

Learning from Others

Last month, James Bagian, MD, an anesthesiologist, pilot and former astronaut, and director of the Center for Healthcare Engineering and Patient Safety, delivered the annual Feather Lecture. His presentation, “Patient Safety – It’s Not Rocket Science,” was dynamic and his discussion aptly focused on ways to assure safety in medicine. He did this through comparing safety in the aviation industry with that of health care.

There is much we can learn in medicine from other industries, and there is no industry more fitting to study than aviation, where safety is paramount. It’s estimated that there are only 250 fatalities in the airline industry every year, whereas in the health care setting there are 200,000 deaths each year due to medical errors. Health care is more complex and unpredictable than aviation but few would argue against the idea that we must also take steps to minimize complications and mortalities. We accomplish this through the use of safety protocols and creating a culture dedicated to safety.

Tools that are used effectively in aviation and have proved transferrable to the health care environment include practice guidelines, structured communication systems, and the use of checklists and briefings in the procedural setting. The implementation of other processes, including cross-checks, read-backs and the “two-challenge rule,” also have shown to improve safety in medicine.

These safety protocols and processes are critical. All team members need to be educated about them, recognize their importance and adhere to them, which requires appropriate attitudes and behaviors that make safety our number one priority. In aviation, this has been augmented through a strategy called Crew Resource Management (CRM). CRM is both a communication and a cultural strategy that has been used in the aviation industry for more than four decades. Most important is a focus on effective communication and interactions between all team members while keeping them educated on factors that influence performance and safety.

Strengthening the culture of safety is as equally important in health care. Peer monitoring, fatigue management and efforts to limit hierarchy are important elements to this process. Peer monitoring involves creating proactive screening systems to identify colleagues at risk, providing them with resources they need to protect them and their



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patients. Similarly, recognition and prevention of fatigue as a factor in clinical performance and safety remains sub-optimally monitored in many health settings.

Implicit in a healthy culture, and an area that has been emphasized in the airline industry, is the idea that staff well-being, morale and motivation are key to the safe and successful delivery of their product. We must continue to optimize our environment with a focus on wellness for not only our patients but also our clinical staff and physicians.

Finally, the aviation industry has improved its safety by breaking down hierarchy, which still remains entrenched in traditional medicine. Although necessary at some level, hierarchy also threatens communication and may prevent care team members from voicing concerns that influence safety. Our network's commitment to establishing a "Just Culture" is an example of how this can be effective.

It's absolutely worthwhile to look at other industry models as we continually reflect on how we provide patients with better and safer care. This has always been our modus operandi at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and I felt confident after Bagian's lecture that we will continue to lead the way in prioritizing safety. According to Vizient, the premier health care performance improvement company, [LVHN provides among the best](#) quality and safest health care not only in the region but also nationally

This accomplishment, and the many other quality awards our network receives regularly, is attributed to each of us on this medical staff. Safety can only be achieved through leadership, accountability and talent, three qualities expected of our clinicians and demonstrated consistently by our medical staff daily. This talent along with teamwork and our culture will take us to the moon.

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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Medical Staff President

Varian Edge with Calypso Coming to LVH-Cedar Crest

Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest will be receiving the Varian Medical Systems' Edge® stereotactic radiosurgery system with Calypso® extracranial tracking on June 25. This will represent the second Edge system for Lehigh Valley Health Network, the first being at the Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center at LVH–Pocono.

Edge is a leading edge, minimally invasive stereotactic radiosurgery used to treat many types of cancer with incredible precision and accuracy. LVH–Pocono was the first hospital in Monroe County to offer Edge, capable of delivering higher doses of radiation to destroy cancer cells with no cutting, no anesthesia, fewer treatments and no in hospital stay.

Edge treats a wide range of cancerous and noncancerous tumors throughout the body, including those of the lung, prostate, brain, spine and other sites. It delivers treatments quickly, all while keeping track of tumor motion using advanced tracking technologies.

Here's how it can be used for various cancer types:

- Lung cancer – The Calypso tracking system works hand in hand with Edge to track tumors in real time, so that even tumors that readily move, such as those of the lung, can be precisely targeted with radiation.
- Prostate cancer – Greater accuracy means greater results and better quality of life. Published data suggests that Calypso and Edge can result in lower rates of bowel and sexual dysfunction side effects.
- Brain and spine cancers – Radiation oncologists are able to utilize higher doses of radiation, delivered more quickly and accurately, to pinpoint brain and spinal tumors in fewer sessions while minimizing exposure to surrounding healthy tissues and structures.

The system also alerts the radiation oncologist if the patient undergoing treatment has moved in a way that could compromise accuracy. Edge also allows radiation oncologists to treat more than one tumor in the body at a time, which is not the case with some other radiosurgery systems where each individual tumor must be treated in a separate session.

For additional information, please contact radiation oncologist Dennis Sopka, MD, at 610 402 0700.

'First Thursday' Physician Social Event Set

Physicians are invited to the next "First Thursday" Physician Social Event sponsored by the Medical Staff. The event will take place at The Dime in Allentown on Thursday, June 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The gatherings include drinks, light food fare and, most importantly, the chance to connect and unwind away from the office or hospital.

All you need to do is sign up. Watch your email for information on how to do so. We hope to see you there.

GLVIPA General Membership Meeting Scheduled

The next general membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association will be held on Monday, June 25, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest Auditorium with video conferencing to LVH–Muhlenberg, LVH–Hazleton, LVH–Pocono and LVH–Schuylkill.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Curcio, Coordinator, Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association, at **610-969-0423** or mary_ann.curcio@LVHN.org.

Deborah Campbell, DMD, MEd, Earns Children's Advocacy Award



Deborah Campbell, DMD, MEd, Vice Chair, Dental Medicine, received the Inez and Edward Donley Award for Children's Advocacy from the Community Services for Children (CSC) organization of Allentown. The award acknowledges public service at the local, state and/or national levels that has significantly improved the quality of life for children.

Campbell has partnered with CSC's Head Start and Early Head Start program since 2013, donating her time to provide dental screenings and exams to pregnant women and children birth to age 5. Over the past three years, she has provided 600 dental screenings to the most vulnerable families in Lehigh and Northampton counties. She educates families on oral hygiene and the importance of routine exams, and her gentle approach helps children overcome a fear of the dentist.

NIH Encourages: Publish in Reputable Journals

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently encouraged authors of papers resulting from NIH-funded research to publish in reputable journals. The rule applies to all authors of credible research papers.

There are many journals in publication in which serious researchers should not consider publishing. These journals and publishers are usually known as “predatory” and do not follow best practices promoted by scholarly organizations.

How can a scholar recognize a predatory journal and publisher?

- Misleading pricing (no transparency for article processing charges)
- Failure to disclose information to authors
- Aggressive tactics to solicit article submissions
- Inaccurate statements about editorial board membership
- Misleading peer-review process
- Contact information not easily accessible

As a research scholar, you may argue that the data in your paper is credible. However, publishing in a predatory journal can discredit your research with the scientific community.

So what should you do to ensure that you are selecting a credible journal? The National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine recommend these resources:

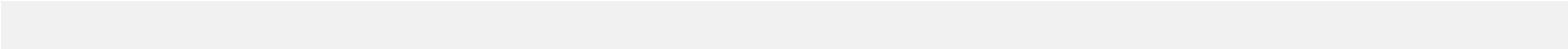
- Check your library – the Lehigh Valley Health Network digital library has a subject guide entitled [Writing and Citing](#)
- [Think Check Submit](#)
- Federal Trade Commission: [Academics and Scientists: Beware of Predatory Journal Publishers](#)
- International Committee of Medical Journal Editors: [Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals](#)
- Joint statement by the Committee on Publication Ethics, Directory of Open Access Journals, Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association and World Association of Medical Editors: [Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing](#)

How do I find the Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) digital library?

- Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest/17th Street and LVH–Muhlenberg: From the intranet home page, click on FIND FAST then choose Library Services.

- LVH–Hazleton: From the intranet home page, click on Library Services.
- LVH–Schuylkill: From the intranet home page, click on Library Services & Patient Ed.
- LVH–Pocono: From the intranet homepage, click on Library Services & Patient Ed.

LVHN librarians have access to resources that provide information on the credibility of many journals. Contact them at **610-402-8410** or Libraryservices@LVHN.org.



June 2018 Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Sigrid Blome Eberwein, MD, of the Burn Recovery Center, offered presentations at 50th Annual Meeting of the American Burn Association, Chicago, April 10-13, 2018:
 - “Reconstructive SIG”
 - “An algorithm of burn scar treatment”
 - “Does topical steroid after fractional CO2 laser treatment of scars make a clinical difference?”
 - “Fundamentals of laser practice”
 - “Financial considerations for a successful laser practice”
 - She earned a best in category award for her poster, “Second degree burn care with a lactic acid based biodegradable skin substitute in 229 pediatric and adult patients.”
- Members of the Department of Family Medicine offered presentations at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference, May 5-9, 2018, Washington, D.C.:
 - Lynn Wilson, DO, Laura Benner, RN, Julie Dostal, MD, and Nyann Biery, MS, co-presented “Simulation suits as a learning tool to promote empathy toward older adults.”
 - Grant Greenberg, MD, MA, MHSA, and Brian Stello, MD, co-presented “Ambulatory quality assurance and peer review: removing the fear.”
 - Susan Hansen, MA, Beth Careyva, MD, Drew Keister, MD, and Brian Stello, MD, co-presented “A qualitative examination of health beliefs among Hispanic patients with prediabetes.”
 - Susan Mathieu, MD, Nicole Defenbaugh, PhD, Susan Hansen, MA, and Drew Keister, MD, co-presented “Creating EPAs using the primary care exception rule.”
 - Ashwini Kamath Mulki, MD, and Nicole Defenbaugh, PhD, co-presented “Sculpting pain: an innovative hands-on approach to teaching complex pain care.”
 - Katerina Valavanis, MD, and Veronica Brohm, MD, co-presented “Increasing interest in family medicine through innovative student curriculum and promotion of shared work among all levels of medical learners.”
 - Susan Hansen, MA, Beth Careyva, MD, Drew Keister, MD, and Brian Stello, MD, co-presented “Mobilizing FPIN membership to encourage faculty scholarship: a reproducible model?”
- William Miller, MD, MA, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, “Use of quality improvement strategies among small to medium-size US primary care practices.” It was published in the Annals of Family Medicine, Volume 16, Supplement 1, April 2018.
- Kyle Shaak, RHIA, Melanie Johnson, MPA, Susan Hansen, MA, Elaine Seaton Banerjee, MD, MPH, Brian Stello, MD, and Beth Careyva, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, “Exploring health beliefs among Hispanic adults with prediabetes.” It was published April 11, 2018, online ahead of print in the Journal of Community Health.
- William Miller, MD, MA, 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.

- Matthew Niehaus, DO, Kyli Krape, DO, Shawn Quinn, DO, and Bryan Kane, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “Frontal sinusitis complicated by a brain abscess and subdural empyema.” It was published in Radiology Case Reports, Volume 13, Issue 2, April 2018.
- Debra Esernio-Jenssen, MD, of the Department of Pediatrics, presented “The Connections Clinic: a new approach to substance abuse,” at the Ray E. Helfer Society Annual Meeting, April 22-25, 2018, Nashville.
- Debra Esernio-Jenssen, MD, of the Department of Pediatrics, was selected as the 2018 winner of the Outstanding Professional Award by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). This award recognizes a member who has made outstanding contributions to the field of child maltreatment and the advancement of APSAC’s goals.
- “Implementation of ASET (American Electroneurodiagnostic Society) skin safety guideline by the Lehigh Valley Health Network committee improves extended EEG-related skin breakdown” has been accepted for presentation at the ASET 2018 Annual Conference, Aug. 16-18, 2018, New Orleans. Authors are Joann Coryell, Manager, Neurosciences Education, LVHN; Alexis Gerber, Registered Neurodiagnostic Technician, LVHN; and Sameh Morkous, MD, Chief, Section of Pediatric Neurology, Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital.
- A book chapter, “Staring spells consistent with new onset seizures in a pediatric patient undergoing a sleep study,” by Sameh Morkous, MD, Chief, Section of Pediatric Neurology, Lehigh Valley Children’s Hospital, was accepted for publication by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. It will be included in a learning companion for the Internal Classification of Sleep Disorders (3rd ed.) to be published in Fall 2018.
- Alanna Balbi, BS, Amanda Van Sant, PA-C, MSPAS, Eric Bean, DO, MBA, and Jeanne Jacoby, MD, FACEP, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “Mumps: resurgence of a once-dormant disease.” It was published in the Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, Volume 31, Number 5, May 2018.

June 2018 Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Department of Education Conferences

- June 8 – Delivering Quality Care to the LGBT+ Community; LVH–Muhlenberg, ECC Rooms B C D; 5 to 7:30 p.m.
- June 18-19 – End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium, with Jeanne Vogt; Kalahari Resort, 205 Kalahari Blvd, Pocono Manor, Pa.; all day. A two-day seminar designed to improve care and quality of life for adults and children with life-limiting diseases. Register online to reserve your seat, breakfast, lunch and snacks. Limited rooms at Kalahari are available. To book a hotel room (which includes four water park tickets), please visit: <https://stay.kalahariresorts.com/pennsylvania#groupsignin>. Your group booking ID is 3776. Enter code when prompted, press continue and follow the on-screen instructions.

For details, call 610-402-2277, option 1, or visit go.activecalendar.com/LVHN-DOE.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

- June 5 – ID Potpourri, with Margaret (Meg) Fisher, MD, Medical Director, Unterberg Children’s Hospital; Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Monmouth Medical Center; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- June 12 – Feeding, with Kimberly Kuchinski, MD, Good Shephard Rehabilitation Hospital; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- June 19 – Sickle Cell Pain Management, with Ruchita Doshi, DO, PGY–III; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- June 26 – Dyspnea: A Case-Based Approach to a Complex Symptom, with Michael Schwartz, MD, Pediatric Pulmonology; 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-June 2018

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New Appointments

Effective June 5, 2018



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04/13/2018

Sandra L. Curet, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Gynecology/Primary Care OB/GYN

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05/05/2018

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04/30/2018

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04/01/2018

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Active

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04/30/2018

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Obstetrics/Gynecology

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04/21/2018

Arvind Srinivasan MD

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Urology

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Active

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04/23/2018

Rochelle Steiner-Friel, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Primary Care OB/GYN

(Center for Women's Medicine)

Active

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04/30/2018

Jose I. Uribe, MD

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Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

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Active

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Resignations

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Nicole L. Stephens
Emergency Department Scribe
(ScribeAmerica)
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Michael R. Vitti
Emergency Department Scribe
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05/04/2018

Name Change

Angela Furca, CRNP, to Angela Furca-Brennan, CRNP
Integrated Medical Group

Emergency and Hospital Medicine
Hospital Medicine

Tara A. Vossler, CRNP, to Tara A. Zemlansky, CRNP
LVPG Geriatric Medicine–17th Street
Medicine
General Internal Medicine

Additional Supervising Physician and Group

Lorna M. Pinguelo, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(LVPG Pediatric Hematology Oncology–Cedar Crest – J. Nathan Hagstrom, MD)
Addition of: LVPG–Emergency Medicine – Andrew C. Miller, DO
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Change of Supervising Physician

Stephen M. Ryan, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG ExpressCare–Easton)
From: Grant M. Greenberg, MD, MHSA
To: Natalie M. Bieber, DO
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Teri Lynn Scatena, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(LVPG ExpressCare–Easton)
From: Grant M. Greenberg, MD, MHSA
To: Natalie M. Bieber, DO
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Jacaline P. Wolf, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(OACIS Services – Sarah Nicklin, MD)
Removal of: Daniel E. Ray, MD

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APC Skills Workshop Series: July Through October

The Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) Department of Education invites network advanced practice clinicians to the following skills workshops:

Orthopedic Skills: Splinting Basics

- Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Facilitator: John Klaman, PA-C
- LVHN Sim Center, 1247 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., 2nd floor, MP Room 2, Allentown
- To register: <http://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe/site/internal/event/apc-skills-workshop-series--orthopedic-skills---splinting-basics-2>

Basic Suturing Techniques

- Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Facilitator: Justin Stauffer, PA-C
- Surgery Education Center, Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest, Kasych Family Pavilion Level B, Allentown
- To register: <http://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe/site/internal/event/apc-skills-workshop-series--basic-suturing-techniques-3>

Heart Murmur and Harvey the Cardiopulmonary Patient Simulator

- Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Facilitator: John Tomasi, PA-C
- LVHN Sim Center, 1247 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., 2nd floor, MP Room 2, Allentown
- To register: <https://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe/site/internal/event/apc-skills-workshop-series--heart-murmur>

Basics of Cardiology: EKGs

- Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Facilitator: Kathy Attieh, PA-C
- LVHN Sim Center, 1247 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., 2nd floor, MP Room 2, Allentown
- To register: <https://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe/site/internal/event/apc-skills-workshop-series--basics-of-cardiology>

Have questions? Please contact the Department of Education at **610-402-2277**.

APC Executive Council Leadership Open Positions

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
 - Moves to Past-President for a two-year term

For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Michele Hartzell, PA-C, MBA, President, LVHN APC Executive Council](#), at 610-653-5792.