

# Being There ...

I was recently in the physician lounge and caught up with a member of my department whom I hadn't spoken to for several months. He shared with me his recent experience of being involved in a medicolegal suit.

To preface, this is one of the most experienced and finest physicians in our department. He provides top-notch care, is respected by his peers and is adored by patients – a true doctor's doctor. This malpractice case was from many years earlier (prolonged statute of limitations) and occurred at another institution. As is often the case in OB, despite doing everything right and providing appropriate care, this doctor was faced with an outcome he had little control over.

A recent survey revealed that 60 percent of doctors have been sued.<sup>1</sup> Eighty percent of physicians over the age of 60 have been named in at least one lawsuit.<sup>1</sup> Lawsuits are a threat to any doctor but are more common in certain specialties, with 85 percent of obstetricians/gynecologists being sued at some point during their career.<sup>1</sup> Although each lawsuit – its participants, the nature of the allegations and specific circumstances – is unique, physicians share common feelings and reactions when they are sued. In these cases the provider is referred to by some as a “second victim.”

More than 95 percent of physicians react to being sued with emotional distress<sup>2</sup> and 26-37 percent describe it as “one of the worst experiences in their lives.”<sup>1</sup> Other common reactions to being named in a malpractice suit include guilt, shame, anger and, in a third of caregivers, major depression. This often also comes with feelings of helplessness and embarrassment, and a sense of being incompetent.<sup>1,2</sup> Although I've only been sued once in my career and was eventually dismissed from the case, I remember the experience – despite it being 17 years ago – like it was yesterday.

Based on the training and the expectations of physicians it should not be surprising that physicians struggle when faced with lawsuits from patients. Doctors and other caregivers are by nature self-critical perfectionists. This is perhaps a product of our training, the current culture of medicine where mistakes are scrutinized and the exaggerated sense of responsibility many doctors feel in their role in patient outcome. Also, with the sacrifice and



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hard work it requires to become a physician, doctors may blur their personal and their professional identities.

There are various strategies to help physicians cope with the significant stress of being named in a lawsuit. Some of these practices fall into areas of self-awareness, self-care and personalized professional help. The important value of social and peer support has also been identified as a tool that may be underutilized but can be effective in helping a colleague deal with the stress of such an event.

What impressed me in the case my partner shared with me was his willingness to share this experience (the suit had been settled) as well as his openness in how it affected him emotionally. This furthered my respect for him as both a doctor and a caregiver. I was anxious to listen and able to empathize and support him, having had a common experience. The interaction and this connection provided value for me, and I expect the opportunity for him to open up and share provided him with support and value.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, we will be training more than 20 of our physicians and APCs to be peer mentors in our “Caring for Caregivers Program.” This program will be available for our entire medical staff to anonymously reach out to a mentor of their choice if they are ever in need. The program is designed to provide support in cases of either personal or professional stress. Stressors might include a malpractice case or any of other potentially traumatic events we as caregivers are commonly exposed to such as a suboptimal outcome, patient complication or patient grievance.

Should you have an interest in joining this program as a peer mentor, please reach out to your chair or Carmine Pellosie, MD, (Carmine.Pellosie@LVHN.org) to learn more. Should you need support in the future, take solace in knowing this program exists and is available for us to be there for each other. Please do not hesitate to use it!

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

- “What happens when doctors get sued.” P. Salber. The Doctor Weighs In website. <https://thedoctorweighsin.com/what-happens-when-doctors-get-sued>.
- “Coping with a medical malpractice suit.” S.C. Charles. Western Journal of Medicine. 2001; 174(1): 55-8.

# Influenza Vaccination Update

No matter your role in our health network, 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 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, 2018. These individuals must be granted an exemption or be vaccinated by Friday, Nov. 23, 2018. 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 a Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) hospital, in the employee health office or by a LVHN peer vaccinator, you do NOT need to provide proof 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:

<http://webappprd001.lvh.com/webpublic2/swipesignf/fluProof1.aspx>.

- For Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest – fax to 610-402-1203
- For LVH–Hazleton – fax to 570-501-4721
- For LVH–Schuylkill – fax to 570-621-4257


If you fax your proof of vaccination, the document must include printed name, date of vaccination and either your computer user ID (used to sign into LVHN computers) or your social security number. This is to assure your vaccine is properly documented in the tracking system.

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

- Employee Health Services locations during walk-in hours
- Vaccination clinics 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 (LVH–CC, LVH–17, LVH–M and LVH–Tilghman only)
- LVPG membership meetings

Do your part – get a flu shot and help create a safer health network, a more confident workforce and a healthier community. Thank you for your commitment to our colleagues, patients and community, and for helping to make our mission possible.

For more information regarding the flu vaccine requirement, please contact Carol Guanowsky, Director, Employee Health Services, at **610-402-8869**.



# Annual Dues Deadline: Oct. 15

On Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, final notices will be emailed to members of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians who have not yet paid their annual dues.

In order to avoid automatic resignation from the Medical or Allied Health Staff, your payment must be received in the Medical Staff Services office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018.

Both Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinician dues may be paid using a credit card. A link to the appropriate payment screen was provided in the final notice you received by email.

## **Medical Staff**

If you wish to pay 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, 8th Floor, P.O. Box 1806, Allentown, PA 18105-1806.

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

## **Advanced Practice Clinicians**

Payments by check for Advanced Practice Clinicians should be made payable to LVHN Advanced Practice Clinicians and mailed to: Resam Andujar, Medical Staff Services, LVHN—One City Center, 8th Floor, P.O. Box 1806, Allentown, PA 18105-1806.

Questions regarding Advanced Practice Clinician dues should be directed to Resam Andujar at **484-862-3902**.

# Now Seeking Wellness Initiatives

The Wellness Committee and Medical Staff Services are offering funding (up to \$5,000) to support innovative wellness ideas and initiatives at Lehigh Valley Health Network. Submissions are welcome for any hospital or locations on the medical staff, with the exception of Lehigh Valley Hospital–Pocono. The initiative should improve the culture of wellness for providers in some manner. The submission/application process is being finalized.

For questions/comments, contact: Joseph Patruno, MD, at **484 862 3223** or [joseph\\_e.patruno@lvhn.org](mailto:joseph_e.patruno@lvhn.org).

# Senior Behavioral Health Unit Opens

Inpatient behavioral health services are now all under one roof at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Schuylkill. The new senior behavioral health unit opened at LVH–Schuylkill S. Jackson Street. The unit features 14 private patient rooms in a 14,000 square foot living and treatment area.

The senior behavioral health unit features:

- Individual and group therapy rooms
- Quiet and activity rooms
- Occupational therapy area
- Conference and teaching rooms

For additional information about this service, please contact Alex Kalinich, RN, Assistant Program Director, at [Alexandra.Kalinich@LVHN.org](mailto:Alexandra.Kalinich@LVHN.org).

# Now Open: LVHN Cancer Center–Schuylkill

The Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) Cancer Center–Schuylkill opened in August on the newly renovated third floor of the East Norwegian Street campus. It provides a range of services including infusion, pharmacy and consultation.

In addition, a new medical practice, Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) Hematology Oncology, is open and treating patients. Both the Cancer Center and LVPG Hematology Oncology are part of Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute.

The LVHN Cancer Center offers:

- Eight chair infusion center
- Laboratory blood draw services
- On site pharmacy
- Video teleconferencing capability with the cancer care team at the John and Dorothy Morgan Cancer Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest
- Nurse navigation
- Covered, reserved parking

For additional information about the Cancer Center, please contact **NEED CONTACT**.



# Mammography Coach Brings Preventive Care to Community

When life is busy, it's easy to put off getting a mammogram. But Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute has a solution: mobile mammography. The Institute's mobile mammography coach features the same imaging technology used in our hospitals, but now that expertise can be extended to workplaces and the community.

The mobile mammography coach is warm, welcoming and high tech. It features the latest mammogram technology – including 3D imaging – that helps identify breast cancer earlier, in its most treatable stages.

Want to know when, where and how to sign up for the next mobile mammography coach screening event? Visit [LVHN.org/mammo](https://www.lvhncancer.org/mammo). You can also call **888 402 LVHN (5846)** for information.

For additional information, call **610 402 8659**.

# ENT Practice Grows

The former Allen Ear, Nose & Throat Association (Allen ENT) has joined Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) and is now LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–Pond Road. The practice is located at 1575 Pond Road, Allentown.

The team of five board certified otolaryngologists, three physician assistants and three audiologists adds depth to our busy ENT practices at LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–17th Street and LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–Palmer Township. In addition to offering office visits and surgical care for many head and neck disorders, such as head and neck cancer, sinus disease, dizziness and ear disorders, they will also offer allergy testing and care for people with seasonal allergies.

The group also has a well established hearing aid dispensary service staffed with doctoral prepared audiologists who are fellows of the American Academy of Audiology.

For additional information about this service, please contact **NEED CONTACT**.

# New Voice and Airway Specialist

For those whose profession requires the use of their voice – such as a singer, lawyer, minister or teacher – our new voice and airway specialist, Mausumi Syamal, MD, with LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–17th Street and LVPG Ear Nose and Throat–Palmer Township, is here to offer support.

Fellowship-trained at the Cleveland Clinic, Syamal brings a diverse background in engineering, medicine and performance to her practice as an otolaryngologist. Her unique patient-centered approach both in the office and the operating room combines her passion for the arts, science and teaching.

She treats adult patients for general ear, nose and throat disorders, as well as those with voice concerns including aspiring and professional voice users who experience hoarseness, vocal tremors and more.

To refer patients for an appointment with Mausumi Syamal, MD, call **888-402-LVHN (5846)** or schedule via Epic.

# Patient Education in Epic

There will soon be a change in patient education in Epic. When the Epic upgrade is underway, LVHN will transition from Krames material to Elsevier patient education. Elsevier will be integrated into Epic, MyChart and MyChart Bedside.

Inpatient workflow and documentation changes will be forthcoming. As always, the goal is to ensure that our patients receive individualized, comprehensive and health-literate education about their condition or diagnosis to make informed decisions regarding their health care.

Elsevier's content management will streamline the formatting and uploading of both inpatient and outpatient custom patient education materials. Materials will continue to be offered in five languages (English, Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese and Chinese) and will be searchable by keywords in the title and ICD-10 codes. Through Clinical Reference in Epic, you will have access to the entire Elsevier library. We are early in the implementation process, but be on the lookout for updates.

***For questions or feedback on this article, contact [Tanya Fischer, MEd, MSLIS](#), at 610 402 2427.***

# The Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute Stages Second Annual Symposium “Partnership With Primary Care”

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 Friday, Nov. 2, 2018.

Here's the agenda:

<b>Friday, Nov. 9</b>	
2-2:45 p.m.	Cancer Genomics: Creating Opportunities for Precision Medicine
2:45-3:15 p.m.	Guidelines for Cancer Screenings
3:15-4 p.m.	Use of a Multidisciplinary Approach to Melanoma Care: A Panel Discussion
4:15-4:45 p.m.	Stenting vs. Surgery in Gastrointestinal Malignancies
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Thrombosis
5:15-6:15 p.m.	Social Hour With Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute Disease Management Teams
<b>Saturday, Nov. 10</b>	
8-8:30 a.m.	Evaluation and Management of Post-menopausal Bleeding: Endometrial Cancer
8:30-9:15 a.m.	Promoting Breast Cancer Survivorship: Addressing Bone Health, Endocrine Therapy, Sexual Dysfunction and Weight Management After Cancer
9:15-9:45 a.m.	The Past, Present and Future of Lung Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment: Robotic Thoracic Surgery and Beyond
10-10:30 a.m.	Active Surveillance vs. Active Treatment: Decision-Making in Prostate Cancer
10:30-10:55 a.m.	Nipple Discharge – Causes and Next Steps
10:55-11:20 a.m.	Genetic Testing and Cancer Risks
11:20-11:50 a.m.	The Microbiome
11:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	Evaluating Anemia in the Older Adult

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:

<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**.

# APC Skills Workshop: October 2018

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**.



# Librarians Save Time, Save Money, Get Info Fast

The earliest libraries contained handwritten manuscripts that took years to painstakingly copy by the librarians of the time. Today, our librarians ensure that colleagues get materials at their fingertips. During October, Medical Library Month, take a moment to appreciate all the services Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) librarians provide.

Books are now mostly ebooks (we have over 3,600 in our online catalog) accessible from any LVHN site and through remote access. Library Staff have diligently merged to create one efficient library system with 24/7 online access (remote and mobile apps) to resources. How libraries – and librarians – have changed!

*Thank you for a wonderful service! The website makes it easy to find, request and access articles, and they are provided quickly. I've used this for both patient care (accessing the most recent research regarding an illness or treatment) and for conference presentations. Extremely helpful! (Allied Health)*

*I love how fast the literature search results were available, and how easy it was to navigate. Will be encouraging others to use this service as well as using it more myself in the future! (Physician)*

No time to search? Librarians save you time and let you spend more of your time with patients! Just complete a request form on the library homepage and a trained librarian will do the search and email results to you. LVHN librarians performed more than 2,200 consultations and assistance sessions to colleagues as well as nearly 500 searches in FY2018. Think of all the time that saved!

*I have always been impressed, thankful and trusted the timely library service to assist me with literature search needs! Thank you all for what you do! :- ) (Physician)*

*Thank you for this service! Very helpful and allowed easier access to literature for patient care. Saved time. The online process to request article was quick and easy. (Physician)*

*Thank you so much for helping me with this challenging search. I don't think much information exists on the topic, but I wanted to be sure - will check out what you came up with. (Allied Health)*

Journals? We have nearly 26,000 journals with thousands of years' worth of medical literature. But if your journal article isn't in our list, don't worry and don't pay for articles! LVHN Library Services is a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. If we don't have it, we can request it through other members – another great way that librarians maximize value. In FY2018, LVHN librarians saved more than \$41,000 by getting articles for free through interlibrary loan with other libraries. We filled nearly 97 percent of article requests within 24 hours – even faster for urgent patient care requests!

*Immediate access to a timely article helped with internal position statement on appropriate use of an antiviral medication. (Physician)*

*I was very pleased that the article was supplied. I was not aware of the cost savings involved. Thank you. (Physician)*

LVHN librarians can also help you:

- Find a reputable journal to publish in
- Understand and negotiate author rights with publishers
- Navigate copyright issues
- Find free CE credit through library resources
- Set up an author page in Scholarly Works to showcase your publications on the internet

*I really wish to thank you for your expedient services. We will be soon submitting our case report for publication, and we couldn't have done it without you and your team. Thanks again!!! (Physician)*

*Our library resources are one of our greatest resources. (Physician)*

Just as health care has come a long way, our librarians have also grown to provide access to more quality information, for more colleagues, where and when they need it – and provide it quickly. Forgive us if we brag but here is our favorite feedback quote from FY2018:

*Once again, our excellent librarians provide prompt service and delivery of research into my hands for use in improving care at LVHN. They are an underutilized and underappreciated resource. (Physician)*

Visit the digital library website through your site's LVHN intranet

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).**

# October 2018 Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Elaine Banerjee, MD, of the Department of Family 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.
- Sameer Tolay, MD, and Suresh Nair, MD, of the Department of Hematology and Oncology, and Alyson McIntosh, MD, and Dennis Sopka, MD, of the Department of Radiation Oncology, co-authored an article, “Dramatic response to concurrent anti-PD-1 therapy and radiation in resistant tumors with sarcomatoid differentiation.” It was published Aug. 13, 2018, online ahead of print in The Oncologist.
- Kevin McNeill, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, presented a webinar for the National Association of ACOs, “Addressing the opioid crisis: strategies for ACOs,” on Aug. 16, 2018.
- Abby Letcher, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, participated in a Morning Call roundtable discussion on the opioid crisis on Aug. 14, 2018. She was featured in an article about the event published Aug. 27, 2018.
- Megan Derr, RN, MSN, of the Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute, has been invited to present a talk, “Best practices in cancer clinical trials; 2 model research programs,” at the Association of Community Cancer Centers National Oncology Conference Oct. 17-19, 2018, in Phoenix.

# October 2018 Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

## Department of Education Conferences

- 10 – Updates in Children’s Surgery; LVH–Pocono
- 19 – 20 – Fourth Annual Urology Symposium; Skytop Lodge
- 19 – What’s New in Stroke; Capriotti’s, McAdoo
- 27 – Geriatrics in Primary Care; LVH–Cedar Crest
- 30 – LGBTQ Health: Delivering High Quality, Patient-Centered Care to the LGBTQ Community; LVH–Cedar Crest
- 1 – Cardiology for the Primary Care Physician; Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsburg
- 2 – 3 – 10th Annual Ultrasound in OB/GYN Symposium; LVH–Cedar Crest
- 7 – Care to Caregiver Symposium; LVH–Cedar Crest
- 9 – 10 – Second Annual Cancer Institute Symposium; Camelback Resort, Tannersville

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

## Pediatric Grand Rounds

- 16 – Calling the “Shots”: A Brief History, Updates and Addressing Parental Concerns About Vaccines, with Laura Darrow, DO – PGY III; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 23 – Communication and Outpatient Antibiotic Use, with Julia Szymczak, PhD, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology in Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Pennsylvania; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 30 – CAC topic, with Debra Esernio-Jenssen, MD; 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—October 2018

## MEDICAL STAFF

### New Appointments

Effective Oct. 2, 2018

#### **Khaled Almoselli, MD**

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

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#### **Carolyn Botros, DO**

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Urogynecology/Gynecology

(LVPG Urogynecology–Muhlenberg)

1770 Bathgate Road, Suite 401

Bethlehem, PA 18017-7302

Phone: 484-884-8840

Fax: 484-884-8827

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/22/2018

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#### **Jonathan Cheponis, MD**

Medicine

Neurology

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Center for Advanced Health Care

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Allentown, PA 18103-6224

Phone: 610-402-8420 Fax: 610-402-1689

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

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**Nina W. Chiochankitmun, MD**

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(EmCare)

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Pottsville, PA 17901-2710

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Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/13/2018

LVH-S

**Sunil Daniel, MD**

Medicine

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1243 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 2200

Allentown, PA 18103-6268

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Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

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**Robert V. Decker, MD**

Medicine

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(LVH Department of Medicine)

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Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/13/2018

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**Ruchita Doshi, DO**

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Allentown, PA 18105-7017

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Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

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**David B. Grossman, MD**

Surgery

General Surgery

(LVPG General and Bariatric Surgery–Muhlenberg)

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Bethlehem, PA 18017-7317

Phone: 484-884-1007 Fax: 484-884-1720

Appointment date: 10/08/2018

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**John R. Guzek, MD, MPH**

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

(Adfinitas Health)

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LVH–H

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Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

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Surgery

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Pediatric Surgery

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Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/17/2018

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**Dorothy K. Konomos, MD**

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

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Provisional Active

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**Maanvi G. Kumar, MD**

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Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/08/2018

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Hospital Medicine

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Provisional Active

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**Christine Marshall, MD, MBA**

Family Medicine

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Phone: 215-529-4240 Fax: 215-529-4262

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018  
LVH LVH-M

**Jennifer J. Mathew, DO**

Pediatrics

General Pediatrics

(LVPG Pediatrics-Center Valley)

3800 Sierra Circle, Suite 100

Center Valley, PA 18034-8476

Phone: 484-664-2090 Fax: 484-664-2089

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/17/2018  
LVH LVH-M

**Khalil F. Mehdi, MD**

Obstetrics and Gynecology

(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology-1245 Cedar Crest)

1245 Cedar Crest, Suite 201

Allentown, PA 18103-6267

Phone: 610-402-4870 Fax: 610-402-4960

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018  
LVH LVH-M

**Hamid Mukhtar, MD**

Medicine

General Internal Medicine

(LVPG Internal Medicine-Muhlenberg)

2649 Schoenersville Road, Suite 201

Bethlehem, PA 18017-7316

Phone: 484-884-8110 Fax: 610-868-5333

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018  
LVH LVH-M

**Nikunj P. Patel, MD**

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

(Integrated Medical Group, PC)

82 Tunnel Road

Pottsville, PA 17901-3869

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

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/13/2018

LVH-S

**Vishal D. Patel, MD**

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)

Lehigh Valley Hospital

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

Third Floor Anderson Wing

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

LVH LVH-M

**Courtney K. Phillips, MD**

Surgery

Urology

(LVPG Urology-1250 Cedar Crest)

Center for Advanced Health Care

1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 215

Allentown, PA 18103-6271

Phone: 610-402-6986 Fax: 610-402-4460

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018

LVH LVH-M

**Jennifer A. Ranton, MD**

Family Medicine

(LVPG Family Medicine-Hellertown)

708 Main St., Suite 200

Hellertown, PA 18055-1508

Phone: 610-838-7069 Fax: 610-838-7060

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

LVH LVH-M

**Kenneth R. Sharp Jr., DO**

Family Medicine

(LVPG Family Medicine-Lehighon)

363 N. 1st St.

Lehighon, PA 18235-1450

Phone: 484-464-9510 Fax: 484-464-9515

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/01/2018

LVH LVH-M

**Candice Widuch-Mert, MD**

Family Medicine

(LVPG Family Medicine-Vine Street)

149 N. Vine St.

Hazleton, PA 18201-5852

Phone: 570-454-0500 Fax: 570-454-5005

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

LVH-H

**Peter Williams III, MD**

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Anatomic Pathology

Medical and Forensic Pathology

(Forensic Pathology Associates Inc.)

1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 3800

Allentown, PA 18103-6240

Phone: 610-402-8144 Fax: 610-402-5637

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/13/2018

LVH LVH-M LVH-H LVH-S

**Thomasz A. Wiraszka, MD**

Surgery

Ophthalmology

(LVPG Ophthalmology-17th Street)

401 N. 17th Street, Suite 1000

Allentown, PA 18104-5052

Phone: 610-969-3070 Fax: 610-969-3073

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

LVH LVH-M

**Resignations**

Pradip K. Chakrabarti, MD

Surgery

General Surgery

Transplantation Surgery

(LVPG Transplant Surgery-1250 Cedar Crest)

Provisional Active

LVH LVH-M

08/05/2018

John B. Chawluk, MD

Medicine

Neurology

(Integrated Medical Group, PC)

Active

LVH-S

06/30/2018

Jennifer M. Daly, DO

Family Medicine

(Lehigh Valley Family Health Center)

Active

LVH LVH-M08/17/2018

Duane S. Duke, MD

Surgery

Pediatric Subspecialties

Pediatric Surgery

(LVPG Pediatric Surgical Specialties-1210 Cedar Crest)

Provisional Active

LVH LVH-M

08/21/2018

Jon D. Hernandez, MD, PhD

Surgery

Orthopedic Surgery/Hand Surgery

(Coordinated Health)

Active

LVH LVH-M

05/19/2018

Vincent E. Lotano, MD

Heart Institute

Cardiothoracic Surgery

Cardiothoracic/Thoracic Surgery

(LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery-1250 Cedar Crest)

Active

LVH LVH-M

09/30/2018

Pierre D. Mechali, MD

Surgery

Urology

(LVPG Urology–Sherman Court)

Provisional Active

LVH–H

08/10/2018

Frank B. Moyes, DO

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(LVPG–Emergency Medicine)

Provisional Active

LVH LVH–M LVH–H

05/23/2018

Ashley R. Nelson, MD

Medicine

General Internal Medicine

(LVPG Family and Internal Medicine–3080 Hamilton Blvd)

Active

LVH LVH–M

08/22/2018

Pravinkumar B. Patel, MD

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

(Integrated Medical Group, PC)

Provisional Active

LVH–S

08/12/2018

Anne M. Yawman, MD

Medicine

Geriatrics/General Internal Medicine

(LVPG Geriatric Medicine–17th Street)

Active

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08/15/2018

## **ALLIED HEALTH STAFF**

### **New Appointments**

Effective Oct. 2, 2018

**Mary Ann E. Antonelli, RD**

Registered Dietitian  
(Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton)  
700 E. Broad St.  
Hazleton, PA 18202  
Phone: 570-501-4028 Fax: 570-501-4027  
Supervising Physician: Anthony Valente, MD  
Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/13/2018  
LVH–H

**Aurea Y. Cordero, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(The Endocrine Office, Inc.)  
3671 Crescent Court East  
Whitehall, PA 18052-3400  
Phone: 610-821-2828 Fax: 610-821-7915  
Supervising Physician: Geraldo A. Saavedra, MD  
Appointment date: 10/02/2018  
Temporary privileges: 09/13/2018  
LVH LVH–M

**Maura E. Dougherty, CRNA**

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist  
(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: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges 09/24/2018  
LVH LVH–M LVH–S

**Pollyanna Fino, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Hematology Oncology–Airport Beltway)  
384 Airport Beltway  
Hazleton, PA 18202  
Phone: 570-501-1242 Fax: 570-501-1252  
Supervising Physician: Michael W. Evans, MD  
Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges 09/24/2018  
LVH–H

**Ashlie L Glasgow, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Urology–1250 Cedar Crest)  
Center for Advanced Health Care  
1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 215  
Allentown, PA 18103-6271

Phone: 610-402-6986 Fax: 610-402-4460  
Supervising Physician: James R. Johannes, MD  
Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges 09/24/2018  
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**Angela M. Giordano, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG Internal Medicine–Muhlenberg)  
PO Box 161  
Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689  
Mountain Top, PA 18707-0161  
Phone: 800-407-1198 Fax: 888-290-7095  
Supervising Physician: Michael Ehrig, MD  
Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges 09/24/2018  
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**Frank W. Marcantonio, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery–1250 Cedar Crest)  
Center for Advanced Health Care  
1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 310  
Allentown, PA 18103-6224  
Phone: 610-402-6890 Fax: 610-402-6892  
Supervising Physician: James K. Wu, MD  
Appointment date: 10/02/2018 Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018  
LVH LVH-M

**Jaime K. Martino, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(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: 10/02/2018  
Temporary privileges 09/24/2018  
LVH LVH-M

**Alicia K. Molnar, CRNA**

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist  
(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: 10/02/2018

Temporary privileges: 09/17/2018

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**Cynthia D. Nguyen**

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: John F. Wheary, DO

Appointment date: 10/02/2018

Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

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**Karen A. Perterson, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVPG-MHC IP Psychiatry)

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg

2545 Schoenersville Road, Fifth Floor

Bethlehem, PA 18017-7300

Phone: 484-884-6501 Fax: 484-884-6504

Supervising Physician: Mireille Myerhoefer, MD

Appointment date: 10/02/2018

Temporary privileges: 09/24/2018

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**Desiree L. Tartar, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology-1245 Cedar Crest)

1245 S. Cedar Crest, Suite 201

Allentown, PA 18104-9147

Phone: 610-402-4870 Fax: 610-509-7553

Supervising Physician: Timothy M. Pellini, MD

Appointment date: 10/02/2018

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**Resignations**

Kathryn E. Bard, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVPG Neurology-1250 Cedar Crest)

Allied Health

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09/12/2018

Lisa C. Hale  
Anesthesia Technical Assistant  
(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services, PC)  
Provisional Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M LVH-S  
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Kevin A. Hixson, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Cardiology-1250 Cedar Crest)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
08/24/2018

Jonathon M. Krautsack  
Emergency Department Scribe  
(ScribeAmerica)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
08/18/2018

Kelli L. O'Donnell  
Medical Assistant  
(LVPG Pediatrics-Laurys Station)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
08/13/2018

Sara B. Robinson  
Genetic Counselor  
(LVPG Maternal Fetal Medicine-3900 Hamilton Blvd.)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
09/05/2018

Elizabeth A. Schofield  
Genetic Counselor  
(LVPG Maternal Fetal Medicine-Montage)  
Allied Health  
LVH LVH-M  
09/05/2018

Duyen T. Tran  
Emergency Department Scribe

(ScribeAmerica)

Allied Health

LVH LVH-M

08/31/2018

Anthony J. Trunzo

Emergency Department Scribe

(ScribeAmerica)

Allied Health

LVH LVH-M

08/01/2018

Shobha S. Vanmali, RD

Registered Dietitian

(Sodexo Dietitians)

Allied Health

LVH LVH-M

07/20/2018

Johanna M. Ziegler, CST

Certified Surgical Technician

(OAA Orthopaedic Specialists)

Allied Health

LVH LVH-M

08/30/2018

### **Change of Supervising Physician**

Allison M. Eisenhauer, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery-1250 Cedar Crest)

From: Vincent E. Lotano, MD

To: Ahmed R. Nassar, MD

Allied Health

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10/02/2018

Nancy A. Fickert, CRNP, DNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(OACIS Services)

From: Daniel E. Ray, MD

To: Michael Chyu, MD

Allied Health

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10/02/2018

Robin M. Fritsch, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(OACIS Services)

From: Daniel E. Ray, MD

To: Jennifer E. Allen, MD

Allied Health

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10/02/2018

Judith A. Madaus, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(OACIS Services)

From: Daniel E. Ray, MD

To: Michael Chyu, MD

Allied Health

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10/02/2018

Lauren A. Millard, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery-1250 Cedar Crest)

From: Vincent E. Lotano, MD

To: Ahmed R. Nassar, MD

Allied Health

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10/02/2018

Stefanie L. Toman, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(OACIS Services)

From: Daniel E. Ray, MD

To: Jennifer E. Allen, MD

Allied Health

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10/02/2018

**Additional Supervising Physician and Group**

Seth A. Campbell, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Department of Community Health – W. William Shay, DO)  
Addition of: LVPG-Emergency Medicine – Eric W. Bean, DO, MBA

Allied Health

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10/02/2018

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