

# The Doctor as the Patient

The year I started medical school, the film “The Doctor” was released. In it, William Hurt plays Jack McKee, an aloof surgeon who is forced to deal with a diagnosis of cancer and experiences firsthand the perils of being a patient. “The doctor” observes, “Every doctor becomes a patient somewhere down the line.” Throughout his experience, he evolves and reconnects with what is important to his patients and rediscovers the joy in being a physician.

I organized my thoughts for this report from home while recovering from my own surgery. And while my experience was not interesting enough for a major motion picture, I can relate to William Hurt’s character. I did not have cancer or a laryngeal tumor resection. Age and years on the tennis court forced me to have rotator cuff surgery and four to six weeks away from my job. Being a patient is not easy.

This isn’t the first time I’ve had surgery – and it was a minor and common outpatient procedure. Even still, the decision leading up to the procedure and the surgery itself were anxiety provoking. Today – two months postop – having healed well, being pain-free and having much improved function, it’s clear the decision to undergo the procedure was the right one. The experience also helped me better see things that our patients experience every day. The experience of the patient looks very different when we are actually the patient.

The first thing I’ve realized is that pain hurts. As a physician who manages patients with pain every day, I have a renewed respect and empathy for what they go through. Actually experiencing pain is different than treating it – and not nearly as gratifying, I might add. My anesthesia and surgical team did a masterful job preemptively controlling this pain with a local block and wound pump. Nonetheless, I, like many of our patients, had no choice but to work through pain using semi-effective medications and activity modification along with the “tincture of time.”

As a patient, you view and feel the clinical experience much differently than when you’re the doctor. My mentality changed. I surrendered to my condition, truly accepted the need for surgery and had faith that my surgeon – one of our excellent orthopedists – could and would fix me. I became vulnerable and accepted I had little control. This was something that I – and maybe most doctors – inherently find uncomfortable. After the procedure I was tending



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to myself, as opposed to caring for others. I was asking for and accepting help – also an uncomfortable place for me as a caregiver. In my case this was both at home, being unable to accomplish simple tasks, and at work in asking my partners and colleagues to share in my responsibilities during my absence.

A final observation from my recent experience is that health care is truly complex and a “team” sport. During my outpatient admission at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN)–Tilghman, no fewer than 20 individuals touched me over the 8 hours I was admitted. Each of these individuals was professional, compassionate and did a superb job caring for me and keeping me safe. I realized each of these individuals’ contribution to my care and it became clear how if one was off their game it might tarnish the experience.

A cynic might say I got this treatment being a recognizable member our medical staff. But in watching their interactions with every other patients, it became clear this was the global culture and just what they do. Specifically, each was engaged, took pride in their responsibilities and was genuinely committed to keeping patients safe and satisfied with their experience.

I am happy to be recovering and glad to be back at the hospital as an administrator – but even more, as a doctor. I have appreciated my family’s help at home but also the assistance of my extended family at work during my recovery. Finally, this experience has provided me with a renewed perspective on what our patients experience every day. It also reinforced in me how fortunate I am to be at LVHN, as a provider, part of our superior and collegial medical staff, and even as a patient should it be necessary again in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Patruno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Joseph E. Patruno, MD  
Medical Staff President

# In-Demand Specialty Services in Lehigh

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) is improving convenient access to LVHN care for the residents of Lehigh and Carbon County by bringing a number of in-demand specialties to the area.

As of April 2, LVHN–Lehigh, located at 363 N. First St., Lehigh, offers weekday appointments with the following specialists:

- Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) Cardiology – Heart care will be provided by board-certified and fellowship-trained cardiologists Cheri Silverstein Fadlon, MD, and Jeffrey Snyder, MD.
- LVPG General Surgery – Team comprised of Michael Mahoney, DO (robotic surgery), Joshua Nochumson, MD (colon-rectal/robotic surgery), Blake Stewart, DO (laparoscopic surgery), and Martin Walko, MD (general surgery), will provide surgical consultation and care.
- LVPG Neurosurgery – Spinal disorders will be the focus of Luis Cervantes, MD, and Chris Lycette, MD.
- LVPG Orthopedics – Orthopedic care will be provided by board-certified orthopedic surgeon Robert Boran Jr., MD.
- LVPG Vascular Surgery – Vascular surgeons, James McCullough, MD, and John Welkie, MD, will provide care for disorders of the blood vessels outside of the heart.

The LVPG Hematology Oncology care team of Dan Popescu, MD, Surendra Shah, MD, and Elena Brinker, CRNP, will continue to provide cancer care services and infusion services for area residents at this centralized location.

“Carbon County residents deserve the highest quality health care available. LVHN has been providing that care for decades. Bringing these specialty services to Lehigh underlines our commitment to care for the Carbon County community,” says Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, President and CEO, LVHN. “Our goal is to make accessing LVHN care more convenient.”

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Emily L. Greene](#) at 484-884-3073.***

# May 2018 Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Tennessee Park, BA, Joshua Enyart, DO, Terrence Goyke, DO, and Marna Rayl Greenberg, DO, MPH, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “An unusual case of bilateral anterior shoulder dislocations.” It was published in Radiology Case Reports, Volume 13, Number 1, November 2017.
- Jessica Weiland, MD, Deepak Jayant, DO, and Kenneth Katz, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “Chemical hand warmer packet ingestion: a case of elemental iron exposure.” It was published in Wilderness & Environmental Medicine, Volume 28, Number 3, September 2017.
- Clifford Masom, MD, Kathleen Kane, MD, and Kenneth Katz, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “A 2-year-old girl with bradycardia and lethargy: is Perseus to the rescue?” It was published in Pediatric Emergency Care, Volume 34, Number 3, March 2018.
- William Miller, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an editorial, “The new hypertension guideline: logical but unwise.” It was published April 5, 2018, online ahead of print in Family Practice.
- Sweetie Jain, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, authored an article, “I am fine with who I am.” It was published in Family Medicine, Volume 50, Number 4, April 2018.
- Ashwini Kamath Mulki, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, authored an article, “Through the looking glass of noncompliance.” It was published in Family Medicine, Volume 50, Number 4, April 2018.

# May 2018 Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

## Department of Education Conferences

- May 2 – Cardiology for the Primary Care Physician – Hazelton; Valley Country Club, Sugarloaf, Pa.; 5:30 to 8 p.m.
- May 10 – Stroke Symposium: Spotlight on Stroke; LVH–Cedar Crest, Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Rooms 6, 7, 8 and Employee Auditorium; 4:30 to 7:55 p.m.
- May 11 – Stroke Symposium: Spotlight on Stroke; LVH–Cedar Crest, Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Rooms 6, 7, 8 and Employee Auditorium; 7 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.
- May 22 – Feather Lecture: Patient Safety – It's Not Rocket Science; LVH–Cedar Crest, Anderson Family Pavilion, noon to 1 p.m.
- May 23 – Child Maltreatment; LVH–Cedar Crest, Anderson Family Pavilion, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

*For details, call 610-402-2277, option 1, or visit [go.activecalendar.com/LVHN-DOE](http://go.activecalendar.com/LVHN-DOE).*

## Pediatric Grand Rounds

- May 8 – Drowning in Children, with John Lindmark, MD, PICU; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- May 15 – Topic TBA, with Kimberly Kuchinski, MD, Good Shephard Rehabilitation Hospital; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- May 22 – Nephrology Topic, with Tecile Andolino, MD, St. Luke's University Health Network; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- May 29 – Mental Health Topic, with Steve Kairys, MD, MOH, FAAP, K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital; 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—May 2018

## MEDICAL STAFF

### New Appointments

Effective May 1, 2018

#### **Richard L. Canlas, MD**

LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine—Health & Wellness Center – Peter W. Kozicky, MD)

Family Medicine

Sports Medicine

LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine—Health & Wellness Center

Health & Wellness Center

50 Moisey Drive

Hazle Township, PA 18202-9297

Phone: 920-810-6344 Fax: 570-501-3837

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/23/2018

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#### **Sharon A. Cline, MD**

(LVPG Family Medicine—Bangor – Philip J. Cinelli, DO)

Family Medicine

LVPG Family Medicine—Bangor

1337 Blue Valley Drive

Pen Argyl, PA 18072-1815

Phone: 610-654-1270 Fax: 610-654-1271

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/23/2018

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#### **Phillip J. Franklin, MD, MPH, MBA**

(HealthWorks—1243 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. – Richard F. Goy, MD, MPH)

Medicine

Occupational Medicine

HealthWorks

1243 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.

Allentown, PA 18103-7982

Phone: 610-402-9230 Fax: 610-402-9293

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/23/2018

LVH LVH-M LVH-S

**Maximo Llaudes, MD**

(Health Network Laboratories – Daniel F. Brown, MD, MBA)

Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Anatomic Pathology

Monroe Pathologists

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East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-3006

Phone: 570-476-3543 Fax: 570-476-3319

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/12/2018

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**Frank B. Moyes, DO**

(LVPG–Emergency Medicine – David Burmeister, DO)

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

LVPG–Emergency Medicine

Lehigh Valley Hospital

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Allentown, PA 18105-1556

Phone: 610-402-8130 Fax: 610-402-7160

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/12/2018

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**Roy Rajan, MD**

(LVPG Pediatric Surgical Specialties–1210 Cedar Crest – Marybeth Browne, MD)

Surgery

Pediatric Surgical Specialties/Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery

Pediatric Otolaryngology

LVPG Pediatric Surgical Specialties–1210 Cedar Crest

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Allentown, PA 18103-6241

Phone: 610-402-7999 Fax: 610-402-7995

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/23/2018

**Rakesh B. Saraiya, MD**

(Rakesh B. Saraiya, MD)

The Lehigh Valley Heart Institute

Cardiology

91 S. Progress Ave.

Pottsville, PA 17901-2966

Phone: 570-622-5616 Fax: 570-622-5618

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018

LVH-S

**Carolina Sforza, MD**

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Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

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**Mausumi N. Syamal, MD**

(LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–17th Street – Chetan S. Nayak, MD)

Surgery

Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery

LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–17th Street

401 N. 17th St., Suite 210

Allentown, PA 18104-5034

Phone: 610-969-4950 Fax: 610-969-4960

Provisional Active

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/23/2018

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**John P. Tinsley, MD**

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**Alison L. Walsh, MD**

(LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest – Steven L. Lewis, MD)

Medicine

Neurology



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Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/16/2018  
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**Ronald P. Walsh Jr., MD**

(Health Network Laboratories – Daniel F. Brown, MD, MBA)  
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
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**Michael A. Weiss, MD**

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General Anesthesiology  
EmCare  
Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill  
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Provisional Active  
Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/13/2018  
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**Resignations**

Joseph E. Albert, DO  
Medicine  
Occupational Medicine  
(LVH Schuylkill Occupational Medicine)  
Active  
LVH–S  
03/18/2018

Samer Bolis, MD  
Medicine  
General Internal Medicine  
(LVH Department of Medicine)  
Limited Duty  
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03/12/2018

Joseph D. Chipriano Jr., DMD  
Dental Medicine  
General Dentistry  
(Joseph D. Chipriano, DMD, LLC)  
Active  
LVH-S  
4/10/2018

Frances A. Feudale, DO  
Emergency and Hospital Medicine  
Emergency Medicine  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M LVH-H  
03/30/2018

Gary A. Fisher, DO  
The Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute  
Radiation Oncology  
(Geisinger Radiation Oncology)  
Active  
LVH-S  
03/22/2018

Victoria K. Gonsorcik, DO  
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
Anatomic Pathology  
Transfusion Medicine and HLA  
(Health Network Laboratories)  
Provisional Active  
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03/19/2018

Kyle A. Helwig, MD  
Medicine  
Gastroenterology  
(Eastern Pennsylvania Gastroenterology and Liver Specialists, PC)

Active  
LVH LVH-M  
02/20/2018

Kerry R. Kauffman, MD  
Pediatrics  
General Pediatrics  
(Children's HealthCare)  
Provisional Active  
LVH LVH-M  
02/02/2018

William M. Markson, MD  
The Lehigh Valley Heart Institute  
Cardiology  
(Cardiology Associates and Diagnostic Center of Carbon County)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
03/29/2018

Uma E. Nambiar, MD  
Pediatrics  
General Pediatrics  
(ABW Pediatric Associates)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
4/10/2018

Christian W. Oram, DO  
Medicine  
Dermatology  
(Advanced Dermatology Associates, Ltd.)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
04/01/2018

Jose L. Ramos, MD  
Pediatrics  
General Pediatrics  
(ABW Pediatric Associates)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
03/21/2018

Maria A. Ramos, MD  
Pediatrics

General Pediatrics  
(ABW Pediatric Associates)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
03/21/2018

Chand Rohatgi, MD  
Surgery  
General Surgery  
(Chand Rohatgi, MD PC)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
04/01/2018

Ofer J. Shustik, MD  
Family Medicine  
(Coordinated Health)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
03/14/2018

Ronald A. Stein, MD  
The Lehigh Valley Heart Institute  
Cardiology  
(Cardiology Associates and Diagnostic Center of Carbon County)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
03/29/2018

Suzanne J. Templer, DO  
Medicine  
Infectious Diseases  
(LVPG Infectious Diseases-1250 Cedar Crest)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
04/02/2018

Jose I. Uribe, MD  
Surgery  
Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery  
(Bethlehem Ear, Nose & Throat Associates)  
Active  
LVH LVH-M  
01/15/2018

Loretta A. Witczak-Keil, MD

Medicine  
General Internal Medicine  
(Allentown Family Practice)  
Affiliate  
LVH LVH-M  
03/13/2018

### **Name Change**

Leanne G. DeRose, CRNP, changed to Leanne G. Leckie, CRNP  
LVPG Family and Internal Medicine–Bethlehem Township  
Medicine  
General Internal Medicine/Geriatrics

Lauren E. Semler, PA-C, changed to Lauren E. Schwartz, PA-C  
LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest  
Emergency and Hospital Medicine  
Hospital Medicine

### **ALLIED HEALTH STAFF**

#### **New Appointments**

Effective May 1, 2018

#### **Brian W. Chilcote, LCSW**

Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–Muhlenberg  
2710 Schoenersville Road  
Bethlehem, PA 18017-7384  
Phone: 610-297-7500 Fax: 610-297-7533  
Supervising Physician: Courtney H. Chellew, DO  
Appointment Date: 05/01/2018  
Temporary Privileges: 04/12/2018  
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#### **Jennifer L. Divirgilio, DNP, CRNPA**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
Adfinitas Health  
150 Ice Lake Drive  
Mountain Top, PA 18707-9654  
Phone: 570-647-8990 Fax: 570-261-2015  
Supervising Physician: Mark M. Radziewicz, DO  
Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/16/2018

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**Frank Espinosa, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified

Ailawadi Surgical Associates

2200 Hamilton St.

Allentown, PA 18104-6329

Phone: 484-934-1070 Fax: 844-570-2273

Supervising Physician: Maneesh Ailawadi, MD

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/12/2018

LVH-S

**Nicholle L. Koes, CCP**

Perfusionist

Keystone Perfusion Services, PC

PO Box 161

Mountain Top, PA 18707-0161

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

Supervising Physician: Timothy S. Misselbeck, MD

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/12/2018

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**Debra S. McGeehin, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

LVPG Endocrinology-1243 Cedar Crest

1243 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 2800

Allentown, PA 18103-6230

Phone: 610-402-6790 Fax: 610-402-6979

Supervising Physician: Robert A. McCauley, MD

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/23/2018

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**Amanda M. Moran, CRNP**

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

LVPG-Emergency Medicine

Lehigh Valley Hospital

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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

Supervising Physician: Gerald A. Coleman III, DO

Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/23/2018

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**Katira M. Noska**

Dental Assistant

Brinton Pediatric Dentistry

1517 Pond Road, Suite 201  
Allentown, PA 18104-2253  
Phone: 610-395-4800 Fax: 610-395-7080  
Supervising Physician: Phillip K. Brinton, DDS  
Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/12/2018  
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**Stephen Palumbo, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
AIDS Activities Office  
Lehigh Valley Hospital  
17th and Chew, PO Box 7017  
Allentown, PA 18105-7017  
Phone: 610-969-2400 Fax: 610-969-2195  
Supervising Physician: Daniel Torres, MD  
Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/23/2018  
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**Sarah M. Saporito, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
LVPG Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine-1250 Cedar Crest  
1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.  
Allentown, PA 18103-6271  
Phone: 610-402-9116 Fax: 610-402-9610  
Supervising Physician: Joseph B. Schellenberg, MD  
Appointment Date: 05/07/2018  
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**Nicole L. Schuster, LPC**

Licensed Professional Counselor  
LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry-1259 Cedar Crest  
1259 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.  
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Phone: 610-402-5900 Fax: 610-402-4650  
Supervising Physician: Susan D. Wiley, MD  
Appointment Date: 05/01/2018 Temporary Privileges: 04/12/2018  
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**Resignations**

Jessica A. Bickerstaff, RRT  
Registered Respiratory Therapist  
(American Home Medical Equipment & Services Inc.)  
Allied Health

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04/09/2018

Joanne L. Cohen, PhD  
Psychologist  
(LVPG-The Guidance Program)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
04/02/2018

Brett J. Feldman, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Community Health & Wellness Center)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
03/14/2018

Kelsey A. Groves  
Emergency Department Scribe  
(ScribeAmerica)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
03/28/2018

Lauren B. Hoddinott  
Medical Assistant  
(American Home Medical Equipment & Services Inc.)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
04/06/2018

Amanda M. Ketusky, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology-1245 Cedar Crest)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
04/09/2018

Jasmine Lui  
Emergency Department Scribe  
(ScribeAmerica)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
03/28/2018

Samuel D. Roof, DC



Chiropractor  
(LVPG Chiropractic Medicine–1243 Cedar Crest)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
03/16/2018

Susan E. Smith, LCSW  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
(LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–Muhlenberg)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
03/30/2018

Stacy M. Spadt, LCSW  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
(Children’s Clinic)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
04/03/2018

Joshua M. Stone  
Graduate Genetic Counselor  
(LVPG Maternal Fetal Medicine–3900 Hamilton Blvd.)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
03/06/2018

Christine E. Tucker, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Endocrinology–1243 Cedar Crest)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
03/09/2018

Samuel W. Wyld, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Children’s Express Care)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
03/27/2018

**Change of Supervising Physician**

Patti A. DaSilva, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(EmCare)  
From: Russell Harris, MD  
To: Toni A. Marcheskie, MD  
Allied Health  
LVH-S  
05/01/2018

Kevin McNavage, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine)  
From: Amit Sareen, MD  
To: Eric Bean, DO, MBA  
Allied Health  
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Damara M. Ritchey, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(Children's Clinic)  
From: Samone E. Nore, MD  
To: Kelli L. Nayak, MD  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
05/01/2018

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

Andrea J. Cope, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
From: LVPG Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg – Bianca M. Mokgethi, MD  
To: LVPG Family Medicine-Moselem Springs – Colleen M. Charney, MD  
Allied Health  
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05/01/2018

**Additional Supervising Physician and Group- Change of Supervising Physician**

Karen P. Fabrizio, DNP, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVH-Schuylkill – Walter W. Setlock, DO)  
Addition of: LVH-Schuylkill – Blake A. Stewart, DO

From: Joseph E. Albert, DO to Leslie Dubowitz, MD – LVH–Schuylkill

Allied Health

LVH–S

05/01/2018

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# APC Executive Council Leadership Positions

Emily Harris, PA-C, accepted a nomination for an At-Large Member position on the Advanced Practice Clinician (APC) Executive Council that runs through Sept. 30, 2019. She is with LVPG Robotic Surgery and joined LVPG in January 2018. She previously practiced as a surgical PA at Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Cancer Center and NewYork-Presbyterian. She was lead PA at MSK's Josie Robertson Surgery Center and managed 27 PAs across six surgical specialties.

There are several open positions on the APC Executive Council that start immediately and in fall 2018. The following are the openings on the council:

- Two At-Large Members
  - Term Oct 1, 2018, to Sept. 30, 2020
  
- Secretary/Treasurer
  - Current, usually a one-year commitment
  
- President-Elect
  - Term Oct 1, 2018, to Sept. 30, 2020
  - Moves to President for two-year term
  - Then Past-President for a two-year term
  
- President
  - Term Oct 1, 2018, to Sept. 30, 2020
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# ePrescribing of Controlled Substances

ePrescribing of controlled substances (EPCS) allows clinicians to send controlled drug (CII-CV) prescriptions to pharmacies electronically. This functionality is more efficient than the current process of printing and signing paper-based scripts, and it provides an additional level of security.

EPCS will be required by the FDA in the near future. When a provider orders a controlled medication in Epic, there will be an authentication screen requiring their password, and then a notification will come to their cellphone (or Apple Watch) to approve/decline the prescription.

Members of the information services team have been rounding practices to enroll providers. The practice management team will work with the providers to ensure they will be on-site for enrollment.

Providers who do not prescribe controlled substances are exempt from this requirement.

Please see the tip sheet [here](#) (LINK TO LVHN Electronically Prescribe Controlled Substances Tip Sheet.pdf) to learn more about using EPCS in Epic. To prepare for this pilot, providers should download the free Imprivata ID app from the App Store [here](#) (the phone must have iOS 8 or later) or from Google Play [here](#) for Android users (the phone must be on “Lollipop” or “Marshmallow” and on version 2.0 or later), and then follow the setup instructions in the app.

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