

# The World Cup and the Power of Unity

Based on my past articles you've probably realized that athletics and sports are personally meaningful to me. Last month we were completely entrenched in perhaps the greatest of all sports events – the World Cup soccer tournament. The World Cup is one of the biggest and most-watched sporting events in the world. Entire countries grind to a halt, altering shopping and banking hours according to their home team's schedule.

Like the Eagles' and Villanova's wins, the World Cup resonates with me. I started playing soccer as a young boy, played in college and even play now in an over-a-certain-age league. I remember fondly living in Rome in 1982 when the Italian soccer team brought home the World Cup trophy and seeing the joy the victory provided for the country and its people.

When the United States was eliminated from this year's tournament in the qualifying rounds, I was disappointed and at first had little interest in the competition. However, as the games unfolded in mid-June and the level of the play heated up, I was hooked. I joined billions of other people worldwide, watching each exciting match. Moments included Ronaldo's brilliant hat trick against Spain in the opening contest, the joy of the Panamanian people after their team scored its first Cup goal ever (despite trailing England by six goals at the time) and certainly the unlikely run of the scrappy Croatian team which, despite being defeated, played in its first ever World Cup final. Countless moments like these over the month-long competition exemplify the excellence, the passion and the camaraderie that the World Cup consistently highlights and what makes it so special.

The power and the enthusiasm of the World Cup is also a testimony to the fact that sport is more than winning or losing. Compelled by the dedication, emotion and passion of the World Cup athletes, I can't help but think of the parallels with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) physicians.

Our "beautiful game" is medicine and the nation we represent is LVHN. We train and practice every day with the goal of providing the best care for our patients. Although success requires individual skill and hard work, it also necessitates teamwork. Our fans are our patients and communities who put their faith in us and take both comfort and pride in the remarkable things each of us can do to keep them healthy.



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There is no doubt that the clinicians in our network make an exceptional team. The truly unique and mysterious power of the World Cup is solidarity and unity. LVHN works continuously to maintain this as well. Unity – working together with the same mission – can be elusive but remains a critical component for success in any environment and especially in the health care setting.

As our medical staff has grown in size and geography, our practice structures have changed, sometimes becoming more isolating, and with our diverse practice structures staying cohesive and unified is a challenge. Each and every member of our medical staff is critical to our mission, however. Our goal will be to continue to cultivate community, foster engagement and stay unified. In doing so, we will keep joy and meaning in what we do, maintain a strong medical staff culture and undoubtedly remain the premier health care team in the region. Much like France, the 2018 World Cup champions!

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

Joseph E. Patruno, MD  
Medical Staff President

# Bren New Medical Staff President-elect

Deborah Bren, DO, with LVPG Family Medicine, was selected as President-elect for the Medical Staff starting January 2019. Bren will serve two years as President-elect, followed by two years as President and two years as Past-President.

“I have an enormous amount of respect for the Troika team, and for all of our network colleagues. It is a privilege and honor to serve in this role,” Bren says.

As President-elect, she will focus on maintaining the scholarly and academic reputation Lehigh Valley Health Network has earned. She will also work to facilitate compassion and empathy, not only in our patient care, but also among the Medical Staff, focusing on teamwork and treating each team member with grace, respect and trust.

Bren completed her medical training at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, with the intent of becoming a surgeon. However, she ultimately chose family medicine and has never regretted it. “I liked the continuity of care and the inherent challenges and rewards in improving health as a primary care physician,” Bren says.

Along with her new role as President-elect of the Medical Staff and caring for patients, Bren is married and has two adult sons. She enjoys traveling, Broadway musicals, cooking and good restaurants. One of her bucket list items is to visit every National Park – so far, she has visited 12.

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Dana Hacker](#) in Medical Staff Services.***

# Announcing the Well-Being Index Initiative

In the next week you will be invited to join an initiative using a product called the Well-Being Index (WBI). This initiative is sponsored by Medical Staff Services and the Greater Lehigh Valley PHO and involves using an online assessment tool that will allow you to evaluate your wellness and distress in just nine questions. This tool was developed at Mayo Clinic, is 100 percent anonymous, and is being used by more than 500 other hospitals and more than 20,000 other physicians throughout the country.

The benefits of the WBI include:

- 1) The WBI is a personalized online assessment. In only nine questions you can accurately assess your well-being and get immediate feedback. You can then compare your results to your peers based on national averages. Once again, all completely anonymously!
- 2) The WBI is designed for you to track well-being over time. This encourages self-awareness and allows you to correlate your scores with events in your professional and personal life.
- 3) The WBI will connect you with a platform containing both national and local educational materials and resources focused on wellness. This includes videos, publications, websites, and various programs in 11 different categories to educate and use to promote well-being.
- 4) The WBI will provide critical data for the network and leadership. With our doctors using the tool, we will have access to de-identified aggregate reports relating to the well-being of our staff. This will allow us to look specifically at cohorts on our medical staff to better develop programs and strategic interventions to promote wellness and mitigate burnout.

Our goal is to have every physician on staff at Lehigh Valley Health Network, and every member of GLVIPA, sign up and use the WBI by the end of September. Our hope is you will use the tool quarterly thereafter as means of measuring your well-being. [Watch this video](#) to learn more about how the physician well-being index works.

Look for your invitation to the WBI and join the rest of our medical staff in being part of this important initiative.

# LVHN's 2018 Healthcare Heroes

Congratulations to several Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) colleagues and physicians who have been honored with 2018 Healthcare Heroes Awards. Healthcare Heroes is a program of Lehigh Valley Business (LVB), a publication focused on the Lehigh Valley business community. This is the fifth year LVB has honored members of the local health care community.

LVHN's 2018 Healthcare Heroes include:

- Martin Martino, MD – Medical Director, Minimally Invasive Robotic Surgery Program
- George McCracken – Administrator, Lehigh Valley Home Health Services
- Robert Murphy, MD – Chief Integration Officer, LVHN, Chief Medical Officer, Populytics
- Judith Henriquez-Valerio – Workforce Enhancement Program
- Gloria Rivera – Workforce Enhancement Program
- Yendira Rosario – Workforce Enhancement Program
- Luz Cruz – Workforce Enhancement Program

This honor is bestowed upon those who make remarkable contributions to the health care industry in the Greater Lehigh Valley.

“This award attests to the fact that we, as medical professionals, can have a tremendous impact both on our patients and also to the greater society in which we live,” Murphy says.

A total of 20 awardees were chosen from a pool of 38 nominees.

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Robert Murphy, MD](#), at 610-402-4375.***

# LVHN Physicians Named 2018 Top Physicians Under 40

Two Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) physicians, Leigh-Anne Piechta, DO, and Karina Reed, MD, were named Pennsylvania Medical Society Top Physicians Under 40. Honorees were nominated by colleagues and selected by a committee of Pennsylvania Medical Society member physicians.

Piechta and Reed were two of 38 physicians on this year's list, comprised of providers from 19 different medical specialties, in 18 Pennsylvania cities. They are the only Lehigh Valley physicians to be named to this year's Top Physicians Under 40 list.

Physiatrist Leigh-Anne Piechta, DO, with LVPG Physiatry, earned her doctor of osteopathy in 2009 from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her internship at Christ Hospital, Jersey City, N.J., and residencies in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. Piechta was inspired to pursue a career in rehabilitation and physical medicine after experiencing physical rehab as a teen.

Piechta has helped open three acute inpatient rehabilitation units since coming to LVHN, serving as Medical Director. In her roles at LVHN, Piechta has helped increase the community's access to resources they need to recover from strokes, spinal cord injuries, and other injuries and illnesses. Her leadership and team-building skills also provide a strong foundation of practice for clinicians.

Reed serves as assistant practice leader with LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology—1245 Cedar Crest. Reed earned her doctor of medicine at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, graduating in 2008. She served her internship and residencies at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, also in Philadelphia.

Since coming to LVHN, Reed has implemented innovative ideas to provide better and more efficient patient care. One of her initiatives is focused on developing and supporting the expansion of LVPG's midwifery program. She is also the obstetrics rotation leader for her organization's OB/GYN residency and co-directs its obstetrics simulation curriculum.

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# GLVIPA General Membership Meeting Scheduled

The next general membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 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](mailto:mary_ann.curcio@LVHN.org).

# New Practice Location for LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat

This month, Allen Ear Nose & Throat in Allentown joins the Lehigh Valley Physician Group and becomes LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–Pond Road.

Physicians in the practice include:

- Robert DeDio, MD
- Hilary Koprowski II, MD
- Paul Lemberg, MD
- Niketu Patel, MD
- Karen Shemanski, DO

The practice joins LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–17th Street, Allentown, and LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–Palmer Township.

They provide specialized ear, nose and throat/otolaryngology services, including:

- Endoscopic sinus surgery
- Myringotomy with or without tube placement
- Excision of salivary glands
- Excision of oral lesions
- Laryngoscopy
- Lymph node biopsy or excision
- Nasal septum surgery (septoplasty)
- Nose plastic surgery (rhinoplasty)
- Diagnosis and treatment of head and neck cancer
- Tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy adult and pediatric
- Tracheotomy

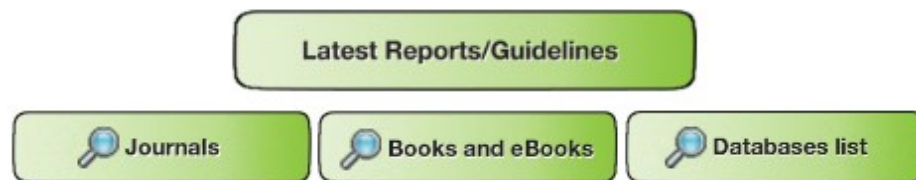


# NIH Discontinues National Guideline Clearinghouse

The AHRQ National Guideline Clearinghouse is longer available after July 16, 2018, due to federal funding cuts. According to the NGC site, there has been some interest from stakeholders to continue the work of the NGC but nothing has been determined at this time.

Lehigh Valley Health Network Library Services is continuing our own online directory of guidelines. On the digital library page you can find a directory of the Latest Reports and Guidelines:

## Digital Library Homepage



Click on the Latest Reports/Guidelines page and you will find a directory by year and each year is divided monthly with the newest reports and guidelines that have been published.

**DISCLAIMER:** This is not a comprehensive list of guidelines or reports.



**Abbreviations Key**

CER = Comparative effectiveness review, CPG= Clinical Practice Guideline, RCT = Randomized Control T

**June 2018**

1. CASL updated guidelines: [UPDATE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC HEPATITIS C: 2018](#) CMAJ. 2018.
2. Prescriber's Letter Chart: [Naloxone for Opioid Overdose \(FAQs\)](#). June 2018.
3. Prescriber's Letter Chart: [Choosing and Switching Antidepressants](#). June 2018.

If you are searching for a guideline that hasn't recently been updated, you can search previous years by clicking

on the tabs at the top of the directory. If there is a guideline that has been published but you can't find it on the library page please request it through our [article request form](#).

To find the 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.

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# August 2018 Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Esther Kim, Erica Mason, DO, Andrew Koons, DO, and Shawn Quinn, DO, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, and Robert Williams, MD, of the Department of Radiology, co-authored an article, “Successful utilization of mechanical thrombectomy in a presentation of pediatric acute ischemic stroke.” It was published April 15, 2018, online ahead of print in Case Reports in Pediatrics.
- Matthew Palilonis, DO, and Jeanne Jacoby, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “A non-traumatic, rapid-onset headache that is as dangerous as subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH) seen in the emergency department.” It was published May 30, 2018, online ahead of print in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine.
- Kathleen Kane, MD, Kevin Weaver, DO, Gavin Barr, MD, Shawn Quinn, DO, Terrence Goyke, DO, Dawn Yenser, C-TAGME, and Bryan Kane, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, and Amy Smith, PhD, of the Division of Education, co-authored an article, “Use of a clinical pathologic conference to demonstrate residents’ ACGME emergency medicine milestones, aid in faculty development, and increase academic output.” It was published in the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, Volume 118, Number 6, June 2018.
- Richard Chow, DO, Andre Lee, MS, Bryan Kane, MD, Jeanne Jacoby, MD, Stephen Dusza, DrPH, Matthew Meyers, BS, and Marna Rayl Greenberg, DO, MPH, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, and Robert Barraco, MD, MPH, of the Department of Surgery, co-authored an article, “Effectiveness of the ‘Timed Up and Go’ (TUG) and the Chair test as screening tools for geriatric fall risk assessment in the ED.” It was published June 7, 2018, online ahead of print in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine.
- Jeffrey Sternlieb, PhD, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-presented “Authentic ethics and self reflection” at the Pennsylvania Psychological Association 2018 Annual Convention, June 13-16, 2018, King of Prussia, Pa. He also participated in the panel, “Panel discussion on loss of clients to suicide: clinical, legal, ethical.”
- William Miller, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, “Creating and sustaining care teams in primary care: perspectives from innovative patient-centered medical homes.” It was published in Quality Management in Health Care, Volume 27, Number 3, July/September 2018.
- Megan Derr, RN, MSN, of the Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute, has been invited to present at the Association of Community Cancer Centers National Oncology Conference, Oct. 18, 2018, in Phoenix. Her presentation is “Cultivating change: a disease-specific, team-based approach to improving oncology clinical trials.”

# August 2018 Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

## Department of Education Conferences

- 14 – Trafficking of Minors Happens Here Too: What You Need to Know; Seegers Union, Muhlenberg College
- 13 – 10th Annual Fleming Infection Prevention and Infectious Diseases Symposium; Bear Creek Resort, Macungie

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

## Pediatric Grand Rounds

- 7 – PICU topic, with Sabrina Logan, MD, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 14 – Genetics, with Ronald Wapner, MD, Columbia University Medical Center; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 21 – Medical Ethics in Outpatient Setting, with Jennifer Walter, MD, Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 28 – Topic TBA, with Katie Kindt, DO, PGY-III; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.

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06/30/2018

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Emergency and Hospital Medicine  
Hospital Medicine

(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)

Provisional Active

LVH LVH-M

06/30/2018

Anita Sargent, MD, PhD

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Obstetrics/Gynecology

(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology-Valley Center Parkway)

LVH LVH-M

06/17/2018

Amar J. Sharma, MD

Medicine

Allergy

(Allergy Associates of Lehigh Valley)

Active

LVH LVH-M

06/30/2018

Manuel R. Uribe, MD

Anesthesiology

General Anesthesiology

(EmCare)

Active

LVH-S

06/15/2018

Christi A. Weston, MD, PhD

Psychiatry

Psychiatric Ambulatory Care

(LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry-Muhlenberg)

Active

LVH LVH-M

06/30/2018

### **Resignations of ER Residents**

Osman Z. Abbasi, DO

Glen A. Burket III, DO

Zachary Dillon, MD

Kathryn A. Henry, DO

Emily Kiernan, DO

Raymond J. Melder, DO

Nathaniel Yoder, DO

(LVH-M Emergency Medicine)

Limited Duty  
LVH LVH-M LVH-H LVH-S  
06/23/2018

## **ALLIED HEALTH STAFF**

### **New Appointments**

Effective Aug. 7, 2018

#### **Arpana R. Bidnur, RD**

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08/07/2018 – 08/06/2019

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#### **Nichole J. Fink, RD**

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**Elizabeth A. Wittig, CRNP**



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Temporary privileges: 07/30/2018

### **Resignations**

Sandra Y. Portelli, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Physiatry–Health & Wellness Center)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH–H  
06/19/2018

Victoria Romano, DNP, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Family and Internal Medicine–Alliance Drive)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH–H  
06/22/2018

Megan M. Stefanelli, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Physiatry–1255 Cedar Crest)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
06/21/2018

Anne Marie Wentzell, PA-C  
Emergency and Hospital Medicine  
Hospital Medicine  
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
6/30/2018

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

Laura A. Braslow, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Family and Internal Medicine–Bethlehem Township)

From: LVPG Family and Internal Medicine–Bethlehem Township – Jennifer L. Keller, DO  
To: LVPG Family Medicine–Richland Township – Katherine M. Thompson, DO  
Allied Health  
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Stephen M. Ryan, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
From: LVHN ExpressCare–Easton – Natalie M. Bieber, DO  
To: LVPG Family Medicine–Richland Township – Katherine M. Thompson, DO  
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08/07/2018

Kristen A. Wismer, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
From: LVPG Hematology Oncology–1240 Cedar Crest – Brian J. Patson, MD  
To: OACIS Services – Sarah Nicklin, MD  
Allied Health  
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08/07/2018

**Additional Supervising Physician and Group**

Alan W. Heckman, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG–Emergency Medicine – Gavin C. Barr Jr., MD)  
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest – Johnnie M. Georges, MD)  
Addition of: LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery–1250 Cedar Crest – James K. Wu MD  
Allied Health  
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Nicole E. O'Shurak, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG–Emergency Medicine – Andrew C. Miller, DO)  
Addition of: LVPG Pediatrics–Laurys Station – Renee D. Morrow-Connelly, DO  
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08/07/2018

# APC Skills Workshop Series Continues Through October

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

## Heart Murmur and Harvey the Cardiopulmonary Patient Simulator

- Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, 5-7 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, 5-7 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**.