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**LVHN Scholarly Works**

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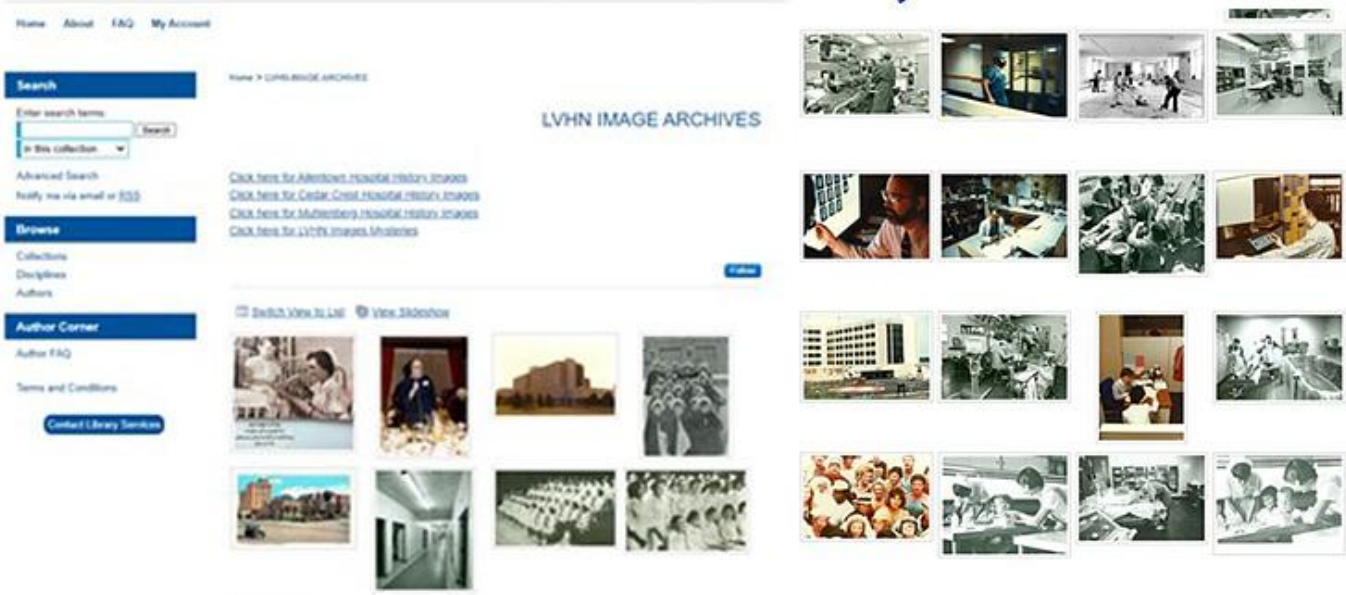
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## Scholarly Works is Celebrating 10 Years

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Since 2012, [Scholarly Works](#), the official archival repository for LVHN, has been collecting published papers and poster presentations produced by colleagues across the health network as well as memorabilia pertaining to LVHN's history. This ever-growing repository is open to the public to explore.

To date, Scholarly Works has gotten 1.5 million downloads from more than 130 countries worldwide. The most popular document – with 18,000 downloads since 2014 – has been the poster [To Filter or Not to Filter](#), presented at the Philadelphia Area Magnet Meeting.

“It does a tremendous amount to further the scholarly reputation of LVHN and the many experts we have here,” says Linda Matula Schwartz, Director of Library

Services and Patient Education at LVHN. “The goal is to keep building the legacy and history of LVHN.”

### **An environment of excellence**

Schwartz along with Kristine Petre, former Health Sciences Librarian, Thomas Whalen, MD, former Chief Medical Officer of LVHN, and Anne Panik, former Vice President of Patient Care Services, launched the repository. Today, Schwartz and fellow librarians manage the collections, regularly harvesting content from multiple sources such as Medline, posters presented at conferences and research articles published in scientific journals. So far, the Department of Medicine has submitted the most content.

Today, the repository contains more than:

- 7,000 article citations
- 3,700 posters
- 1,500 historical documents, clippings and photographs

### **Where it all started**

Dates of the digitized materials range from 1893 to the present. To catch a glimpse of the past, you can browse publications such as [The Up-to-Date Cookbook](#) of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Allentown Hospital Association, produced in 1897. The cookbook was sold door to door to raise money to buy land for Allentown Hospital. A book called the Fifty-Year Story of The Allentown Hospital tells the story of a dedicated community and its accomplishments over five decades.

“It was a sense of civic pride to have a hospital,” Schwartz says. “In the beginning, there was no medical insurance. People donated to the hospital. These historical documents show that people gave what they could, for example, a few jars of jelly or some coal. And they gave money when they had it.”

Recently, a woman from Maryland came across Scholarly Works online and contacted Library Services. She had a large box of memorabilia she wanted to find a good home for. Her mother and aunt graduated from the Allentown School of Nursing. She donated a group photograph of the nursing class of 1932, a [brochure from 1956](#) and a blood pressure cuff her mother used in the 1950s as a nurse at The Allentown Hospital.

## **Share your expertise**

Aside from being a repository of scholarly works and historical content, the site has other unique features. The [Expert Gallery](#) pages include a list of articles, posters and books LVHN experts have published or presented at conferences. Linked to Find a Doc pages, Expert Gallery helps patients and the general public answer questions about any LVHN professional and get to know them better.

“It’s really an amazing history,” says Schwartz. “If you have written an article or a book, tell us so that we can add your work to our institutional repository. We want to continue to build the reputation of our health network in research and clinical care. If you want an Expert Gallery page, send us your CV and we will set up a page for you.”

## **Help solve the mystery**

History Mysteries includes original photographs of staff and other individuals associated with the health network who are unidentified, such as a photograph of a nurse helping a patient into a wheelchair or a photograph of a speaker at a conference in the 1960s. If you recognize the people in the pictures, contact Library Services with the information. They will update the captions.

## **Community of life-long learners**

Schwartz is moving forward to catch up to the past, setting her sights on gathering historical documents for LVH–Pocono and LVH–Hazleton. “We want to get a complete picture of this marvelous health network we have created,” she says.

Library Services librarians are able to provide guidance to LVHN authors about the publishing process and tips on how to identify peer reviewed and quality research.

“Scholarly Works is something to be treasured for what we have and something to be expanded upon,” she says. “The health network grows, medicine grows, nursing grows and our allied health services grows, and all of these contribute to the scholarly works we produce and ultimately enhance the reputation of LVHN.”

For more information, go to [Scholarly Works](#).