

# Medical Marijuana: Our New World

Early in our medical careers we committed to the dictum to “first, do no harm.” Over the past several months I’ve given this dictum greater thought as we’ve entered a new world at Lehigh Valley Health Network, one in which marijuana – a substance that has been used primarily for recreational pleasure – has entered our offices and hospitals as a therapeutic option for patients.

Act 16 – or the Medical Marijuana Act – was passed two years ago made medical marijuana (MMJ) legal in Pennsylvania. To get access to MMJ, patients must be credentialed by a doctor and diagnosed with one of 17 “serious medical conditions.” Examples of these conditions include seizure disorder, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, post-traumatic stress disorder and chronic intractable pain. Our commonwealth has joined 29 other states making MMJ legal and accessible to patients.

As a disclaimer, I am currently certified to credential patients for MMJ both by our state and our network.

Over the past few months I’ve started to make this treatment available to a number of my patients I’ve gotten to know well over years through our pelvic pain program. Most of these women are diagnosed with complex neuropathic pain syndromes. These patients suffer, struggle to function, and in most cases have undergone numerous invasive procedures and trialed many medications that have offered incomplete relief of their symptoms.

Opinion and the acceptance of the use of MMJ in the medical community remains mixed, although surveys reveal that 76 percent of physicians and 93 percent of Americans support the legalization of marijuana for medical use.<sup>1,2</sup> Still, many clinicians have concerns about the use of MMJ that are not unwarranted. These worries include that MMJ has side effects, may aggravate other health conditions and has the potential to be addictive (even if this risk is less than with other controlled medications, such as opioids). Excessive marijuana use may also be associated with other adverse personal and societal outcomes including psychomotor, memory and executive function impairments, and altered school and work performance. Finally, although there is growing evidence that MMJ has therapeutic benefits and a reasonable safety profile, there is a paucity of well-designed clinical studies that support the use of MMJ in treating the conditions it’s being used to manage.



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Our network has taken a proactive position and established a multidisciplinary committee focused on how best to allow our patients to safely access and use MMJ in our ambulatory and inpatient settings. This committee has produced position statements, created consent processes and established system requirements for the use of MMJ in our network for patients, as well as our employees who may be using the agent.

“First, do no harm.” Perhaps the true harm of MMJ is not actual use but to not make it available to appropriate patients. We should not be dismissive of the many legitimate patients whose symptoms have improved on cannabis. For me this included the practical reality that many of my patients found symptom relief in using the agent recreationally.

In the end, however, we should not expect MMJ to be a panacea for treating these conditions. I do expect it could and will be a valuable adjunct in treating many patients. Secondly, empirical evidence suggests it may decrease the use of other dangerous and potentially addictive medications, as well as lead to improvement in functionality. Although it is too early to really measure the benefit of MMJ, in my practice the initial anecdotal data suggests it is helping in most cases. I remain cautiously optimistic it will offer safe and sustainable results.

We as a medical community must remain diligent and proactive, as well as open-minded, in being educated and learning more about MMJ. This requires higher-quality research to help us better understand the balance of risk and benefit of MMJ and how to best use the agent. In doing this we will not only do no harm but actually enhance the care of our patients by improving symptoms and optimizing their lives.

For information on the Medical Marijuana Task Force at LVHN, please contact Timothy Friel, MD Department of Medicine at **610-969-2400** or [timothy.friel@LVHN.org](mailto:timothy.friel@LVHN.org).

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

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Medical Staff President

1. “Clinical decisions. Medicinal use of marijuana – polling results.” J. Adler et al. New England Journal of Medicine. 2013; 368(22): 866-8.
2. “Support for marijuana hits new high.” Quinnipiac University Poll website. [poll.qu.edu/national/release-detail?ReleaseID=2539](http://poll.qu.edu/national/release-detail?ReleaseID=2539).

# Expanded Program Monitors More High-Risk Patients

Women who are at a higher risk for the development of breast cancer may need additional screening, testing and long-term management. Risk identification and development of a plan for risk reduction and monitoring are important for this population of women.

The Cancer Risk and Genetics Clinic follows women with known genetic mutations, and now has a formalized program to follow high-risk women without a known mutation. Creation of a formalized program to address the needs of high-risk women who do not carry a known mutation will provide a comprehensive program to include all women at higher risk for breast cancer.

For the expanded management of this patient population, and development of a high-risk program, high-risk patients without a known genetic mutation will now be followed by Linda Sesa MSN, RNC, AOCN, CRNP, in the surgical oncology practice. Sesa has her CRNP in women's health care and has more than 20 years of experience specifically in breast care. Referrals may be directly to Sesa at the surgical oncology practice.

Starting Sept. 10, 2018, Sesa will also join the Cancer Risk and Genetics Multidisciplinary Clinic. She will see and follow patients with known genetic mutations and those receiving testing results in this clinic.

# Nair Named to Medical Oncology Board

Suresh Nair, MD, Physician-in-Chief of the Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute, has been appointed to the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Medical Oncology Board.

ABIM's Specialty Board members are responsible for working with physicians and medical societies to develop board certification and maintenance of certification credentials that recognize physicians for their specialized knowledge and commitment to staying current in their field.

Nair, with LVPG Hematology Oncology, will join a nationally recognized body of physicians from a diverse range of practice types, as well as members of the interprofessional health care team and public who provide important perspectives on patient care.

# Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Classes

When it seems there is no time to breathe ... that's the best time to pause and take a breath!

You can learn to meditate by attending Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction classes this fall. They will be held Mondays, starting Oct. 1, 2018, at the Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest.

Attend a FREE information session for more information:

- Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018 – ECC Room 9
- Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018 – ECC Room 10
- Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018 – ECC Room 9

A retreat will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, at LVH–Muhlenberg.

Call **888-402-LVHN** or register online at [LVHN.org/mindfulness](http://LVHN.org/mindfulness).

# AIDS Activities Office Is Now Comprehensive Health Services

The AIDS Activities Office now has a new name: Comprehensive Health Services. The name change reflects a request from patients to not have the name of a health condition as part of the practice name.

Other than the name, nothing else about the practice is changing. Comprehensive Health Services will continue to provide the same services as part of Lehigh Valley Health Network. There are no changes to billing or accepted insurances. All appointments will be honored as scheduled at the same location within Lehigh Valley Hospital–17th Street. The phone (**610-969-2400**) and fax (**610-969-2195**) numbers remain unchanged.

These providers will continue to provide care at Comprehensive Health Services:

- Leslie Colip, MD
- Timothy Friel, MD
- Marcelo Gareca, MD
- Margaret Hoffman-Terry, MD
- Victoria Lieb, CRNP
- Amy Slenker, MD
- Joseph Yozviak, DO

If you have questions about this change, call **610-969-2400** or **888-402-LVHN**.

# The Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute Stages Second Annual Symposium In November

The Second Annual Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute Symposium, "Partnership With Primary Care," will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10, 2018, at Camelback Lodge, Tannersville.

Registration deadline is Nov. 2, 2018.

Here's the agenda:

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## Friday, Nov. 9

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2-2:45 p.m.	Cancer Genomics: Creating Opportunities for Precision Medicine
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2:45-3:15 p.m.	Guidelines for Cancer Screenings
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3:15-4 p.m.	Use of a Multidisciplinary Approach to Melanoma Care: A Panel Discussion
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4:15-4:45 p.m.	Stenting vs. Surgery in Gastrointestinal Malignancies
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4:45-5:15 p.m.	Thrombosis
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5:15-6:15 p.m.	Social Hour With Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute Disease Management Teams
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**Saturday, Nov. 10**

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8-8:30 a.m.                      Evaluation and Management of Post-menopausal Bleeding: Endometrial Cancer

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8:30-9:15 a.m.                      Promoting Breast Cancer Survivorship: Addressing Bone Health, Endocrine Therapy, Sexual Dysfunction and Weight Management After Cancer

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9:15-9:45 a.m.                      The Past, Present and Future of Lung Cancer  
Diagnosis and Treatment: Robotic Thoracic Surgery and Beyond

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10-10:30 a.m.                      Active Surveillance vs. Active Treatment: Decision-Making in Prostate Cancer

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10:30-10:55 a.m.                      Nipple Discharge – Causes and Next Steps

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10:55-11:20 a.m.                      Genetic Testing and Cancer Risks

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11:20-11:50 a.m.                      The Microbiome

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11:50 a.m.-12:20  
p.m.                                      Evaluating Anemia in the Older Adult

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LVHN colleagues, please bring your LVHN badge the day of event since badge swipe will be used to record your attendance.

Registration fees are as follows:

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<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Friday only (3 CEs)</b>	<b>Saturday only (4 CEs)</b>	<b>Both days (7 CEs)</b>
Providers	\$25	\$30	\$50
Fellows/Residents/APCs	\$12	\$18	\$25
LVHN RNs	FREE	FREE	FREE
Non-LVHN RNs/allied health professionals	\$12	\$18	\$25

To register, go to [go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe](https://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe) and search for the event by title or date. You will receive an email confirmation of your registration. Please keep this information since it contains your receipt (if applicable) and instructions in case you need to cancel.

On-site registrations may be available if space permits at an additional fee of \$10. Please be prepared for additional time to process your registration when you arrive. Payment can be made on-site by check or credit card only.

For questions, contact LVHN Department of Education at **610-402-2277, option 1**.

# GLVIPA General Membership Meeting In September

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).

# Caring for Caregivers: Peer Support Training

If you're familiar with the "second victim" phenomenon, you understand the support a program such as Caring for Caregivers: Peer Support Training brings to the medical staff. A second victim is defined as a health care provider involved in an unanticipated adverse patient event, medical error and/or a patient-related injury who becomes victimized in the sense that the provider is traumatized by the event. Providers might feel personally or partially responsible for the unexpected outcome, as though they have failed. They may second-guess their skills and knowledge base or experience overwhelming sadness for the patient and his or her family.

Any involvement in a health care error can lead to a measurable decrease in quality of life, decreased empathy, increase risk of burnout and depression, among other factors. Peer support is critical and can serve as crisis intervention by being an active short-term support person that can lessen the impact experienced.

Qualified individuals interested in supporting their peers are requested to connect with their department chair. Each department's chair will nominate any physician and advanced practice clinician volunteers to the Peer Support Program. The individuals should be experienced and chosen for their ability to work well with other colleagues.

Selected individuals will be required to attend a training session prior to commencing the program, which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest. The goal is to receive two nominations per department/division.

Responses are requested by Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in order to begin contacting those nominated.

For questions, please contact Carmine Pellosie, DO, MPH, MBA, FACOEM, at **610-969-2971** or [carmine.pellosie@lvhn.org](mailto:carmine.pellosie@lvhn.org), or Carolyn Lamparella, LPC at **610-433-8550** or [carolyn.lamparella@lvhn.org](mailto:carolyn.lamparella@lvhn.org).

# MAT for Opioid Use Disorder Comes to LVHN

In response to the current opioid crisis, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services is now more widely available at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). The Section of Medical Toxicology, in conjunction with Paige Roth, LVHN Addiction Recovery Specialist, provides MAT with buprenorphine to patients with opioid use disorder.

MAT involves initiating the patient on buprenorphine, an opioid receptor partial agonist/partial antagonist, to prevent opioid-induced euphoria, withdrawal, and cravings. Treatment with this medication stabilizes the patient with opioid use disorder to support engagement in treatment including individual and group counseling, thus promoting brain healing and the ability to rebuild psychosocial support systems.

A unique partnership between LVHN and Pyramid Health, a local drug and alcohol treatment center, will allow for continuity of MAT care for the patients induced on buprenorphine in the Emergency Department or inpatient setting. LVHN toxicologists staff a twice-weekly MAT clinic at Pyramid Health, where patients are maintained on MAT. LVHN providers should consider this service when they are caring for patients who are:

- Suffering from opioid use disorder
- Interested in pursuing substance use disorder treatment
- Interested in beginning MAT with buprenorphine
- 18 years of age or older
- A resident of Lehigh County

The simplified process to get help for these patients and to begin MAT is as follows:

- During day time hours, primary care team consults the Addiction Recovery Specialist on call to assess for patient readiness and to do a level of care assessment
- During day time hours, primary care team consults Toxicology for management of withdrawal symptoms and consideration of buprenorphine
- If induction with buprenorphine deemed appropriate, and the patient is in opioid withdrawal, the medication will be initiated.
- The toxicologist provides a bridge prescription (up to seven days) of buprenorphine at discharge to last until follow up at MAT clinic. The cost of filling this prescription at Health Spectrum Pharmacy will be covered by the county for Lehigh County residents in need.

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Gillian A. Beauchamp, MD](#), at 412-977-8761.***

# Influenza Vaccination Update- September 2018

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

The Network Medical Executive Committee requires all Medical and Allied Health professionals who have routine or intermittent patient contact to get a flu shot. All Medical and Allied Health professional staff are considered to have patient contact. Those who cannot be vaccinated because of a valid medical or religious reason must submit an exemption request, obtainable from any Employee Health Services office, by Thursday, Nov. 1. These individuals must be granted an exemption or be vaccinated by Friday, 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.

If you receive your flu vaccination at one of the employee health flu clinics at an LVHN hospital, in the employee health office or by a LVHN peer vaccinator, you do NOT need to provide of vaccination. 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: [webappprd001.lvh.com/webpublic2/swipesignf/fluProof1.aspx](http://webappprd001.lvh.com/webpublic2/swipesignf/fluProof1.aspx).

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.

- For Cedar Crest, fax to 610-402-1203
- For LVH-Hazleton, fax to 570-501-4721
- For LVH-Schuylkill, fax to 570-621-4257


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

- Employee Health Services locations during walk-in hours
- Vaccination clinics held at any LVHN hospitals, One City Center, Three City Center or the Mack Building
- On units and in practices that participate in our peer vaccination program (Lehigh Valley Hospital [LVH]–Cedar Crest, LVH–17th Street, LVH–Tilghman and LVH–Muhlenberg only)
- LVPG membership meetings

- General Medical Staff meeting on Monday, Sept. 10, at LVH–Cedar Crest and LVH–Muhlenberg.

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**.



# PAMED Opioid Resources for Physicians

*From the Pennsylvania Medical Society:*

The 2018 license renewal requirement includes opioids education:

- **License renewals** – Two hours in pain management, identification of addiction or safe opioid prescribing
- **Initial applicants** – Two hours in pain management or identification of addiction AND two hours in safe opioid prescribing

This education is included as part of your 100-hour total requirement, but the minimum number of required hours cannot be counted toward your patient safety/risk management requirements.

## **Upcoming In-Person Opioid CME and Listening Session**

The Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) is hosting a free two-hour opioid CME, “Managing the Chronic Pain Patient,” followed by a listening session with PAMED trustee leadership, on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Lehigh Country Club in Allentown.

Register to attend this in-person session, which is designed to help you meet the opioid education requirement for medical license renewal, at [pamedsoc.org/CMEandListening](https://pamedsoc.org/CMEandListening).

## **Boots on the Ground: Answering Opioid Epidemic Questions for PAMED Members**

This free toolkit includes information on state licensure education requirements for physicians, requirements under the state’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), prescribing limits, resources if you suspect a patient is addicted to opioids, and what PAMED is doing to advocate for patient-centered legislation that protects patients and physician autonomy. Members can download the toolkit or order a hardcopy at [pamedsoc.org/bootsontheground](https://pamedsoc.org/bootsontheground).

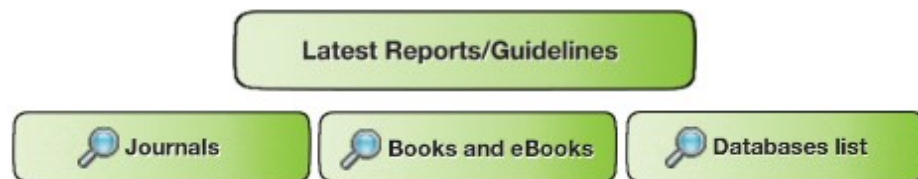
## **PAMED Provides Online Opioid CME for All Physicians**

In addition to in-person education, PAMED also has 11 opioid-related online CME courses that can help physicians meet the licensure requirement at [pamedsoc.org/CME](https://pamedsoc.org/CME).

# Guidelines: Keeping Current

Lehigh Valley Health Network Library Services is responding to the need of our colleagues to remain current on guidelines. As reported last month, the National Guidelines Clearinghouse has ceased operation. On the Library Services website, there is a page called Latest Reports/Guidelines. This is not a comprehensive list of guidelines but a continuously updated list of newly reported guidelines and links to numerous organizations that develop guidelines.

## Digital Library Homepage



When you open the page you will find a tab "Find Other Guidelines"

### Latest Reports and Guidelines: 2018



On this page you are able to link to the guidelines page of many specialty organization websites.

Another way to search for guidelines is to use the Databases List button. When you click on that button you will see a window called All Subjects. Click on the down arrow and click on "Guidelines, Recommendations, Policies."

## A-Z Databases

Find the best library databases for your research.





If there is a guideline that you are searching for and cannot access the full text, please use the library's article request form to request it: [LVHN.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8poOShRpskWH40t](https://LVHN.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8poOShRpskWH40t)

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.

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact 610-402-8410 or [Libraryservices@LVHN.org](mailto:Libraryservices@LVHN.org).***



# September 2018 Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Alan Cherney, MD, Glenn Burket, DO, Andrew Koons, DO, Raymond Melder, DO, Charles WorriLOW, MD, Kevin Weaver, DO, Marna Greenberg, DO, Bryan Kane, MD, and Dawn Yenser, of the Department of Emergency Medicine; Jennifer Macfarlan, MPH, of the Network Office of Research and Innovation; and Amy Smith, PhD, of the Department of Education, co-authored an article, “Emergency medicine resident self-assessment of clinical teaching compared to student evaluation using a previously validated rubric.” It was published July 28, 2018, online ahead of print in *Clinical Therapeutics*.
- Ronald Freudenberger, MD, MBA, of the Lehigh Valley Heart Institute, co-authored several articles. “Heart failure severity and quality of warfarin anticoagulation control (from the WARCEF Trial)” was published June 4, 2018, online ahead of print in the *American Journal of Cardiology*. “Is there a role for cardiac magnetic resonance imaging during pregnancy?” was published July 4, 2018, online ahead of print in the *Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine*. “Left atrial volume and cardiovascular outcomes in systolic heart failure: effect of antithrombotic treatment” was published July 17, 2018, online ahead of print in *ESC Heart Failure*.
- Gillian Beauchamp, MD, Tyler Adams, BS, Amy Wier, DO, Manuel Colon, BS, Matthew Cook, DO, Robert Cannon, DO, Kenneth Katz, MD, and Marna Rayl Greenberg, DO, MPH, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “Sex differences in poisonings among older adults: an analysis of the Toxicology Investigators Consortium (ToxIC) Registry, 2010 to 2016.” It was published July 30, 2018, online ahead of print in *Clinical Therapeutics*.
- Grant Greenberg, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “Reducing unnecessary vitamin D screening in an academic health system: what works and when.” It was accepted for publication June 27, 2018, by *The American Journal of Medicine*.
- Elaine Banerjee, MD, of the Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article, “Determinants of successful weight loss in low-income African American women: a positive deviance analysis.” It was published in the *Journal of Primary Care & Community Health*, January-December 2018.
- Veronica Brohm, DO, of the Department of Family Medicine, presented “Medical skills” at the 2018 Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society Conference, Aug. 4, 2018, Hershey, Pa.

# September 2018 Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

## Department of Education Conferences

- 13 – 10th Annual Fleming Infection Prevention and Infectious Diseases Symposium; Bear Creek Resort, Macungie
- 1 – Second Annual Fleming Geriatric Trauma Conference
- 18 – Palliative Medicine Symposium
- 19-20 – Fourth Annual Urology Symposium; Skytop Lodge, Skytop, Pa.

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

## Combined Surgical and Anesthesia Grand Rounds

- 11 – Opioid Prescription Abuse in Children, and Alternatives for Perioperative Pain Control, with Santhanam Suresh, MD, Chairman, Department of Pediatric Anesthesiology; Director, Pain Management Team; Arthur C. King Professorship in Anesthesiology; LVH–Cedar Crest Auditorium, 7 a.m. Also available via teleconference at LVH–Muhlenberg, first floor conference room

*For more information, contact [Wendy Hess](#) in the Department of Pediatrics at 484 862 3265.*

# Who's New—September 2018

## MEDICAL STAFF

### New Appointments

Effective Sept. 4, 2018

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Pottsville, PA 17901-3869

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LVH–S

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Provisional Active

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Provisional Active

Appointment date: 09/10/2018

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Phone: 610-770-1606 Fax: 610-740-0560

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges: 08/13/2018

LVH LVH–M LVH–H LVH–S

**Patrick N. Lin, MD**

Pediatrics

Pediatric Subspecialties

Gastroenterology

(LVPG Pediatric Gastroenterology–1210 Cedar Crest)

LVPG Pediatric Gastroenterology–1210 Cedar Crest

1210 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 2400

Allentown, PA 18103-6229

Phone: 610-402-3888 Fax: 610-402-3892

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 09/10/2018

LVH LVH–M

**Jessica L. Maier, DO**

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(LVPG–Emergency Medicine)

LVPG–Emergency Medicine

Cedar Crest and I-78

PO Box 689

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 09/10/2018

LVH LVH–M LVH–H LVH–S

**Nabila Noor, MD**

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Urogynecology/Gynecology

(LVPG Urogynecology–Pond Road)

LVPG Urogynecology–Pond Road

1611 Pond Road, Suite 301

Allentown, PA 18104-2258

Phone: 484-273-4677 Fax: 484-273-4687

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 09/10/2018

LVH LVH–M

**Neeraj N. Shah, MD, MPH**

Heart Institute

Cardiology

(LVPG Cardiology–1250 Cedar Crest)

LVPG Cardiology–1250 Cedar Crest

1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 300

Allentown, PA 18103-6381

Phone: 610-402-3110 Fax: 610-402-3112

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges: 0/13/2018

LVH LVH–M LVH–S

**Alan C. Stuto, DPM**

Surgery

Podiatric Surgery

(LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine)

LVPG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 110

Allentown, PA 18103-6224

Phone: 610-402-8900 Fax: 610-402-5656

Provisional Active



Appointment date: 09/10/2018

LVH LVH-M

**Simeng Sun, MD**

Medicine

Endocrinology

(LVPG Endocrinology-1243 Cedar Crest)

LVPG Cardiology-1250 Cedar Crest

1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 300

Allentown, PA 18103-6381

Phone: 610-402-3110

Fax: 610-402-3112

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 09/24/2018

LVH LVH-M

**Christopher R.S. Werter, MD**

Surgery

Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

(LVPG Vascular Surgery-1259 Cedar Crest)

LVPG Vascular Surgery-1259 Cedar Crest, Suite 301

Allentown, PA 18103-6260

Phone: 610-402-9400 Fax: 610-402-9420

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 09/10/2018

LVH-H LVH-M

**Daniel J. Zin, MD**

Pediatrics

Pediatric Subspecialties

Hematology-Oncology

(LVPG Pediatric Hematology Oncology-Cedar Crest)

LVPG Pediatric Hematology Oncology-Cedar Crest

Children's Cancer and Multipurpose Infusion Center

1210 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 1000

Allentown, PA 18103-6629

Phone: 610-402-1026 Fax: 610-402-2499

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges: 08/13/2018

LVH LVH-M

**Status Change – Honorary Status**

John J. Stasik, MD

Surgery

Colon and Rectal Surgery

(Khubchandani, Stasik, Rosen, PC)

From: Active

To: Honorary

LVH LVH-M

06/30/2018

**Additional Privileges**

Scott W. Beman, MD

Surgery

General Surgery

(LVPG General, Bariatric and Trauma Surgery)

Active

Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (TIF)

LVH LVH-M

09/04/2018

Julie A. Fritzges, DO

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(LVPG-Emergency Medicine)

Provisional Active

Moderate Sedation – Infants (birth-1 year)

Moderate Sedation – Children (1-18 years)

Moderate Sedation – Adult (18 years or older)

Deep Sedation – Adult (age 15 or above)

Emergency Medicine Ultrasound (EMU)

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09/04/2018

Garcia Guillermo, MD

Surgery

General Surgery

(LVPG General and Bariatric Surgery-Muhlenberg)

Active

Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (TIF)

LVH LVH-M

09/04/2018

Ryan M. Surmaitis, DO

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Medical Toxicology

(LVPG-Emergency Medicine)

Active  
Emergency Medicine Ultrasound (EMU)  
LVH LVH-M LVH-H  
09/04/2018

## **ALLIED HEALTH STAFF**

### **New Appointments**

Effective Sept. 4, 2018

#### **Emma Dorsey, CNM**

Certified Nurse Midwife  
(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology)  
LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology-1245 Cedar Crest  
1245 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 201  
Allentown, PA 18103-6267  
Phone: 610-402-4870 Fax: 610-402-4960  
Supervising Physicians: Karina M. Reed, MD, and Kristin S. Friel, MD  
Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges: 08/13/2018  
LVH LVH-M

#### **Shannon Gibat**

Emergency Department Scribe  
(ScribeAmerica)  
Department of Emergency Medicine – Ninth Floor  
One City Center  
PO Box 1806  
Allentown, PA 18105-1806  
Phone: 484-862-3232 Fax: 484-862-3250  
Supervising Physician: Richard S. Mackenzie, MD, MBA  
Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges 08/13/2018  
LVH LVH-M LVH-H

#### **Paulette C. Glenn, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Cardiology-1250 Cedar Crest)  
1501 N. Cedar Crest Blvd. Suite 110  
Allentown, PA 18104-2309  
Phone: 610-821-2828 Fax: 610-821-7915  
Supervising Physician: Daniel J. Makowski, DO  
Appointment date: 09/04/2018  
Temporary privileges 08/13/2018  
LVH LVH-M

**Leigh A. Krompasky, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVPG Consultation Liaison Psychiatry—1251 Cedar Crest)

1251 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 202A

Allentown, PA 18103-6214

Phone: 610-402-5766 Fax: 610-402-5763

Supervising Physician: Kenneth J. Zemanek, MD

Appointment date: 09/04/2018

Temporary privileges 08/27/2018

LVH LVH-M

**JamieLee A. Mead**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVPG Pediatrics—Hazleton Shopping Center)

LVPG Pediatrics—Hazleton Shopping Center

564 W. Broad St.

Hazleton, PA 18201-6108

Phone: 570-501-6400 Fax: 570-453-2353

Supervising Physician: Amr A. Elmeki, MD

Appointment date: 09/04/2018

Temporary privileges 08/13/2018

LVH-H

**Kelsey A. Miller, CRNA**

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC)

Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

Phone: 610-402-1374 Fax: 610-402-4230

Supervising Physician: Thomas M. McLoughlin Jr., MD

Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges 08/13/2018

LVH LVH-M LVH-S

**Collette K. Pecuch, RD**

Registered Dietitian

(Lehigh Valley Hospital—Hazleton)

Lehigh Valley Hospital—Hazleton

700 E. Broad St.

Hazleton, PA 18201-7225

Phone: 570-501-4028 Fax: 570-501-4027

Supervising Physician: Anthony Valente, MD

Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges 08/09/2018

LVH-H

**Karen L. Steele, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Hematology Oncology–Muhlenberg)

LVH–M Cancer Center

2545 Schoenersville Road, Third Floor

Bethlehem, PA 18017-7384

Phone: 610-402-1374 Fax: 610-402-4230

Supervising Physician: Savitri P. Skandan, MD

Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges 08/13/2018

LVH LVH–M

**Alicia N. Ye**

Emergency Department Scribe

(ScribeAmerica)

One City Center, PO Box 1806

Allentown, PA 18105-1806

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

Supervising Physician: Gary Bonfante, DO

Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges: 08/13/2018

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**Julie E. Yerkes, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVPG Family Medicine–Cetronia Road)

250 Cetronia Road, Suite 115

Allentown, PA 18104-9147

Phone: 610-395-0307 Fax: 610-395-0950

Supervising Physician: Joseph P. Matus, DO

Appointment date: 09/04/2018 Temporary privileges: 08/27/2018

LVH LVH–M

**Resignations**

Katelyn M. Brown, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVH Pediatric Inpatient Care)

Allied Health

LVH LVH–M

07/31/2018

Christina M. Gallucci, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVPG Adult Psychiatry–Muhlenberg)

Allied Health

LVH LVH–M

07/20/2018

Elizabeth D. Hess, LCSW  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
(LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–1259 Cedar Crest)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
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Thomas A. Lyons, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Hematology Oncology–Alliance Drive)  
Allied Health  
LVH–H  
07/02/2018

Charlene E. Mackaness, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG–Emergency Medicine)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/08/2018

Devon L. Olsson  
Certified Genetic Counselor  
(Cancer Risk and Genetic Assessment Program)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/13/2018

Rebecca A. Shepherd  
Medical Assistant  
(The Heart Care Group, PC)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/13/2018

Altin Wood, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Neonatology–Cedar Crest)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH–M  
07/27/2018

**Change of Supervising Physician**

Amanda C. Black, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)  
From: Jennifer M. LeGar, MD  
To: Shadi Jarjous, MD  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
09/04/2018

Karen Fabrizio, CRNP, DNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVH-S Department of Industrial Medicine)  
From: Walter Setlock, DO  
To: Carmine J. Pellosie, DO, MPH  
Allied Health  
LVH-S  
09/04/2018

**Change of Supervising Physician and Group**

Joan G. Finno, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine – Anthony T. Werhun, MD)  
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest – Anthony P. Buonanno, MD)  
From: LVPG Family Medicine–Cetronia Road – Craig R. Christine, DO  
To: LVPG Family Medicine–Richland Township and LVPG ExpressCARE–Fogelsville – Katherine M. Thompson,  
DO  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
09/04/2018

**Additional Supervising Physician and Group**

Debra S. McGeehin, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Endocrinology–1243 Cedar Crest – Robert A. McCauley, MD)  
Addition of: Allentown Anesthesia Associates, Inc. – Lisa A. Keglovitz, MD  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
09/04/2018

# Annual APC Appreciation Luncheon Scheduled

The Annual APC Appreciation Luncheon in honor of the members of the Lehigh Valley Health Network Advanced Practice Clinician (APC) Staff will be held Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, noon–3 p.m., at these locations:

- Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest, Kasych ECC 9
- LVH–Muhlenberg, ECC D
- LVH–17th Street, CR A
- LVH–Hazleton, Annex Board Room
- LVH–Schuylkill– East Wall Auditorium

This luncheon, sponsored by the LVHN APC Executive Council, is a casual gathering with food and conversation with colleagues. Come and go as you please. This is an opportunity for attendees to get to network and build relationships with fellow APCs.

Please RSVP to [gloribel.nieves@lvhn.org](mailto:gloribel.nieves@lvhn.org).



# APC Skills Workshop In October

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

## **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**.

# Medical and Advanced Practice Clinician Staff Dues

Annual Medical and Advanced Practice Clinician (APC) Staff dues invoices (dated Sept. 1, 2018) have been distributed to members of the Medical and APC Staff of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) via email. Please make sure to check your LVHN email promptly. Timely remittance of dues is both requested and appreciated by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018.

Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover credit cards will be accepted. If you wish to pay by credit card, click on the link included in your invoice.

## Medical Staff

If paying by check, Medical Staff payments should be made payable to LVHN Medical Staff and mailed to Resam Andujar, Medical Staff Services, LVHN–One City Center, Eighth Floor, P.O. Box 1806, Allentown, PA 18105-1806. If your practice includes more than one doctor, one check may be issued to cover all the doctors in the group – there is no need to issue individual checks. However, to insure proper credit, please include a list of the names of all doctors for whom the payment is being made.

Questions regarding Medical Staff dues should be directed to Resam Andujar at **484-862-3223**.

## Advanced Practice Clinicians

If paying by check, APC payments should be made payable to LVHN Advanced Practice Clinicians and mailed to Resam Andujar, Medical Staff Services, LVHN–One City Center, Eighth Floor, P.O. Box 1806, Allentown, PA 18105-1806. If your practice includes more than one APC, one check may be issued to cover all the APCs in the group – there is no need to issue individual checks. However, to insure proper credit, please include a list of the names of all APCs for whom the payment is being made.

Questions regarding Advanced Practice Clinician dues should be directed to Resam Andujar at **484-862-3223**.