Thanks for Having Me

At midnight on December 31, 2010, my term as President of the Medical Staff for Lehigh Valley Health Network ends and Mike Pistoria, DO, will step into my position. It’s true – time flies. It seems like just yesterday I took over from my friend, Linda Lapos, MD. What an honor, blessing, and privilege it has been for me to have led this fine medical staff. The amount I have grown during this experience exceeded all of my expectations.

As I take time to think back over the past two years, it is the people who have supported me along my journey that come to mind. I want to start by recognizing and thanking John Hart and his staff in the Medical Staff Services Office. John has been at LVHN for 26 years. Remarkably, I am the 14th Medical Staff President he has skillfully guided. John’s institutional memory and medical staff management skills are invaluable to LVHN.

John and I share the best assistant at LVHN – Paige Roth. I am not exactly sure how she did it, but she managed to schedule literally hundreds of meetings for me while still being respectful of my clinical, personal and family time. Even when I would ask Paige to reschedule a meeting that she worked days to schedule in the first place, she gladly did it. She has also been protective of me at times, and for that I will be forever grateful.

I would also like to publicly thank Janet Seifert who patiently edited all 24 of my Letters from the President while creating and publishing the monthly newsletter — Progress Notes. She has been responsible for over 250 editions in her 21 years of service in Medical Staff Services. Additionally, Janet planned and carried out the Physician Satisfaction Survey we completed last December and the Seventh Triennial Physician Recognition Dinner in March.

Also a big thank you to Ruth Davis and her team of credentialers – Karen Fox, Kathy Schaeffer, Tammy Winterhalt and Gloribel Nieves – who do a fabulous job of bringing in new doctors and maintaining the credentials of our

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over 2,000 existing physicians and allied health staff. Ruth also provided me with invaluable help in preparing for 24 Medical Executive Committee meetings.

My colleagues in the Medical Staff Office work behind the scenes and are responsible for the smooth operation of this rather large and complex medical staff. Rita Mest and Trent Smith were always there for me when I asked for data analysis or computer repairs. Maureen Hildebrant is my Medical Staff Services “Mom.” She greeted me with a smile, fed me when I was hungry, made sure I was prepared for my day with a pen, and gently reminded me when my charts were overdue.

I would also like to thank my partners and the nurse practitioners in my practice for covering many of my clinical responsibilities over the past two years. When I became Medical Staff President in January, 2009, my clinical responsibilities dropped to about 50 percent of what they had been. There were many occasions where my partners and nurse practitioners stepped up to help. I thank you for making this experience possible for me while maintaining our high standard of care.

One of the special aspects about being President is representing the medical staff on the LVHN Board of Trustees, Senior Management Council, and meeting with the Senior Management Team at our weekly Leadership meeting. There is no doubt that one of the reasons we have one of the best medical staffs at one of the best hospitals in the country is because of the people who lead this organization. I wanted to thank all those senior leaders for guiding me in my leadership role and for patiently teaching me how they have transformed LVHN into what it has become today.

In closing, Hippocrates is often regarded as the father of western medicine. Most of us took the Hippocratic Oath immediately after receiving our medical degrees. I remember taking the Oath in June of 1992 with 200 other Georgetown University medical students standing in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall in Washington D.C. Moses Maimonides, a 12th Century physician, philosopher and rabbi, developed his own oath 1,600 years after Hippocrates. Recently, Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, shared the Oath of Maimonides with the Department of Medicine. I would like to take this opportunity to share it with you now.

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**Oath of Maimonides**

_The eternal providence has appointed me to watch over the life and health of Thy creatures. May the love for my art actuate me at all times; may neither avarice nor miserliness, nor thirst for glory or for a great reputation engage my mind; for the enemies of truth and philanthropy could easily deceive me and make me forgetful of my lofty aim of doing good to Thy children._

_May I never see in the patient anything but a fellow creature in pain._

_Grant me the strength, time and opportunity always to correct what I have acquired, always to extend its domain; for knowledge is immense and the spirit of man can extend indefinitely to enrich itself daily with new requirements._

_Today he can discover his errors of yesterday and tomorrow he can obtain a new light on what he thinks himself sure today. Oh God, Thou hast appointed me to watch over the life and death of Thy creatures; here am I ready for my vocation and now I return unto my calling._

Thanks for having me. Happy Holidays!

Matthew M. McCambridge, MD
Medical Staff President
RONALD W. SWINFARD, MD, APPOINTED PRESIDENT AND CEO

The Board of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Health Network recently appointed Ronald W. Swinfard, MD, as President and Chief Executive Officer of LVHN following the resignation of Elliot J. Sussman, MD. Dr. Swinfard has served as LVHN’s chief medical officer since 2003. In that role, Dr. Swinfard was the senior administrative physician with overall responsibility for clinical program development, quality and patient safety, and the employed physicians – Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG). Dr. Swinfard came to LVHN from the University of Missouri – Columbia where he was chair of the department of dermatology, and previously chair of the department of internal medicine.

Earlier this year, the office of Chief Medical Officer was restructured allowing for the education of more physicians through LVHN’s partnership with the University of South Florida Health (USF Health), the continued integration of LVPG, and elevation of the importance of clinical research at LVHN.

J.B. Reilly, Chair, Board of Trustees, said the appointment of Dr. Swinfard is a naturally planned progression for the health network. “We are fortunate to have a senior management team that is seasoned and experienced,” Mr. Reilly said. “To further develop this team and assure continuity of leadership, we began a succession planning process several years ago with a focused emphasis on specific leadership competencies. The board of trustees is extremely confident that Dr. Swinfard’s abilities, background, experience and energy will allow him to continue to lead the organization in providing the highest quality care in the safest environment for our community.”

Mr. Reilly said a new chief medical officer would be chosen at a future date.

USF AND LVHN BEGIN TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURISTIC PROGRAM IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

The University of South Florida College of Medicine (USF) has begun accepting applications from prospective medical students for a program jointly created by USF and Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) – a partnership announced in March 2009 that will cross state boundaries to prepare physician leaders committed to accelerating change in health care. The Scholarly Excellence, Leadership Experiences, Collaborative Training program, or SELECT, a four-year program in medical education leading to the MD degree, will start its inaugural class in fall 2011.

Students will spend their first two years taking classes at the USF College of Medicine in Tampa, Fla., and then go to LVHN in Allentown, Pa., for two years to focus on clinical education. USF is nationally recognized for its student-centered medical school curriculum, which encompasses the full spectrum of health. LVHN, known for its quality, safety and modern team care, was this year ranked number one in Pennsylvania and number two nationally for heart attack results by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

“We’re looking for students with a passion for change. We’ll find them mentorship for life,” said Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA, CEO of USF Health and dean of the College of Medicine. “Together USF and Lehigh Valley Health Network will create the health care of the future.”

Across all four years of the SELECT program, students will be mentored by top medical faculty from both USF and LVHN and have the opportunity to build the professional networks needed to drive reform in medicine and health care. The distinctive curriculum will emphasize physician leadership development, cost management, inter-professional collaboration, high quality, and safe care for patients.

The first medical students from USF Health will begin the SELECT program at USF in Tampa, Fla., in fall 2011 and matriculate to the LVHN campus in Allentown, Pa., by summer 2013.
In compliance with the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Medical Staff and Hospital Bylaws, and the standards of The Joint Commission, each member of the hospital’s Allied Health Professional staff must be reappointed a minimum of once every two years.

On or about December 10, 2010, all Allied Health Professionals will receive a faxed notice describing the new on-line reappointment process.

On January 3, 2011, this year’s biennial reappointment process will be put into motion when reappointment applications will be available on the web for over 600 members of the Allied Health Professional staff. In addition to the online reappointment application, instructions will be included for submitting the reappointment application, reviewing the individual’s current privilege sheet and submitting:

- Supervising Physician(s) appraisal
- Peer appraisal(s)
- Nursing Administrator appraisal form (for Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives)
- A malpractice claims report

A checklist to assist in completing the application process will also be included with the application. The practitioner should review the checklist to make sure all the information is provided and arrangements for submission of all the required documents have been made.

For the convenience of the practitioners, the application will be prepopulated with information previously provided to Medical Staff Services. It is of paramount importance that ALL the information be reviewed, changes made where necessary, and missing data completed.

Again this year, it is a requirement that all members of the Allied Health Professional staff receive annual Tuberculosis skin testing (PPD Mantoux). For those who have a history of a positive test, they must annually provide the date of screening by their private physician for signs and symptoms of tuberculosis. Practitioners will self-report compliance through directed questions on the reappointment application. The following information will be requested:
1) the date of the test, 2) the results, 3) if corrective action was necessary, when the action took place, and 4) if a positive history, the date of screening by their private physician for signs and symptoms of tuberculosis. If the practitioner is unable to obtain PPD testing in the private practice setting, arrangements may be made through the hospital’s Employee Health Office during walk-in hours. For a list of hours, contact Employee Health at 610-402-8869.

The deadline to return reappointment applications is January 23, 2011. Your prompt attention in facilitating the return of the application is both requested and appreciated.

Please Note: This new on-line process will require the use of the LVHN assigned user ID. If you are not a regular user of the LVHN computer systems, you are urged to log in to a Network computer prior to December 15, 2010, to assure that any log in issues can be corrected prior to January 3, 2011. If you have any questions or problems related to the log in process, please call Trent Smith (610-402-1291) or Rita Mest (610-402-8968) in Medical Staff Services.

If you have any other questions regarding the Allied Health Professional staff reappointment process, please contact the Medical Staff Services Office at 610-402-8900.

Consultations

There are three priorities of consultation at LVHN – STAT, URGENT and ROUTINE. STAT and URGENT consults require direct physician-to-physician verbal communication. It is the responsibility of the physicians requesting the consult to contact the consultant. This communication enhances patient safety and provides clarity for the consulted physician regarding the clinical question/management request. It is highly recommended that the same communication occur with ROUTINE consults.

When placing a consult for a colleague, please remember to include the clinical question for which you seek guidance and/or co-management. Consultations placed for “Patient Known to You” and “History of ‘x’” are not strong indications for a consult. A phone call to the specialty provider in those instances may eliminate unnecessary consults and testing.

Thank you for your attention to this and your strong dedication to patient care.
As a result of findings from a recent complaint investigation by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Acute and Ambulatory Care, Lehigh Valley Hospital has been notified that it will receive a full Medicare Survey to evaluate its compliance with all CMS Medicare Conditions of Participation (COPs), with a particular focus on Patient Rights. This survey, which will be unannounced, will occur after December 10, 2010, but prior to January 1, 2011.

The survey will encompass all Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) services, and will include all inpatient and offsite locations that are licensed as part of LVH. Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg and LVPG are NOT included. We expect a minimum of a five-day survey, with multiple surveyors. The Survey Command Center will be operational during the survey and can be accessed by calling 610-402-1786.

Lehigh Valley Hospital has not experienced a CMS Medicare Survey previously. LVH has maintained its certification with CMS’s Medicare program through Joint Commission (TJC) accreditation as TJC is a deeming authority for CMS.

The Conditions of Participation, including the Interpretive Guidelines and Survey Procedures, are contained in the CMS State Operations Manual Appendix A, and can be accessed at the following link: http://cms.gov/manuals/Downloads/som107ap_a_hospitals.pdf

Important COP compliance issues for medical staff include the following:

**Timing** of all entries in the medical record

“All patient medical record entries must be legible, complete, dated, timed and authenticated in written or electronic form”

**Histories and physicals** reviewed and updated within 24 hours of admission and prior to operative procedures

“An updated examination of the patient, including any changes in the patient’s condition, is required when the medical history and physical examination are completed within 30 days before admission or registration. Documentation of the updated examination must be placed in the medical record within 24 hours after admission or registration, but prior to surgery or a procedure requiring anesthesia services.

If, upon examination, the licensed practitioner finds no change in the patient’s condition since the H&P was completed, he/she may indicate in the patient’s medical record that the H&P was reviewed, the patient was examined, and that “no change” has occurred in the patient’s condition since the H&P was completed.”

**Verbal Orders** are not to be given except in emergency situations and must be countersigned within 24 hours, according to the Medical Staff Bylaws. Additionally,

- All Physician Assistant orders need to be countersigned by a licensed physician.
- A licensed physician must countersign all Medical Student orders.
- Unsigned CAPOE orders should be reviewed and signed daily.

**Restraints** will only be used when necessary and not as coercion, discipline, convenience or retaliation.

- Patients have a right to be free from physical or mental abuse, and corporal punishment.
- Less restrictive alternatives and interventions must be tried and documented first
- **Least restrictive type of restraint must be used.**
- An order is required prior to the application of restraint/seclusion; however, in emergency application situations, the order must be obtained either during the emergency or immediately (within a few minutes) after application.
- All orders must contain the reason for restraint use and type of restraint; all CAPOE drop-downs on order screen must be completed.
- PRN orders are **NOT** permitted.

**Signature Stamps**

*The use of signature stamps is an unacceptable form of physician authentication because the use by only the physician cannot be verified. Some payers, including Medicare, will not accept a rubber stamp signature as sufficient documentation to support a claim for payment.*

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact either Robin Anthony, Director of Joint Commission and Regulatory Excellence, at 610-402-8638, or Georgene Saliba, Administrator, Risk Management/Patient Safety, at 610-402-3005.
INFORMATION SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT DATA
CHANGES

In 2009, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) was signed into law in conjunction with the health care reform and stimulus effort. This effort has charged health care facilities to implement secure meaningful use of the electronic medical records systems. At Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), the Information Services department has always taken steps to secure patient and confidential data on the network as a top priority, even before the HIPAA Security Rule was signed into effect in 1996. In a continuing effort to keep patients’ sensitive information secure in conjunction with new requirements as outlined in the HITECH Act, LVHN will be implementing several new procedural measures.

Beginning immediately, LVHN will be encrypting all laptops. Encryption, once installed, will be seamless to the end user experience. A phased rollout is being implemented for a successful encryption installation on all LVHN laptops. This implementation is currently underway and expected to be completed by February 1, 2011. Encryption fulfills the Breach Notification rule of HITECH and protects LVHN in the unfortunate event that a laptop is stolen or lost. HITECH specifically requires that special measures be taken with patient data in transit and the means in which it is transported. Therefore, on February 1, 2011, LVHN will be blocking all personal USB storage devices on the LVHN network. When business justification is provided and approved, Information Services will provide LVHN encrypted USB storage devices on a case by case basis. Details on how to provide justification and obtain an LVHN USB storage device will be communicated to the network before any block is implemented. In order to ensure all portable storage devices are compliant with regulations, beginning February 1, 2011, LVHN will also be implementing encryption on CD/DVD’s written on the network. Training and a FAQ document will be provided before this policy goes into effect.

Since the HITECH act was signed into law in September 2009, 108 health care entities have reported a lost or stolen patient file in adherence with the Breach Notification law. Recently, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital reported a stolen desktop computer containing a file with 21,000 patient records affected. To date, the University has spent over $2 million in fines, identity theft coverage, and legal fees – all due to the new rules within HITECH. To deter this type of breach from happening at LVHN, on February 1, 2011, users on the network will no longer be able to save files to the local hard drive on network computers. Secured personal drives that reside on network servers will replace the need to save information on hard drives at LVHN. Any data that has been saved on LVHN hard drives will be erased thereafter. If you have saved data to a workstation’s hard drive and not the shared X drive, you are encouraged to delete any data that is no longer needed. When the secured personal network drives are ready to be implemented, the data can then be easily copied over.

Information Services will be providing education materials and FAQ documents in the near future to prepare for the new initiatives, further securing the network’s data.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact Brian Shellock, Senior Security Analyst, at 610-402-1446.
NEWS FROM CAPOE CENTRAL

Centricity Enterprise (CE) is Here!!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION
The CE inpatient system upgrade occurred as scheduled on Saturday morning, October 9, 2010. Overall, the upgrade went well. The physicians and allied health professionals were incredible in adapting to the new user interface and were quite patient making the transition to the new census and printing processes. Information Services and I would like to thank all the clinicians (on the Physician Design Team and others) who contributed to bringing CE live and for your patience and support during the transition. Keep the feedback coming and remember to use the CAPOE feedback link on the Physician Resources Page.

Order Sets: Don’t Click those Brackets
Please remember that the text on the order set screens that is surrounded by << and >> (i.e., <<For POD #1>>) is not orderable. If you inadvertently check those entries, the order set will not process and the first order will be highlighted in red. If you uncheck the bracketed entry, the order set will go through. We are working on a process that will automatically uncheck the unorderable entries. Until that is developed, please remember not to check those entries.

Working Within Drop Down Menus – Just a Single Click will Do
The changes to the drop down menus are one of the changes that have accompanied the CE upgrade. Now, a single click will select an order from the menu, and double click will open a folder. Also, before you begin typing to navigate a list, please make sure the cursor is over one of the items in the list. This will ensure that the letters typed will drive you to the correct location.

Doin’ the Logoff – How to Do It Right
When logging off of Centricity Enterprise, it is important NOT to use the RED X in the upper right corner. You should click on “LOGOFF” which is directly below the RED X. After acknowledging the popup, you may click the RED X on the login screen. This will close your session properly. Incorrectly logging off can inhibit that device from logging on again.
LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK

COLOR-CODED PEDIATRIC CODE CARTS

LVHN is gearing up to roll out color-coded Broselow Pediatric Code Carts for pediatric code response. Approximately 35 existing code carts will be replaced throughout the Network. The color-coded drawers correspond to the child’s color code determined by their length on the Broselow™ Pediatric Emergency Tape. Each color-coded zone is associated with equipment of a certain size. This system helps ensure that clinicians can quickly find the right size equipment for the child. The Broselow™ Pediatric Emergency Tape also helps by suggesting appropriate medication dosing for Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) medications and medications surrounding rapid sequence endotracheal intubation.

The current code carts will be replaced at LVH-Muhlenberg in December, at LVH-17th Street in January, and at LVH-Cedar Crest in February. Nursing colleagues will be familiarizing themselves with these carts over the next few months. Physicians will receive further information at relevant department and division meetings. The carts will be on display at the following locations and times:

**LVH-Muhlenberg**
December 2 – 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Educational Conference Center Room D

**LVH-17th Street**
December 13 – 7 to 11 a.m., Auditorium
2:30 to 6 p.m., Auditorium

**LVH-Cedar Crest**
January 18 – 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Kasych ECC Room 4
January 27 – 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Kasych ECC Room 4
February 5 – 6 to 9 a.m., ECC Room 1
February 8 – 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Kasych ECC Room 4

An eLearning module can be accessed in Learner mode by typing Broselow Pediatric Resuscitation System in the Catalog Search box.

If you have any questions regarding the pediatric code cart rollout, please contact Sabrina J. Logan, MD, Chair, Pediatric Code Blue Committee, at 610-402-7632.

NEWS FROM HEALTH NETWORK LABORATORIES

HNL Expands Specialization into Forensic Pathology

Health Network Laboratories is expanding into the area of forensic pathology by acquiring Forensic Pathology Associates (FPA), a forensic and medical pathology company. FPA, now a division of Health Network Laboratories, will remain located on the LVH-Cedar Crest campus. HNL is pleased to have retained the services of Dr. Samuel Land and the remaining FPA staff.

Forensic Pathology is a branch of pathology concerned with determining the cause of death by examination of post-mortem materials and the corpse. The autopsy is performed by a pathologist at the request of a coroner or medical examiner during the investigation of criminal law cases and civil law cases in some jurisdictions. Additionally, they are contracted by hospitals to perform medical autopsies to determine cause of death.

Faster Turnaround for Cystic Fibrosis Mutation Analysis Testing

Beginning December 1, Health Network Laboratories (HNL) will perform Cystic Fibrosis Mutation Analysis testing in-house with a faster turnaround time. HNL is providing the option of two test panels. The first panel includes the 23 CFTR mutations as recommended by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Medical Genetics. The second panel includes these 23, plus 16 of the next most prevalent mutations in North America. Both panels will have reports available in four to six days (five to six days faster than previously available). In addition, both panels include automatic reflex testing for variant mutations to determine additional risk. The order codes are: CFM23 and CFM39.

If you have any questions regarding these tests, please contact Carol Beckwith, HNL Manager, Molecular Diagnostics, at 610-402-8170.
On August 10, 2010, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that a plenary guardian cannot refuse life-preserving medical treatment on behalf of a person who lacks – and has always lacked – the capacity to make personal health care decisions, and where the person is neither suffering from an end-stage medical condition nor permanently unconscious. The ruling is consistent with previous Pennsylvania court opinions. However, what makes the case significant is the clarity it provides to the health care community on the differences and scope of authority between plenary guardians, health care representatives and health care agents pursuant to The Pennsylvania Health Care Agents and Representatives Act, enacted in 2006.

In In re D.L.H. “David”, age 53, suffered from profound mental retardation since birth and is considered an incapacitated person under the guardianship provisions of the Pennsylvania Code. David’s parents were appointed his plenary guardians. A plenary guardian has authority to do any act the incapacitated person could do with certain exceptions as defined in the law. In 2007, David became ill with aspiration pneumonia and was placed on a mechanical ventilator. David’s parents attempted to decline the treatment and asserted that it was not in David’s best interests. The hospital denied the request, and David remained on a ventilator for several weeks. Subsequently, his condition improved to the point where he no longer required the treatment.

Because of the dispute over David’s medical care, the parents petitioned the Orphans’ Court in Lebanon County to be appointed his “health care agents” as defined under The Health Care Agents and Representatives Act. A health care agent, unlike a health care representative, has the authority to refuse life preserving medical treatment if granted that authority by the patient. A health care agent is a formally appointed individual that has powers and responsibilities established in a written health care power of attorney that is signed by or at the direction of the patient. A health care representative, alternatively, is a substitute decision-maker who can only discontinue life sustaining treatment if the patient is certified to have an end-stage medical condition or is permanently unconscious. Further, the parents also relied on their powers as plenary guardians and asserted that they were the appropriate legal surrogates empowered to vindicate David’s right to decline medical intervention. The Orphans’ Court denied the parent’s petition, and the case was eventually appealed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court who upheld the lower court’s decision.

The Supreme Court stated that the issue before them was one of statutory interpretation and its task was to discern the intent of the Legislature in enacting The Health Care Agents and Representatives Act. The Court held that although the Act provides certain powers to guardians and health care representatives, it does not authorize either surrogate to object to life preserving care. The Act explicitly limits the category of persons empowered to refuse life preserving medical treatment on behalf of an incompetent person not facing an end stage condition or permanent unconsciousness to health care agents (i.e., that is those individuals who have been expressly given that authority by the patient). The Court in its decision recognized the compelling state interest to preserve life when an incompetent person suffers from a life threatening but treatable condition. As stated by the Court, the Act simply does not allow for the refusal of life-preserving care to one who has never had the ability to appoint a health care agent and does not suffer from an end-stage condition or permanent unconsciousness.

For more information or if you have questions regarding this issue, please contact Mary Ann La Rock, Esq., in Legal Services at 610-969-2770.
Announcing Marriage Matters – A new Culture of Wellness offering sponsored by Preferred EAP

At Preferred EAP, which operates Lehigh Valley Health Network’s Employee Assistance Program and the Physician Assistance Program, almost half the people who access counseling services do so for marital and relationship problems.

Therefore, Preferred EAP has joined with the Alpha Resource Center to offer MARRIAGE MATTERS, web-based programming that effectively targets marital stress, as part of the LVHN Culture of Wellness.

MARRIAGE MATTERS offerings include:

- Live “InSite” Programs – web-based seminars on a wide variety of topics addressing Marriage Success, Divorce Survival, and New Beginnings. The full Fall 2010 Calendar can be found at [https://www.alpharesourcecenter.com/ecalendar.html](https://www.alpharesourcecenter.com/ecalendar.html). ($21.00)
- Pre-recorded versions of the above-noted “InSite” programs available anytime. ($10.50)
- The web-based “Couple Checkup” tool to identify couple strengths and areas that need improvement. ($21.00)
- Couples Coaching provided at no cost by Preferred EAP.

The quality of your marriage impacts your health, family, finances, work and future. Use MARRIAGE MATTERS to help you navigate life’s most important relationship.

Begin by browsing the Alpha Resource Center website at [https://www.alpharesourcecenter.com/index.html](https://www.alpharesourcecenter.com/index.html) to familiarize yourself with the available programming.

Then call 610-402-CARE (Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.) to register for an InSite Program and/or the Couple Checkup. Within seven days, you will receive a confirmation email from Preferred EAP with instructions on how to proceed.

Don’t let life’s most important relationship look like this . . .

MARRIAGE MATTERS – tools to help navigate life’s most important relationship.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Oliver Neith, Director, Preferred EAP, at oliver.neith@lvhn.org or (610) 433-8550.

The following revision to the Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules and Regulations was approved at the General Medical Staff meeting on September 13, 2010, and by the Boards of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg on November 3, 2010.

**MEDICAL STAFF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**H. RECORDS**

**II. Completion of Medical Records**

4. Medical Record completion time frame requirements:

   (f) Medical Record Queries – shall be answered within seven (7) fifteen (15) days after the date of discharge.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Kathy Schaeffer in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-7846.
In November, Juhan Paiste, MD, MBA, Division of Cardiac Anesthesiology, was awarded the status of Certified Physician Executive (CPE) by the Certifying Commission in Medical Management. The CPE designation indicates that a physician has achieved superior levels of professional excellence and management education, while also demonstrating effective knowledge and leadership skills. The Certifying Commission in Medical Management currently lists under 1,500 CPEs nationally.

As the national certifying body for physicians specializing in medical management, the Certifying Commission in Medical Management is a not-for-profit corporation chartered by the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE) to establish and maintain the high standards required for physician executive certification. The ACPE is the nation’s largest organization of physicians in health care leadership.

Dr. Paiste has been a member of the Medical Staff since May, 2003, and is in practice with Allentown Anesthesia Associates.

Eugenia V. Pearson, CRNP, at-large member of the Advanced Practice Clinicians Executive Council, was awarded the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association “Courage, Commitment & Compassion Award” at the State Summit meeting, held at DeSales University on October 28.

Jannie has been a member of the Allied Health Professional staff since May, 1998, and is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner with Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons.

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**PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION**

**ICD-10 Upgrade**

October 1, 2013 – What is the significance of this date? All U.S. healthcare organizations must begin submitting claims using the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Clinical Modification/Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS), instead of our currently used ICD-9-CM code sets, or else claims will be rejected.

**Why the change?**

- ICD-9-CM is outdated and obsolete. It is 30 years old!
- ICD-9-CM lacks the specificity to accurately report the diagnoses, treatment and technology used in patient care in the 21st century. It uses outdated terminology and codes that produce inaccurate and limited data.
- The U.S. is out of sync with the rest of the world. Many other countries have already moved to ICD-10: UK (1995), France (1997), Australia (1998), Germany (2000), and Canada (2001). This discrepancy makes worldwide standardized reporting very difficult in cases of pandemics or other world health issues.

**What are we doing here at LVHN to prepare?**

There is a multidisciplinary ICD-10 Steering Committee that meets regularly, and we have already begun implementing plans to be ready for the conversion to ICD-10 on October 1, 2013.

While this article serves just to introduce you to this landmark change in national healthcare, you can expect to hear much more on this in months and years to come.

If you have any questions about this topic, please contact John P. Pettine, MD, Lead Coach, Clinical Documentation Improvement Program, via email at john.pettine@lvhn.org.
Aaron D. Bleznak, MD, Department of Surgery Vice Chair, Operations and Clinical Affairs, was a panel member for a session titled “Surgeon Involvement in Perioperative Expense Control” at the 2010 Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons meeting held October 3-7, in Washington, DC.

Additionally, in his role as Chair of the Committee on Cancer Liaison of the Commission on Cancer, Dr. Bleznak spoke at both the semi-annual meeting of the State Chairs and the Annual Cancer Liaison Physician Breakfast Meeting. Finally, he hosted the Commission on Cancer research paper competition.

Bryan G. Kane, MD, Division of Emergency Medicine, co-authored a manuscript – “Incorporating Evidence-based Medicine into Resident Education: A CORD Survey of Faculty and Resident Expectations” – which was published in Academic Emergency Medicine – October 2010, Volume 17, Number 52.

Peter A. Keblish, Jr., MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, authored a chapter in a recently published American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) text book – Advanced Reconstruction – Knee. This new AAOS publication highlights current techniques in knee reconstruction from sports medicine to total knee replacement. Dr. Keblish’s chapter – “Primary Total Knee Arthroplasty – Lateral Approach” – illustrates a specific approach for certain types of knee deformities. The approach was developed at LVHN in the early 1980’s as part of an FDA-knee protocol. The approach has been demonstrated and presented nationally and internationally in learning centers, live surgery, scientific meetings, and the scientific peer-reviewed literature.

William L. Miller, MD, MA, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, presented a Grand Rounds lecture titled “The Patient-Centered Medicine Home: Which Way to Go?” at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine on October 27.

Orlando J. Penaloza, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine, co-authored a research paper – “Increased Rates of Colon Cancer Screening Among Hispanic Patients Associated with a Program Recruiting the Uninsured” – which was published in the September 2010 issue of the Inter-American Gastroenterology Association Journal.

Daniel E. Ray, MD, Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine and Medical Critical Care Director, presented a session titled “Tools for Integrating Palliative Medicine in the ICU” at the International meeting of the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) held October 30 through November 4 in Vancouver, Canada.

In addition, Dr. Ray was appointed to the Chair of the Palliative and End-of-Life Steering Committee for the ACCP. The committee is responsible for guideline development and consensus statements for the College. Additionally, the committee helps to choose the recipient of the “Roger C. Bone Advances in End-of-Life Care Award” and provides educational sessions for the annual international meeting.

Jeffrey Sternlieb, PhD, psychologist, and Cara Dellegrotti, DO, Family Medicine resident, presented “Teaching Continuity: A Unique Case Presentation and Discussion of Continuity Relationships” at FORUM for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine held September 23-26 in Chicago, Ill.

In addition, Dr. Sternlieb presented “Balint Group Experience: Promoting Relationship Awareness” at the same meeting.

Members of the Department of Family Medicine presented at the Family Medicine Education Consortium Northeast Regional meeting held October 29-31 in Hershey, Pa.

William L. Miller, MD, MA, Chair, held a book review and discussion on “Coaching for Performance: GROWING Human Potential and Purpose: The Principles and Practices of Coaching and Leadership”

Robert J. Motley, MD, presented a pre-conference workshop titled “Fertility Awareness Methods Education Project” and a seminar session titled “Can Family Docs Really Evaluate and Treat Infertility? Using NaPro TECHNOLOGY to Access Reproductive Health Problems and Support Couple Relationships.”

Thomas V. Whalen, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, was a co-author of “The NRMP’s Perspective on Positions Offered Outside the Match: Commentary on: Outside-the-Match Residency Offers: The Possible Extent and Implications of “Prematching” in Postgraduate Medical Education” which was published in the September, 2010 issue of the Journal of Graduate Medical Education.
UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Combined GMS/APC Meeting
The quarterly General Medical Staff meeting will be combined with the Advanced Practice Clinicians (APC) on Monday, December 13, beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in Kasych ECC 6, 7 and 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

In addition to the regular agenda items, Harry F. Lukens, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, will present “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act EHR Incentive Programs – LVHN Readiness Assessment.”

All members of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

2011 General Medical Staff Meetings
Please mark your calendars – the dates for the 2011 General Medical Staff meetings are as follows:

- Monday, March 14
- Monday, June 13
- Monday, September 12
- Monday, December 12

Meetings will begin at 6 p.m., and will be held in Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and videoconferenced to ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

If you have any questions regarding General Medical Staff meetings, please contact Ruth Davis, Director of Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8975.

2011 GLVIPA General Membership Meetings
The dates for the 2011 Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association (GLVIPA) General Membership meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, March 22
- Monday, June 27
- Tuesday, September 27

All meetings will be held at 6 p.m., in the hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The GLVIPA Annual Membership meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2011, at 6 p.m., in the Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

If you have any questions regarding the GLVIPA, please contact Mary Ann Curcio, Coordinator, GLVIPA, at 610-969-0423.

Cardiology Grand Rounds
“VT and the Role of Epicardial VT Ablation” will be presented by Brian D. Powell, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, on Friday, December 3, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the hospital’s Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

For more information, please contact Caroline Maurer in the Regional Heart Center at 610-402-8215.

Family Medicine Grand Rounds
Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on Tuesday, December 7, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 9 at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“All Online Resources for Patients and Providers” will be presented by MaryAnne K. Peifer, MD, Department of Family Medicine.

For more information, contact Dorothy Jacquez in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4965.

Medical Grand Rounds
Medical Grand Rounds will be held on the first and third Tuesday of December, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg and the VTC Room at LVH-17. Topics for December will include:

- December 7 – “Update in General Internal Medicine”
- December 21 – “Patient Centered Medical Home & Chronic Disease Model in Relation to the Management of Type II Diabetes” – Larry N. Merkle, MD, and Malaika S. Stoll, MD, MPA

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

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Neurology Conferences
The Division of Neurology Conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at Noon. Conferences for December will be held at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor Conference Room, and videoconferenced to the Lehigh Neurology Bathgate Office and Kasych ECC Room 4. Topics to be discussed in December will include:

- December 2 – Division meeting
- December 9 – “Acute Myelitis Diagnosis and Treatment” – Peter Barbour, MD
- December 16 – “Stroke Update” – H. Christian Schumacher, MD
- December 23 and 30 – No Conferences – Happy Holidays!

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds
The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds at 8 a.m., in ECC Room 1 on the first floor of the Anderson Wing at LVH-Cedar Crest on the following Tuesdays in December:

- December 7 – NICU topic
- December 14 – Burn topic – Sigrid A. Blome-Eberwein, MD
- December 20 – “Feedback” Elaine A. Donoghue, MD, and Amy Smith, PhD
- December 28 – No Grand Rounds

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

Psychiatry Grand Rounds
The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on Thursday, December 16, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg, and videoconferenced to Kasych ECC Room 3 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

“An Introduction to Loss and Grief” will be presented by Carole J. Moretz, PsyD, MSN, psychologist.

For more information, contact Tammy Schweizer at tammy.schweizer@lvhn.org or by phone at 610-402-5766.

Spine Conference
Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held on the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 a.m. Clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, December 1, in the hospital’s Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest.

For more information, contact James C. Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery, or Kristen Tallman, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973-6339.

Surgical Grand Rounds
Surgical Grand Rounds will be held at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and via teleconference in the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics for December will include:

- December 7 – “Medical Simulation: Future of Surgical Education or Just a Passing Fad?” – Glen H. Tinkoff, MD, Associate Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery, and Medical Director, Virtual Education Simulation Training Center, Christiana Care Health Services
- December 14 – “Faculty Development – Basic Feedback” – Amy Smith, PhD, Division of Education
- December 21 – “Pure Cut” – Arjumand Ali, MD, Chief Surgical Resident
- December 28 – No Grand Rounds

For more information, contact Cathy Glenn in the Department of Surgery at 610-402-7839.

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The State Board of Medicine is not requiring a report of CME at the time of license renewal. The license renewal form will contain an area for physicians to attest that they have completed the required hours.

FYI - Upcoming Events

“Cardiology for the Primary Care Physician”
December 4, 2010
ECC Rooms B, C, and D – LVH-Muhlenberg

If you have any questions regarding CME/CNE accreditation, PI CME, or the CE Advisory Board, please contact Jane Grube, Associate Director, Continuing Education, at 610-402-2398.

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