

Informed Consent: The How, the Why Now and the Opportunity

Recently, the topic of informed consent has taken front stage in our offices and hospital settings and across Pennsylvania. Informed consent refers to a process by which a treating provider discloses appropriate information to a patient so that he or she may make a voluntary choice to accept or refuse treatment. As this definition implies, informed consent is more than signing a consent form. It is a process. This is a process most of us learned, and were asked to perform, early in our medical training. It is one we have likely performed thousands of times during our careers. So why has informed consent become a renewed topic of discussion in health care and our clinical setting?

The reason relates to a recent ruling by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in a malpractice case, *Shinal v. Toms*. The patient (Shinal) in this case underwent a surgical procedure that involved a complication. Her lawsuit was predicated less on the complication than the fact that she never received appropriate informed consent from her surgeon prior to going to the operating room.

The rules and expectations for informed consent in Pennsylvania are based on the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (MCARE) Act. This law makes it clear that the physician who is doing a procedure/surgery, and only that physician, is able to perform the informed consent. In this case, it was clear consent was performed not by the surgeon (Toms), but by his physician assistant. Although the patient lost the malpractice suit originally – after several appeals grounded on the inadequate consent process – the patient was granted a retrial in June of this year. This ruling and retrial alerted the medical community to the risk involved with not performing informed consent by the book.

At Lehigh Valley Health Network, we perform well over 50,000 surgical procedures annually and do tens of thousands of other procedures in both the inpatient and outpatient settings, each requiring informed consent. In reviewing the expectations for consent, it is clear that we are by and large compliant in this process. Quality assurance tools such as check-off lists assure that appropriate steps, including a properly signed consent, are



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completed before any patient enters an operating room.

Still, I believe, certain system stressors have threatened the consent process and the one-on-one interaction that is imperative during this process. Demand for the services and the expertise of our outstanding physicians have made access a challenge, driving us to see more patients while inevitably having less time with them. The push toward standardization and system-based care, which includes bundles structured around clinical teams as opposed to the individual physician, have also affected the more traditional interactions between patients and their doctors. Finally, financial stressors and expectations – both at the level of the network and also us as individuals – have influenced patient volume, prioritized efficiency over connection and also undoubtedly altered the nature of patient-physician communication.

Regardless of the reasons not to do so, not properly consenting a patient prior to a surgery or procedure carries with it significant medical-legal risk for the physician and really the physician alone. Importantly, as we counsel a patient before a procedure, we must remember that we are the only ones who have the knowledge, expertise, experience and most importantly the wisdom to provide informed consent. Although other members of our teams can provide information and education, we as the physicians actually performing and overseeing the case must be willing to explore the patient's understanding of the operating room plan. It involves more than simply reviewing the steps of the procedure, risks, benefits and alternatives, but also examining the patient's expectations, beliefs and fears regarding the procedure. These less tangible but important elements of care can only be dealt with through a direct dialogue and two-way exchange between the physician and the patient.

Perhaps there are some positives, however, as this situation may be a wakeup call of sorts. With the aforementioned stressors, really owning informed consent may force us to slow down and show more patience with patients. This patience and a mindful, personal interaction may also improve the patient experience. It may also increase our inpatient HCAHPs survey scores in the area of "communication with physicians," where we continue to have an opportunity to improve.

The reality is the rules and the expectations for providing informed consent in Pennsylvania, even with the *Shinal v. Toms* case, have not changed. These were always the rules and they have merely been re-emphasized. Based on this ruling, we are now in the process of reviewing our current systems to assure we are compliant in the processes of obtaining consent with the goal of protecting patients but also our doctors. This may be a stressor on our systems and even result in delays. Yet, the process of providing proper consent is a reminder that the foundation for medicine is based on an interaction and connection; a connection between a single doctor and a single patient. Embracing this connection through properly providing informed consent is the way we will ensure we are providing the best care, supporting the patient experience and maintaining humanity in the practice of medicine.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Angelina", written in a cursive style.

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Medical Staff President

Cancer Institute Symposium: Partnership with Primary Care

The First Annual Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) Cancer Institute Symposium, Partnership with Primary Care, will take place on Friday, Oct. 13, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Camelback Lodge in Tannersville.

The program is designed for interprofessional staff. Session topics and presenters include:

- Memorial Sloan Kettering Alliance with LVHN: Excellence in Cancer Care for the Local Community – David Pfister, MD
- Molecular Testing and Precision Medicine – Paul Sabbatini, MD
- Immunotherapy Revolution: Promise, Limitations, Frontiers – Suresh Nair, MD
- Immunotherapy Toxicities: Awareness, Recognition and Management – Mandy Hendricks, MSN, RN, AOCNS
- Lung Cancer Screening and Innovations in Diagnosis and Treatment – Eliot Friedman, MD
- Precision Radiation Therapy: Utilizing Edge Radiosurgery – Sean Quinlan-Davidson, MD
- Robotic Surgery – Martin Martino, MD
- Colon and Rectal Cancers: Screening and Treatment Management – Robert Sinnott, DO
- Updates in Breast Cancer – Krista Bott, MD
- Innovative Surgical Options for Pancreatic Cancer – Aaron Blackham, MD
- Head and Neck Cancer Treatment at LVHN: Excellence in Care for the Patient and Community – Chetan Nayak, MD
- Management of Benign Hematologic Conditions in Coordination With Primary Care – Adam Kotkiewicz, MD
- Diagnosis and Management of Thromboembolism and Thrombosis – William Scialla, DO

LVHN designates this live educational activity for a maximum 7.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.[™] Registered nurses attending the entire program and completing the evaluation tool will receive 7.0 contact hours.

To register, go to go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe and search for the event by title or date. On-site registrations may be available if space permits.

Influenza Vaccination Update

No matter your role in our health network, we all share the same mission – to heal, comfort and care. To do your job to the best of your ability, you first have to take care of yourself. As flu season approaches, one of the best ways you can help our patients avoid influenza infection is to get a flu shot.

The Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) Medical Executive Committee requires all Medical and Allied Health Professionals who have routine or intermittent patient contact get a flu shot. All Medical and Allied Health Professional Staff are considered to have patient contact. Those who cannot be vaccinated because of a valid medical or religious reason must submit an exemption request, obtainable from any Employee Health Services office, by Nov 1. These individuals must be granted an exemption or be vaccinated by Nov. 23. Those approved for a permanent exemption in prior years do NOT need to request an exemption again this year. Failure to comply with the immunization policy will result in a written warning. All Medical and Allied Health Professional Staff and other staff with patient contact who are not vaccinated or granted an exemption within two weeks of the warning, will be subject to termination.

Submission of documentation of influenza vaccine received outside the auspices of LVHN employee health is required. Proof of vaccination can be submitted by accessing the electronic form at **LVHN Intranet, Colleague Resources, Influenza Information** or using this link:

<http://webapprd001.lvh.com/webpublic2/swipesignf/fluProof1.aspx>.

For Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest, fax to **610-402-1203**.

For LVH–Hazleton, fax to **570-501-4721**.

For LVH–Schuylkill, fax to **570-621-4257**.

If you fax your proof of vaccination, the document must include printed name, date of vaccination, and either your computer user ID (used to sign into LVHN computers) or your social security number. This is to assure your vaccine is properly documented in the tracking system.

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

- Employee Health Services locations during walk-in hours
- Vaccination clinics
- On units and in practices that participate in our peer vaccination program (LVH–Cedar Crest, LVH–17th Street and LVH–Muhlenberg only)
- LVPG membership meetings

Do your part – get a flu shot and help create a safer health network, a more confident workforce and a healthier community. Thank you for your commitment to our colleagues, patients and community, and for helping to make our mission possible. For more information regarding the flu vaccine requirement, please contact [Carol Guanowsky](#), Director, Employee Health Services, at **610-402-8869**.

Employee Health Services Walk-in Hours

LVH–Cedar Crest

Monday – 7 to 8 a.m.; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday – 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Thursday – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Friday – 7 to 8 a.m.

LVH–Hazleton

By appointment; call **570-501-4788**

LVH–Schuylkill

By appointment; call **570-621-4351**

LVH–Muhlenberg

Monday – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday – 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Wednesday – 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday – 7 to 10 a.m.

Friday – 8 to 10 a.m.

Flu Vaccination Clinics

LVH–Cedar Crest – Kasych Corridor

Monday, Oct. 2 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 6 – 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 – noon to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28 – 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 10 – 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 20 – noon to 7:30 p.m.

LVH–Muhlenberg – ECC Corridor

Wednesday, Oct. 4 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14 – 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 – 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17 – noon to 7:30 p.m.

Health Network Labs – Roble Road

Monday, Oct. 23 – noon to 4 p.m.

LVH–17th Street – Center for Healthy Aging

Friday, Oct. 13 – 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26 – 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15 – 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LVHN–Mack Boulevard – Cafeteria

Thursday, Oct. 12 – 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 13 – 8 a.m. to 2:00 pm

LVHN–One City Center – 8th Floor Work Café

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LVH–Schuylkill – Employee Health – East and South Campus

Monday, Oct. 2 – 6 to 9 a.m., East Campus

Tuesday, Oct. 3 – 1 to 4 p.m., South Campus

Wednesday, Oct. 4 – 1 to 4 p.m., East Campus

Thursday, Oct. 5 – 6 to 9 a.m., South Campus

Friday, Oct. 6 – 6 to 9 a.m., East Campus

Monday, Oct. 9 – 6 to 9 a.m., South Campus

Tuesday, Oct. 10 – 1 to 4 p.m., East Campus

Wednesday, Oct. 11 – 1 to 4 p.m., South Campus

Thursday, Oct. 12 – 6 to 9 a.m., East Campus

Monday, Oct. 16 – 6 to 9 a.m., East Campus

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1 to 4 p.m., South Campus

Wednesday, Oct. 18 – 1 to 4 p.m., East Campus

Thursday, Oct. 19 – 6 to 9 a.m., South Campus

Monday, Oct. 23 – 6 to 9 a.m., South Campus

Tuesday, Oct. 24 – 1 to 4 p.m., East Campus

Wednesday, Oct. 25 – 1 to 4 p.m., South Campus

Thursday, Oct. 26 – 6 to 9 a.m., East Campus

LVH–Hazleton – Employee Health

Thursday, Oct. 5 – 1:30 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Friday, Oct. 6 – 1:30 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Monday, Oct. 9 – 7 to 8 a.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Monday, Oct. 9 – 2 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2:45 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Thursday, Oct. 12 – 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Thursday, Oct. 12 – 1:45 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Friday, Oct. 13 – 9 to 10 a.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Friday, Oct. 13 – 2:45 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Monday, Oct. 16 – 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Monday, Oct. 16 – 2 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Tuesday, Oct. 17 – 2 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Wednesday, Oct. 18 – 9 to 10 a.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Wednesday, Oct. 18 – 3 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Thursday, Oct. 19 – 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Thursday, Oct. 19 – 3 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Monday, Oct. 23 – 8 to 10 a.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Monday, Oct. 23 – 3 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Tuesday, Oct. 24 – 2 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Wednesday, Oct. 25 – 9 to 10 a.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Friday, Oct. 27 – 3 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Monday, Oct. 30 – 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Monday, Oct. 30 – 3 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – 1:45 to 4 p.m., 6th floor Conference Room

Wednesday, Nov. 1 – 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Employee Health Office

Friday, Nov. 3 – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Employee Health Office

Friday, Nov. 3 – 3 to 4 p.m., Employee Health Office

Monday, Nov. 6 – 2 to 4 p.m., Employee Health Office

Thursday, Nov. 9 – 2 to 4 p.m., Employee Health Office

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2 to 4 p.m., Employee Health Office

Friday, Nov. 17 – 2 to 4 p.m., Employee Health Office

Monday, Nov. 20, 2 to 4 p.m., Employee Health Office

LVHN Lung Cancer Community Forum Set

The public can learn about the latest advances in the care, screening, treatment and management of lung cancer from Lehigh Valley Health Network health care providers and researchers during a free community forum, A Breath of Fresh Air, on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m. It will be held at Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest.

The event will be moderated by hematologist oncologist Eliot Friedman, MD, of LVPG Hematology Oncology. Featured speakers and topics are:

- Suzanne Smith, MBA, RRT, patient services – Smoking cessation
- Ken Cavorsi, MD, diagnostic radiologist – Lung cancer screening (CT)
- Brian Patson, MD, hematologist oncologist – Advances in immunotherapy treatment for lung cancer and clinical trials
- Richard Chang, MD, thoracic surgeon – Robotic and minimally invasive surgery
- Dennis Sopka, MD, radiation oncologist, and Maritza Chicas, RN, BSN, OCN, oncology nurse navigator – The role of the multidisciplinary clinic

The event is sponsored by Highmark Foundation and a light dinner will be provided. Seating is limited, RSVP is encouraged. Register at **888-402-LVHN** or visit LVHN.org/lunginfo.

LVHN Announces Formation of Cancer, Heart, Surgery Institutes

In September, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) announced a significant endeavor in terms of regional care and innovation, one designed to increase its commitment to combating cancer, heart disease and conditions that require surgery – the LVHN Cancer Institute, the LVHN Heart Institute and the LVHN Institute for Special Surgery.

The formation of these institutes enables LVHN to focus on conditions and services that impact many members of the community, as well as create better patient experiences and outcomes.

“We are focusing on cancer and heart disease because they are the top two causes of death in the U.S. as well as our region,” says Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, LVHN’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “LVHN leads the fight against these diseases as well as other serious conditions that require surgery. Patients can remain close to home for high-quality care for these specialized services.”

LVHN Cancer Institute

People with cancer can have confidence knowing they have access to hundreds of lifesaving and breakthrough clinical trials through LVHN’s partnership with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute and other clinical relationships. Patients can receive surgical precision and comprehensive expertise through our multidisciplinary clinics for skin and soft tissue, upper gastrointestinal, breast, prostate, lung and esophageal, and soon head and neck cancers.

LVHN Heart Institute

People with heart conditions can take comfort knowing LVHN has the most experienced cardiologists and cardiac surgeons in the region, and consistently ranks in the nation’s top 1 percent for heart attack survival. Consider LVHN was the first in the region to perform transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) and is recognized as a center for performing complex mitral valve surgery repair. LVHN provides specialized programs for women’s heart health, sports cardiology, advanced heart failure, mechanical heart assist, lead extraction, peripheral vascular and venous care, and rhythm disturbance care.

LVHN Institute for Special Surgery

People who have serious illnesses that require surgery can be assured that our surgeons have the most experience in the region, specializing in robotic and minimally invasive surgery for chest, cancer, obesity, esophageal reflux, colon and rectal conditions, hernia surgery, and more. LVHN’s emphasis on minimally invasive, leading-edge technologies, such as robotic surgery, allows patients to return to their work and lives more quickly.

Institute structure

Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest will host the three institutes and serve as the hub where innovation, research and education originate. LVH–Muhlenberg, LVH–Hazleton, LVH–Schuylkill and LVH–Pocono will be members of each institute and provide patients with more convenient access to the institute's distinct services and expertise in their respective communities.

To learn more about the three new LVHN clinical institutes and other services, visit [LVHN.org/institutes](https://www.lvhn.org/institutes).



LVH–Cedar Crest Earns Baby-Friendly Designation

Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest has met the criteria to be designated a “baby-friendly” hospital and birthing center by Baby-Friendly USA and the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, a program that’s been supported internationally by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) since 1991.

LVH–Cedar Crest is one of 447 hospitals and birthing centers across the country and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to hold a baby-friendly designation. The designation is awarded to health facilities that are dedicated to improving the care of pregnant women, mothers and newborns by promoting and supporting the breastfeeding of babies as the best start in life. Clinical evidence has indicated both long- and short-term health benefits for lactating women and their newborns.

“Being named a WHO Baby-Friendly Hospital continues our legacy as a provider of quality health care,” says Mary Bianchi, LVHN Vice President, Women and Children’s Service Line. “We provide support and education for all women so they understand the unique benefits of breast milk and breastfeeding. No matter what feeding method a woman chooses, we will respect her choice.”

The goal of WHO and UNICEF is to increase the proportion of live births that occur in health facilities worldwide that provide care for lactating mothers and their babies. Almost 870,000 births occur annually at baby-friendly facilities in the U.S. There were 4,500 births at LVH–Cedar Crest during the 2017 fiscal year. On a typical day, you would find an average of 50 mothers and babies on the mother-baby unit.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Mary Bianchi](#), LVHN Vice President, Women and Children’s Service Line, at 610-969-4246.

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Active Guidelines

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Tetanus Condition

Overview and Recommendations History and Physical Diagnosis

Vaccine preventable, neurologic illness mediated by toxins produced by Clostridium tetani, characteristically causing generalized rigidity and muscle spasms.

Problem List

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Diagnosis

Musculoskeletal

Chronic back pain greater than 3 months duration

Create Overview Details Chronic

Plan

Problem List Visit Diagnoses BestPractice Meds & Orders SmartSets

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Pharmacy No Selected Pharmacy

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Common Diagnoses

Common Diagnosis

Aortic valve disorder [135.9] Details

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Visit info Vital Signs Care Everywhere Meds Flag for Review Review (Medication/Problem) Verify Rx Benefits History

Vital Signs

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Taken on 8/31/17 2:48 PM

BP: 120/80 Weight: Pain score: Location: Educated? Comment:

Pulse: 80 Height: Resp: 21

Temp: 100.2 F (37.9 C) SpO2: 96%

Source:

Tobacco Use

Never Assessed Smokeless: Unknown

Ready to quit? Yes No

Counseling given? Yes No

Mark as Reviewed Never reviewed

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Guide

Search active Guidelines

Allergies/Contraindications

Add a new agent Add

Reaction

Allergies

Amoxicillin Hives, Itching, Rash

Results Review (Last updated: 8/15/2017 3:46:12 PM)

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MICROBIOLOGY TESTING					
HEPATITIS TESTING					
HCV Ab, EIA Screen					negative
HIV Ab, EIA Screen					
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URINE BIOMARKERS					
OTHERS					
Inhalation					
INTRACRANIAL INOCULATION					
INTRACRANIAL STENT PLACE					
Skin Test					negative

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

October 2017 Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Kareem Elsayed, BS, a USF SELECT student, and Raymond Melder, DO, and Michael Nguyen, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “An unusual case of flank pain: more than just an inguinal hernia.” It was published in the Journal of Emergency Medicine, Volume 53, Number 1, July 2017.

October 2017 Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Department of Education Conferences

- 13 – First Annual LVHN Cancer Institute Symposium: Partnership with Primary Care
- 20-21 – Third Annual Regional Urology Symposium
- 27-28 – 2017 ECMO Symposium

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds

- 3 – Pediatric Brain Tumors, with P. Mark Li, MD, Chief, Division of Neurological Surgery; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 10 – Medical Marijuana, with Kristin Held Wheatley, PharmD, BCOP, clinical pharmacy specialist, pediatric oncology and infectious diseases; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 17 – Empathy/Caring, with Anthony Ardire, MD, MPH, CPE, Senior Vice President, Customer Experience; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 24 – Obesity, with Kimberly Brown, MD, Assistant Clerkship Director, Pediatrics; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 31 – Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse, with Tara Harris, MD, MS, FAAP, of Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.

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

Who's New—October 2017

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MEDICAL STAFF

New Appointments

Effective Oct. 3, 2017

Atena Asiaii, MD

(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology—Pond Road – Emily B. Brophy, MD)

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Obstetrics/Gynecology

LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology—Pond Road

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Paragon Building

1611 Pond Road, Suite 300

Allentown, PA 18104-2258

Phone: 610-398-7700 Fax: 610-398-6917

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/18/2017

LVH LVH-M

Fatimah Aslam, DDS

(Lehigh Valley Dental Solutions)

Dental Medicine

General Dentistry

Lehigh Valley Dental Solutions

3258 Cherryville Road

Northampton, PA 18067-1017

Phone: 610-262-1556 Fax: 610-262-2245

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/14/2017

LVH LVH-M

Daniel E. Benyo, MD

(LVPG Geriatric and Internal Medicine—Drums – Philip J. Benyo, MD)

Medicine

General Internal Medicine

LVPG Geriatric and Internal Medicine–Drums

Lehigh Valley Physician Group–Hazleton

144 S. Old Turnpike Road

Drums, PA 18222-1720

Phone: 570-788-6363 Fax: 570-788-7313

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/25/2017

LVH–H

Grace E. Berlin, DO

(Afterhours Physician Coverage Group – Justin L. Guthier, DO)

Medicine

General Internal Medicine

Afterhours Physician Coverage Group

Lehigh Valley Health Network

1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 3200

Allentown, PA 18103-6232

Phone: 610-402-5200 Fax: 610-402-1675

Provisional Limited Duty

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/14/2017

LVH LVH–M

Giovanni Bonomo, MD

(Colon-Rectal Surgery Associates, PC – Linda L. Lapos, MD)

Surgery

Colon and Rectal Surgery

Colon-Rectal Surgery Associates, PC

1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 3900

Allentown, PA 18103-6250

Phone: 610-402-1095 Fax: 610-435-5003

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/14/2017

LVH LVH–M

Matthew A. Byers, MD

(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology S Cedar Crest Blvd Alliance Drive – Scott D. Muir, DO)

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Obstetrics/Gynecology.

Lehigh Valley Hospital S Cedar Crest Blvd Hazleton

1000 Alliance Drive, Suite 10

Hazle Township, PA 18202-3234

Phone: 570-501-6450 Fax: 570-501-6436

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/02/2017

LVH-H

Leif E. Christiansen, DO

(Integrated Medical Group – Nimesh Vesuwala, MD)

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

Integrated Medical Group, PC.

Integrated Medical Group

82 Tunnel Road

Pottsville, PA 17901-2710

Phone: 570-622-5455 Fax: 570-622-5493

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/14/2017

LVH-S

Roger G. Fennell, MD

(Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc. – Jodie L. Buxbaum MD)

Anesthesiology

Obstetric Anesthesiology

Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Schuylkill

420 S. Jackson St.

Pottsville, PA 17901-3625

Phone: 570-621-5240 Fax: 570-621-9213

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/01/2017

LVH-S

Danielle A. Ferraguti, DO

(LVPG Pediatric Gastroenterology-1210 Cedar Crest)

Pediatrics

Pediatric Subspecialties

Gastroenterology

LVPG Pediatric Gastroenterology-1210 Cedar Crest

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/09/2017

LVH LVH-M

Patrick Fiero, MD

(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology-Alliance Drive – Sheila F. Hockman, DO)

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Obstetrics/Gynecology

LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Alliance Drive
Lehigh Valley Physician Group–Hazleton
1000 Alliance Drive, Suite 10
Hazle Township, PA 18202-3234
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Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/18/2017
LVH–H

Victoria K. Gonsorcik, MD

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Monroe Pathologists
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Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 10/03/2017
LVH LVH–M LVH–H LVH–S

Steven G. Hardy, MD

(LVPG–Emergency Medicine – David B. Burmeister, DO)
Emergency and Hospital Medicine
Emergency Medicine
LVPG–Emergency Medicine
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Lehigh Valley Hospital
Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689
Allentown, PA 18105-1556
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LVH LVH–M LVH–H

Steven L. Lewis, MD

(LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest – Gary W. Clauser, MD)
Medicine
Neurology
LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest
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LVH LVH-M

Maximo Llaudes, MD

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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017

LVH LVH-M LVH-H LVH-S

Raymond J. Melder, DO

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Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

LVH-M Emergency Medicine

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Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg

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Provisional Limited Duty

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/15/2017

LVH LVH-M

Deepti S. Moon, MD

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Medicine

Nephrology

Valley Kidney Specialists, PC

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Allentown, PA 18103-6231

Phone: 610-432-4529 Fax: 610-432-2206

Fellowship

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/14/2017

LVH LVH-M

Joshua A. Nochumson, MD

(LVPG Surgery-Health & Wellness Center)

Surgery

General Surgery/Colon and Rectal Surgery

LVPG Surgery-Health & Wellness Center

Lehigh Valley Physician Group–Hazleton
Health & Wellness Center
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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/02/2017

LVH LVH–M LVH–H LVH–S

Don J. Park, MD, PhD

(LVPG Hematology Oncology–1240 Cedar Crest – Suresh G. Nair, MD)

Cancer Institute

Hematology-Medical Oncology

LVPG Hematology Oncology–1240 Cedar Crest

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Chonnam National University College of Medicine – MD

University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine – Internal Medicine Internship

University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine – Internal Medicine Residency

Vanderbilt University Medical Center – Hematology/Medical Oncology Fellowship

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/09/2017

Leslie M. Partem, MD

(LVPG Family Medicine–Southside – Frank A. Sperrazza, DO)

Family Medicine

LVPG Family Medicine–Southside

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

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Allentown, PA 18103-5824

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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/09/2017

LVH LVH–M

Robin M. Pattin, MD

(LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–Muhlenberg – John-Paul Gomez, MD)

Psychiatry

Child-Adolescent Psychiatry

LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–Muhlenberg

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

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Bethlehem, PA 18017-7384

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Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 10/09/2017
LVH LVH–M

Joseph L. Russino, MD

(Comprehensive Women's Health Services – Robert M. Zimmerman Jr., DO)

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Obstetrics/Gynecology

Comprehensive Women's Health Services

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

171 Red Horse Road

Pottsville, PA 17901

Phone: 570-628-2229 Fax: 570-628-5185

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/25/2017

LVH–S

Zohra G. Salahuddin, MD

(Hazleton Anesthesia Services/Somnia, Inc. – Randy S. Cohen, MD)

Anesthesiology

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton

700 E. Broad St.

Hazleton, PA 18201-6835

Phone: 570-501-4218 Fax: 570-501-4089

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/14/2017

LVH–H

Erin M. Scholten, MD

(LVPG Endocrinology–1243 Cedar Crest – Marc A. Vengrove, DO)

Medicine

Endocrinology

LVPG Endocrinology–1243 Cedar Crest

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

1243 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 2800

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Fellowship

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 11/01/2017

LVH LVH–M

Carolina Sforza, MD

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Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 10/03/2017
LVH LVH-M LVH-H LVH-S

Blake A. Stewart, DO

(LVPG General Surgery-Schuylkill)
Surgery
General Surgery
LVPG General Surgery-Schuylkill
Lehigh Valley Physician Group
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Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/18/2017
LVH-S

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Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 10/03/2017
LVH LVH-M LVH-H LVH-S

Daniel Torres, MD

(LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine – Prodromos A. Ververeli, MD)
Surgery
Hand Surgery/Orthopedic Surgery
LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
Lehigh Valley Physician Group
Center for Advanced Health Care
1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 110
Allentown, PA 18103-6224
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Provisional Active
Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/02/2017

LVH LVH–M

Gregory R. Varghese, DO

(Valley Kidney Specialists, PC – Nelson P. Kopyt, DO)

Medicine

Nephrology

Valley Kidney Specialists, PC

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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/15/2017

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Resignations

Robert A. Barnes, DO

Family Medicine

(East Penn Medical Practice, Inc)

Affiliate

07/07/2017

Christopher R. Becker, DO

Medicine

Neurology

Neurocritical Care

(LVPG Neurocritical Care)

Provisional Active

LVH LVH–M

09/01/2017

Luis M. Espaillat Rijo, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Urogynecology/Gynecology

(LVPG Urogynecology–Muhlenberg)

Active

LVH LVH–M

08/16/2017

Dale J. Federico, MD

Surgery

Orthopedic Surgery

(LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine)

Active

LVH LVH-M

08/16/2017

Yessar Hussain, MD

Medicine

Neurology

(Specialists On Call, Inc.)

Telemedicine

LVH-S

07/04/2017

Jason Kiner, MD

Medicine

Neurology

(Specialists On Call, Inc.)

Telemedicine

LVH-S

05/02/2017

Cynthia P. Liskov, MD

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(LVPG Emergency Medicine)

Active

LVH LVH-M LVH-H

08/18/2017

Julie N. Phillips, MD

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Pediatric Emergency Medicine/Emergency Medicine

(LVPG-Emergency Medicine)

Active

LVH LVH-M

07/31/201

Status Change

Matthew J. Sullivan, DO

Medicine

General Internal Medicine

From: Lehigh Valley Physicians Practice

To: Afterhours Physician Coverage Group

From: Active

To: Limited Duty

LVH LVH-M

10/03/2017

Status Change and Voluntary Relinquishment of Privileges

Joseph Pascal, MD

Surgery

Urology

(LVPG Urology Urogynecology 1250 Cedar Crest)

All major surgical procedures

Active

LVH LVH-M

10/03/2017

Voluntary Relinquishment of Privileges

Alva D. Smith, MD

Medicine

Cardiology

(Alva D. Smith, MD)

Assist with Convergent Therapy for Atrial Fibrillation

Permanent Pacemaker Insertion

Peripheral Angiography

Peripheral Angiography and Angioplasty

Heart Catheterization-Right

Pericardiocentesis-ElectiveActive

LVH-H

10/03/2017

Name Change

Charlene E. Christman, CRNP, changed to Charlene E. Mackaness, CRNP

LVPG-Emergency Medicine

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

ALLIED HEALTH STAFF

New Appointments

Effective Oct. 3, 2017

Elizabeth R. Bateman, RRT

Registered Respiratory Therapist

American Home Medical Equipment & Services Inc

754 Roble Road, Suite 180

Allentown, PA 18103-9135

Phone: 610-841-4986 Fax: 610-841-4987

Supervising Physician: Richard J. Strobel, MD

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/14/2017

LVH LVH-M

Justin B. Bednar, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

LVPG-Emergency Medicine

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Lehigh Valley Hospital

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Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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Supervising Physician: Gary Bonfante, DO

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/25/2017

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Jamilah Davis Tindell, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

LVPG-MHC IP Psychiatry

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Bethlehem, PA 18017-7300

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Supervising Physician: Laurence P. Karper, MD

Appointment Date: 10/09/2017

LVH LVH-M

Lora E. Doebler, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology-West Broad

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

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Supervising Physician: Reena V. Kanabar, MD

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/25/2017

LVH LVH-M

Tao-Nan C. Jacobson, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

LVHN ExpressCare at Bangor

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Bangor Plaza Shopping Center

1337 Blue Valley Drive

Pen Argyl, PA 18072-1815

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Supervising Physician: John F. Wheary, DO

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/25/2017

LVH LVH-M LVH-H

Samantha A. Kirk

Mapping Support Specialist/Pacemaker/ICD Technician

Medtronic USA Inc.

Morris Corporate Center

300 Interpace Parkway, Building A

Parsippany, NJ 07054-1100

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Supervising Physician: Babak Bozorgnia, MD

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/14/2017

LVH LVH-M

Nicole C. Kozma, PA-C

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LVPG-Neonatology

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Lehigh Valley Hospital

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Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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Supervising Physician: Wendy J. Kowalski, MD

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/25/2017

LVH LVH-M

Spencer P. Lambert, PA-C

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LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Lehigh Valley Hospital

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Third Floor Anderson Wing

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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Supervising Physician: George Abraham, MD

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/25/2017

LVH LVH-M

Christian J. Laputka, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

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LVH LVH-M LVH-H

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Physician Assistant-Certified

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Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/25/2017

LVH LVH-M LVH-H

Teri Lynn Scatena, PA-C

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LVPG Family Medicine-Easton

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Health Center at Easton

2401 Northampton St., Suite 130

Easton, PA 18045-2764

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Supervising Physician: Grant M. Greenberg, MD, MHSA

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/25/2017

LVH LVH-M

Meredith L. Sellix, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

Allen Ear Nose & Throat Association

1575 Pond Road, Suite 203

Allentown, PA 18104-2254

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Supervising Physician: Paul S. Lemberg, MD

Appointment Date: 10/03/2017 Temporary Privileges: 09/14/2017

LVH LVH-M

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ScribeAmerica

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Department of Emergency Medicine – Ninth Floor

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Resignations

Ruth A. Johnson, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc.)

Allied Health

LVH LVH-M

08/16/2017

Christine D. Johnston, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVPG Geriatric Medicine–17th Street)

Allied Health

LVH LVH-M

09/03/2017

John D. Lasko, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)

Allied Health

LVH LVH-M

09/14/2017

Raquel Nunez, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVPG Family Medicine–Hellertown)

Allied Health

LVH LVH-M

09/01/2017

Cynthia A. Payonk, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG Endocrinology–1243 Cedar Crest)
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
07/28/2017

Sejal V. Patel, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
08/20/2017

Karen M. Schaller, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(Children’s Clinic)
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
08/24/2017

Emily A. Welty
Dental Assistant
(Greater Lehigh Valley Oral Health Partnership)
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
08/07/2017

Jennifer L. Yourey, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG Family Medicine–Hometown)
Allied Health
LVH–H
08/14/2017

Change of Supervising Physician

Diane Davison, LCSW
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
(LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–Muhlenberg)
From: Christi A. Weston, MD
To: John-Paul Gomez, MD
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

Jenna M. Galligani, LPC
Licensed Professional Counselor
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LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

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Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

Katelyn M. Llewellyn, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
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From: Zeeshan Javid, MD
To: Ralph A. Primelo, MD
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LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

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LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

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Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

Nancy T. Maulick, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
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From: Christine K. Block, MD
To: Tory J. Miksiewicz Clugston, MD
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

Jason R. Potts, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG–Emergency Medicine)
From: Amit Sareen, MD
To: Eric W. Bean, DO
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

Elizabeth B. Rohn, LCSW
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LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

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10/03/2017

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10/03/2017

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10/03/2017

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LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

Brett Williamson, LSW, MBA
Licensed Social Worker
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To: John-Paul Gomez, MD
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
10/03/2017

Change of Supervising Physician and Group

Lauren R. Peters, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
From: Eastern Pennsylvania Gastroenterology and Liver Specialists, PC – Glenn M. Short, MD
To: LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Valley Center Parkway – Travis C. Dayon, MD
Allied Health
LVH LVH–M
10/09/2017

Janice A. Stout, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

From: Eastern Pennsylvania Gastroenterology and Liver Specialists, PC – Ronald J. Bross, MD

To: Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley, PC – Errin J. Hoffman, MD

Allied Health

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10/03/2017

Additional Supervising Physician and Group

Jacaline P. Wolf, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(OACIS Services – Daniel E. Ray, MD)

Addition of: Lehigh Valley Hospice – Sarah Nicklin, MD

Allied Health

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10/03/2017



Tips and Tools for Managing the Business Side of Health Care

The Lehigh Valley Physician Hospital Organization (LVPHO) has introduced a new quarterly information session on a broad selection of topics helpful to our LVPHO Member Physicians and Advanced Practice Clinicians (APCs).

The next session topic, to be presented Thursday, Sept. 21, from 6 to 7 p.m., is Choosing Wisely®. The guest speaker is Dominic Lorusso, Director, Health Partnerships, from Consumer Reports. He leads several Health Impact campaigns, including Choosing Wisely, at Consumer Reports. In this role, he works with national and regional partner groups in developing unique methods to reach each of their members or constituents. Through his network, more than 100 million consumers annually have seen the CR Health content.

The session will be presented live at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)—Cedar Crest Auditorium and video conferenced to LVH—Muhlenberg ECC Room C, LVH—17th Street, Video Teleconference Room (first floor), LVH—Hazleton, Third Floor Educational Conference Room, LVH—Pocono 2D Conference Room and LVH—Schuylkill, East Wall Auditorium, (2700 E. Norwegian St.). Light refreshments will be available.

LVPHO Member Physician and Advanced Practice Clinician (APC) attendance at this Achieving Clinical Excellence® (ACE)-sponsored program at the above six locations will be incentivized. LVPHO physicians receive \$100; APCs receive \$65.

To register, please contact Lori McFerran at Lori.Mcferran@lvhn.org or 610-969-0019, indicating your name, phone number and which location you will attend.

APC Awards and Election Results

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

Professional Advancement

Shannon N. Diallo, PA-C
LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest

Community Outreach Award

Ramon J. Deeb Jr., CRNA
Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC

Education/Research Award

Ashleigh M. Renitsky, PA-C
LVPG Urology—1250 Cedar Crest

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

President

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

President-elect

Michele C.G. Hartzell, PA-C
LVPG—Emergency Medicine
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Past President

Paul J. Evans, CRNA
Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Secretary/Treasurer

Rachel M. Morcette, PA-C
LVPG Gynecologic Oncology—1240 Cedar Crest
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

At-Large Members

Jessica L. Bowell, PA-C

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

Christina A. Felten, CNM

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

Jessica A. Rush, PA-C

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

Melissa N. Shaner, PA-C

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

Maria D. Thomas, CRNA

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

Pamela A. Thomas, CRNP

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

Department Chair Appointments

Department of Anesthesiology (two seats)

Andrew E. Aspen, CRNA

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

James C. Miller, CRNA

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

Department of Medicine (two seats)

Kathy S. Attieh, PA-C

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

Ryann E. Morrison, PA-C

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

Department of Surgery (two seats)

Rachel L. Moyer, PA-C

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

Jason E. Sommer, PA-C

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

Department of Emergency and Hospital Medicine (one seat)

Christina M. Davies, PA-C

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

Department of Family Medicine (one seat)

Debra P. Goodwin, PA-C

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

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (one seat)

Maria L. Smalley, PA-C

LVPG Gynecologic Oncology–1240 Cedar Crest
(Newly appointed – Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Department of Pediatrics (one seat)

Pamela K. Prisaznik, CRNP

LVPG Pediatric Pulmonology–1210 Cedar Crest
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

Department of Psychiatry (one seat)

Krista T. Carson, PA-C

LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–1259 Cedar Crest
(Term ending Sept. 30, 2016)

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

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

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