

# Thanks and Gratitude

*“...We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.”*

– Thornton Wilder (playwright)

Fall is my favorite time of the year and Thanksgiving, which is right around the corner, has always been my favorite holiday. When else can you unapologetically eat to excess and sprawl across the couch watching football? I mean, it's a great time to give thanks and gratitude for all that we have in our lives.

Gratitude might be defined as “the appreciation of what is valuable and meaningful to oneself.” This is generally reflected as a state of being thankful and this definition suggests something that is quite personal. When we practice gratitude, it allows us also to focus on what we have in life as opposed to what we lack or are missing. It also seems to block harmful emotions, like envy, resentment and regret. From this standpoint, gratitude may play an important component in our overall happiness.



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As physicians or clinical providers, perhaps we should be preaching the importance of and encouraging the practice of gratitude when we counsel our patients. Several scientific studies support the power of gratitude in optimizing clinical outcomes. In the general population, gratitude appears to be associated with increased joy, greater life satisfaction and an overall improved sense of well-being. More specific to medical care, practicing appreciation has been correlated with a variety of clinical benefits for patients. This includes improved outcomes in behavioral health conditions, such as depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder, but also general medical conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes and hypercholesterolemia.<sup>1</sup> Practicing gratitude similarly affects behavior. Studies have shown that grateful people engage in more exercise, have better dietary behaviors, are less likely to smoke and abuse alcohol, and have higher rates of medication adherence – factors that translate, once again, into a healthier and happier lifestyle.<sup>1</sup>

As a practicing physician, I also believe gratitude has a mysterious power that, though elusive, can be a source of satisfaction in our professional life. There is a unique satisfaction and power for me when patients or their family

members thank me for the care I've provided. This is significant when the outcome of care is good but can be even more powerful when the thanks comes after a result may not have been effective or optimal. Similarly, thanking a patient for their patience or simply for choosing me as their doctor provides me with a sense of connection and fosters positive feelings.

As a clinical educator, I also take pride in the gratitude I receive from the students I teach every day and the many residents I've recruited and who we've trained in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. I am especially grateful that many of these trainees choose to remain in our network as our partners and contribute greatly to our community as compassionate and competent physicians. Perhaps the simplest way to practice gratitude is by saying "thank you." I find the more that I actively thank those around me – the nurses, my staff, and my partners and mentors – not only do they respond positively but I feel better as well.

Thanksgiving is a time we are reminded to be grateful. But in truth, the power of gratitude lies within us and is available to each of us every day. Writing this article has allowed me to reflect on the many things that I'm grateful for this at time of year, but also the many blessings life provides me with every day. Topping this list, I'm grateful for my health, my tremendous family and being a doctor, a profession that allows me the unique privilege to touch the lives of patients and their families. I'm also extremely grateful to Lehigh Valley Health Network, where I've had the opportunity to work for the past 13 years, grow and enjoy a genuinely satisfying career. Similarly, I'm thankful to each of you, my colleagues, who have given me the opportunity to be your president and have supported me in this journey.

I believe that gratitude, whether it's an attitude, trait or simply a feeling, is a powerful gift that belongs to each of us as individuals. It's free, always available to us, and is an incredibly powerful tool in remaining resilient should we seek it out. In my experience, when gratitude is truly embraced, and if we make the active effort to practice it, it can – as the quote above suggests – keep us truly alive.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Patruno', with a large, stylized loop at the beginning and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Joseph E. Patruno, MD  
Medical Staff President

1. UC Davis Health. "Gratitude is good medicine: practicing gratitude boosts emotional and physical well being." [http://ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/welcome/features/2015-2016/11/20151125\\_gratitude.html](http://ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/welcome/features/2015-2016/11/20151125_gratitude.html) accessed on Oct. 16, 2017.

# 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](http://LVHN.org/lunginfo)**.

# National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush issued a proclamation designating the first week of November as National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week, to acknowledge and thank medical services professionals for playing an important role in our nation's health care system.

These professionals are the people behind the scenes who make certain the credentials of all practitioners who are caring for patients are correct and have been verified. They are experts in provider credentialing and privileging, medical staff organization, accreditation and regulatory compliance, and provider relations in the diverse health care industry. They credential and monitor ongoing competence of the physicians and other practitioners who provide patient care services in hospitals, managed care organizations and other health care settings.

During the week of Nov. 5-11, don't forget to say hello to your medical services professionals.

MSPs are a vital part of the community's health care team. They are dedicated to ensuring all patients receive care from practitioners who are properly educated, licensed and trained in their specialty.

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Linda Vega](#), Administrative Coordinator, Medical Staff Services, at 484-862-3900.***

# Reminder: Flu Shot Deadline Is Nov. 23

No matter what your role is at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), we all share the same mission – to heal, comfort and care for our community. 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 Network Medical Executive Committee requires that all Medical and Allied Health Professionals who have routine or intermittent patient contact must get a flu shot. All Medical and Allied Health Professional staff are considered to have patient contact. Those who can't be vaccinated because of a valid medical or religious reason must submit an exemption request, obtainable from any Employee Health Services office through 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 use this link:

<http://webappprd001.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**.

**Flu Shot Availability**

**LVH–Cedar Crest, LVH–Muhlenberg and LVH–17<sup>th</sup> Street**

[Flu Shot Clinics](#)

[Employee Health Walk-In Hours](#)

**LVH–Hazleton**

[Flu Shot Schedule](#)

**LVH–Pocono**

[Flu Shot Schedule](#)

**LVH–Schuylkill**

[Flu Shot Schedule](#)



# Participate in Maslach Burnout Inventory Survey

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) Medical Staff Services will make the Maslach Burnout Inventory survey available to our member physicians online in early November. All physicians both employed and independent are encouraged to watch for notifications in your LVHN email and take the survey so an accurate assessment of burnout among our medical staff can be achieved. It will be available over the next several weeks.

One wellness initiative of the network is to assess the level of burnout among members of the medical staff so we can better tailor programs to address this important issue. We are using the Maslach Burnout Inventory, a validated tool, along with some demographic questions, to get a better gauge of how our providers are doing. The survey is part of a larger, network-wide study examining the issue of burnout in health care.

The survey is confidential and anonymous. It is being made available only to physicians on our medical staff. It is not available to any other LVHN colleagues.

The survey also will be offered at various meetings in November and December. Please contact Suzanne Templer, MD, Chief Wellness Officer, at [Suzanne\\_J.Templer@LVHN.org](mailto:Suzanne_J.Templer@LVHN.org) with any questions.

# The Joint Commission Is On the Way

Over the next nine months, The Joint Commission (TJC) is expected to visit Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) a minimum of four times, including reaccreditation surveys at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)—Muhlenberg, LVH—Pocono and LVH (Cedar Crest, 17th Street and Tilghman campuses), as well as an LVAD (left ventricle assist device) recertification survey at LVH—Cedar Crest.

The results of TJC surveys determine the hospital's continued participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs and contracts with third-party payers requiring such accreditation. The integral role of the Medical Staff in planning and developing of the hospital's various services and processes is essential to achieving compliance with the standards.

Expectations that TJC has placed on the Medical Staff include engagement in performance improvement initiatives, day-to-day responsibilities of caring for patients, a robust professional practice evaluation process and the ongoing involvement in the Full Standards Assessments. All are activities in which LVHN's Medical Staff lead or participate.

The accreditation visits are unannounced but it is expected LVH—Muhlenberg's survey to occur somewhere between October 2017 and January 2018. LVH—Pocono's survey is expected to occur within the same window. LVH should finish the accreditation season with its survey between January and July 2018, although its visit from TJC is expected no later than May 2018. The LVAD disease-specific recertification survey and the only survey with a seven-business-day advance notice should occur between October 2017 and Dec. 27, 2017.

Upon arrival of TJC accreditation surveyors, an overhead announcement will be made to welcome the surveyors and alert staff and patients to the surveyors' presence. Throughout the onsite surveys at LVH and LVH—Muhlenberg, all questions and concerns should be directed to the Survey Command Center at **610-402-1786** or **484-884-1786**.

The first hour of survey is designated as a preliminary planning session for TJC surveyor team, immediately followed by a one-hour "Opening Conference" and "Orientation to the Organization" with hospital leadership and internal surveyor escorts. The surveyors will begin actively surveying patient care areas no later than 11 a.m. on the first day of survey. However, please be aware that the Life Safety surveyor often begins touring the building immediately, rather than attending the Opening Conference. Onsite the surveyors will visit all inpatient and procedural areas, as well as many outpatient and off-campus hospital-based clinical services.

Lewis Soloff, MD, a board-certified emergency medicine and internal medicine physician, will again be TJC team leader for the Lehigh Valley region hospitals. Throughout the TJC surveys, each surveyor will be accompanied at all times by a member of the hospital's internal Primary Survey team. That team member will assist in any way possible, so please be aware of any verbal and/or non-verbal cues that team member may be providing you. TJC often seeks to interact with the Medical Staff as surveyors seek to evaluate the hospital's compliance with



standards.

In January 2017, TJC updated the scoring process and has adopted a 100 percent compliance expectation, whereby one observation of any infraction will trigger a deficiency (also known as an RFI, or requirement for improvement). TJC has also implemented a matrix to identify and communicate risk levels associated with deficiencies during surveys in one comprehensive visual representation, known as the SAFER Matrix (Survey Analysis for Evaluating Risk).

Each deficiency will be placed on the matrix table according to likelihood to cause harm and scope of the finding: limited, pattern or widespread. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Conditions of Participation continue to be scored as appropriate to the TJC survey findings, and condition-level findings will trigger a revisit for evidence of compliance with implemented action plans.

The highest areas of focus presently are disinfection and sterilization, and identifying and mitigating ligature risks. To date in CY2017, IC.02.02.01 (which deals with high level disinfections and sterilization) has been cited in 70 percent of hospitals surveyed. Also to date in CY2017, EC.02.06.01 (which addresses a safe physical environment) has been cited in 68 percent of hospitals. This EC (environment of care) standard is where suicide ligature risk issues are scored.

National Patient Safety Goals to be familiar with include:

- Anticoagulation therapy
- Health care associated infections
- Central line associated bloodstream infections
- Surgical site infections
- Hand-off communication
- Medication reconciliation
- Site marking and time out

These will be the first TJC reaccreditation surveys fully utilizing the Epic medical record system. Documentation processes to be cognizant of include:

- Copy and pasting in the medical record
- Verbal/telephone orders – verbal orders to be used in emergent situations
- History and physicals – must be performed within 30 days prior to admission or ambulatory/outpatient procedures; requires a history and physical examination (H&P) update. H&Ps older than 30 days that are updated and added to the chart are not acceptable.
- History and physical updates – must be completed and present prior to the patient going to the operating room and surgery commencing.
- Operative/procedural consents
- Operative reports
- Pre-anesthesia documentation
- Procedural time out and site marking
- Duplicate medication orders – defined as multiple medications from the same class, or medications intended to treat the same underlying problem and are ordered with an intended sequence of administration for a

worsening problem. Orders must be very specific and written for only one medication or written for what the cascade of orders should be.

- Medication titrations
- Discharge/transfer instructions
- Restraint orders and assessments
- Authentication of entries – all entries in the medical record must be dated and timed, whether in written or electronic form, by the person making the chart entry.

Practical survey tips include:

- Caregivers' food and beverages are prohibited in the patient care areas. All such food/drinks should be restricted to lounge areas.
- Wall-mounted chart holders must be in the upright position when not actively in use. Please do not leave a computer/iPad on a chart holder while you are away from the area.
- Infection Control and Prevention: Remember to wear appropriate protective wear only in the areas that are designated and remove such attire prior to leaving the work area – i.e. shoe booties, face mask, etc. All exposed hair must be covered.
- Interpreter Services should be utilized for patient language communication needs (**610-969-4002** or pager **#5394**). Use Cyacom or iPad for all languages. Patient family members should not be utilized to interpret.
- Any physician, employee, or patient who has concerns about the safety or quality of care provided in the hospital may report those concerns to The Joint Commission (Office of Quality & Patient Safety, [patientsafetyreport@jointcommission.org](mailto:patientsafetyreport@jointcommission.org), fax **630-792-5636**), and may do so without fear of punitive or retaliatory action.

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Robin Anthony](#), Administrator, Joint Commission & Regulatory Excellence, at 484-884-2310.***

# LVHN Offers Breast Health Services Throughout Region

Lehigh Valley Health Network offers mammograms performed by certified technologists using advanced technology for both 2-D and 3-D mammography. LVHN offers both 2-D and 3-D mammography services for screening and diagnostic purposes. 3-D mammography can be particularly helpful in patients with dense breast tissue and at increased risk for breast cancer. Screening mammograms are performed at convenient locations across the region.

3-D and 2-D mammograms are offered at these locations:

## **Health Center at Bartonsville**

Bartonsville Square, 600 Commerce Blvd., Stroudsburg

## **Health Center at Bethlehem Township**

Breast Health Services, 2101 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem

## **Health Center at Moselem Springs**

Breast Health Services, Routes 222 and 662, Fleetwood

## **Health Center at Trexlertown**

Breast Health Services, 6900 Hamilton Blvd., Trexlertown

## **Lehigh Valley Hospital–17th Street**

Breast Health Services, 17th and Chew streets, Allentown

## **Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest**

Breast Health Services, John and Dorothy Morgan Cancer Center, 1240 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 203, Allentown

## **Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg**

Breast Health Services, 2597 Medical Office Building, Suite 202, Bethlehem

2-D screening mammograms are offered at these locations:

## **Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton**

50 Moisey Drive, Hazleton

(3-D coming soon to this location)

**Health Center at Bangor**

1337 Blue Valley Drive, Pen Argyl

**Health Center at Bath**

Breast Health Services, 6649 Chrisphalt Drive, Bath

**Lehigh Valley Hospital–Pocono**

206 E. Brown St., East Stroudsburg

**Lehigh Valley Hospital–Pocono Radiology Services**

Route 447, 400 Plaza Court, East Stroudsburg

**Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street**

700 E. Norwegian St., Pottsville

**Mountain Healthcare Center**

100 Community Drive, Tobyhanna

**Women’s Imaging Center**

171 Red Horse Road, Pottsvill

(3-D coming soon to this location)



# LVHN's Donald Levick, MD, Listed Among Top 25 CMIOs

Donald Levick, MD, has been a practicing pediatrician for 32 years but is better known today as Lehigh Valley Health Network's Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO). Recently he received national recognition for the latter role.

In September, Levick was listed among the top 25 CMIOs in the country by Health Data Management, a print and online information magazine and information source for medical and information technology professionals focusing on the technological transformation sweeping the health care industry. He was honored for LVHN's implementation of the Epic electronic medical records system.

"My role is to ensure clinicians have their needs met when it comes to the technical side of patient safety and efficiency, and ultimately, the patients' needs," says Levick, who has been a member of LVHN's information services team since 2000 and was named CMIO in 2011 after serving as Medical Director of Clinical Informatics.

In addition to Epic, Levick has played an integral role in implementing multiple technologies for clinician and patient use throughout his career, including computer-assisted physician order entry (CAPOE) and more recently, MyLVHN, the patient portal now being used by almost 180,000 people.

"The best part of my job is the exposure to new technology and helping to determine where it can be best used to benefit our clinicians and our patients," Levick says.

Levick's national recognition is the latest of many accolades earned by LVHN's information services team in recent months. LVHN earned the HIMSS (Healthcare and Information Management Systems Society) EMR Adoption Model Stage 7 designation (for inpatient and ambulatory care) in May, three Most Wired awards, including Innovator and Advanced in June, and the prestigious HIMSS Davies Award in August.

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Paige Roth](#), Executive Secretary, Enterprise Analytics, at 484-862-3250.***

# Suzanne Templer, DO, Named LVHN Chief Wellness Officer

Suzanne Templer, DO, who has been an infectious disease physician at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) for the last nine years, has been appointed to the newly created position of Chief Wellness Officer (CWO) at LVHN, where she will be charged with creating, instituting and promoting network-wide initiatives to help clinicians by encouraging a sense of community, increasing engagement and improving levels of burnout.

“LVHN is one of the few institutions that I know of where a CWO has been appointed,” Templer says. “So this is new territory. But development of a wellness program is much needed, given the rates of burnout and disengagement being seen in health care.”

The American Academy of Physicians defines physician burnout as a syndrome characterized by a loss of enthusiasm for work (emotional exhaustion), a feeling of cynicism (depersonalization) and a low sense of personal accomplishment. Recent studies indicate almost 54 percent of physicians experience at least one aspect of burnout. An LVHN medical staff survey performed in 2016 showed 58 percent of our physicians have felt burnout at some point in their careers.

“Negative emotions effect everyone around you, and so a bad mood can trickle down to other levels of staff, learners and even family members,” Templer says. “Finding ways to build resilience can keep you adaptable and optimistic, even in the face of uncertainty.”

Templer earned her medical degree at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency in internal medicine at LVHN. She also completed an infectious diseases fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

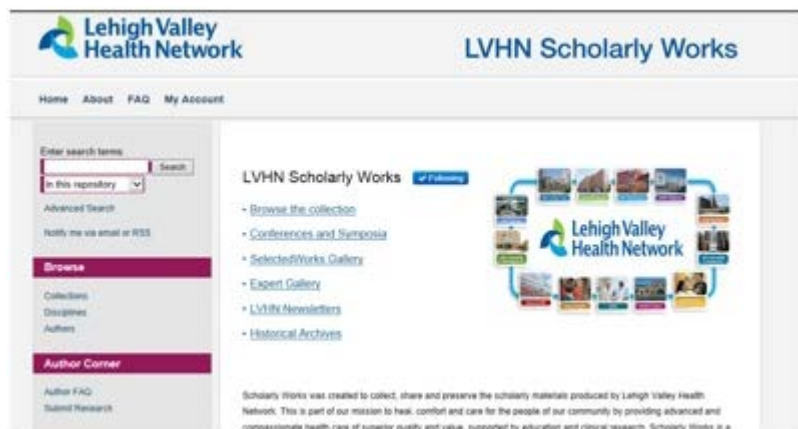
She spends a great deal of her time as Leadership Domain Co-lead and Coaching Lead for the University of South Florida College of Medicine/LVHN SELECT program, where she develops, implements and assesses curricula for medical students. She is an Associate Certified Coach through the International Coaching Federation.

Templer lives in Center Valley with partner Jillian Paprota, DO, and their dog, a black and white Havanese named Wallace.

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Joni Landis](#), Executive Assistant to Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, at 484-862-3940.***

# LVHN Scholarly Works Is 5 Years Old

The [LVHN Scholarly Works](#) institutional repository celebrated its fifth anniversary in October. Scholarly Works is a digital space to collect and provide access to the scholarly activities of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) colleagues and affiliated health care providers.



As part of a network initiative, Library Services has been working with departments trying to archive posters, articles, books, book chapters and presentations done by our colleagues. There are also special collections of old LVHN newsletters, images and other archived documents. The repository is searchable by title, author, subject, keywords and department. Reports can be pulled for Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), Magnet and other accrediting bodies that require scholarship and research. Scholarly Works has also been used as a marketing tool for perspective residents and medical students.



Since the launch of Scholarly Works in October 2012, more 14,900 institutions have accessed Scholarly Works

from more than 212 countries.



Scholarly Works currently has more than 9,748 records with a total of 574,522 downloads. LVHN has been among the most popular institutions in the Medicine and Health Sciences Commons, ranking highly in July in twelve out of 258 disciplines.

The LVHN [Expert Gallery](#) is a place to showcase LVHN colleagues' expertise and enhance the reputation of the institution as a whole.

You can search or browse by research topics our colleagues are interested in. If you have a scholarly profile page you can be included in the expert gallery. The LVHN [Selected Works Gallery](#) is a way to view all the colleague galleries currently available. If you are interested in having your own Selected Works page to highlight your work, email us along with your CV at [LibraryServices@LVHN.org](mailto:LibraryServices@LVHN.org).

Scholarly Works can be accessed through:

- <http://scholarlyworks.lvhn.org>
- On Google and other search engines, search keywords LVHN Scholarly Works
- At [org](#), look for a link to Scholarly Works under Research and Education.
- At Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)– Cedar Crest/17th Street and LVH–Muhlenberg: From the LVHN intranet homepage, click on **Find Fast** choose **Library Services** and then click on **LVHN Scholarly Works**
- At LVH–Hazleton: From the LVH–Hazleton intranet homepage, click on **Library Services** and then click on **LVHN Scholarly Works**
- At LVH–Schuylkill: From the LVH–Schuylkill intranet homepage, click on **Library Services& Patient Ed** then click on **LVHN Scholarly Works**
- At LVH–Pocono: From the LVH–P intranet homepage, click on **Library Services & Patient Ed** then click on **LVHN Scholarly Works**

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



# November 2017 Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

## Pediatric Grand Rounds

- 7 – Turning Qi Projects into Scholarly Works, with David Cooperberg, MD, Drexel University College of Medicine; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 14 – Neurology topic, with Sameh Morkous, MD, pediatric neurologist; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 21 – Pediatric Stroke, with Rebecca Ichord, MD, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 28 – Transplant Lecture, with Nancy Bunin, MD, Medical Director of the BMT Program, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; 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—November 2017

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## **MEDICAL STAFF**

### **New Appointments**

Effective Nov. 7, 2017

#### **Michael A. Crivaro, MD**

(Wound Healing Center – Daniel D. Lozano, MD, MBA)

Surgery

General Surgery

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

2545 Schoenersville Road, Third Floor

Bethlehem, PA 18017-7300

Phone: 484-884-2989 Fax: 484-884-4243

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/23/2017

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#### **Dale A. Danneker, MD**

(Wound Healing Center – Daniel D. Lozano, MD, MBA)

Surgery

General Surgery

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

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Phone: 484-884-2989 Fax: 484-884-4243

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/23/2017LVH

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#### **Roberto Huertas, MD**

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

Anesthesiology

Obstetric Anesthesiology

Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc

4905 W. Tilghman St.

Allentown, PA 18104-9131

Phone: 484-866-9581 Fax: 610-366-1147

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/16/2017

LVH-S

**Eric D. Nellis, MD**

(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 18103-6250

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

Provisional Limited Duty

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/12/2017

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**Bhumika H. Patel, DO**

(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest – Anthony P. Buonanno, MD, MBA)

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest

Lehigh Valley Hospital

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

Third Floor Anderson Wing

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

Phone: 610-402-5369 Fax: 610-402-5959

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/23/2017

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**Pravinkumar B. Patel, MD**

(Integrated Medical Group – Nimesh Vesuwala, MD)

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

Integrated Medical Group, PC

82 Tunnel Road

Pottsville, PA 17901-2710

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

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/12/2017

LVH-S

**Richard Tomczyk Jr., DO**

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

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Lehigh Valley Physician Group—Hazleton

1000 Alliance Drive, Suite 10

Hazle Township, PA 18202-3234

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

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/23/2017

LVH-H

**Rasha T. Yacoub, MD**

(LVPG Family Medicine—Trexlerstown – Stephen J. Motsay, MD)

Family Medicine

LVPG Family Medicine—Trexlerstown

Health Center at Trexlerstown

6900 Hamilton Blvd.

Trexlerstown, PA 18087-0127

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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/09/2017

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**Paula S. Youngdahl, MD**

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Obstetrics/Gynecology

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Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 11/03/2017

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**Resignations**

Karen A. Bretz, MD

Anesthesiology

(Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc.)

Active

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09/30/2017

Kate M. Dewar, DO  
Emergency and Hospital Medicine  
Emergency Medicine  
(LVPG–Emergency Medicine)  
Active  
LVH LVH–M LVH–H

09/14/2017

Constance N. Ebong, MD  
Psychiatry  
Adult Inpatient Psychiatry  
(LVPG Adult Psychiatry–Muhlenberg)  
Active  
LVH LVH–M

09/07/2017

Sean K. George, DO  
Medicine  
Cardiology  
(The Heart Care Group, PC)  
Active  
LVH LVH–M

07/01/2017

Sheila F. Hockman, DO  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Obstetrics/Gynecology  
(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Alliance Drive)  
Active  
LVH–H

09/24/2017

Robert B. Kevitch, MD  
Surgery  
Plastic Surgery  
(Aesthetic Surgery Associates)  
Active  
LVH LVH–M

09/18/2017

Md. Kamrul Khan, MD  
Emergency and Hospital Medicine  
Hospital Medicine  
(Integrated Medical Group)

Active  
LVH-S  
10/06/2017

Karyl Mehlman, MD  
Medicine  
Neurology  
(Specialists On Call)  
Telemedicine  
LVH-S  
04/12/2017

Bashar Mohsen, MD  
Medicine  
Neurology  
(Specialists On Call)  
Telemedicine  
LVH-S  
07/13/2017

MaryAnne K. Peifer, MD  
Family Medicine  
(LVPG Family Medicine-Whitehall)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
10/06/2017

Shibu M. Philips, MD, MPH  
Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging  
Diagnostic Radiology  
Nuclear Medicine  
(Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley, PC)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M LVH-H LVH-S  
08/12/2017

Andrew J. Riester, MD  
Anesthesiology  
(Hazleton Anesthesia Services/Somnia, Inc.)  
Active  
LVH-H  
05/24/2017

John J. Sirotnak III, MD  
Surgery  
Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

(LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–17th Street)

Active

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09/25/2017

Lawrence K. Zohn, MD

Anesthesiology

(Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc.)

Active

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09/30/2017

## **ALLIED HEALTH STAFF**

### **New Appointments**

Effective Nov. 7, 2017

#### **Michele G. Anglisano, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

LVPG–Neonatology

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Supervising Physician: Wendy J. Kowalski, MD

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/23/2017

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#### **Meredith G. Borzotta, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

LVPG Physiatry–Muhlenberg

Lehigh Valley Physician Group

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Bethlehem, PA 18017-7334

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Supervising Physician: Beth C. Stepanczuk, MD

Appointment Date: 11/07/2017 Temporary Privileges: 10/23/2017

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**Resignations**

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Licensed Professional Counselor

(LVPBG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–Muhlenberg)

Provisional Allied Health

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Christine A. Blasko, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(Eastern Pennsylvania Gastroenterology and Liver Specialists, PC)

Allied Health

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09/29/2017

Sara B. Duda, LCSW

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

(LVPBG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–1259 Cedar Crest)

Allied Health

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Linda M. Farley, CCCA

Audiologist

(Linda Farley Audiologist)

Allied Health

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09/25/2017

Brittany E. Forman, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Madison Farms)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
09/08/2017

Lori A. Nase, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Pediatric Hematology Oncology–Cedar Crest)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
09/17/2017

Laura L. Zitzer, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(Center for Women's Medicine)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
09/22/2017

#### **Change of Supervising Physician and Group**

Rosaline O. Owusu, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
From: OACIS Services – Michael Chyu, MD  
To: LVPG Family Medicine–Whitehall – Jennifer L. Stockhausen, DO  
Allied Health  
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11/07/2017

Josefina A. Valdivieso, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(EmCare)  
From: Haywood Blum, MD  
To: Lori A. Lawson, MD  
Allied Health  
LVH–S  
11/07/2017

#### **Change of Supervising Physician and Group-Due to Slot Approval**

Sherry L. 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

Mary R. Tunnessen, CRNA

From: LVH–S Department of Anesthesiology

To: Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC

From: Joaquin J. Cantillo, MD

To: Thomas M. McLoughlin Jr., MD

Allied Health

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11/07/2017

## New Board Members and Chair Appointments

The Advanced Practice Clinicians (APC) Executive Council has announced new appointed board members and new annual chair appointments.

New at-large members are:

- Nicholas Rini, PA-C, MBA, Department of Surgery, term Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2020
- Nancy Maulick, PA-C, Department of Family Medicine, term Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2020
- John Klamann, PA-C, Department of Surgery, term Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2019

Yearly chair appointments are:

- Nissa Gossum, CNM, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Andrew Aspen, CRNA, Department of Anesthesiology
- Christopher Wike, CRNA, Department of Anesthesiology
- Debra Goodwin, PA-C, Department of Family Medicine
- Michelle O'Malley, PA-C, Department of Emergency and Hospital Medicine
- Melissa Hamilton, PA-C, Department of Emergency and Hospital Medicine
- Kathy Attieh, PA-C, Department of Medicine
- Ryann Morrison, PA-C, Department of Medicine
- Krista Carson, PA-C, Department of Psychiatry
- Rachel Moyer, PA-C, Department of Surgery
- Jason Sommers, PA-C, Department of Surgery
- Gail Brown, CRNP, Department of Pediatrics

Rachel Morcrette, PA-C, Department of Surgery, was reappointed as secretary.

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## Advanced Practice Clinicians Honored

The Advanced Practice Clinician (APC) general membership meeting held Sept. 28 featured presentation of the biennial APC Awards.

Awards and those honored were:

- APC Award – Justin Stauffer, PA-C, Emergency Medicine, Department of Emergency and Hospital Medicine
- Research/Education Award – Kyle Langston, PA-C, LVPG Robotic Surgery, Department of Surgery
- Community Service Award – Seth Campbell, PA-C, ExpressCARE at the Health Center at Moselem Springs, Department of Family Medicine
- APC Physician Champion Award – Angelo Baccala, MD, LVPG Urology–1250 Cedar Crest

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