LVHN to Partner with the University of South Florida’s College of Medicine

On March 5, the University of South Florida’s College of Medicine (USF) and Lehigh Valley Health Network announced an affiliation that will create a Health Care Leadership Track – a medical education curriculum to train a new generation of 21st century physician leaders. LVHN will serve as the northern instructional medical campus of USF Health. The campus located in Allentown, Pa., will serve third and fourth year medical students of USF Health who will receive all of their clinical medical education at the campus while residing in the Lehigh Valley.

Students from Pennsylvania and the surrounding area will be able to attend USF Health located in Tampa, Fla., for their first two years of medical school, and then return to LVHN for their last two years. Under the affiliation, USF initially will expand the number of available slots in its annual medical school class by 24 students, and eventually by 48 students.

“We are tired of hearing that the health care system is broken. It is time to fix it,” said Stephen Klasko, MD, MBA, Senior Vice President for USF Health and the Dean of the College of Medicine. “We want to transform the fundamentals of medicine, the DNA of the health care system, one medical student at a time.”

“This relationship between the University of South Florida and Lehigh Valley Health Network represents an opportunity to partner with one of the country’s most progressive medical schools which will allow us to create a national leadership track in medical education and to bring more physicians to Pennsylvania,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHN’s President and CEO.

“We need to have training that meets the needs of our population in the future,” Dr. Sussman said. “We are jointly designing a new medical education curriculum that will prepare physicians for the new paradigm of health care delivery. This emphasis includes cost management, physician leadership development, and emphasizes high quality and safe care for patients. Teaching hospitals like LVHN must be committed to developing new and innovative ways to train doctors so they can help with the health care reform everyone believes we so desperately need in this country.”

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

LVHN Pediatricians and Our Community

At the beginning of my term as President of the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Health Network, I announced that my focus would be to highlight physicians who are making a positive difference and are actively involved in our community. The first group I would like to tell you about is from our Department of Pediatrics.

When I asked the Chair of Pediatrics, John Van Brakle, MD, which of his 98 physicians were active in the community, he answered that it would be easier to count the ones who were not involved. John himself oversees our Children’s Clinic which is responsible for the care of approximately 14,000 of the sickest and neediest children in the Lehigh Valley. Continuing his commitment, he is also a member of the board for the Lehigh County Child Advocacy Center.

Kim Brown, MD, who I am proud to call a friend, started working at LVHN in 1994. At that time, she realized there was a need in our community for a clinic to treat HIV-infected children and teenagers. Most of the affected children were leaving the valley, predominantly going to Philadelphia for their care. To fill the need, Kim did additional training at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and began seeing the Lehigh Valley’s HIV-infected children in 1996. Kim founded the Specialty Clinic for HIV at the Children’s Clinic located at our 17th Street site at a time when HIV therapy was suboptimal and both children and adults were regularly dying. She remembers well when new medications were approved and combined in ways that saved her patients’ lives. Kim follows fewer patients now than she did in 1996 due to better prevention and many of her patients have lived into adulthood and have entered the adult HIV management clinics. In addition to her dedication to young HIV patients, Kim is also actively involved in treating asthma patients through the Mercy Health Plan.

Sarah Stevens, MD, MPH, is an internist with a fellowship in Adolescent Medicine. She has been on the Medical Staff since 1999 and a member of the Department of Pediatrics since 2006. Sarah served on the Board of Directors of the Valley Youth House which provides temporary housing and counseling services to abused, neglected, and homeless youth. Sarah also serves on the Lehigh Valley Youth Crime and Violence Task Force. This task force has been meeting monthly since 1996 to address issues related to juvenile crime in our community. Through Sarah, I have learned that gang violence remains a significant problem in the Lehigh Valley. Sarah has recently received a grant allowing her to create a Youth Safety Assessment Tool that helps LVHN screen our pediatric patients for those who are at high risk of gang involvement and then identifies those for intervention. Thanks to Sarah for her commitment to at-risk adolescents.

Like Sarah, Mike Consuelos, MD, Vice Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, serves on the Board of Directors for the Valley Youth House. In addition, he co-chairs the LVHN influenza vaccination campaign where he and his colleagues administer thousands of free influenza vaccines each year.

Jarret Patton, MD, was named to the board for the Community Services for Children (CSC) in the fall of 2008. CSC is a non-profit organization that has a major focus on early childhood education through a program called Head Start which provides early learning and education primarily to low income children prior to their entrance to kindergarten. Jarret is also involved with the United Way where he has been named a champion for Children Healthy and Ready to Learn. Jarret’s passion for early childhood education is evident in his involvement in both Head Start and the United Way.

Ros Dalope, MD, developed a clinic at LVHN for children with complex medical problems. This multidisciplinary clinic composed of clinicians, social workers, and complex case managers follows approximately 100 children who may have tracheostomies, gastric feeding tubes, or require out-of-hospital mechanical ventilation. In addition, Ros helped to start a clinic for children with ADHD within the Children’s Clinic. Finally, to broaden his experiences, Ros traveled to Kenya earlier this year to participate in the Visiting Scholars Program.

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Additionally, there are many more of our pediatricians who are involved in the community. Scott Brenner, MD, is currently President of the board of the Jewish Day School and involved in the Child Advocacy Center. Gwen Chung, MD, and Amil Qureshi, DO, are actively involved in the March of Dimes Walk. Kelly Costello, MD, serves on the Wellness Committee of the Northwestern Lehigh School District and is on the Casa Guadelpue Capitol Allocation Committee. Elizabeth Goff, MD, serves on the Board of Trustees and as the Clerk of Education for the United Friends School. Barbara Katz, MD, is the Secretary for the board at Congregation Am Haskalah and trains and visits with therapy dogs on the Pediatric Unit. Don Levick, MD, is a board member of the Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative and the Medical Director for the Eastern Pennsylvania Down Syndrome Center. Renee Morrow-Connelly, DO, serves as a physician at the Eastern Pennsylvania Down Syndrome Center, participated in the Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome, and coaches cross country and track for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Moshe Markowitz, MD, is Vice President of Youth at the Congregation Sons of Israel. Scott Rice, MD, is a board member for Bernard’s Vision. Nicole Rosenthal, DO, serves as a board member for the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley which organized and registered approximately 100 new potential bone marrow donors with Gift of Life in 2008. Michael Schwartz, MD, somehow finds time to be the Emmaus High School Boy’s Lacrosse Junior Varsity Head Coach and Assistant Varsity Coach, and Deb Carter, MD, volunteers as a health consultant for the LVHN Children’s Early Care and Education Center providing consultation to the director on any health, safety, behavior or medical issues.

In addition to the physicians, the Department of Pediatrics also has a number of Advanced Practice Clinicians who are involved in the community. Amanda Goddard, CRNP, provides medical evaluations for children who present to the Lehigh County Child Advocacy Center. Deb Busch, CRNP, has participated in three charity triathlons which benefited CHOP, childhood leukemia, and juvenile diabetes. Kerry Hood, CRNP, teaches a bible class for youths with disabilities at Calvary Church in Souderton and volunteers with the Joni and Friends Disability Ministry. Last but not least, Deborah Miller, CRNP, has served on the School Board for the Salisbury Township School District since 1997.

I feel certain that I have unintentionally left a few of my Pediatric colleagues out of this article, however, I would like to thank them for all that they do, too. There are so many of our pediatric providers making a positive impact through their involvement in LVHN and the community that it is difficult to mention them all. It has been a pleasure to learn about what these good people are doing. I am proud to be their colleague.

Have a nice month.

Matthew M. McCambridge, MD
Medical Staff President

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At-Large Members Needed for Medical Executive Committee

The Lehigh Valley Hospital Medical Staff Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for four at-large seats on the Medical Executive Committee, each for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2009.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to Michael J. Pistoria, DO, Chair of the Nominating Committee, via the Medical Staff Services office, Cedar Crest & I-78, or verbally to John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services. All nominations must be submitted by Friday, May 15, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Dr. Pistoria or Mr. Hart at 610-402-8980.
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Dr. Sussman also said increasing the pool of highly qualified physicians is extremely important because the population is both aging and increasing. In fact, Florida and Pennsylvania lead the nation in the proportion of the total population that is 65 and older. While the number of physicians is inadequate to serve the population’s needs in the future, experts are predicting a major physician shortage of between 100,000 and 200,000 physicians by the year 2020. As a result, in 2006, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) recommended a 30 percent increase in U.S. medical school enrollment by 2015. This would add 4,900 students to the medical school pool.

On average, Lehigh Valley Health Network recruits 70 new physicians to the area each year. With the continued population growth in the area, this number is expected to rise in order to meet the increased demand. Some of the most successful recruits are those who grew up in the area or went to medical school within 150 miles of the Lehigh Valley. In addition, Pennsylvania retains more of its medical students than other states. In fact, 43 percent of physicians practicing in Pennsylvania went to medical school here. The national average is 32 percent.

Dr. Klasko said, “… by offering new slots at USF Health to students from Pennsylvania and the surrounding area, the school will be able to attract diverse students from that part of the country. Most importantly, these students will benefit because the new affiliation offers the opportunity to receive a unique medical school education aimed entirely at educating physicians who will become leaders in understanding and changing health care. This is an opportunity to cross state boundaries to make a difference nationally.”

A request to establish a regional (branch) medical campus is being submitted to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the nationally recognized accrediting authority for medical education programs leading to the MD degree in U.S. and Canadian medical schools. The LCME is sponsored by the AAMC and the American Medical Association (AMA).

The goal is for the first students from USF Health to arrive at LVHN regional medical campus by the summer of 2013.
LVHN and State House Delegation Partner to Fund Chronic Illness Center

Lehigh Valley Health Network and the Pennsylvania House Lehigh Valley Delegation have partnered to fund a Chronic Illness Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital -17th Street in Allentown. State House Representatives Karen Beyer, R-Lehigh, and Jennifer Mann, D-Lehigh, along with their respective caucuses, secured $700,000 from the state’s Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program to support the center.

The Chronic Illness Center will provide education and support to patients struggling with chronic illnesses, like diabetes, heart disease or asthma. “This means a lot to our primary care patients at Lehigh Valley Hospital-17th Street,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHN’s President and CEO. “A large percentage of these patients are Latino or elderly and statistically are at higher risk for developing chronic illnesses like diabetes and heart disease. Three quarters of these patients receive medical assistance and lack the resources or knowledge to adequately independently manage their illnesses. Through the center, a team of caregivers – dietitians, social workers, specialists and more – will offer programs and support to patients with chronic illnesses.” The goal is to help patients feel empowered to be involved in their care – proven to improve outcomes, increase patient satisfaction and reduce hospital emergency room costs – while alleviating patients’ concerns for finding transportation or missing work to attend numerous appointments throughout the city.

Construction of the Chronic Illness Center, which will be located on the first floor of the hospital, will begin in the spring and include seven consultation rooms, two exam rooms and a group visitation room so that patients can receive services in the same location. “The center will streamline services to benefit patients,” Ms. Mann said. “It will also provide good jobs for area residents.”

During the announcement event held on Friday, February 27, Dr. Sussman commended the delegation for working as a team to support this project. “The reality is that during these difficult economic times, it is challenging for health networks to make such capital investments,” Dr. Sussman said. “Together, however, we can better manage chronic illnesses – an integral component of the governor’s plan for health care reform – while driving down health care costs for our community. This is a valuable partnership that will impact our community’s physical and economic health.”

State House Representatives Jennifer Mann, D-Lehigh (left), and Karen Beyer, R-Lehigh, present a check for $700,000 from the state’s Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program to Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHN President and CEO. The funding will support the Chronic Illness Center which will be located at Lehigh Valley Hospital-17th Street.
On February 24, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and the Blue Mountain Health System (BMHS) announced a five-year affiliation agreement under which the two organizations will work collaboratively to enhance and improve health care for the residents of Carbon County and the surrounding areas.

The terms of the affiliation will allow BMHS and LVHN to increase the level and quality of health care services, jointly develop new service opportunities, improve information systems for greater efficiency and safety, reduce operating costs, and engage in other initiatives that bring enhanced value to the Carbon County region. A joint oversight committee has been formed to identify opportunities for collaboration.

“This affiliation will allow the Blue Mountain Health System to enhance the quality of care for our patients, better position the system for growth of services, as well as increase our access to physician specialists on-site and through telemedicine,” said Andrew E. Harris, President and CEO of the Blue Mountain Health System. “Growing our services is the best way to enhance our financial viability as well as maintain our community health system.”

“We believe that health care is a local matter that is best delivered and governed by community-based boards and management,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, President and CEO of Lehigh Valley Health Network. “At the same time, collaboration in health care is becoming more and more critical if we want to do things better and more efficiently. That’s why an affiliation with Blue Mountain Health System to support the regional delivery of high quality, cost-effective health care in Carbon County and the surrounding areas makes sense.”

The parties have been discussing an affiliation since October 2008 after successfully collaborating in advanced cardiac and stroke care since 2004 with the MI Alert for Heart Attacks program. “This program is a perfect example of how our partnership provides better care for the timely transfer and treatment of patients experiencing a heart attack through coordinated clinical protocols,” Dr. Sussman said.

Close to 90 patients from Blue Mountain Health System who experienced heart attack symptoms were cared for by Lehigh Valley Health Network’s regional MI Alert program over the past three years. The result of this collaboration is clinical outcomes that contributed to Lehigh Valley Health Network being recognized for having the lowest heart attack mortality rate in the country.

“We intend to build on the successes of the MI Alert for Heart Attacks program and improve quality, patient safety and efficiency in other patient care areas,” Dr. Sussman said. “Programs and services our organizations are currently discussing include teleburn care and pharmacy services.”

Dr. Sussman said the joint oversight committee will have the task of exploring other possible ways the two organizations could collaborate.
Hospital Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Statement

Back in September, the Boards of Trustees of the Hospitals approved a change to the Medical Staff Bylaws instituting a requirement for ALL members of the Medical Staff to complete the Hospital Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Statement. This came as a unanimous recommendation from the General Medical Staff membership at its June meeting. Although this was previously a requirement for Medical Staff members in leadership and administrative positions and individuals involved in expenditure decisions, the Bylaws were changed to require all members to complete the questionnaire.

This year, the process began in March. Some of you involved in research with the Institutional Review Board and those on committees, such as the Perioperative Value Analysis Committee, may be asked to update the conflict of interest statement more often than annually. The information is confidential and will be compiled in the Internal Audit department. Access will be on a need to know basis only. This will take approximately five minutes of your time.

The new web-based application will maintain your answers along with the date you last updated the information. This will allow you to see what answers you previously provided when accessing the web-based application at a future time.

You are requested to complete this process by April 15, 2009.

You can access the form in one of the following two ways:

LVHN Intranet (from a building owned by LVHN)

➢ From the Intranet Homepage, under the “What’s New” section on the right-hand side, select “Conflict of Interest Questionnaire.” Accessing the form via the Intranet is secure as the user has already logged in using the SSO log-in process. Therefore, no further user ID or password is required.

Internet

➢ To access the Log-in Screen via the Internet, type the following address in the URL – conflict.lvh.org
To gain access to the questionnaire, you will need to enter the user number and password which you should have received from Medical Staff Services as confidential correspondence in the U.S. Mail.

Using either of the above methods, select the appropriate questionnaire based on the following:

➢ If you are an employed physician, choose the first selection – “EMPLOYEE QUESTIONNAIRE (INCLUDING EMPLOYED PHYSICIANS)”

➢ If you are a physician in private practice, choose the second selection – “PHYSICIANS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE/OTHER NON-EMPLOYEES QUESTIONNAIRE”

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call Tammy Winterhalt in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-1397 or Carol Kriebel in the Internal Audit department at 610-969-0501.
The Department of Surgery Research is actively recruiting subjects for the following trial – “A Phase 2 Randomized Study Investigating the Safety, Efficacy and Pharmacokinetics of Daptomycin 6mg/kg and 8mg/kg versus Comparator in the Treatment of Subjects Undergoing Surgical Standard of Care for Osteomyelitis Associated with an Infected Prosthetic Hip or Knee Joint Caused by Staphylococci.”

The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the safety parameters of Creatine Phosphokinase (CPK) levels in patients with prosthetic joint infection (PJI) treated with daptomycin at 6mg/kg or 8mg/kg q24h versus comparator (vancomycin).

Osteomyelitis is a difficult to treat infection characterized by progressive inflammatory destruction and new apposition of bone. It is caused mainly by S. aureus and/or Coagulase-negative staphylococci (CoNS). PJI is usually managed by both medical and surgical measures. In the United States, the two-stage replacement arthroplasty combined with intravenous antibiotic treatment is preferred, which has an average success rate of 86%.

Daptomycin exhibits rapid, concentration-dependent bactericidal activity in vitro against Gram-positive organisms including but not limited to, methicillin-resistant and methicillin sensitive strains of Staphylococcus aureus, Staphylococcus haemolyticus, and Staphylococcus epidermidis. It has been proven to be safe and effective at doses of 4mg/kg q24h for the treatment of complicated skin and skin structure infections and at 6mg/kg q24h for S. aureus bacteremia, including right-sided endocarditis. In light of the current trends of increasing post-operative Methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus rates and the promising concentration-dependent bactericidal activity of daptomycin, further research is warranted to investigate the potential clinical benefits of higher doses of daptomycin in the management of patients with PJI.

Inclusion criteria: subjects between 18-80 years of age with a diagnosis of PJI in a hip or knee joint (S. aureus or CoNS) that has never previously been totally revised due to infection and for which they are anticipated to undergo a two-stage replacement surgery.

Principal Investigator: Marcelo Gareca, MD

Lead Study Coordinator: Song-Hee Bohn, RN, BSN, CRC

If you would like to learn more about the study or if you have a potential patient, please contact Emese Futchko, Clinical Research Coordinator, at 610-402-1625, or page the Trauma/Surgery Research Coordinator on call through WebXchange via the hospital’s intranet.
The eLearning system was adopted in July 2008 to offer and track an expanding number of online and instructor-led learning activities. This month, access will be expanded to include Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians of the Allied Health Professional staff who are not hospital employees, but have access to the LVHN intranet.

The system provides many benefits including:

- Education will be available from one source.
- Users can browse the catalog offerings to select training.
- Notifications and expirations can be generated reminding users to take training for certification or regulatory requirements.
- Clinicians can use the system as a tool to upload training materials to make available within their practice area or the network.

All clinical content in the system, including some annual training courses, is created by subject matter experts from clinical departments.

eLearning will also allow all users to track Continuing Education credits for activities offered at LVHN. Physicians with eLearning access will have the ability to view Continuing Education credits for LVHN events through the eLearning system. The self-reported training feature will allow for tracking of education and Continuing Education credits offered outside the network.

Access to eLearning is available from the SSO toolbar when you sign on to any network PC. To acquire help or learn more, access the eLearning information page by selecting the “click here” link at the bottom of the main box. This link will direct you to FAQ’s, tutorials, job aids, and a schedule for learning lab sessions that are intended for all users who may have questions or need assistance using the system.

For technical assistance, please call the I/S Support Center at 610-402-8303 or by email at I/S_Support_Center@lvh.com

Advanced Practice Clinicians Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the Advanced Practice Clinicians will be held on Thursday, April 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8.

Topics to be presented will include:
- Advanced ICU
- Interpreter Services
- Chiropractic Services

Elections for three new at-large members will be held at the meeting.

For more information or if you have questions regarding the Advanced Practice Clinicians group, please leave a message on the APC Hotline at 610-402-APC1.
PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

Excisional vs. Non-Excisional Debridement

Clinical documentation can seem disconnected from coding guidelines. Surgical documentation is no exception.

In the past, surgeons have written “sharp debridement” and received credit for their efforts. However, current coding guidelines require the word “excisional” or “non-excisional” debridement in order to capture care and utilization of resources.

Clear and concise documentation is required in order to accurately report this procedure. Unfortunately, the use of a sharp instrument does not always indicate that an excisional debridement was performed. It is also important to document the extent of the debridement, i.e., skin, subcutaneous tissue, fascia, muscle or bone.

If the documentation is not clear, or there is any question about the procedure, a retrospective query will be required to capture the severity of illness and need for further clarification.

Please consider documenting “excisional” or “non-excisional” debridement in your progress notes and discharge summaries. Please also remember to document the extent of the debridement.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Anthony V. Matejicka II, DO, at 610-868-6880.

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A recent independent study has rated Dynamed the equivalent of UpToDate*.

For more information, please contact Library Services at 610-402-8410.

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Members of the Department of Emergency Medicine were co-authors of papers which were included in the *Academic Emergency Medicine* Special Issue – “Proceedings of The 2008 AEM Consensus Conference: The Science of Simulation in Healthcare: Defining and Developing Clinical Expertise” (Volume 15, Issue 11, Pages 971-1222 – November 2008). The papers and their co-authors include:

- “The Use of Simulation in the Development of Individual Cognitive Expertise in Emergency Medicine” (pgs. 1037-1045) was co-authored by William F. Bond, MD, Division of Emergency Medicine.

- “Advanced Medical Simulation Applications for Emergency Medicine Microsystems Evaluation and Training” (pgs. 1058-1070) was co-authored by Eric C. Bruno, MD, Division of Emergency Medicine.

- “National Growth in Simulation Training within Emergency Medicine Residency Programs, 2003-2008” (pgs. 1113-1116) was co-authored by Gary Bonfante, DO, Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine, and Dr. Bond.

Ronald S. Freudenberger, MD, Acting Chief, Division of Cardiology, presented “Pathophysiology of Heart Failure and Its Relationship to Stroke” at the International Stroke Meeting held February 18, in San Diego, Calif.

Mark A. Gittleman, MD, Division of General Surgery, Section of Surgical Oncology, was an invited speaker at the recent meeting of the Society of Surgical Oncology held March 4-8, in Phoenix, Ariz. His topic – “Second Generation Devices, Electronic Brachytherapy, Coding and Reimbursement” – was presented during the Accelerated Partial Breast Radiation Interdisciplinary Care symposium. In addition, Dr. Gittleman presented “Community Oriented Research” during the Comprehensive Breast Cancer Update for the Practicing Surgeon session.

William L. Miller, MD, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, gave a Keynote presentation titled “Transforming Pennsylvania Primary Care Practices: National Research Lessons” at the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians Annual Research Day held March 14 in the Poconos.

Paul J. Mosca, MD, PhD, Vice Chair, Department of Surgery Research, and Chief, Section of Surgical Oncology, co-authored an article titled “Targeting Akt3 Signaling in Malignant Melanoma Using Ioselenocyanates” which appeared in the March 2009 issue of *Clinical Cancer Research* (2009 15: 1674-1685).

John C. Smulian, MD, MPH, Vice Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Chief, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, co-authored an article – “Effect of Sulfasalazine on Basal and Bacteria-Stimulated Interleukin-8 Production by Endocervical Epithelial Cells” – which was published in the *American Journal of Reproductive Immunology* (Vol. 61, January-February, 2009, pgs. 190-195).

Thomas V. Whalen, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, was a guest presenter at the 22nd Annual Mae & Samuel Whitman Lecture Series held February 25, at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, N.Y. The title of his presentation was “The General Surgery Workforce: Future Directions.”

Save the Date to Celebrate!
2009 Resident Graduation
Friday, June 12, 2009
6 p.m.
Kasych Pavilion
- Formal Invitation to follow
WHEN ANGER GETS THE BEST OF YOU

Encountering difficult personalities and fast paces can build frustration. What can you do?

First, the alarm clock didn’t ring. Then a driver cut you off on Rt. 22. So you’re already stressed when you get to work—late, of course—and you find several tasks still undone. Three more “must-do” items cross your path. Your heart races.

Finally, a coworker tells you that a meeting—one that is crucial to the work at hand—is canceled. You can’t help but take it personally. Your frustration turns to anger. You’re ready to explode.

Stop right there! We’re often frustrated by events we can’t control. The key is to express that anger constructively.

The first step is realizing that your anger is building. From there, try using the S-T-O-P and C-A-L-M technique:

**S-T-O-P**

- **Slow down.** Stop your automatic response by taking a few deep breaths, a “timeout,” or by thinking of a more pleasant situation. This will clear your mind so you can better process the frustration overload.
- **Think.** Examine why you’re so angry. Determine if your anger might be from a miscommunication or negative feeling on your own part.

**C-A-L-M**

- **Communicate clearly.** Explain your concerns by using “I” statements. It’s better to say, “I’m uncomfortable with this situation,” rather than “you’re acting unfairly,” because “you” statements immediately put a person on the defensive.
- **Ask questions.** If you don’t communicate with your coworkers, you might assume things are bad. So express your feelings by asking questions that openly and gently address the problem.
- **Listen.** Hear what the other person is thinking and feeling, and find the truth in what they are saying. For example, your supervisor might be giving you more work because he knows you’re a great worker, not because he doesn’t like you.
- **Monitor your response.** Choose your words carefully and stay positive.

For more information about Preferred EAP’s anger management services, contact Oliver Neith, Program Director, at 610-433-8550.
August 12-15 — 48th Annual Summer Festival
Campus of LVH-Muhlenberg

October 3—14th Annual Nite Lites Gala
Campus of LVH-Muhlenberg
UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Stroke Emergencies in 2009
A two-day conference – “Stroke Emergencies in 2009 – Multidisciplinary Approach to the First Six Hours” – will be held May 14 and 15 at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest.

Some of the topics to be discussed include:
- “Acute Ischemic Stroke: The Neurologist’s Perspective”
- “Acute Hemorrhagic Stroke: The Neurosurgeon’s Perspective”
- “Acute Interventional Radiology and Stroke”
- “Obstetrical Stroke Emergencies – Saving MOM . . . The Perfect Storm”
- “Emergency Stroke: The Community Hospital Experience”
- “Acute Stroke: The Nurse’s Perspective”

For more information, please contact the Division of Education at 610-402-2277.

Jeffrey and Kathryn Feather Endowed Lectureship
Lehigh Valley Health Network will host the inaugural lecture of the Jeffrey and Kathryn Feather Endowed Lectureship on Tuesday, May 19, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the hospital Auditorium at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest. Darrell Kirch, MD, President and CEO, Association of American Medical Colleges, will present “Doctors and Patients Facing an Uncertain Future.”

For more information, please contact Rachael Scheffler in the Development Department at 610-402-9168.

Ethics Week 2009
In celebration of Ethics Week, a number of events have been planned as follows:

Tuesday, April 14
Clinical Ethics Symposium – 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest
- Registration – 7 to 7:30 a.m. – President’s Room
- Surgical/Pediatric Grand Rounds – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. – Auditorium

Wednesday, April 15
Schwartz Rounds – Noon to 1 p.m. – Kasych ECC 7
- “The Mother of All Ethics Cases” – William D. Hardin, Jr., MD

Thursday, April 16
Advance Directive Presentations
- Noon to 1 p.m. – Center for Healthy Aging, 17th & Chew – Francis A. Salerno, MD
- Noon to 1 p.m. – Auditorium, Cedar Crest – Joseph E. Vincent, MD
- 4 to 5 p.m. – Educational Conference Center Room B, LVH-Muhlenberg – Stephen Lammers, PhD

Friday, April 17
OB/GYN Grand Rounds – 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. – Auditorium, 17th & Chew
- Case Presentations in Ethics – Robert D. Barraco, MD

For more information, please contact Diane Biernacki, Critical Care Administrative Secretary, at 610-402-8450.

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Cardiology Grand Rounds

“What Every Cardiologist Should Know About Endothelial Function and Dysfunction” will be presented by Martin E. Matsumura, MD, at Cardiology Grand Rounds on Friday, April 10, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to the Educational Conference Center Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg.

For more information, please contact Caroline Maurer in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8215.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds are held on Thursdays, beginning at 8 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) at various locations. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

April 2 – LVH-M Educational Conference Center, Rooms C & D
- “What are the True Indications for Oral and IV Contrast for ED CTs” and “What are the Indications for a STAT MRI in the ED” – Scott W. Melanson, MD, Program Director, Emergency Medicine Residency, St. Luke’s Hospital
- Rosen’s Club – Gavin C. Barr, Jr., MD
- Administration Hour

April 23 – EMI – 2166 S. 12th Street
- “Acute Coronary Syndrome” – Steve Conroy, DO
- “Pediatric Congenital Heart Disease” – Eric Bruno, MD
- “Ordering CT/Geriatric/Abdominal Pain” – Charles Worrilow, MD
- “GI Bleed” – Eric Bruno, MD
- “Evidence Based Medicine: GI Bleed” – Kevin Weaver, DO
- “Evidence Based Medicine: FB Removal” – Gary Bonfante, DO
- Rosen’s Club – Gavin C. Barr, Jr., MD

April 30 – EMI – 2166 S. 12th Street
- “Pediatric Febrile Seizures” – Bock Moyes, DO
- “Rashes You Should Know” – Andy Miller, DO
- M & M – Kevin Weaver, DO and Andy Miller, DO

For more information, please call Dawn Yenser in the Department of Emergency Medicine at 484-884-2888.

Family Medicine Grand Rounds

“Lessons Learned from the Kenyan Exchange Program” will be presented at Family Medicine Grand Rounds on Tuesday, April 7, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 9. The presentation will be teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg, and to the Video Teleconference Room 2 at 17th & Chew.

For more information, please contact Janice Hertia in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4894.

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, beginning at Noon, in the Auditorium at Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to the Educational Conference Center Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- April 7 – “SPPI Update” – Michael J. Pistoria, DO
- April 14 – “Emergency Research: Informed Consent Waivers, Community Consultation, and Other Challenges” – George J. Agich, PhD, Professor of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University
- April 21 – “Medical Management of Gestational & Pre-existing Diabetes During Pregnancy” – Marc A. Vengrove, DO
- April 28 – “Top 5 Updates in Infectious Diseases” – Emily Wong, MD, PhD

For more information, please contact Becky Sherman in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8045.

Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at Noon at the noted location. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- April 2 – “Dementia of White Matter with Case Presentations” – Lorraine J. Spikol, MD – Kasych ECC Room 7
- April 9 – No Conference
- April 16 – Division of Neurology Meeting
- April 23 – “Literature – Alzheimer’s Disease Update” – Lorraine J. Spikol, MD – Kasych ECC Room 6
- April 30 – “Rapidly Progressing Dementia and Neurotrax Information – Visitation in the ICU” – Lorraine J. Spikol, MD – Kasych ECC Room 7

For more information, please contact Sharon Bartz, Conference Coordinator, at 610-402-9001.

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**OB/GYN Grand Rounds**
The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology holds Grand Rounds every Friday from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., in the location noted. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- **April 3** – “Clinical Teaching Skills” – Bryan Kane, MD  
  Location: 17th & Chew Auditorium
- **April 10** – “Computer Training Overview for OB/GYN Attendings and Residents” – Greg Burns –  
  Location: Kasych ECC Room 8
- **April 17** – “Ethics for OB/GYN” – Robert D. Barraco, MD – Location: 17th & Chew Auditorium
- **April 24** – No OB/GYN Grand Rounds – All are asked to register and participate in the Risk Reduction Seminar – “Cyber Liability: Computing Your Risk” – Kasych Pavilion

For more information, please contact Teresa Benner in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at 610-969-4515.

**Pediatric Grand Rounds**
The Department of Pediatrics holds Grand Rounds every Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in ECC Room 1 on the first floor of the Anderson Wing at Cedar Crest. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- **April 7** – “Cerebral Palsy” – Shu G. Xu, MD, PhD, and Karen E. Senft, MD
- **April 14** – COMBINED DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY AND PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS – 7:30 a.m., Auditorium at Cedar Crest – “Quality Improvement: Every Day Ethical Issues in Healthcare” – George J. Agich, PhD, Professor of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University
- **April 21** – “Cystic Fibrosis” – Robert W. Miller, MD
- **April 28** – “Type 2 Diabetes in Children” – Craig Alter, MD, Department of Endocrinology, The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

For more information, please contact Kelli Ripperger in the Department of Pediatrics at 610-969-2540.

**Psychiatry Grand Rounds**
“Partial Program: Evidence-Based and Flexible” will be presented at Psychiatry Grand Rounds on Thursday, **April 16**, beginning at **Noon** (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Banko Family Center on the LVH-Muhlenberg campus.

The guest speaker will be Edmund C. Neuhaus, PhD, Director of the Partial Hospital Program at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass., and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychology at Harvard Medical School.

For more information, please contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at 610-402-5255.

**Spine Conference**
Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held on the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 a.m. Attendees typically include spine surgeons, neurosurgeons, physiatrists, pain management specialists, radiologists, among others. All clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 1, in Kasych ECC Room 10.

Glenn A. Mackin, MD, Division of Neurology, will present a discussion on neuromuscular mimickers of anatomic disease.

For more information, please contact James C. Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery, or Laura Warner, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973-6338.

**Surgical Grand Rounds**
Surgical Grand Rounds are usually held on Tuesdays, beginning at 7 a.m., in the hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest, and via teleconference to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in April will include:

- **Friday, April 3** – “Evolution of the Control of Surgical Infections” – J. Wesley Alexander, MD, Professor of Surgery, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
- **April 7** – Topic TBA – Jerry Goldstone, MD, Professor and Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery, University Hospital of Cleveland
- **April 14** (Time change – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.) – “Quality Improvement: Every Day Ethical Issues in Healthcare” – George J. Agich, PhD, Professor of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University
- **April 21** – “Surgical Care of Our Injured Soldiers at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany” – Ali Amin, MD, Director of Endovascular Services, Reading Hospital & Medical Center
- **April 28** – “Cervical Vascular Trauma” – Thomas Yuhas, MD

For more information, please contact Cathy Glenn in the Department of Surgery at 610-402-7839.
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This section contains an update of new appointments, address changes, status changes, resignations, etc. Please remember to update your directory and rolodexes with this information.

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