

Trust the Process

My term as the Medical Staff President is winding down, leaving me with only a few more opportunities to write about my passion for athletics and Philadelphia sports. I'd love to be writing about the Phillies playing for the National League championship or the Eagles truly contending as back-to-back Super Bowl champions but neither of these stories are realistic at this point. I am, however, optimistic for the Philadelphia 76ers as they embark upon upcoming NBA season. My wife had lunch recently with NBA analyst Doris Burke, who assured that "The Process" is playing out as planned and Sixers fans have reason to feel hopeful.

Most Sixers fans are familiar with the saying "Trust the Process." The Process itself was a strategy, first described a few years ago, to make the team great and set them up to contend for a league championship, something that has evaded Philadelphia basketball fans since 1983 when Julius "Dr. J" Erving led the team. The spokesperson for the process is the team's young, dynamic, center and emotional leader, Joel Embiid. In many ways this *process* has been a challenge for the organization. It has entailed vision and long-term planning, delaying gratification, taking risks, and enduring criticism from both players and fans. Most importantly it's required investing in the right resources and personnel to be successful.

When the Sixers began their "Process" in 2015 they owned an abysmal 10-72 record. Last year, with the process in full force, they won 52 games, finished third in their conference, and made the playoffs for the first time in seven years. Expectations this year are even greater with the hopes that "The Process" will come to full fruition.

In many ways I see Lehigh Valley Health Network's (LVHN) journey as a "process." In looking at the network today, compared to when I started as the President-Elect, we are immensely different. With the



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goal of remaining successful in the changing health care market – one where there are easily as many health systems as NBA teams – we had to strategically plan and evolve. This included investment in resources – like Epic as our electronic medical record to better interconnect all of our hospitals – and expansion – merging with Hazleton, Schuylkill and Pocono. Although there have been challenges and growing pains, we are now seeing our hospital network prosper with census, financial performance, and the growth of new and better clinical services critical to our communities. Our greatest asset remains our medical staff and specifically our compassionate and talented caregivers. All of our hospitals are now attracting such caregivers and being recognized for their commitment to quality and patient experience.

Any successful *process*, albeit dependent upon innovation and change, also requires remaining true to inherent values. Through our *process* at LVHN, we have remained loyal to the values that have always made us special. The values we are wholeheartedly committed to include dedication to our most vulnerable and needy populations and investing in our educational environment for residents, fellows and our USF-SELECT medical students. Our *process* includes providing the highest-quality care now but also looking ahead and training future caregivers to provide this level of care in our growing communities, in the future.

Today more than ever, organizations – whether sports teams or health care systems – must commit to a *process* to succeed. This process may not be obvious, and even disruptive and uncomfortable at times. But with creative planning and vision, teams and networks will not only survive, but thrive. I am exceptionally proud to be a member of the Medical Staff at LVHN and having had the opportunity to play a small part in our network's *process*. I look forward to seeing my basketball team, the Philadelphia 76ers, complete their *process* in the coming season and winning an NBA championship.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph E. Patruno', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph E. Patruno, MD
Medical Staff President

CDC Vaccination Information

VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): *What you need to know*

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis

Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite www.immunize.org/vis

1 Why get vaccinated?

Influenza (“flu”) is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May.

Flu is caused by influenza viruses, and is spread mainly by coughing, sneezing, and close contact.

Anyone can get flu. Flu strikes suddenly and can last several days. Symptoms vary by age, but can include:

- fever/chills
- sore throat
- muscle aches
- fatigue
- cough
- headache
- runny or stuffy nose

Flu can also lead to pneumonia and blood infections, and cause diarrhea and seizures in children. If you have a medical condition, such as heart or lung disease, flu can make it worse.

There is no live flu virus in flu shots. They cannot cause the flu.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against three or four viruses that are likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. But even when the vaccine doesn’t exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

Flu vaccine cannot prevent:

- flu that is caused by a virus not covered by the vaccine, or
- illnesses that look like flu but are not.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination, and protection lasts through the flu season.

3 Some people should not get this vaccine

Tell the person who is giving you the vaccine:

- **If you have any severe, life-threatening allergies.**
If you ever had a life-threatening allergic reaction

Flu season is here again. Currently, Lehigh Valley Health Network employees are offering the influenza vaccine to all eligible patients.

The importance of this vaccine to your patients and public safety is immense. Getting the facts about the flu vaccine to your patients will make them feel comfortable with their decision. So, are you providing the correct education to your patients?

The CDC Vaccination Information Statement (VIS) must be printed out and given to all patients (both pediatric and adult) prior to receiving any vaccination per federal law ([National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act](#)). Other patient information sheets do not meet this requirement.

Want to preview this education? Click on links below on the available vaccination education.

- [CDC Influenza VIS sheet](#)
- [Complete listing of current CDC VIS sheets](#)

Please make sure to print your patient's preferred language.

Want more of the latest research on influenza vaccination? Check out the follow articles (not to be provided for patient use):

- [Are flu vaccinations more effective in females?](#)
- [Do you know the important points to talk about when discussing the flu vaccine with your patient?](#)
- [When should you get your flu vaccination?](#)
- [Flu shot or nasal mist?](#)

For more information, contact Patient Education at **610-402-2487** or visit the Patient Education website at patienteducation.content.lvh.com.

National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week Nov. 4-10

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush issued a proclamation designating the first week of November as “National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week” to acknowledge and thank medical services professionals for playing an important role in our nation’s health care system.

What role do these professionals play? They are the people behind the scenes who make certain the credentials of all practitioners who are caring for patients are correct and have been verified. Medical services professionals are experts in provider credentialing and privileging, medical staff organization, accreditation and regulatory compliance, and provider relations in the diverse health care industry. They credential and monitor ongoing competence of the physicians and other practitioners who provide patient care services in hospitals, managed care organizations and other health care settings.

Medical services professionals are a vital part of the community’s health care team. They are dedicated to making certain that all patients receive care from practitioners who are properly educated, licensed and trained in their specialty. During the week of Nov. 4-10, don’t forget to say hello to your medical services professionals.

Venue Set for Physician Recognition Dinner

The next Physician Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Centennial Catering & Conference Center in Center Valley. Plan to attend this grand event to celebrate with your colleagues and recognize those who will be celebrating 50 and 25 years of service on the hospital's Medical Staff.

In addition to the years-of-service awards, several special awards will be presented at next year's big event. These special awards will be presented to the individuals who best meet the criteria for each award. The awards and criteria for each are as follows:

- Community Service Award – This award is presented to the doctor who best embodies the importance of participation in community activities in terms of service on boards and involvement in community groups, philanthropic interests or other community activities over a period of years.
- Team Building Award – This award is presented to the doctor who best embodies the ability to build a team of doctors, allied health professionals or other health care workers and to nurture the cohesive actions of the team over a period of years.
- Physician Research Award – This award is presented to the physician who has shown excellence in the pursuit of academic activities in clinical research, primarily in terms of peer-reviewed publications.
- Friend of the Medical Staff Award – Given to the allied health professional, management professional or other health care worker who over a period of years has shown exceptional ability in assisting physicians in improving the care of patients at LVHN.
- Doctors' Doctor Award – This award is presented to a physician or a group of physicians, selected by members of the Medical Staff, who embodies all of the attributes of a superior doctor of medicine.

Nominations for these awards will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2018. To submit a nomination, please include the name of the award, the nominee's name, your name, and a brief explanation of why you think the nominee should receive the award, and email it to Patricia Martin, MD, Medical Staff president-elect, or Dana Hacker, Administrator, Medical Staff services.

For questions or feedback on this article, contact Dana Hacker in Medical Staff Services at **484-862-3903**.

CMS's Open Payments System and Reporting Conflicts of Interest

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Open Payments System (commonly referred to as the Sunshine Act) is a national disclosure program that promotes transparency by requiring pharmaceutical and device companies to report payments given to physicians, and any ownership or investment interest physicians have in their company. Generally, the types of payments that are reported include consulting fees, research, speaking fees, entertainment, meals, travel and lodging.

Payment information is released on June 30 of each year on a public website, and includes 12 months of data from the previous calendar year. Prior to when data is publicly displayed, physicians can register, review and dispute the payments, if necessary. For resources on registering on the Open Payments System, please visit [cms.gov/openpayments/about/resources.html](https://www.cms.gov/openpayments/about/resources.html). It is recommended that providers review the website as the chance to dispute data expires by Dec. 31 of each year.

Starting in January 2019, there will be a hard stop in the Lehigh Valley Health Network conflict of interest program to permit providers to review information reported in the Open Payments System. Although the most recent data available will be from 2017, it will be informative regarding reported payments. For transparency reasons, when completing the conflict of interest form, it is important to include payments from pharmaceutical and device companies received during the past calendar year, and the form should be updated within 30 days of a new disclosure.

Please contact Mary Ann La Rock, Vice President, Compliance Services, at **484-884 -1401**, or via Maryann.Larock@LVHN.org if you have any questions.

Pulse Surveys: Your Chance to Be Heard

Medical Staff Services will be requesting your input and feedback on various initiatives related to medical staff wellness on a quarterly basis. The pulse surveys will be a few questions and available through a link in the Progress Notes email you receive monthly from Medical Staff Services.

Your opinion matters! We will present the data in future issues of Progress Notes and use your feedback to effect change.

This month's survey is all about the inspirational quotes you see in Epic twice a week. Share your feedback! Visit https://is.gd/lvhn_survey.

For more information, contact [Joseph Patruno, MD](#).

Influenza Vaccination Update- November 2018

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 were required to submit an exemption request by Nov. 1. These individuals must be granted an exemption or be vaccinated by Nov. 21. 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.

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 Lehigh Valley Health Network [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
- On units and in practices that participate in our peer vaccination program (LVH–Cedar Crest, LVH–17th Street, LVH–Muhlenberg 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**.

November 2018 Papers, Publications and Presentations

- Grant M. Greenberg, MD, MHSA, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, “Reducing unnecessary vitamin D screening in an academic health system: what works and when.” It was published July 29, 2018, online ahead of print in the American Journal of Medicine.
- Jeffrey Sternlieb, PhD, of the Department of Family Medicine, authored an article, “Privilege as a social issue.” It was published in Pennsylvania Psychologist, September 2018.
- John Stoeckle, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, co-authored an article, “Scaling integrated behavioral health rapidly.” It was published in the Annals of Family Medicine, Volume 16, Number 5, September/October 2018.
- Kevin McNeill, MD, of the Department of Family Medicine, participated in a community panel that aired on WLVT TV PBS 39 related to chronic pain and opioids, entitled “A community conversation on opioids and baby boomer generation.” It can be viewed at [org/community-conversation](#).

November 2018 Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Department of Education Conferences

- 9-10 – Second Annual Cancer Institute Symposium; Camelback Resort, Tannersville
- 9 – Child Maltreatment
- 25-26 – Department of Anesthesiology Winter Retreat conference

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds

- 13 – The Opioid Crisis and Its Effect on Children, with Elaine Donoghue, MD, Wendy Kowalski, MD, Amanda Flicker, MD, Courtney Boyle, DO, and Debra Esernio-Jenssen, MD; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 20 – Food Insecurity, with Julia Meagan Grega and Kimberly Brown, MD; LVH–Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6, 8-9 a.m.
- 27 – Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis, with Daniel Zinn, MD, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology; 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—November 2018

MEDICAL STAFF

New Appointments

Effective Nov. 6, 2018

Thomas J. Amadio, DO

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(LVPG—Emergency Medicine)

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/18

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Schweta R. Arakali, MD

Medicine

Allergy

(Center for Allergy and Asthma Care, LLC)

250 Cetronia Road, Suite 103

Allentown, PA 18104-9147

Phone: 610-841-3890 Fax: 610-841-3899

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/11/2018

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Marc M. Bonin, DO

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(TeamHealth Emergency Medicine)

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill

700 E. Norwegian St.

Pottsville, PA 17901-2710

Phone: 570-621-4090 Fax: 570-628-2210

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 11/01/2018

LVH–S

John L Cochran, MD

Surgery

Urology

(LVPG Urology–Sherman Court)

140 N. Sherman Court

Hazleton, PA 18201-5863

Phone: 570-501-7020 Fax: 570-501-7028

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/26/2018

LVH–H

Francis S. DiStefano, DO, MPH

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)

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: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/2018

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Matias Eljovich, MD

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine (TeamHealth Emergency Medicine)

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill

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Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 11/01/18

LVH–S

Brittany J. Ely, DO

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(LVH–M Emergency Medicine)
Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg
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Bethlehem, PA 18017-7300
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Provisional Limited Duty
Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/11/2018
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Kathryn E. Ess, MD

Medicine
Neurology
(LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest, Suite 405)
Allentown, PA 18103-6224
Phone: 610-402-8420 Fax: 610-402-1689
Provisional Active
Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/2018
LVH LVH–M

Henria M. Fain, MD

Medicine
Neurology
(LVPG Neurology–1250 Cedar Crest, Suite 405)
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Provisional Active
Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/2018
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Monica J. Farinella, DO

Medicine
General Internal Medicine
(LVPG Bariatric Medicine–1243 Cedar Crest, Suite 2200)
Allentown, PA 18103-6268
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Provisional Active
Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/2018
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Ditina K. Ghetia, MD

Emergency and Hospital Medicine
Hospital Medicine
(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest)
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Allentown, PA 18105-1556

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

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/2018

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Fernando Guerrero, MD

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(TeamHealth Emergency Medicine)

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Schuylkill

700 E. Norwegian St.

Pottsville, PA 17901-2710

Phone: 570-621-4090 Fax: 570-628-2210

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 11/01/2018

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Danielle I. Holland, DMD

Surgery

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

(Lehigh Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)

1251 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 311

Allentown, PA 18103-6277

Phone: 610-435-6161 Fax: 610-435-2902

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/11/2018

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Kristen N. Kingry, DO

Family Medicine

(LVPF Family Medicine-1251 Cedar Crest, Suite102A)

Allentown, PA 18103-6212

Phone: 610-402-3940 Fax: 610-402-3950

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/2018

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John V. LaPadula, DO

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:11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/11/2018

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Phuong U. Le, DO

Medicine

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

(LVPG Physiatry-1255 Cedar Crest, Suite 2100)

Cedar Crest and I-78, PO Box 689

Allentown, PA 18103-6224

Phone: 610-402-3560 Fax: 610-402-3355

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/2018

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Traceyan R. Mendez, MD

Family Medicine

(LVPG Family Medicine-West End)

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Brodheads ville, PA 18322-7812

Phone: 570-420-6300 Fax: 570-402-2920

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/01/2018

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Marlene A. Murphy-Stezko, MD

Surgery

Urology

(LVPG Urology-Sherman Court)

140 N Sherman Court

Hazleton, PA 18201-5863

Phone: 570-501-7020 Fax: 570-501-7028

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/11/2018

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Leroy Nickles Jr., MD

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

(Team Health Emergency Physicians)

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Schuylkill

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Pottsville, PA 17901-2710

Phone: 570-621-4090 Fax: 570-628-2210

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 11/01/2018

LVH-S

Rebecca J. Odorizzi, DO

Family Medicine

(LVPF Family Medicine–Hometown)

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Tamaqua, PA 18252-4302

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Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/2018

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Orion Pullman, MD

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine (TeamHealth Emergency Medicine)

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill

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Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 11/01/18

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Raji Srinivasan, MD

Family Medicine

(LVPF Family Medicine–Orefield)

Orefield Medical Center

5074 Kernsville Road

Orefield, PA 18069-2320

Phone: 610-395-1993 Fax: 610-395-2516

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 01/01/2019

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Rekha Srinivasan, MD

Psychiatry

Child-Adolescent Psychiatry

(LVPF Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–Muhlenberg)

2710 Schoenersville Road

Bethlehem, PA 18017-7384

Phone: 610-297-7500 Fax: 610-297-7533

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/22/2018

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John J. Starke Jr., DO

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(Team Health Emergency Physicians)

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill

700 E. Norwegian St.

Pottsville, PA 17901-2710

Phone: 570-621-4090 Fax: 570-628-2210

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 11/01/2018

LVH–S

Pravin A. Taneja, MD, MBA

Anesthesiology

Pediatric Anesthesiology/General Anesthesiology

(AAA Anesthesia Associates, Inc.)

4905 W. Tilghman St., Suite 250

Allentown, PA 18104-9131

Phone: 484-866-9582 Fax: 610-366-1147

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018

Temporary privileges: 10/15/2018

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Karen Thevenin, DO

Family Medicine

(LVPG Family Medicine–Southside)

141 E. Emaus Ave.

Allentown, PA 18103-5824

Phone: 610-791-5930 Fax: 610-791-2157

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/19/2018

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Dahlia A. Thorpe, DO

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Emergency Medicine

(TeamHealth Emergency Medicine)

206 E. Brown St.

East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-3006

Phone: 570-476-3353 Fax: 570-422-8247

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 11/01/2018

LVH–S

Syed A. Zia, MD

Family Medicine

(LVPG Family Medicine–West End)

120 Burrus Blvd.

Brodheads ville, PA 18301-3006

Phone: 570-420-6300 Fax: 570-402-2920

Provisional Active

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges: 10/01/2018

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Resignations

Bengt L. Ivarsson, MD

Surgery

Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

(LVPG Vascular Surgery-Muhlenberg)

Active

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10/01/2018

Lisa R. Lindauer, MD

Medicine

Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine

(LVPG Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine-1250 Cedar Crest)

Active

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09/30/2018

Sarah S. Park, DO

Emergency and Hospital Medicine

Hospital Medicine

(LVPG Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg)

Active

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08/28/2018

Erica B. Patel, DO

Anesthesiology

Pain Medicine

(LVPG Pain Specialists)

Active

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09/14/2018

Rebecca E. Perry, MD

Pediatrics

Neonatology

(LVPG Neonatology-Cedar Crest)

Active

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ALLIED HEALTH STAFF

New Appointments

Effective Nov. 6, 2018

Katlin A. Aunkst, PA-C

Physician Assistant-Certified

(LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery–1250 Cedar Crest, Suite 310)

Allentown, PA 18103-6381

Phone: 610-402-6890 Fax: 610-402-6892

Supervising Physician: James K Wu, MD

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges 10/22/2018

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Lutchana P. Beckford, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

(LVPG Hematology Oncology–Pocono)

Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center

181 E. Brown St.

East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-3004

Phone: 570-422-1700 Fax: 570-421-3493

Supervising Physician: Sonyo Shin, MD

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges 10/11/2018

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Elaine T. Carboni, CRNA

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

(Hazleton Anesthesia Services/Somnia, Inc.)

700 E. Broad St.

Hazleton, PA 18201-6835

Phone: 570-501-4218 Fax: 570-501-4089

Supervising Physician: Randy S. Cohen, MD

Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges 10/12/2018

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Brandy M. Costa, RD

Registered Dietitian

(Sodexo Dietitians)

Sodexo Administration Office

Cedar Crest and I-78, First Floor Kasych Pavilion

Allentown, PA 18105-1556

Phone: 610-402-8609 Fax: 610-402-1034
Supervising Physician: David B. Burmeister, DO
Appointment date: 11/06/2018
Temporary privileges 10/02/2018
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Rebecca L. De Jesus, CRNP

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(Lehigh Valley Physicians Practice)
17th and Chew, PO Box 7017, Suite 101
Allentown, PA 18105-7017
Phone: 610-969-4370 Fax: 610-969-3023
Supervising Physician: Maria L. Jones, MD
Appointment date: 11/06/2018 Temporary privileges 10/22/2018
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Catherine L. Finney, RD

Registered Dietitian
(Sodexo Dietitians)
Sodexo Administration Office
Cedar Crest and I-78, First Floor Kasych Pavilion
Allentown, PA 18105-1556
Phone: 610-402-8609 Fax: 610-402-1034
Supervising Physician: Robin S. Schroeder, MD
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Notable Recent Updates from the FDA

In the endlessly developing field of medicine, new products, guidelines and medications are published on a regular basis and it can be overwhelming to keep up to date. For the field of pharmacy in particular, the FDA publishes information regarding newly approved medications, new generic medications, new indications and recalls. Below are some notable recent updates from the FDA.

Newly approved generics:

- Treximet (sumatriptan/naproxen)
 - \$811.53 vs \$750.75*
- Welchol (colesevelam)
 - \$575.94 vs. \$399.99 (tablet)*
 - \$575.94 vs. \$438.70 (powder)*
- Cialis (tadalafil)
 - \$315.36 vs. \$277.88*

New drug approvals:

- Lucemyra (lofexidine) – An alpha-2 adrenergic agonist indicated for relief of opioid withdrawal symptoms to help facilitate abrupt opioid discontinuation in adults. It is the first and only FDA-approved, nonopioid, nonaddictive treatment for this indication. It is dosed as such: 3 x 0.18 mg tablets (0.54 mg) four times daily for the first five to seven days, and then dosage is slowly decreased. Maximum dose is 0.72 mg/dose or 2.88 mg/day. However the cost of the 8-day treatment could cost the patient nearly \$2,400 without insurance.
- Aimovig (erenumab-aooe) and Ajovy (fremanezumab-vfrm) – Both are human monoclonal antibodies that antagonize calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) receptor function, and are indicated for the prevention of migraines in adults. Aimovig is dosed as a single 70 mg subcutaneous dose, although some patients may benefit from two consecutive 70 mg subcutaneous doses (140 mg) per month. It would cost patients roughly \$600 per month without insurance. Ajovy is dosed as either 225 mg subcutaneously every month or 675 mg subcutaneously every three months. Ajovy was approved Sept. 14, 2018, and is estimated to be in

a similar price range to Aimovig.

*Prices based on AWP. Cialis price based on 5 mg tablet.

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