Wouldn’t it be good to be in your shoes, even if it was for just one day?

Wouldn’t it be good if we could wish ourselves away?

Philadelphia sports fans recently had one of the worst sporting weekends in memory. The Phillies, prohibitive favorites to win the World Series, were eliminated in the first round of baseball’s playoffs on a beautiful Friday evening. Sunday afternoon, the Eagles fell to 1-4 with a loss to the surprising Buffalo Bills. Adding to my misery, the Vanderbilt Commodores (my alma mater) lost to the University of Alabama Crimson Tide 34-0 on Saturday night. It was a dismal weekend.

While I recognize that sports are entertainment and a diversion from one’s daily grind, I find it difficult to view them as such. I grew up loving sports and will always be a passionate fan. I take my teams’ wins and losses personally. I am the fanatic from which ‘fan’ is derived, and I know I am just one of many. Sports are one of those rare things that bring a disparate community together – a rallying point for people who otherwise might have little in common.

So, after the crushing losses of the Phillies, Eagles and Vandy, I was in a foul mood. My thinking was along the lines of, “my teams will never win. I’m going to spend my lifetime rooting for teams that don’t win.” Good stuff, right? In the midst of those thoughts, I heard the song “Wouldn’t It Be Good” on the radio. Those of a particular generation will recognize this Nik Kershaw song from the classic 1980s movie “Pretty in Pink.”

Wouldn’t it be good to be on your side, the grass is always greener over there?

Wouldn’t it be good if we could live without a care?

I enjoy this song – it is a guilty musical pleasure. Listening to the words, I realized my focus needed to change. I have been pretty blessed in life, and the outcome of a game should not distract me from that knowledge. I needed to step back and remember what is and is not important.

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Each day, we are surrounded by patients and families who are uncertain (at best) or frightened (at worst) about what lies ahead for them. We walk the halls and see people whose lives have been forever altered by information they just received. We may witness a patient trying to make sense of their illness or a loved one crying while walking through the hospital or office. This is part of what we do and it offers us perspective.

Thanksgiving is almost here and tradition dictates we take a moment to think of those things for which we are thankful. We should do that every day – identify one or two things we are thankful for, or one thing that made that day a good one.

Regardless of our role within the Network, we are fortunate to be able to play a part in helping to heal, comfort and care for our community. Each of us has the opportunity to make a positive difference for our patients and families – for this, we should be thankful. Frame the struggles in our lives with those of our patients, and often the problem does not seem so big anymore.

Happy Thanksgiving, and let us all count our blessings.

Michael J. Pistoria, DO
Medical Staff President

PCE PRESCRIPTION: FAMILY PRESENCE

The goal of Lehigh Valley Health Network’s Patient-Centered Experience (PCE) initiative is to give patients and their loved ones the best possible health care experience. Through PCE, the health network developed ways to keep patients and families together.

PCE Outcomes: LVHN has eliminated traditional visiting hours and encourage patients to spend as much time with loved ones as they desire. We constructed the Hackerman-Patz House at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest. This 20-room family lodging facility is a comfortable and affordable “home away from home” for families who travel long distances to our health network and patients who need ongoing outpatient care. (Please see the article on Page 3.)

Why it’s important to you: “Patients’ family members need to be able to visit their hospitalized loved ones at a time that fits into their busy schedule,” says Bruce Ellsweig, MD, Vice Chair of Family Medicine for Community Practices and Medical Director of Lehigh Valley Hospice. “By making it convenient for patients and families to be together, we’re giving patients the emotional support they need to recover, and are increasing their likelihood of returning for future care.”

Next step: Spread the word about the Hackerman-Patz House.
Reservations can be made by calling 610-402-CARE.

For information about PCE, contact James Geiger, Senior Vice President, Operations, at 610-969-4290; Anne Panik, Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services, at 610-402-4267, or James Prowant, Associate Executive Director, Primary Care Operations, at 610-439-7509.
The Hackerman-Patz House, which opened its doors on July 18, is a convenient and affordable “home away from home” that offers patients and their families an alternative to an expensive hotel or daily trips to and from their distant homes.

The Hackerman-Patz House serves families of:

- Inpatients who live 30 miles outside of the immediate service area of Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest
- Patients who travel 30 miles or more for ongoing outpatient appointments at LVHN
- Local families that have a loved one admitted to one of LVHN’s emergent, critical or intensive care facilities

Everything in the Hackerman-Patz House is designed to help make this stressful time a little easier. The house is located in a quiet, wooded area adjacent to Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest, with a walking path and sculpture garden just steps away.

Amenities include:

- 20 private, smoke-free rooms (one or two beds) including eight ADA rooms on the first floor
- All rooms include private bath, safe, TV and mini-fridge
- Kitchenette with a microwave and refrigerator
- Laundry facilities
- A great room for relaxing and meeting other guests
- Children’s playroom
- Library
- Outdoor patio
- Free Wi-Fi service available
- Free, on-site parking

The nightly rate is $35 per room. Cash, check or major credit cards are accepted.

If you have questions or would like more specific details about the Hackerman-Patz House, contact Kimberly Thompson, Supervisor of the Hackerman-Patz House, at 610-402-9503.
Lehigh Valley Health Network’s Cancer Program, together with the Department of Radiation Oncology and the Division of Neurological Surgery, will acquire the area’s first Gamma Knife® Perfexion unit, further highlighting LVHN’s commitment to its patients and leadership position in neuro-oncology, neurosurgery and radiation oncology. The new unit will be located at LVH-Cedar Crest and will be available for patients beginning on November 28.

The Gamma Knife Perfexion is the non-invasive “gold standard” radiosurgery device for treating malignant and benign conditions of the brain and upper spine. It allows LVHN’s neurosurgeons, radiation oncologists and medical physicists to destroy brain tumors and functional brain disorders using a single, high-dose beam of gamma radiation. Because multiple targets can be treated in a single session, the procedure is quicker and easier on patients than previous generation Gamma Knife or other forms of radiosurgery.

Conditions that can be treated by the Gamma Knife include: acoustic neuromas, pituitary adenomas, pinealomas, craniopharyngiomas, meningiomas, chordomas, brain metastases, glial tumors, arteriovenous malformations, trigeminal neuralgia and intractable pain.

For more information regarding the Gamma Knife® Perfexion unit, please contact Clinton H. Leinweber, DO, Vice Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, at 610-402-0700, or Stefano Camici, MD, Division of Neurological Surgery/Spine Surgery, at 610-402-6555.
How can patients be sure that when they seek medical care that the practitioners they see are properly educated, licensed and trained in their specialty? Here at Lehigh Valley Health Network, the sleuths in Medical Staff Services are dedicated to investigating and verifying the credentials of all members of the Medical and Allied Health staffs.

During National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week, we recognize medical services professionals — important members of the healthcare team who are dedicated to thoroughly investigating and verifying the credentials of healthcare practitioners. These women and men also have expertise in areas such as medical staff organization, accreditation and regulatory compliance, and provider relations.

At LVHN, the 11-member Medical Staff Services team is responsible for credentialing and privileging over 1,200 members of the Medical Staff and over 650 members of the Allied Health Professional Staff. In addition, members of the Medical Staff Services team provide support for various Medical Staff functions and committees.

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

During the week of November 6-12, don’t forget to stop by and say hello to your medical services professionals.

Members of the Medical Staff Services team pictured above include (left to right): Paige Roth, Trent Smith, Gloribel Nieves, Kathy Schaeffer, Maureen Hildebrant, John Hart, Rita Mest, Jolene Bedics, Ruth Davis, Karen Fox and Janet Seifert.
"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."
- Charles Darwin

IQ may get you through school, but emotional intelligence will get you through life. Emotional intelligence (EI) is defined by the ability to use both emotional and cognitive thought. Numerous studies have shown that EI makes the difference between a highly effective leader and an average one. It is a vital part of how leaders meet significant challenges they face today.

One of the underlying principles of SELECT is leadership and the foundation of highly effective leadership is EI. Emotionally intelligent leaders foster trust, enhance innovation, improve motivation, promote teamwork and increase performance in organizations. The 12 competencies that matter most for outstanding and effective performance are organized into four clusters and described below.

**Self-Awareness**
- Emotional Self-Awareness: Recognizing one’s emotions and their effects

**Self Management**
- Emotional Self-Control: Keeping disruptive emotions and impulses in check
- Adaptability: Flexibility in handling change
- Achievement Orientation: Striving to improve or meeting a standard of excellence
- Positive Outlook: Persistence in pursuing goals despite obstacles and setbacks

**Social Awareness**
- Empathy: Sensing others’ feelings and perspectives, and taking an active interest in their concerns
- Organizational Awareness: Reading a group’s emotional currents and power relationships

**Relationship Management**
- Coach and Mentor: Sensing others’ development needs and bolstering their abilities
- Inspirational Leadership: Inspiring and guiding individuals and groups
- Influence: Wielding effective tactics for persuasion
- Conflict Management: Negotiating and resolving disagreements
- Teamwork: Creating group synergy in pursuing collective goals

SELECT faculty and students are currently participating in an EI 360 degree feedback process and are working with a qualified coach to understand feedback and create action plans to enhance their levels of EI.

For additional information regarding the application of emotional intelligence in the SELECT program, contact Erica T. Mahady, MA, Organizational Development Consultant, at 484-884-0223.
A New (and Better) Pneumonia Order Set

By now, you may have noticed the new Pneumonia order set that encompasses community and health-care associated pneumonia. The order set is accessible from specific drugs in the Meds Buttons (such as “ceftriaxone-pneumonia”) and in the Admission, Critical Care and Emergency Department lists. This order set is the work of a multi-disciplinary team (Pulmonary, Infectious Diseases, Pharmacy and Care Management) to improve pneumonia care by utilizing the most recent guidelines, and to meet core measures. The order set provides four different indications from which to choose that link to the appropriate antibiotics based on our local antibiograms. Pertinent diagnostic studies are also included in the order set.

This order set provides a comprehensive method to order antibiotics, labs, and microbiology related to pneumonia.

Changes to Code Status Orders

Sometime in November, you will notice changes to the Code Status orders. For patients that are not a Full Code, an order for life sustaining treatment will be required. This order is consistent with efforts across Pennsylvania (and nationally) to standardize the ordering process.

The Code Status orders will be integrated into the Admission Order Sets, and will be available from the “Admitting” button on the Order Pad. The order set contains two orders – “Full Code” and “Life Sustaining Treatment.” Please select one of the two options. If you select “Life Sustaining Treatment,” you will be prompted to complete fields on the order detail that specify instructions regarding respiratory status, medications, IV hydration, etc. Several of the fields on the screen are required. If neither order is selected, the staff will assume the patient is in the Full Code status.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or any other CAPOE issues, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Information Officer, at 610-402-1426 or pager 610-402-5100 7481.
NURSE-MANAGED URINARY CATHETER REMOVAL PROCESS

In the past few years, several initiatives to reduce Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) have been introduced and implemented with improvements noted at LVHN. While the CAUTI rate has steadily declined as a result of numerous quality improvement measures, catheter utilization – number of indwelling catheter days — has not decreased. Since risk reduction for CAUTI is achieved by removing the catheter as soon as possible, a process has been identified to actively assess and remove catheters for both surgical and medical patients.

Currently, both LVH-CC and LVH-M are performing below the desired 99th percentile for the SCIP-INF-9 indicator as described below:

SCIP-INF-9:
This measure addresses timely removal of urinary catheters and states:
“Urinary catheter is removed on Postoperative Day 1 (POD 1) or Postoperative Day 2 (POD 2) with day of surgery being day zero.” The measure was established to track which day the physician is removing a urinary catheter after surgery or the specific reason why it is left in place.

A collaborative partnership between the Departments of Surgery and Nursing was established to address this indicator. As a result, a “Nurse-Managed Urinary Catheter Removal Process,” which was approved at the Medical Executive Committee meeting on October 4, was developed and includes both an algorithm and an order set. The order set will initially be embedded in the surgical order sets that are a part of the SCIP population. Additional surgical and medical population order sets will be revised as appropriate to include this option in the near future.

Key Points and Options in the Order Set
1. The provider views and accepts the pre-selected Nurse-Managed Removal order along with the daily necessity order; or
2. The provider may uncheck the nurse-managed removal order and select one of the options for a specific day: (remove POD#1 or remove POD#2); or
3. The provider selects ‘foley needs to remain inserted >2D and Urinary Catheter Justification’ and ‘Nurse-Managed Removal with daily necessity.’ This option allows the nurse to assess daily and request a removal order when patient no longer meets the criteria for an indwelling urinary catheter.

Key Points of the Nurse-Managed Urinary Catheter Removal Algorithm
1. The Nurse-Managed Removal algorithm will be used by nursing when the provider selects the ‘Nurse-Managed Removal’ order,
2. A daily assessment by the nurse will include necessity as outlined by the indications for an indwelling urinary catheter
3. If there is no ‘clinical justification order’ entered by the provider, and the nurse assessment indicates urinary catheter is no longer necessary, the nurse will remove the catheter
4. If there is a ‘clinical justification order,’ but the assessment indicates the catheter is no longer necessary, the nurse will notify the provider and obtain an order for removal.

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If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Carolyn L. Davidson, Administrator, Evidence-Based Practice & Clinical Excellence, at 610-402-1813.
OPPE — ONGOING PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EVALUATION

The Joint Commission now requires evidence of ongoing proficiency evaluation in the credentialing process for hospital staff membership. This process is known as OPPE (Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation). This column highlights an aspect of the OPPE survey performed biannually by the LVHN primary care ambulatory practices.

In response to the following question on the OPPE Survey – *Do you have access to LVHN patient safety eLearning modules and intranet?* – this month’s feature will focus on The Learning Curve.

Of those responding to the question, 74% answered YES that they had access and had completed the modules, while 26% answered NO. Based upon this response, information has been included related to eLearning and how to access “The Learning Curve” or TLC system at LVHN.

TLC Basic User Information

The Learning Curve (TLC) is an online system used to provide educational resources and training to LVHN employees and other network staff. To log onto TLC, go to your SSO toolbar and click on the TLC “schoolhouse” icon. This will pull up the TLC Learner Mode homepage. If you have any mandatory assigned courses, they will appear directly on the “To Do” list under “Training Activities.” Click on an activity to see detailed information below the To-Do list. You will also have the option to either “Start” or “Register” for that activity by clicking on the appropriate button.

TLC gives users access to many different courses. You are in no way limited to your “To Do” list, and you have the option of taking any course in the TLC database for professional or personal development. If you would like to locate and take a course that is not on your “To Do” list, you can do this in one of three ways:

- Click on the “Browse Catalog” button on the TLC homepage. This will give you a catalog of courses organized by category.
- Use the “Search Box” in the upper-left hand corner of the homepage. Here you can type in the name of the course or topic you are looking for. You can use either the basic or advanced search tool. Type “CME” in the “Search Box” to search for the activities that award CME credit. These activities will have “CME” at the start of the activity name.
- Click on the “Featured Courses” button on the TLC homepage. This will give you a listing of some of the newest courses and network priorities featured in TLC.

TLC also allows users to keep track of all completed courses. By clicking the “Transcript” button on the TLC homepage, you can view a list that shows: activities completed, date of completion, grade earned and estimated credit hours earned. You can also print your transcript or print diplomas for individual activities. Diplomas awarded for activities that provide CE credit hours are in the approved format for that accrediting body (AMA, PSNA, etc.)

In addition to all of the features mentioned above, TLC also allows users to enter self-reported training in instances where it is applicable. This includes relevant training that takes place outside of the TLC system (i.e., webinars, workshops, and conferences). You or your manager can enter self-reported training by clicking on the “Learn” menu option at the top of the Learner homepage, and then clicking on “Self-Reported Training.” Finally, click on the “New” button and enter in your training information.

Courses of Interest

TLC provides a wide range of educational courses. The following are courses that members of the Medical Staff may find useful:

- Therasim – interactive case simulation courses for practitioners (search for “case simulation”)
- OLST – Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment
- LEAN
- AIDET

If you have any questions about TLC, use the “TLC Help” or “Ask a question” features on the homepage or contact one of the TLC Administrators – Karen Lance (610-402-2582) or Mark Rebimbas (610-402-2834). If you are having technical problems with TLC, call the I/S Support Center at 610-402-8303. Hospital and LVPG-employed practitioners will be assigned the next core bundle of courses in November.

If you have any questions regarding OPPE, contact Bruce Ellsweig, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine Community Practices, at 610-969-0300, or Jennifer Mariotti, DO, Department of Medicine Associate Vice Chair (17th Street), at 610-969-2255.
**ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS UPDATE**

**Meet the APC Staff**

An at-large member of the Advanced Practice Clinicians Executive Council since April, 2009, Gary A. Tarola, DC, is this month’s feature.

**Gary A. Tarola, DC**, is in practice with Chiropractic Associates of the Lehigh Valley, LLC, in Allentown, Pa.

Dr. Tarola earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va., and he graduated Summa Cum Laude from Palmer College of Chiropractic where he earned his Chiropractic degree.

He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedics and a Fellow of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedics. In 1988, Dr. Tarola was named Chiropractor of the Year by the Pennsylvania Chiropractic Society and he received a Senatorial Proclamation of Accomplishments from the Pennsylvania State Senate.

Dr. Tarola has authored a number of published articles and co-authored Chapter 36 of *Documentation and Record Keeping – Principals and Practice of Chiropractic*, 3rd edition.

Dr. Tarola has been a member of the LVHN Allied Health Professional Staff since September, 2005.

If you have any questions regarding APCs, please call 610-402-APC1 and leave a message.

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**LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY**

**New from PEPID Drug Allergy Checker**

PEPID, the evidence-based, point of care resource now offers a Drug Allergy Checker. Search and select the patient’s known allergies (food, medications, etc.), click on “to take,” then search and click on the new medication you want to prescribe. If there is any allergic reaction found, an alert will appear in the alert message box. Just click on the alert for the details.

PEPID includes:

- Disease information
- Drug information
- Lab manual of lab test
- Life support resources
- Over 400 clinical calculators
- IV compatibility tool
- Drug interactions generator
- Differential diagnosis generator

LVHN currently subscribes to the Emergency Medicine, Critical Care Nursing and Primary Care modules. PEPID is accessible from anywhere within the network, through WebSSO, and Centricity Enterprise. To access through the Digital Library’s Homepage, go to Find Fast/Library Services and click on PEPID.

If you have any questions or are interested in seeing a demo of PEPID, please contact Kristine Petre in Library Services at 610-402-8410.
ETHICS CORNER

The What, Why, Who, When & How of Developing an OLST: Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment

by Cindy Umbrelli, RN, MSN, CNS

Over the past several months, LVHN has been preparing to launch an enhanced method of documenting a patient’s code status. You may have asked yourselves why the Ethics Committee has made such significant changes to a process that seemed to work “fine” for a number of years.

The reason is clarity!

Determining the level of treatment begins by having a meaningful conversation with the patient/surrogate to ascertain their values, desires and goals. Reflecting on this information, you will rely on your expertise and experiences to identify what treatment options are reasonable with your patient/surrogate. While it may be necessary to explain why a treatment option is or is not being offered to your patient/surrogate, a physician is neither professionally nor ethically obligated to agree to provide a treatment that is not medically indicated. (Refer to Administrative Policy Life Sustaining Treatment and Patient Centered Medical Decision Making).

Documenting these conversations, preferably in a Goals of Treatment dictation (transcription code #58), will provide subsequent providers necessary information during this hospitalization and future admissions to make informed decisions. The dictation should include with whom the conversations were held, the patient or their surrogate (noting the type of surrogate and their contact information), pertinent “family” relationships, and the desires, values and goals of the patient. A synopsis of specific treatment options discussed should also be documented including but not limited to the duration of mechanical ventilation, medical management, antibiotics and hydration and nutrition to assist you and subsequent providers in providing care for the patient throughout their hospitalization.

Finally, documenting the actual Code Status in CAPOE must be completed. Each patient will have their Code Status documented electronically in Centricity Enterprise by the admitting Physician/APC within the specific Admission Order Set you typically use. If changes to the Code Status are necessary during the patient’s hospitalization, you may access the Code Status orders via Centricity Enterprise under Nursing – Procedures – Code Status.

Regardless of the manner in which you access the order Code Status, you will have two options.

➢ **Full Code** - Which includes CPR, Intubation and Mechanical Ventilation and Aggressive Therapy appropriate to the situation. If you select the Full Code option, no other action needs to be completed other than “Process Order.”

However, if anything other than Full Code is desired, then the following order will be selected.

➢ **Limitations to Treatment** - The Provider/APC will be required to click on each of the items within the order to briefly document the patient’s life sustaining wishes

- CPR
- Intubation and Mechanical Ventilation
- Medical Management – which might include very aggressive treatment but exclude CPR and Intubation
- Antibiotics
- Artificial Hydration and Nutrition
- Discussed with
- Surrogate name & contact information

All electronically entered Code Status Orders will be printed and placed inside the medical record by the nursing unit staff as is currently practiced. For the rare instances that a handwritten Code Status OLST form is completed, the actual OLST form will be placed inside the front cover of the medical record.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other ethics issue, please contact Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair of the Ethics Committee, at robert_d.barraco@lvhn.org.
Dennis B. Cornfield, MD, Chief, Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine, was a co-author of the article – “Prognostic Markers and Long-Term Outcomes in Ductal Carcinoma In Situ of the Breast Treated with Excision Alone” – which was published in the August 15, 2011 issue of Cancer.

Mark A. Gittleman, MD, Division of General Surgery, Section of Surgical Oncology, was an invited speaker at the X Congreso Argentino de Mastologia, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 28-30. He gave a lecture on “Pet Mammography” and was a panelist for the “Angiogenesis – Digital Angiography Breast MRI and PET Mammography” session.

Dr. Gittleman also served as the co-director of the educational seminar – “Targeting Breast Cancer: A Team Approach” – held September 17, in Atlantic City, NJ.

John-Paul Gomez, MD, Division of Child-Adolescent Psychiatry, co-authored a chapter – “Psychiatric Emergencies in Adolescents” – which was recently published in the American Academy of Pediatrics Textbook of Adolescent Health Care.

Yasser K. Khalil, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine, Section of Hospital Medicine, and Michael J. Pistoria, DO, Medical Staff President, and Division of General Internal Medicine, Section of Hospital Medicine, were co-authors of the article – “Catastrophic Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome with Bone Marrow Necrosis: A Rare Complication” – which was published in Volume 38, Number 10 of the Journal of Rheumatology.

Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, former member of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery with Honorary Status, was part of the invited faculty at the Cleveland Clinic’s 32nd Annual Turnbull Symposium Education and Innovation in Colorectal Surgery held September 22-23, in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Khubchandani participated on a panel on pelvic floor/perianal disease.

Thomas D. Meade, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was invited to give a keynote talk on “The Future of Unicompartment Knee Arthroplasty” to over 1,000 orthopaedic industry implant representatives and distributors on September 23, in Dallas, Texas.

In addition, Dr. Meade was a faculty member at the American Academy Orthopaedic Surgeons/American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons Total Knee Arthroplasty Course held October 14-15, in Chicago, Ill., where he presented a talk on “Custom Cutting Guides – The Best Surgical Approach.” Additionally, Dr. Meade performed cadaver surgery demonstrating a new joint preservation procedure called “Subchondroplasty” in addition to a novel approach to total knee arthroplasty utilizing manual kinematic instruments that he designed.

Several members of the staff co-authored the article – “Point-of-Care Electronic Prompts: An Effective Means of Increasing Compliance, Demonstrating Quality, and Improving Outcome” – which was published in the October 2011, Volume 113, Number 4 issue of Anesthesia & Analgesia. The co-authors include: Nanette M. Schwann, MD, Department of Anesthesiology, Vice Chair, Research; Karen A. Bretz, MD, Department of Anesthesiology, Vice Chair, Quality; Sherrine Eid, MPH, Biostatistician, Health Studies; Terry Burger, Director, Infection Control; Deborah Fry, Infection Control Specialist; Frederick Ackler, CRNA, Paul Evans, CRNA, David Romancheck, Anesthesia System Specialist; Michelle Beck, Manager, I/S Applications; Anthony J. Ardire, MD, Senior Vice President, Quality and Patient Safety; Harry Lukens, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer; and Thomas M. McLoughlin, MD, Chair, Department of Anesthesiology.
UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Cardiology Grand Rounds
Cardiology Grand Rounds will be held on Friday, November 4, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“Contrast Echocardiography: Current Clinical and Future Applications” will be presented by Farooq A. Chaudhry, MD, Associate Chief of Cardiology and Director of Echocardiography, St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center.

For more information, contact Carolyn Maurer in the Heart and Vascular Center at 610-402-8215.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds
Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds are held on Thursdays, beginning at 9 a.m., at various locations. Topics to be discussed in November include:

- November 3 – LVH-M ECC Rooms B, C and D
  - “The Power of Sleep” – Guest Speaker – James Maas, PhD, Cornell University
  - Journal Club
  - Administrative Hour
- November 10 – LVH-M ECC Rooms C and D
  - Rosen’s Club
  - Toxicology Series – Matthew Cook, DO
  - Spirochetes – Michael Stanley, DO
  - M & M – Andrew Miller, DO
- November 17 – LVH-M Banko Building
  - Annual CPC Competition
- November 24 – No Grand Rounds – Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Family Medicine Grand Rounds
Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on Tuesday, November 1, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 9 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“Quality” will be presented by Jack A. Lenhart, MD, Executive Director, Lehigh Valley Physician Hospital Organization.

For more information, contact Dorothy Jacquez in the Department of Family Medicine at dorothy.jacquez@lvhn.org or by phone at 610-969-4965.

Medical Grand Rounds
Medical Grand Rounds will be held on Tuesdays from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest (unless otherwise noted) and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg and the VTC Room at LVH-17. Topics for November will include:

- November 1 – “The Science and Practice of Hyperbaric Medicine” – D. Lindsie Cone, MD, Medical Director for Hyperbaric Medicine Services, Palmetto Health Richland Hospital
- November 8 – “Geriatric Update 2011” – Catherine Glew, MD, Chief, Division of Geriatrics
- November 15 – “HIV 30 Years Later – A Work in Progress” – Calvin Cohen, MD, MSc
- November 22 – “A Case-Based Update in Hospital Medicine” – Matthew Miller, DO
- November 29 – “VTE Prophylaxis and New Order Sets” – Daniel Valancius, MD – Location: Kasych ECC Room 6

For more information, contact Kathy Gaspari in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-5200.
Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at Noon. Conferences will be held in the Lehigh Neurology Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor, and videoconferenced to Lehigh Neurology’s Bathgate office. Topics to be presented in November will include:

- November 3 – “ECTRIMS Update” – David E. Jones, MD
- November 10 – “Subarachnoid Hemorrhage” – P. Mark Li, MD
- November 17 – Division Meeting
- November 24 – No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Stroke Grand Rounds

The following Stroke Grand Rounds will be held on the following dates in November:

- November 15 – Noon to 1:30 p.m. – “Managing Atrial Fibrillation to Prevent Stroke” – Kasych ECC Room 7, LVH-Cedar Crest – John E. Castaldo, MD
- November 30 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – “Managing Atrial Fibrillation to Prevent Stroke” – ECC Room D, LVH-Muhlenberg – Yevgeniy Isayev, MD

Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Chrissi Kent, Coordinator, Stroke Center, at 610-402-8375.

Nutrition Grand Rounds

The next Nutrition Grand Rounds will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at Noon, in the hospital’s Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room C at LVH-Muhlenberg and the VTC Conference Room at LVH-17th & Chew.

“Stroke During Acute Hospitalization” will be presented by Hermann C. Schumacher, MD, Division of Neurology; Emily Shotto, MS, Speech Pathologist; and Jennifer Erie, RD, Dietitian.

For more information, contact Kimberly Procaccino, Director of Nutrition, at 610-402-8609.

OB-GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds will be held on Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 8, unless otherwise noted. The topics for November will include:

- November 4 – “Role of Robotics in Minimally Invasive Gynecology” – Michael Patriarco, DO
- November 11 – ExamPro CREOG Exam Review (For residents; attending physicians are invited to attend) – Alan Schamroth, MD
- November 18 – “Epigenetics in ART” – Paul Bergh, MD
- November 25 – No Grand Rounds – Happy Thanksgiving!

For more information, contact Craig A. Koller, MEd, Director, Medical Education, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at 610-969-2413.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest on the following Tuesdays in November:

- November 1 – “The Autoinflammatory Syndromes” – April Bingham, MD
- November 8 – Pediatric Intensive Care topic – Sabrina Logan, MD
- November 15 – “Child Abuse Pearls” – Megan Fairchild, CRNP
- November 22 – “Frenotomy” – Sanjeev Vasishtha, MD
- November 29 – Pediatric Neurology topic

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

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, November 2, in Kasych ECC Room 10 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

For more information, contact James C. Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery, or Lori Zimmerman, Nursing Manager, at 610-973-6271.

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Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on Thursday, November 17, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg, and teleconferenced to Kasych ECC Room 3 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

“Psychiatric Illness and Its Differential Diagnosis” will be presented by Christi A. Weston, MD, PhD, Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry.

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

Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg, unless otherwise noted. Topics for November will include:

- November 1 – “The Science and Practice of Hyperbaric Medicine” – D. Lindsie Cone, MD, Medical Director for Hyperbaric Medicine Services, Palmetto Health Richland Hospital
- November 8 – “Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Diagnosis to Treatment” – James Wu, MD, and Matthew Martinez, MD
- November 15 – “The LVHN Robotic Surgery Program: Our Multidisciplinary Approach to Patient Centered Care” – Martin Martino, MD
- November 22 – “Diagnosis and Management of Congenital Abdominal Wall Defects” – Anthony Georges, MD
- November 29 – “Training Our Future Surgical Scientists: Realities and Recommendations” – David W. Mercer, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, Nebraska Medical Center

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

What’s New in Continuing Medical Education

Continuing Education Event Brochures Now Posted Directly on the Division of Education Website

Now you can access brochures for upcoming continuing education events directly from the Division of Education homepage. Attend these events for CME credit. Event brochures are in chronological order and will be updated regularly. Just click the link under “Hot Sites in the DOE” titled: Continuing Education Event Brochures. As always, you can still find information for most LVHN events on the Network Events Calendar.

FYI Upcoming Events

- Teaching-Leader Series: The “RIME” Method of Assessment
  Tuesday, November 22, 2011
  7:30-9 a.m. at LVH-Cedar Crest
  OR
  Wednesday, November 23, 2011
  7:30-9 a.m. at LVH-Muhlenberg

- Cardiology for the Primary Care Physician
  Saturday, December 3, 2011
  7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
  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.
WHO’S NEW

This section contains an update of new appointments, address changes, status changes, resignations, etc. Please remember to update your directory with this information.

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