Can you believe it’s June already? This month marks the end of the academic year for our graduating residents and the first full month of clinical rotations for our University of South Florida medical students. To our graduates – we hope that LVHN has helped prepare you well for the next stage of your careers. Despite the unsettled nature of health care in our country, you will bring your talents and “heart” to help heal, comfort and care for the patients you are called upon to serve – wherever that may be! Keeping the patient at the center of our efforts helps us all stay focused amidst the many distractions that exist nowadays. To our graduates – we hope that LVHN has helped prepare you well for the next stage of your careers. Despite the unsettled nature of health care in our country, you will bring your talents and “heart” to help heal, comfort and care for the patients you are called upon to serve – wherever that may be! Keeping the patient at the center of our efforts helps us all stay focused amidst the many distractions that exist nowadays. To our USF students – welcome! We know you will learn much from the clinical experiences you will have this year. We will rely on you to help us fine tune the learning environment so that we can help you blend clinical care, learning, service and teamwork. That’s shared leadership!

June is also the month when children finish their studies and begin their summer vacation. For parents, this means a big change in the daily rhythms – and hopefully some play time during the longer days and warm summer evenings. As “guardians of tomorrow’s superheroes” (our Children’s Hospital marketing slogan), parents have a lot of work to do. But any parent can tell you that the workload is frequently balanced by the joys of experiencing a child’s curiosity, creativity or generosity. Whether it’s breakfast in bed for Mother’s Day, tenderness with a sibling, a playful wrestling session or a spontaneous “I love you” and a hug, kids have a way of stealing our hearts and getting us to think outside of ourselves.

Years ago, Art Linkletter (and more recently Bill Cosby) hosted a show called “Kids say the Darndest Things.” Sometime when you need a good laugh, search for one of these episodes on YouTube. In celebration of children, Father’s Day and summertime, I’d like to share an email I received from a family member recently:

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“A first grade teacher had 26 students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the first half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It’s hard to believe these were actually done by 1st graders. Their insight may surprise you…”

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<td>Don’t change horses…until they stop running.</td>
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<td>A penny saved is…not much.</td>
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<td>It’s always darkest before…Daylight Saving Time.</td>
<td>Two’s company, three’s…the Musketeers.</td>
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<td>Never underestimate the power of…termites.</td>
<td>Don’t put off till tomorrow what…you put on to go to bed.</td>
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<td>You can lead a horse to water but…How?</td>
<td>Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and…you have to blow your nose.</td>
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<td>Don’t bite the hand that…looks dirty (new Infection Control advice?)</td>
<td>There are none so blind as…Stevie Wonder.</td>
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<td>No news is…impossible.</td>
<td>If at first you don’t succeed…get new batteries.</td>
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<td>A miss is as good as a…Mr.</td>
<td>You get out of something only what you…see in the picture on the box.</td>
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<td>You can’t teach a dog new…Math.</td>
<td>When the blind lead the blind…get out of the way.</td>
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<td>If you lie down with the dogs, you’ll…stink in the morning.</td>
<td>A bird in hand…is going to poop on you.</td>
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<td>Love all, trust…Me.</td>
<td>…and last but not least,</td>
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<td>The pen is mightier than the…pigs.</td>
<td>Better late than…pregnant.</td>
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<td>An idle mind is…the best way to relax.</td>
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<td>Where there is smoke, there is…pollution.</td>
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Out of the mouths of children! Take a few minutes this month to enjoy the children in your life – they help us remember the simple joys of summertime…and don’t forget to schedule some time for yourself to relax and play.

Robert J. Motley, MD
Medical Staff President

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**LVH LISTED AMONG TOP HOSPITALS FOR SAFETY**

Lehigh Valley Hospital is one of three hospitals in Pennsylvania – and one of 66 nationwide – to be included on a list of safe U.S. hospitals that was published in the April-May edition of AARP The Magazine.

According to the article, “Lessons from America’s Safest Hospitals,” the magazine teamed up with the Leapfrog Group to showcase what some of the most innovative hospitals are doing to prevent errors. Intensivists who care for the sickest patients and computerized provider order entry (CPOE) were highlighted in the magazine as measures contributing to LVH’s impressive safety record. CPOE enables doctors to enter prescriptions into the computer electronically which basically eliminates transcription errors. The article also mentioned that the network’s medication mistake rate has fallen from two in 100,000 doses to two in one million doses since launching CPOE and scanning bar codes on patients’ bracelets to ensure the correct medication dose.
READ YOUR EMAILS FROM MEDICAL STAFF SERVICES — IT’S REQUIRED!

Approved by the Medical Staff membership at the March 11, 2013 quarterly meeting and the Boards of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg on May 1, 2013, a Bylaws policy change has been made for the reading of LVHN system email as a requirement for Medical Staff membership. Prior to this approval, the Medical Staff Bylaws called for U.S. mail and/or fax as requirements for written notification. However, faxing has become dated technology and is cumbersome for office practices and problematic in the timely distribution of information.

Therefore, it was felt by the Medical Executive Committee that reading email is something that all Medical Staff members should have in their required communication protocol with the hospital system. It is recognized that the amount of emails forwarded to physicians can be overwhelming and to a large degree unnecessary for your consumption. For that reason, at this time only emails marked from Medical Staff Services will be required reading as a means of official correspondence from LVHN. Effective July 1, 2013, you will be held accountable if a deadline is missed because you did not read an official email from Medical Staff Services.

Over the past few months, the entire Medical Staff has been migrated over to the Microsoft Outlook email system which currently is the most widely used email system. It is hoped that you find this change an enhancement to communications with you and be assured that the utilization of the “from Medical Staff Services” official emails will be kept to a necessary minimum.

If you have any questions, please contact John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8980. Questions regarding accessing your Microsoft Outlook account or how to sync your Smartphone with your hospital email account should be directed to Mike Huber, Information Services, at 610-402-1514, or Trent Smith, Medical Staff Services Information Technology Coordinator, at 610-402-1291.

LVHN and GHHA Announce Agreement to Merge

In April, the boards of the Greater Hazleton Health Alliance (GHHA) and Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) signed an agreement for a full asset merger pending regulatory approval.

The agreement, announced by GHHA President and CEO, Jim Edwards, and LVHN President and CEO, Ronald Swinfard, MD, builds upon formal clinical partnerships between GHHA and LVHN. The organizations began to develop formal clinical partnerships about four years ago in the areas of MI alert response for heart care, emergency department coverage by LVHN physicians at Hazleton, and various telemedicine initiatives including tele-obstetrics, tele-burn, tele-infectious disease consults and tele-stroke care to utilize LVHN’s specialist care capabilities in efficient ways to enhance the delivery of high-quality care to residents in the Hazleton region.

Greater Hazleton Health Alliance includes Hazleton General Hospital with 150 licensed beds, and the Hazleton Health & Wellness Center, the hospital’s newest outpatient center providing diagnostic testing and rehabilitation, as well as ambulatory surgery. GHHA employs over 1,000 people and has a medical staff of more than 100 physicians. GHHA also operates a multispecialty health network of primary and specialty physicians and surgeons in 15 offices throughout the northeast region.

Officials said they anticipate the health care needs in each of their communities will continue to grow and, pending regulatory approval, they plan to do a needs assessment to determine how the merged organization can meet those needs going forward.
**TEMPORARY PRACTICE AUTHORIZATION APPROVED FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

With the recent change by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine regarding approval of a temporary authorization for Physician Assistants to practice pending formal approval of the “Application for Registration as a Supervising Physician,” Lehigh Valley Health Network has revised it process to accommodate this change. An overview of the change is noted below for your information.

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**Special Notice from the State Board of Medicine**

At its meeting on March 21, 2013, the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine approved a temporary authorization for Physician Assistants to practice pending formal approval of the “Application for Registration as a Supervising Physician.”

Upon submission of the application, Board staff will review the application ONLY for completeness and issue a letter to the supervising physician providing the temporary authorization for the physician assistant to begin practice.

If the application is not “complete” (i.e., required signatures are not provided, information is missing, fee is not included, etc.), a temporary authorization for the physician assistant to begin practicing WILL NOT be issued.

The temporary authorization, when issued, will provide a period of 120 days during which the physician assistant may practice, under the terms set forth in the written agreement as submitted to the Board. Within 120 days, the Board will notify the supervising physician of the final approval or disapproval of the application. If approved, a final approval of the written agreement will be issued to the supervising physician. If there are discrepancies that have not been corrected within the 120 day period, the temporary authorization to practice will expire.

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For more information regarding this information, please contact Dana Hacker, Director, Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8975.

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**ID BADGE REPLACEMENT FORM**

If your LVHN ID badge becomes worn or broken, or if you lose your badge, you can now order a new ID badge on-line. To access the ID Badge Replacement Form, go to the LVHN Employee Intranet homepage, then select Departments – Non-Clinical – Med Staff Services. From the Medical Staff Services website, select Services then click on Badge Replacement Form. Complete all the required fields and submit the form. When your badge is ready for pick up, you will receive an email from Medical Staff Services.

If you have any questions regarding this form, contact Janet Seifert at 610-402-8590 or Leila Antoniazzi-Hejda at 610-402-8980.
PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

Basics of ICD-10-PCS for Surgeons

The Basics

On October 1, 2014, ICD-10-PCS will replace ICD-9 volume 3 for facility reporting of inpatient procedures. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) will still be used for all outpatient procedures. Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) will be used as before.

In the example to the left, your operative report must indicate the seven pieces of information in order to be properly coded and successfully billed. In ICD-10-PCS, there are 31 possible surgical root operations and seven possible approaches.

Fortunately, it is not necessary for you (the provider) to know and use the specific coding terms for each character of the code. However, it is necessary for the surgeon/provider to document enough information related to each of these seven areas in order for the coder to translate your documentation into these seven characters and form the proper procedure code. Failure to do so will lead to more queries for you to answer and delayed coding and billing of your surgery.

If you have any questions, please contact John Pettine, MD, FACP, CCDS, Director, Clinical Documentation Improvement Program, via email at john.pettine@lvhn.org.

LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

Current Guidelines, Reports Available through the Digital Library

Looking for a current comparative effectiveness review, clinical practice guideline, systematic review or technology assessment? The Digital Library has a direct link to such reports on various topics, many of which are evidence-based.

Recent report topics include updates on acute ischemic stroke, type 2 diabetes in children, and cancer screening. Organizations such as the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) are represented. New Reports are added on a regular basis.

To get to the reports from the LVHN Intranet, go to FIND FAST and select Library Services. This will take you to the Digital Library homepage where you can click on the link to ALL REPORTS (2006-current) or click on the title of the report you want to view from the scrollbar in the top right section of the Digital Library homepage.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Susan Fink in Library Services at 610-402-8407 or send an email to LibraryServices@lvhn.org.
On May 6, students in the first class of SELECT, a unique medical education program created by Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and the University of South Florida (USF) Morsani College of Medicine, officially arrived in the Lehigh Valley to begin third-year studies inside LVHN.

Ronald W. Swinfard, MD, LVHN President and CEO, officially welcomed the 18 students and presented them with lab coats during a ceremony at the health network’s Division of Education offices.

“With the predicted nationwide shortage of doctors, we see SELECT as a way to ensure we can keep the best and brightest young doctors here to care for people in the Lehigh Valley,” Dr. Swinfard said. “The education they are receiving will make them both physicians and leaders in a reformed health care world.”

SELECT is a four-year medical school program during which students spend their first two years of learning in Tampa, Fla., at the USF Morsani College of Medicine, a highly progressive, student-centered medical school. Students then spend years three and four learning inside LVHN, a technologically advanced health network that’s recognized nationally for quality, patient safety and collaborative care. They also will live in the Lehigh Valley for those two years.

The 18 students represent the first official SELECT class, which will graduate in 2015. These students will immediately begin classroom study, medical simulations and regular hospital rotations at LVHN as well as physician practice assignments.

The SELECT program is designed for students with the intellectual perspective, empathy, creativity and passion to change patient care, the health of communities and the medical profession. The premise is students with higher emotional intelligence can become more engaged, compassionate physicians who work effectively with teams and can lead change in health care organizations.
CMIO UPDATE

Admitting from your office? You should still use CAPOE

When admitting a patient (same day) directly from your office, it is expected that the Admission orders will be entered into Centricity Enterprise (CE). In order to do this, you will need an account number for that patient. This can be obtained when you or your staff calls Patient Logistics to arrange the admission. The staff at Patient Logistics only requires a few minutes to generate the account number. Once you have the account number, you can bring the patient up in CE, choose that account, and enter the admission orders. Entering the admission orders into the system will expedite care and reduce questions about legibility or call backs to the office for clarification of orders.

Show Some Restraint – Best Practice for Managing Restraints

Please remember to use the Restraint Order Sets when initiating and when re-ordering restraints. This will ensure that the start and end times are exactly 24 hours apart. If the patient will require restraints for more than 24 hours, please remember to use the “Restraint Non-Destructive Daily Orders” order set. The assessment and orders must be completed within the 24 hour timeframe.

New to the Clinical Portal...IMMUNIZATIONS!

Immunizations from CPO have been added to the Clinical Portal. This new section is located under Problems in the Patient Summary view. Immunizations default to reverse chronological order but can be sorted alphabetically by clicking on the ‘Name’ column header. A documented patient refusal or declination reason will also appear in the portal.

If you have any questions regarding these topics, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Information Officer, at 610-402-2480 or via email.
PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Hamed Amani, MD, Division of Burn/Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/General Surgery, gave two presentations at the Trauma, Critical Care & Acute Care Surgery and Medical Disaster Response 2013 Conference held March 17-20, in Las Vegas, Nev. The first presentation – “Multiple Burn Patients – Hospital Response” – was part of the Beyond Triage and Resuscitation Session of the Medical Disaster Response program. The second presentation – “Burn Operative Techniques” – was included in the Techniques – How to Do It session of the Trauma, Critical Care & Acute Care Surgery program.


Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Information Officer and Division of General Pediatrics, and Michael Sheinberg, MD, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Medical Director of Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement, co-authored an article – “The Implementation of a Perinatal Continuum of Care Information System: Lessons Learned,” which was published in the Journal of Healthcare Information Management, Spring 2013, Volume 27, Number 2. The article is based on work being done through a grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on which Dr. Levick is the Principal Investigator.

Nanette M. Schwann, MD, Department of Anesthesiology Vice Chair of Research, was awarded the Best Manuscript of the Year prize by the Editorial Board of the journal, Anesthesia & Analgesia. The manuscript – “Lack of Effectiveness of the Pulmonary Artery Catheter in Cardiac Surgery” – examines treatment guided with a Swan Ganz catheter vs. a central line in 5,000 cardiac surgical patients in 70 cardiac surgical centers. Use of the PAC catheter was found to be associated with an increased incidence of death and organ dysfunction. The award was announced at the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists annual meeting in April. The paper and its accompanying editorial were presented as part of the Best in Show Session at the national meeting in Miami.

PROGRESS NOTES ON-LINE

For several years, Progress Notes – the monthly newsletter published for members of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians – has been available on-line and accessible from the Medical Staff Services website. However, with the recent changes to the Employee Intranet, Progress Notes is now available on the homepage of the LVHN Intranet. The current issue of Progress Notes, along with three additional publications – CheckUp, Magnet Attractions, and Healthy You – can be found on the Employee Intranet homepage near the bottom of the left-hand column. Access to the LVHN Employee Intranet is available from any network computer and the publications listed above are very easy to view.

With the addition of Progress Notes to the homepage of the LVHN Intranet, a decision has been made to reduce the number of printed copies of the newsletter. Therefore, beginning with the July 2013 issue, Progress Notes will continue to be distributed to members of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians, but will no longer be circulated to hospital departments.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Seifert in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8590.
CONGRATULATIONS

Angelo A. Baccala, Jr., MD, Chief, Division of Urology, was recently certified by the American Board of Urology. Dr. Baccala has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2010. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Urology Specialty Care.

Joseph R. Feliciano, MD, Division of Urology, was recently certified by the American Board of Urology. Dr. Feliciano has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2011. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Urology Specialty Care.

James R. Johannes, MD, Division of Urology, was recently certified by the American Board of Urology. Dr. Johannes has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2011. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Urology Specialty Care.

Joseph J. Stirparo, MD, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/General Surgery, was recently certified in Surgical Critical Care by the American Board of Surgery. He is also board certified in Surgery. Dr. Stirparo has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2012. He is in practice with Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley.

Francis A. Salerno, MD, Associate Chief, Division of Geriatrics, was the recipient of the Chrysalis Award which was presented by the Center for Vision Loss at its annual dinner held at DeSales University on May 9. According to Douglas A. Yingling, Executive Director, Center for Vision Loss, “The Chrysalis Award was established to honor a person who is blind or visually impaired who has transformed the world around them. Dr. Salerno epitomizes that concept as a physician in the Lehigh Valley who has achieved significant successes, especially in transforming geriatric medicine. It is a career with such positive and far reaching results that we were thrilled at the opportunity to recognize his work through our Chrysalis Award this year.” Dr. Salerno has been a member of the Medical Staff since December, 1989. Since that time, Dr. Salerno has blazed a path in the Lehigh Valley for care of the elderly population, serving as LVHN’s first chief of geriatrics. He is in practice with LVPG-Internal/Geriatric Medicine.

Darryn I. Shaff, MD, Chief, Section of Neurointerventional Radiology, was the recipient of the Professional Excellence Council Physician Friends of Nursing Award which was presented at LVHN’s annual Friends of Nursing Award Celebration held on May 2. Dr. Shaff has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 1999. He is in practice with Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley, PC.

For more information regarding these events, contact Amy Burrows, Director, Special Events, at 484-884-9223 or via email at amy.burrows@lvhn.org OR Sandi Marsh, Senior Director, Special Events, at 484-884-9119 or via email at sandra.marsh@lvhn.org.
ETHICS CORNER

Ethics Week 2013 and the 6th Annual Ethics Symposium Postscript

We’re not getting older, we’re getting better. This year’s Ethics Week had quite diverse offerings. Ethics Week actually opened the week prior with an engaging and controversial Schwartz Rounds concerning the issue of whether “End-Stage” psychiatric illness exists. A case presentation preceded the panel discussion.

On Tuesday of Ethics Week, a joint Family Medicine-Surgery Grand Rounds began the day. The topic was “Lessons Learned doing Ethics Consults, delivered and moderated by Dr. Steve Lammers and Dr. Robert Barraco. The session was a lively and interactive case based discussion surrounding advance directives, family and provider considerations and ethics follow-up.

Pediatric Grand Rounds followed marking the beginning of our Emerging Health Professional (EHP) Ethics Symposium. Interaction included the EHP high school seniors in a case based discussion of a complex case involving pediatric palliative care. The EHP symposium proceeded with a facilitated small group discussion of cases concerning sports medicine. Facilitators Dr. John Lizza from Kutztown University, Dr. Bill Boyer, Dr. Lammers and Dr. Barraco led the groups. Last year, the EHP students attended the main symposium. The change was made to provide content more to their level and interest while maintaining interaction with healthcare providers.

On Wednesday, the 6th Annual Ethics Symposium was held for the first time at DeSales University. Their support for the program and the venue were outstanding. Attendees numbered 132, with providers from several area facilities. It began with our USF colleague and Director of Communication, Dr. Lori Roscoe’s keynote concerning her research on provider-patient communication. Breakouts were held on Office Communication, Family Conferences and Interdisciplinary Communication. Dr. Everett Binns, Dr. Eric Gerton and Dr. Barraco were moderators. Lunch was held over video clips concerning communication in practice and on television. Our own Dr. Krista Hirschmann gave a very interactive and enlightening session on Feedback and the day closed with a panel discussion of cases and questions from the attendees.

The day-long offering received excellent reviews and positive comments for future topics:

“All in all, it was a great event.”
“I was waiting for an aha moment in my years at LVHN and this was it.”
“One of the most interesting and useful conferences I have attended in 40 years.”

One thing was readily apparent from the case discussion and participant questions: We need to do more to educate and support our providers. Ethics knowledge needs to pervade our practices and environments. We have already begun planning for next year’s Ethics Week to include a new separate offering for our EMS colleagues, and we need to attract more physicians. Only six attended last year and four this year. So spread the word – you don’t have to go to New York City, Philadelphia or Washington, D.C., to attend a great Ethics Symposium.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other Ethics topic, please contact Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair, Ethics Committee, at robert.barraco@lvhn.org.
Pharmacy Rules
Following are a few standard rules that pharmacies must follow in order to be in compliance with State and Federal laws. They may be useful for you and your practice when dealing with pharmacies.

- Prescriptions are good for one year from the date they are written, not from the date they are first filled. Therefore, if a patient has kept the prescription for three months and then decided to have it filled, the remaining time left on the prescription is nine months. For controlled medications (C III-V), prescriptions are good for only six months.
- Currently, prescribers cannot e-scribe a controlled substance. Even if the information is entered into the office practice computer, it will not transmit to pharmacies. However, they can be phoned in or faxed.
- The maximum number of refills for a controlled medication is five.
- Narcotic (C II) prescriptions:
  - Cannot be phoned in unless it is for an emergency supply
    - the quantity can only be for a supply to adequately treat the patient during the emergency period
    - it must be replaced by a signed, hard copy from the prescriber within 72 hours
  - Cannot be faxed
  - Cannot have refills
  - Cannot be faxed unless it is for a Hospice patient or one in a long-term care facility.
- Pennsylvania law allows for generic substitutions. If there is a generic available, pharmacists will substitute automatically. If a brand name drug is required, the prescription must have “Brand Medically Necessary” written on it. Be aware that most insurance companies penalize the patient by requiring a larger co-pay and/or penalize the prescriber by demanding a prior authorization phone call or written proof. In some cases, insurance companies may still deny the request and the patient would have to pay full price for the medication or be prescribed a different medication.

Smartphone Use to Increase Medication Adherence
Patients who do not take their medications when they are supposed to is a common, complex and costly problem that contributes to poor treatment outcomes and consumes health care resources. Since a large portion of the population use smartphones to organize their daily activities, there are apps now available that may help the patient and health care provider improve medication taking behavior. Some of the best apps that are useable with iPhone or Android platforms include: MyMedSchedule, MyMeds and RxmindMe.

New Drugs
- Osphena: ospemifene60mg – Tablet for moderate to severe dyspareunia.
- Prolensa: bromfenac 0.07% – NSAID ophthalmic solution for post-op inflammation and reduction of ocular pain after cataract extraction.
- Invokana: canaglifoxin 100 or 300m – Tablet to increase Glycemic Control for adults w/ Type 2 Diabetes.
- Suclear: Bowel Prep that offers same day or split dosing.

Coming Soon
- Diclegis: doxylamine succinate and pyridoxine HCL 10/10mg – Tablet for morning sickness (formerly known as Bendectin)

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding any of these topics, contact Jay Needle, RPh, Manager, Health Spectrum Pharmacy – LVH-Muhlenberg, via email at jay.needle@lvhn.org or by phone at 484-884-7004.
UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

General Medical Staff Meeting
The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on Monday, June 10, beginning at 6 p.m., in the AUDITORIUM at LVH-Cedar Crest. The meeting will be videoconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

A highlight of the meeting will be presentations of the Teachers of the Year Awards.

The agenda for the meeting will include:
- Review and approval of changes to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations
- Election of five At-Large Members of the Medical Executive Committee
- Review and approval of the Medical Staff Budget for FY’14

All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

GLVIPA General Membership Meeting
The next general membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association will be held on Monday, June 24, beginning at 6 p.m., in the hospital’s Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“Technology Enabled Solutions for Clinical Integration and Incentive Plan Design” will be presented by Gregory G. Kile, Senior Vice President, LVHN Insurance and Payer Strategies, and Mark A. Wendling, MD, Medical Director, Valley Preferred, LVPHO.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Curcio, Coordinator, GLVIPA, at 610-969-0423.

Family Medicine Grand Rounds
Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on Tuesday, June 4, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 10 at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg. “Assessing and Treating Adult ADHD in Primary Care” will be presented by Joanne Cohen-Katz, PhD.

For more information, contact Tammy Winterhalt in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4950 or via email at tammy.winterhalt@lvhn.org.

Neurology Conferences
The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays, from Noon to 1 p.m., at the noted locations. Topics to be presented in June include:

- June 6 – “Behavioral Neurology” – Lorraine J. Spikol, MD – Lehigh Neurology’s Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor, and videoconferenced to Bathgate Office and Kasych ECC Room 9
- June 13 – “Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy – The Missed Diagnosis” – Wayne E. Dubov, MD – Lehigh Neurology’s Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor, and videoconferenced to Bathgate Office and Kasych ECC Room 9
- June 20 – “Acute Hope – Missed Opportunities” – Hussam A. Yacoub, DO – LVH-Cedar Crest Auditorium and videoconferenced to Lehigh Neurology’s Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor, and Bathgate Office

For more information, contact Angeline Regis, Coordinator, Neurosciences, at 610-402-9008.

Surgical Grand Rounds
Surgical Grand Rounds will take a recess during the summer months and will tentatively resume on Tuesday, September 10. Stay tuned.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

John L. Farber, MD, Professor of Pathology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, will visit Lehigh Valley Health Network on Thursday, June 6, as an invited guest of the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine and Health Network Laboratories. For many years, Dr. Farber was the co-editor of *Rubin and Farber's Pathology*, one of the two major textbooks in the field of pathology. He is on the editorial board of numerous Pathology journals and has published extensively in the fields of pathology and cell biology.

During the morning, Dr. Farber will present interesting cases in the Department of Pathology at LVH-Cedar Crest, and will field three “unknown” cases at the Noon Tumor Board Conference in Conference Room A of the Morgan Cancer Center. All staff and employees are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Rob Hurwitz, Health Network Laboratories, at 610-402-5432.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds on Tuesdays at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest, unless otherwise noted. The topics for June include:

- **June 4 – NICU Topic** – Erika M. Yencha, MD
- **June 11 – Neurology Topic** – Elizabeth T. Corbo, MD
- **June 18 – Pediatric Nephrology Topic** – Steven Wassner, MD, Penn State Hershey – Location: Kasych ECC Room 7
- **June 25 – HIV Topic** – Jill Foster, MD, Drexel University College of Medicine

For more information, contact Cari Coelho 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, June 20**, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg. The presentation will also be teleconferenced to Kasych ECC Room 3 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

“The Psychiatry of AIDS: A Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment” will be presented by Glenn J. Treisman, MD, PhD, Director of AIDS Psychiatry Services, at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.

For more information, contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at tammy.schweizer@lvhn.org.

Spine Conference

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

The next Spine Interesting Case Conference will be held on **Wednesday, June 5**, in Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

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

Emergency Medicine Institute – Life Support Classes

Upcoming life support classes sponsored by the Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI) are listed below:

**Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)**

ACLS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to Noon, at the Emergency Medicine Institute located at 2166 S. 12th Street, Allentown, on the following dates:

- September 6, 9, 10, 20
- October 16, 17, 21, 22

In addition, a two-day provider course will be held September 23 and 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

**Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)**

PALS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute on the following dates:

- June 11, 17, 18
- August 7, 22

In addition, two-day provider courses will be held September 4 and 5, and October 3 and 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

Registration information and a list of additional classes are available on the EMI website. To access the website from the LVHN Intranet homepage, select “Departments” – “Non-Clinical” – “EMI.”

For more information regarding these classes, contact Christine Ash at the Emergency Medicine Institute at 610-969-0299.

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What’s New in Continuing Medical Education?

2013 Perioperative Symposium

On Saturday, May 4, over 130 clinical colleagues attended LVHN’s first Perioperative Symposium. The accredited event featured speakers who addressed clinical quality, anesthesia, diabetes, transfusion, pulmonary care, and frailty and cardiovascular risk in the pre and post-operative environments. The audience was provided with LVHN’s standard approach to pre-admission testing and preoperative consultations, as well as an increased understanding of current quality gaps all focused on mitigating and reducing risk to patients before and after surgery.

The overwhelming attendance and positive feedback surrounding the symposium will undoubtedly lead to another event on this topic in FY’14. For more information about the symposium, please see a newly developed LVHN Intranet site on Perioperative Medicine that includes slides from the speakers as well as tools for clinical management – http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/periopmgmt/

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for teaching Residents and Medical Students

At its March, 2013 meeting, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education approved faculty credit for teaching medical students and residents as a type of live activity that may be certified for “AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™” if it meets the requirements. Physician faculty may be awarded credit based on a 2-to-1 ratio to teaching time. For example, faculty may be awarded 2 “AMA PRA Category 1 Credits(™)” for one hour spent teaching or 1.5 “AMA PRA Category 1 Credits(™)” for 45 minutes spent teaching. The Department of Continuing Education hopes to be able to offer AMA PRA Category 1 Credit for this format beginning in July. More information will be forthcoming from Continuing Education.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Jane Grube, Associate Director, Continuing Education, at 610-402-2398 or via email.

ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS UPDATE

Meet the APC Staff

A member of the LVHN Allied Health Professional Staff since February, 2005, Krista M. Remmel, PA-C, is this month’s featured Advanced Practice Clinician.

A physician assistant with Lehigh Neurology since 2004, Krista began her career with Lehigh Valley Health Network in 2000 as a technical partner. From 2000-2004, she attended DeSales University where she earned her degree as a physician assistant. Krista loves being a physician assistant and enjoys the challenge of practicing patient care. She enjoys the physicians she works with and their willingness to teach and answer questions.

As a physician assistant, Krista splits her time between the hospital and the office. On her hospital rotations, either at the Cedar Crest or Muhlenberg sites, she works in a physician/physician assistant team. She completes admissions, consults, and follow-up visits on patients who have a variety of neurological problems including stroke, seizure, and changes in mental status, to name a few. At Lehigh Neurology, the physician assistant is a key member of the team and also helps promote continuity of patient care despite changes in the attending physician. After rounding at the hospital, Krista will often complete office visits in the afternoon seeing a variety of patients with neurologic problems. Krista focuses on the subspecialty of neuromuscular diseases, however, she also sees a variety of other patients outside her subspecialty including those with epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, and headache disorders.

Where many providers are intimidated by the mystical inner workings of the human brain, Krista loves the challenge neurology poses. She loves that a systematic approach to a patient’s history and physical exam can allow you to find a malfunctioning lesion. She finds the field intellectually complex and loves the variability in which different patients present with similar diagnoses.

When she is not working, Krista has a number of other interests. She has a variety of music interests from heavy metal to gospel and everything in between. Krista frequently attends music concerts with her husband, Jim. In addition, Krista is an avid gardener. Every year, she plants both a vegetable and a flower garden. She also enjoys many outdoor activities including snowboarding, hiking, and biking.
Part II: MEDICAL STAFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

H. RECORDS

2. (a) History and Physical Examination Reports (iv) Criteria for Performance of Ambulatory Surgery at Fairgrounds Surgical Center on Pediatric Patients - The medical record shall include documentation that the child's primary care provider was notified by the surgeon in advance of the performance of a procedure in an ambulatory surgical facility. Documentation should also show that an opinion was sought from the primary care provider regarding the appropriateness of the use of the facility for the proposed procedure. When such an opinion from the child's primary care provider is not obtainable, the medical record shall include documentation which explains why such an opinion could not be obtained.

MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS – DEFINITIONS

T. The term “written notice” means notification sent by one (1) of the following four (4) methods: in person, fax, U.S. Mail or LVHN electronic mail.

U. The term “LVHN Electronic Mail” means any electronic mail in which the sender is identified as “Medical Staff Services.”

HEARING AND APPELLATE REVIEW PROCESS

SECTION I – GENERAL TERMS

A. TITLE AND DEFINITIONS

2. DEFINITIONS

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ARTICLE XII – DEPARTMENTS

SECTION A – DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

3. Department of Emergency Medicine shall include the following Divisions: Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medical Services and Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

a. The Division of Emergency Medicine shall include the Sections of Medical Toxicology and Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

4. Department of Family Medicine which shall include the Sections of Geriatrics, Occupational Medicine, and Palliative Medicine and Hospice.
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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In Memoriam
Walter K. Peters, MD
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Division of General Internal Medicine
Honorary Status
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Resignations
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