lounge(s). Let us know what we can do to bolster our great community at LVHN.

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*For information on volunteering opportunities, contact Karla Bachl, director of volunteers, at 610-402-8897.*

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2017 Endowment Scholarships Announced

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- Angela Latorre
- Kirsten Eisenhower

The Margaret E. Berger Endowment for Allied Health Education Fund ($500 each):

- Giovanni Dutan
- Sotero Isaac Rodriguez

Congratulations!

For questions or feedback on this article, contact Michele Hartzell, PA-C, MBA, President, LVHN APC Executive Council, at 610 653 5792.
Abiomed Mobile Learning Lab Stops at LVH–Cedar Crest

The Abiomed Mobile Learning Lab, an interactive learning center used to provide information and training on the Impella, the world’s smallest heart pump, stopped at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest in late June.

Lehigh Valley Health Network cardiologists, nurses, and catheterization lab and operating room staffs joined other curious colleagues in using the opportunity to learn about the use of the heart pump in a series of nine simulation stations and six interactive screens.

The heart pump pulls blood from the left ventricle through an inlet area near the tip and expels blood from the catheter into the ascending aorta. The pump allows cardiologists to perform complex stenting and angioplasty procedures in the heart on patients with severe heart disease.

LVH–Cedar Crest is the only stop for the mobile lab in the northeastern Philadelphia area this year among hospitals offering the Impella, which is manufactured by Abiomed, Inc. This is the third year the mobile lab has toured the U.S.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact Ronald Freudenberger, MD, MBA, Physician In Chief, Institute of Heart Medicine, at 610 402 3110.
ICOUGH Promotes Postoperative Recovery

Lehigh Valley Health Network has implemented the ICOUGH program, which engages patients to help prevent postoperative pulmonary complications. It includes early and frequent mobilization, lung exercises, oral hygiene and education.

The acronym ICOUGH stands for:

- **I**ncentive Spirometry: Deep breathing exercises help keep lungs healthy and prevent lung problems.
- **C**ough and Deep Breathe: After surgery, taking deep breaths and coughing helps to clear lungs.
- **O**ral Care: Brush teeth and using mouthwash twice a day to keeps mouth clean from germs.
- **U**nderstanding Patient Education: Is important for patients and caregivers to take an active part in recovery. Pain needs to be controlled so patients can take deep breaths, cough, get out of bed for a walk and sit up at mealtime.
- **G**et Out of Bed: Walking helps clear secretions from the lungs, aids circulation and promotes regaining of strength.
- **H**ead of Bed Elevated: It is important to keep the head of the bed elevated 30-45 degrees. Being in an upright position helps with breathing.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact Pat Toselli, DO, MMM, Senior Medical Director, Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg, at 610-366-7700.
22nd Annual Nite Lites Black Tie Gala Scheduled

The 22nd Annual Nite Lites Black Tie Gala “Color Outside the Lines at Nite Lites” will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on the campus of Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Muhlenberg.

Proceeds benefit the mission of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). This year’s theme is “Color Outside the Lines,” a tribute to Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital. Children from the LVHN Day Care at LVH–Cedar Crest will be singing prior to the dinner.

For sponsorship information, contact Sandi Marsh, special events planner at 484 884 9119.
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Interviewers Sought for SELECT Admissions

Lehigh Valley Health Network colleagues holding University of South Florida (USF) faculty appointments are being recruited to act as interviewers for the behavioral event interviewing (BEI) sessions for the 2017-2018 admissions cycle for potential SELECT students.

Interviews are typically held on the second and fourth Monday afternoon of each month from September through April for medical students from the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine interested in participating in the SELECT program. The interviews begin at 1 p.m. and end by approximately 4 p.m. Interviews are usually conducted at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest in the Kasych Pavilion.

If you are looking for additional opportunities to volunteer, consider registering for the upcoming BEI training session, to be held Thursday, Aug. 17, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location: Department of Education, 1247 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 202, room TBD. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in becoming a SELECT BEI Interviewer and participating in this training, please RSVP at http://doodle.com/poll/8igdkcihe8vsmri6.

All inquiries and/or referrals should be directed to the attention of Emilie Bree Croft, Assistant Director, SELECT Admissions/Recruitment, at 610-402-2602.
HaPI: A Tool for Finding Measurement Instruments

Health & Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI) is a comprehensive database that can be used to find descriptive information about behavioral measurement instruments such as surveys, scales, questionnaires, coding schemes, checklists, indexes and more.

More than 190,000 records in the database are abstracted from hundreds of leading journals in the fields of health and psychosocial sciences, organizational behavior, and education, covering a broad spectrum of disciplines and professions. Each record contains the title, acronym, authors, language, index terms and references. Some also contain a description of the tool, what it measures, the population for which the tool was designed, reliability, subscales and more.

HaPI is an index of instruments and does not contain the full text of the instrument, but they can be purchased through Behavioral Measurement Database Services for a fee. Complete the Article Request Form through the Digital Library homepage to order the article or instrument. Copyright permission is required to use any tool indexed in HaPI. If you have any questions, Library Services would be happy to help you.

To access HaPI through the Digital Library:

- Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)—Cedar Crest, LVH–17th Street and LVH–Muhlenberg
  - In Epic, choose Library Services under WebLinks
  - From the LVHN intranet homepage, click on Find Fast/Library Services then click on Health & Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI)

- LVH–Hazleton
  - From the LVH–H intranet homepage, click on Library Services and then click on Health & Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI)

- LVH–Schuylkill
  - Not currently available at this site

- LVH–Pocono
  - Not currently available at this site

For questions or feedback on this article, contact Linda Matula Schwartz, Director, Department of Education, Educational Infrastructure, at 610-402-5290.
August 2017 Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Dennis Cornfield, MD, of the Department of Pathology, authored an article, “Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital and Training School: a historical perspective.” It was published in MDAdvisor, Spring 2017.

- Jeanne Jacoby, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “Pain perception in Latino vs. Caucasian and male vs. female patients: is there really a difference?” It was published in the Western Journal of Emergency Medicine, Volume 18, Number 4, June 2017.

August 2017 Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Department of Education Conferences

- 14 – Ninth Annual Fleming Infection Prevention and Infectious Diseases Symposium; Bear Creek Mountain Resort and Conference Center, Macungie, Pa.
- 28 – Updates in Colon Cancer Screening: Who? When? How?; Auditorium, LVH–Cedar Crest

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds

- 1 – GI topic, with Adam Paul, DO, pediatric gastroenterology; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest, 8-9 a.m.
- 8 – PICU topic, with Samuel Umaru, MD, pediatric intensivist; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest, 8-9 a.m.
- 15 – Quality Early Education, with Elaine Donoghue, MD, Vice Chair, Pediatrics, Academic Affairs; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest, 8-9 a.m.
- 22 – Case Presentation: Pompe Disease, with Can Ficicioglu, MD, PhD, Director of the Newborn Metabolic Screening Program, CHOP, and Janet Lioy, MD, neonatologist, CHOP; Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6 at LVH–Cedar Crest, 8-9 a.m.
- 29 – Ophthalmologic Screening, with Amil Qureshi, MD, and Mark Trachtman, MD, pediatric ophthalmologists; 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 Cleffi in the Department of Pediatrics at 484-862-3131.*

Dorothy and Harry Kintzel Renal Symposium

Sept. 28 – Lehigh Valley Health Network–Mack Boulevard, 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

*For more information, call 610-402-1830 and ask for Debbie.*
Who’s New—August 2017

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LVH LVH–M LVH–H

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LVH LVH–M
06/30/2017

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Active
LVH LVH–M
07/01/2017

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Emergency Medicine
(LVH–M Emergency Medicine)
Provisional Limited Duty
LVH LVH–M
06/24/2017

Ross A. Cohen, DO
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Emergency Medicine
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Provisional Limited Duty
LVH LVH–M
06/24/2017

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
(Valley Oral Surgery, PC)
Provisional Active
LVH LVH–M
06/30/2017

Tanner S. Folster, DO
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Emergency Medicine
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LVH LVH–M
06/24/2017

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Urology
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07/01/2017

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Active
LVH LVH–M
06/30/2017

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Active
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07/01/2017

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Neurology
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LVH–S
05/26/2017

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Active
LVH LVH–M
06/30/2017
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Neurology
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Provisional Active
LVH–H
05/31/2017

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LVH LVH–M
07/12/2017

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LVH LVH–M
07/01/2017

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LVH LVH–M
07/12/2017

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06/30/2017

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LVH LVH–M
07/12/2017

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Limited Duty
LVH LVH–M
06/23/2017

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LVH LVH–M
07/12/2017

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LVH LVH–M LVH–S
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General Internal Medicine
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06/23/2017

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06/23/2017

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Active
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07/01/2017

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06/05/2017

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Resignations

Haley A. Baran, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
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LVH LVH–M
06/20/2017

Katelyn A. Iacocca, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
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Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
07/04/2017

Jessica M. Kaiser
Emergency Department Scribe  
(ScribeAmerica)  
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LVH LVH–M  
05/30/2017

Debra A. Kramer, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
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Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/01/2017

Erika C. Krick  
Dental Assistant  
(Marsha A. Gordon, DDS)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
06/29/2017

Denise Martinez, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
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Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/01/2017

Karen Melici, LCSW  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
(LVPG Family Medicine–Macungie)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
06/08/2017

Laura A. Olexy, RN  
Registered Nurse  
(LVPG Cardiology–1250 Cedar Crest)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
05/30/2017

Sharon C. Ravenelle, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
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Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M
06/30/2017
Patricia A. Rosati, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(Geisinger Cancer Clinic – Pottsville)
Provisional Allied Health
LVH–S
07/10/2017
Karen L. Steele, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine–1250 Cedar Crest)
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
06/24/2017
Stephany E. Soto
Anesthesia Technical Assistant
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Provisional Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
05/12/2017
Ashley D. Sugalski, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine)
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
06/07/2017

Change of Supervising Physician

Brenda L. Noss, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG Family Medicine–Macungie)
From: Suzanne L. Widmer, DO
To: Wendy Rush-Spinosa, MD
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
07/25/2017

Laura E. Pritz, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest)
From: John E. Castaldo, MD  
To: Gary W. Clauser, MD  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/25/2017

Kenneth W. Reichenbach Jr., CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(Stroke Center – Darryn I. Shaff, MD)  
(LVPG Neurocritical Care – P. Mark Li, MD, PhD, and Preet M. Varade, MD)  
From: LVPG Neurology–Muhlenberg – John E. Castaldo, MD  
To: LVPG Neurology–Muhlenberg – Yevgeniy Isayev, MD  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/25/2017

Sara B. Robinson  
Genetic Counselor  
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To: John C. Smulian, MD, MPH  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/25/2017

Carole N. Rottmann, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
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From: C. Gerard Petersen, MD  
To: Nirupama Kakumanu, MD  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/25/2017

Elizabeth A. Schofield  
Genetic Counselor  
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To: John C. Smulian, MD, MPH  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/25/2017

Laura A. Shallenberger, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Pediatrics–Hazleton Shopping Center)
From: Stephan R. Glicken, MD  
To: Amr A. Elmeki, MD  
Allied Health  
LVH–H  
07/25/2017

Allyson N. Snik, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Family Medicine–Macungie)

From: Christine K. Block, MD  
To: Chin-Chan Chu, MD  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/25/2017

Change of Supervising Physician – Hazleton Anesthesia Services/Somnia, Inc.

Albert W. Adomitis, CRNA  
Diane J. Butkus, CRNA  
Francine M. Greco, CRNA  
Lynda L. Jakubco, CRNA  
Mary C. McGeever, CRNA  
JoAnne K. Platko, CRNA  
Carmella A. Pretti, CRNA  
Jerome F. Scarpati, CRNA  
Kerry Swiech, CRNA  
Robinel O. Tongol, CRNA  
Penny E. Yenchick, CRNA  
Anita M. Zimmerman, CRNA

From: Robert Farrar, MD  
To: Tony H. Tseng, MD  
Allied Health  
LVH–H  
07/25/2017

Change of Supervising Physician – LVH– Schuylkill Department of Anesthesia

Sherry Burinsky-Bottor, CRNA  
Norman J. Egan, CRNA  
Elizabeth A. Flannery, CRNA  
Lynda L. Jakubco, CRNA  
Maribeth K. Johnson, CRNA  
Heidi I. Lapachinsky, CRNA  
Jerome F. Scarpati, CRNA  
Gina Chiplonia-Swircek, CRNA  
Mary R. Tunnessen, CRNA
Jessica L. Yoder, CRNA
From: George J. Bowen, MD
To: Joaquin J. Cantillo, MD
Allied Health
LVH–S
07/25/2017

Change of Supervising Physician and Group

Lindsay T. Clark, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
From: Lehigh Valley Physicians Practice – Maria L. Jones, MD
To: LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery–1250 Cedar Crest – Timothy S. Misselbeck, MD
Allied Health
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07/25/2017

Carin M. Minchew, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
From: LVPG General and Trauma Surgery–1240 Cedar Crest – Daniel M. Roesler, MD
To: Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley, PC – James A. Newcomb, MD
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M LVH–H LVH–S
07/25/2017

Crystal L. Schwenk, CRNA
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
From: Northeastern Anesthesia Physicians, PC – Bradley S. Parlin, DO
To: Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC – Thomas M. McLoughlin, Jr., MD
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
07/25/2017

Additional Supervising Physician and Group

Pamela K. Prisaznik, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG Pediatric Pulmonology–1210 Cedar Crest – Robert W. Miller, MD)
Addition of: HealthWorks – Carmine J. Pellosie, DO, MPH, MBA
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
08/14/2017

Removal of Supervising Physician

Andrea B. Reich, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest – Vipul D. Makwana, MD)
Removal of: Wael A. S. Hanna, MD
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
07/25/2017

Removal of Supervising Physician and Group

Valerie Tomino-Entrot, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(Burn Recovery Center – A. Hamed Amani, MD)
Removal of: LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest – Kaushik Patel, MD
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
07/25/2017