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On Thursday, April 10, members of the Advanced Practice Clinician (APC) staff attended the organizational meeting and elected officers and at-large members of the APC Executive Council. The Executive Council acts as the organizational body which supports and oversees the functions, duties and goals of the almost 400 member APC staff which includes Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, and Psychologists. The APC staff is a subset of the 570 member Allied Health Professional Staff.

Members of the APC Executive Council include (left to right): Paul J. Evans, CRNA, At-Large Member; Lauren Jacobsen, CRNP, At-Large Member; Angela R. Pistoria, PA-C, At-Large Member; James C. Miller, CRNA, President; Wendy J. Prutsman, PA-C, Secretary/Treasurer; Michele CG Hartzell, PA-C, At-Large Member; Brian J. Damweber, PA-C, President-elect; Eugenia V. Pearson, CRNP, At-Large Member, and Susan E. Kunsman, CRNA, At-Large Member.

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Doctors just take care of their patients and don’t have much input into how the hospital is run, right?

Some people may think that, but the fact is that through the Medical Staff committee system, we are helping to evaluate new technology, we’re improving processes, and we are serving as key advisors on decisions that will improve patient care.

In a previous column, I talked about the Ethics Committee. This month, I’ll mention the work of two other Medical Staff committees – Medical Records and Infection Control.

Medical Records Committee

It’s easy to look at medical records as an imposition or a “necessary evil” that takes time away from doing the important stuff. But as a former chair of the committee for six years before joining Troika, I can vouch for the fact that it’s important, and it’s relevant to all of us.

With new regulations from the Joint Commission, new documentation requirements from Medicare and all of the new technology involving patient records, the work of the Medical Records Committee is even more important now. Chaired by urologist Brian Murphy, the committee is working on such projects as assuring adequate documentation of diagnosis and severity of illness, and streamlining the process for physician queries. The committee also monitors performance indicators in the medical records process, such as transcription quality and turnaround time.

Infection Control Committee

This has always been a very strong and important committee of the Medical Staff, dealing proactively and reactively with infection issues. On the proactive side, the committee establishes evidence-based rules and procedures for preventing and treating infections and reminds health care workers to take infection-control measures such as effective hand washing. Reactively, the committee, along with the Infection Control Department, acts as a sort of medical SWAT team to respond to outbreaks or other issues when they occur, taking quick action to find the cause and prevent spread.

Chaired by infectious disease specialist Luther “Pat” Rhodes, the Infection Control Committee is reorganizing now to adhere to new regulations in Act 52 regarding hospital acquired infections. This compliance includes reporting of all nosocomial infections, as well as screening incoming patients to determine whether certain infections are present on admission.

As you can see, these issues affect all members of the Medical Staff every day, so input from doctors is very important. Committee membership – which is a volunteer position usually requiring only one to two hours of time every month or two – is an excellent way to make sure your viewpoint is heard.

I congratulate all members of the Medical Staff – as well as nurses, advanced practice clinicians, administrative partners and others – who serve on these committees.

Being a committee member is a good way to meet other members of the Medical Staff, while at the same time learning a little about how the hospital works. It’s also a good way to have a say on important issues, and to be a part of changes that will both improve patient care and make our jobs a little easier.

Linda L. Lapos, MD
Medical Staff President
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Those elected to office include:

**President** – James C. Miller, CRNA – Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services (2-year term)
**President-elect** – Brian J. Danweber, PA-C – Lehigh Area Medical Associates (2-year term)
**Secretary/Treasurer** – Wendy J. Prutsman, CRNP – LVPG-Maternal Fetal Medicine (2-year term)

**At-Large Seats:**
- Paul J. Evans, CRNA – Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services (1-year term)
- Susan E. Kunsman, CRNA – Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services (3-year term)
- Lauren Jacobsen, CRNP – HealthWorks (1-year term)
- Eugenia V. Pearson, CRNP – Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons (3-year term)
- Michele C.G. Hartzell, PA-C – LVPG-Emergency Medicine (3-year term)
- Angela R. Pistoria, PA-C – Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley (1-year term)

As this was the organizational meeting, the lengths of terms for the at-large members were drawn by lottery at the first Executive Council meeting.

The meeting and elections were a culmination of over a year and a half of planning by the Steering Committee of the APC staff. During that time, the mission and vision of the group was developed and the APC Staff Charter was approved at the August, 2007 meeting of the Medical Executive Committee.

The mission of the APC group is to support, advocate, promote, facilitate and integrate the professional interests of Advanced Practice Clinicians who maintain active clinical privileges within Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network.

The Executive Council will meet on a monthly basis with general APC membership meetings held on a quarterly basis on the fourth Thursday of the month beginning in July. APC Quarterly Membership meetings scheduled for 2008 are as follows:

- **July 24** at 5:30 p.m. – Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8
- **October 23** at 5:30 p.m. – Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, ECC Rooms A, B and C

If you have any questions regarding the APC Executive Council, please contact James C. Miller, CRNA, President, via email at james.miller@lvh.com or at pager 610-402-5100 2820, or John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8980.

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**At-Large Members Needed for Medical Executive Committee**

The Lehigh Valley Hospital Medical Staff Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for five at-large seats on the Medical Executive Committee, each for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2008.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to Matthew M. McCambridge, MD, Chair of the Nominating Committee, via the Medical Staff Services office, Cedar Crest & I-78, or verbally to John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services. All nominations must be submitted by Thursday, May 15, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Dr. McCambridge or Mr. Hart at 610-402-8980.
Cohorting: A Platform for Team-Based Care

Cohorting of surgical patients has proven to be an effective means of assuring consistent, quality, team-based patient care. Given this success, cohorting of General Internal Medicine patients will be implemented as well. Based on discussions with hospital leadership and GIMS physicians regarding the efficiencies of cohorting, in March 2008, the Capacity Throughput Council (CTC) sponsors, Richard S. MacKenzie, MD, Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, and Terry A. Capuano, Senior Vice President, Clinical Services, requested that this subject become a dedicated project of the CTC.

The CTC, including representatives from bed management, patient logistics, patient care services, general medicine, surgery, organizational development, and quality and care management developed a plan for the cohorting of patients from highest volume medical groups to participate in the initial phase of this plan. Based on average daily census, the three groups are: Lehigh Area Medical Associates, PC (LAMA), Valley Independent Hospitalist Group (VIHG) and LVPG-Hospitalist Services - CC.

Key Points:
... All groups have committed to reduce length of stay, begin a collaborative rounding process and implement a number of other efficiency goals.
... Results will be measured and shared every 90 days.

... GIMS manages 68% of medical admissions and 31% of total hospital admissions.
... The cohorting plan is designed to improve patient flow, promote collaborative multidisciplinary care, facilitate improved communication and provide improved access to caregivers.

Units and services affected by the cohorting plan are listed below:

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Phase I: May 1, 2008 - cohorting of patients from VIHG on 6K, patients from LAMA on 6B overflow and LVPG Hospitalists on 7A overflow. Patients from LVPG Hospitalists will continue to be cohort on 5K to allow Exemplary Care Learning Site initiative.

Phase II: July 1, 2008 - cohorting patients from LAMA on 6CP and cohorting Colon Rectal Surgery and GI to 4K.

Phase III: September 1, 2008 – evaluate impact of changes and determine which group to cohort on 7B and additional group cohorting opportunities.

For more information or if you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Susan L. Lawrence, MS, CMAC, Administrator, Care Continuum, at 610-402-1765.
**Improved Communication with Emergency Department**

For some time, a major concern for many primary care physicians (PCPs), admitting physicians, and consultants has been trying to return pages to the Emergency Department (ED) and being placed on “terminal hold.” In addition, communication barriers in the ED have caused frustration to ED physicians anxiously awaiting a call back from a patient’s primary care physician (PCP) or admitting physician so that the patient’s disposition could be made. The ED saw an opportunity for a win-win solution through the use of ASCOM phones and WebXchange (the hospital’s internal paging system).

So, in response to these issues, beginning in April, the ED physicians, residents, and Physician Assistants began carrying ASCOM portable phones. Now, when paging PCPs, admitting physicians, or consultants, the ED staff member will use the ASCOM number as the call back number rather than an ED desk number.

For those physicians who are pageable through WebXchange, ED staff will alpha page them directly without having to utilize paging operators or office staff. This should significantly improve communication within the Emergency Department and put the physician being paged in direct contact with the individual who paged them.

If you have any questions regarding this new process, please contact Richard S. MacKenzie, MD, Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, at 610-402-8128.

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**Metric System of Measurement for All Patients**

At its April meeting, the Medical Executive Committee approved a motion to support the use of the metric system of measurement for all patients throughout the network. The action was in response to a motion initially proposed by the Department of Pediatrics for patients 18 years of age and younger and modified to include **ALL** patients across the network.

Why go metric? Conversions from English to metric measures are a common source of medical error. Weight expressed in the English system of measures is of little use in Pediatrics where orders for medication, fluids, TPN, ventilator settings, etc., are based on weight expressed in kilograms. The use of the metric system is important so that all data necessary in defining an APR-DRG (a special derivative of DRGs which focus on situations unique to Pediatric medical care) would be available. Recently, LVHHN was notified that all of the Medicaid managed care plans in the Lehigh Valley will require APR-DRGs for hospital admissions of children beginning in 2009.

By using the metric system of measurement for all patients throughout the network, many medical errors will be eliminated and it will allow for consistency throughout the network. Judging from discussions at the Medical Executive Committee, it appears that some of the patient care units in the hospital have already converted to metric.

With the support of the Medical Executive Committee, LVHHN will begin a multidisciplinary initiative to coordinate staff education and make appropriate changes throughout the hospital in order to move in the direction of an all metric system.
Hospitals Announce Exploratory Talks

On April 23, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network and Sacred Heart Hospital and HealthCare System announced that the two organizations have entered into talks to explore a possible collaborative arrangement.

When Sacred Heart Hospital discontinued open heart surgery, Lehigh Valley Hospital cooperated and initiated a supportive approach for cardiac services. The successful implementation of this has led the Board of Trustees at Sacred Heart Hospital to seek discussions with the Board at Lehigh Valley Hospital of other possibilities ranging from further collaboration to full affiliation. “The clinical reputation of Lehigh Valley Hospital was a major factor in choosing to consider a more complete relationship,” said Frank Sparandero, MD, President and CEO, Sacred Heart Hospital and HealthCare System. “Our Board of Trustees wants to assure that the Sacred Heart mission of caring for the Allentown community and adherence to the Catholic ethical and religious directives for health care will be continued. Furthermore, Sacred Heart Hospital has encountered some of the increased difficulty small independent hospitals face in the highly competitive health industry.”

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“Sacred Heart Hospital has been a vital part of the Allentown community for nearly 100 years,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, President and CEO, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network. “We have an obligation to ensure that all people in our community continue to have access to safe, high quality care. Currently, we are working with our Sacred Heart colleagues to carefully review this opportunity and determine the best course of action for our community.”

The boards of both organizations have approved an exploratory period where Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network officials will review various components of Sacred Heart’s operation.

Sacred Heart Hospital is a 263-bed Catholic medical center located in central Allentown, Pa. Founded in 1912, Sacred Heart Hospital offers a range of advanced medical services. A network of physician practices throughout Lehigh and Northampton Counties provides complete primary and pediatric medical care to the region’s residents.

A 988-bed premier academic community hospital, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network comprises three hospital facilities – two in Allentown and one in Bethlehem, Pa., and Lehigh Valley Health Services, providing home health, hospice, pharmaceutical and health management services. All three Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network hospitals are designated national Magnet hospitals for excellence in nursing.

Save the Date:
Lehigh Valley Hospital Resident Graduation
Friday, June 13, 2008 — 6 p.m.
Kasych Family Pavilion — ECC Rooms 6, 7 & 8
News from CAPOE Central

Want to earn an easy hour of CME and learn some CAPOE Tips?

Then take the “CAPOE Safety Tips Online Training Program,” an online tutorial highlighting several of the most common CAPOE medication order issues. The content was jointly developed by physicians and Pharmacy staff; and was put on-line by the Division of Education. Topics include: appropriate use of the “Communication to Nurse” order, timing of medications, and correct frequencies for medications. The on-line program takes approximately one hour to complete and CME credit for completion of the tutorial will automatically be communicated to the Division of Education. You can access the on-line program via the Physician Resources webpage, or directly from the link below:

http://lvhwebapp2/webpublic/doe/CAPOE/CAPOE_Introduction.html

Give it a try - learn some tips about CAPOE and receive one hour of CME.

BMI now on the Med Profile Screens

The body mass index (BMI) for patients is now automatically calculated and appears on both Med Profile screens (both the generic and trade screens). It is located on the far right of the screen, above the Pharmacy Notes and below the chart tabs. The BMI will be calculated based on the current height and weight.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or any other CAPOE issues, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Physician Liaison, Information Services, at 610-402-1426 or pager 610-402-5100 ext. 7481.

Valley Preferred’s Preferred Vendor Program/Health Fair

Wednesday, May 28 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kasych Pavilion, ECC Rooms 7 and 8  Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78

Take a break and check out the discounts and services offered to you, your staff and families through the Preferred Vendor Program and you could win a $500 VISA gift card. Also, take advantage of the fun and free health screenings like UV Facial Analysis, Seated Chair Massage, Blood Pressure, Heart Help for Women, Bone Density, Healthy Cooking Demo, Tobacco Cessation, Balance and Stability and more! Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Joseph A. Candio, Account Executive, Preferred Vendor Program, at 610-969-0237.
Physician Queries

This article is the third in a series of discussions on the retrospective physician query process.

Last month’s article described some of the soon to be implemented improvements in the retrospective query process and explained the query regarding confirmation of pathology findings.

Another example of a common query is as follows. The query regarding “compression fracture” is seeking clarification of whether the fracture is (a) traumatic or (b) pathologic – out of proportion to the degree of trauma. A definition of a pathologic fracture in coding terms is also provided within the query. The new query will read:

In order to ensure that the reported codes best reflect your patient’s condition, further clarification is required.

“Compression fracture” is documented in ______________.

From a coding perspective, a compression fracture can be either pathologic or traumatic in nature.

Please clarify in the query response area below if you feel the fracture is (a) traumatic or (b) pathologic – out of proportion to the degree of trauma.

A pathologic fracture is defined as a break in a diseased bone due to weakening of the bone structure by pathologic processes (such as osteoporosis or bone tumors) without any identifiable trauma or following only minor trauma.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact the coder at 610-969-2863.

If you have questions regarding physician queries, please contact Carolyn Murphy, Director, HIM Coding and Registry, at 610-969-2871.

Present on Admission

In order to ensure compliance with Act 52 and recent CMS policy, please remember to document seven little words when your patient is admitted to the hospital with a pressure sore:

decubitus ulcer
right/left location
present on admission

Thank you for your help with this important initiative.
Physician Documentation

Possible/Probable Diagnoses
In the inpatient setting, unconfirmed diagnoses still under consideration at discharge can legitimately be coded as if they are established.

According to coding guidelines, if the diagnosis is documented at the time of discharge and is qualified as probable, suspected, likely, questionable, possible, or other similar terms indicating uncertainty, code the condition as if it existed or is established.

The basis for these guidelines are the diagnostic workup, arrangements for further workup or observation, and initial therapeutic approach that correspond most closely with the established diagnosis.

Note this guideline is applicable only to inpatient admissions.

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

Watch Those Scrubs!

Did you know that each set of hospital-provided scrubs costs at least $11.36 to replace? It may not sound like much, but when scrubs are misused or lost, that little bit adds up.

Beginning July 1, 2008, the hospital’s contract with HCSC (the not-for-profit cooperative that provides the hospital’s scrubs) will change. Each department will be provided with a set inventory of scrubs to last for an entire year, and each set of scrubs will be labeled by department.

You can help with this new initiative by following the hospital’s dress code/scrub use policy which has been in place for more than a decade.

The policy includes the following:

... Appropriate personnel will don scrub attire on arrival and remove prior to leaving work

... Scrub attire is not permitted off hospital property for any reason

... Removal of scrub attire from the hospital will be construed as theft, and appropriate disciplinary action will be initiated.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Christopher Holmes, Operations Manager, SDS/Linen, at 610-402-8571.
Construction Update

Temporary Cafeteria Now Open

... On April 22, the temporary cafeteria opened in the area previously occupied by the Medical Library and Educational Conference Center Rooms 1 and 2.

... At the end of July, the temporary cafeteria will close and the permanent cafeteria will reopen.

With plenty of natural light, the temporary cafeteria has seating in the areas previously occupied by the Library and the Educational Conference Center Rooms 1 and 2.

Items such as pizza, hot entrées, soup, salad bar, cold sandwiches and yogurt are available in the temporary cafeteria located in the space previously occupied by the Library.

Anderson Wing

... Beginning April 23, the Anderson lobby may no longer be reserved for events. The cafeteria expansion project will involve the current lobby space.

Campus Maps for Cedar Crest and LVH-Muhlenberg

... New campus maps for Cedar Crest & I-78 and LVH-Muhlenberg (pictured on Page 11) are now available. To obtain copies, please call 610-402-CARE.

For updated information regarding any of these renovations, please call 610-402-CARE.
Journal Watch Helps Maintain Current Awareness

Slawson and Shaughnessy say that mastering information begins with a set of tools to both forage and hunt for answers. Foraging tools help maintain current awareness of a subject or discipline. Hunting tools help find a specific answer to a clinical question when needed.

Journal Watch produces a series of newsletters that can help with keeping up with relevant, clinically oriented research. These newsletters review and synthesize the medical literature for important guidelines, research, medical news, drug information and public health topics.

Through the Digital Library Electronic Journal List, you can review the Journal Watch newsletters in:

- AIDS Clinical Care
- Cardiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- General Medicine
- Infectious Diseases
- Oncology and Hematology
- Pediatrics

Let Library Services save you time! Select the Journal Watch that interests you. Contact Wanda_L.Fatzinger@lvh.com, Library Technician, by email or phone (610-402-8542) and each month you will get an email notifying you that the new issue is available with a link to the online version of that issue.
Papers, Publications and Presentations

**Roberto Bergamaschi, MD, PhD**, Division of General Surgery and Minimally Invasive Program Director, was invited by the University of Connecticut, Division of Colorectal Surgery, to give Grand Rounds on December 12, 2007, in Hartford, Conn. His presentation was titled "Laparoscopic Abdominal Perineal Resection for Cancer."

**Sigrid A. Blome-Eberwein, MD**, Division of Burn/Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/Plastic Surgery, **Daniel D. Lozano, MD**, Chief, Division of Burn, **Pamela A. Howard, MD**, Division of Burn/Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/Plastic Surgery, and **Erik J. Teicher, MD**, General Surgery Resident, co-authored the article – "Internal Thermal Injury: A Case Report" – which appeared in the latest issue of *Injury Extra* (2008:39:222-224).

**Pradip K. Chakrabarti, MD**, Section of Transplantation Surgery, delivered the 57th Reunion Oration at the Calcutta National Medical College on February 3, in Calcutta, India, during the centenary year of the Institution.


**Ronald S. Freudenberger, MD**, Division of Cardiology, co-authored the article – “What Do We Know About Anticoagulation in Patients with Heart Failure?” – which appeared in the May 2008 issue of *Current Opinion in Cardiology*.

**William F. Iobst, MD**, Department of Medicine Vice Chair for Educational Affairs, and **Marc Shalaby, MD**, Internal Medicine Residency Program Director, both presented sessions at the 2008 ACGME Annual Educational Conference held in early March in Grapevine, Texas. Dr. Iobst presented “Teaching Faculty to Assess Resident Performance,” and Dr. Shalaby presented “An Experiential Learning Approach to Systems-Based Practice: Engaging Residents in Inter-professional Teams and Systems-level Improvements in Care.”

**William L. Miller, MD, MA**, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, co-authored the article, "Closing the Physician-Staff Divide: A Step Toward Creating the Medical Home", which was published in the April, 2008 issue of *Family Practice Management*.

**Paul J. Mosca, MD, PhD**, Department of Surgery Vice Chair for Research, Chief, Section of Surgical Oncology, and Associate Program Director for General Surgery Residency, co-authored the article – “Pharmacokinetics & drug resistance of melphalan in regional chemotherapy: ILP versus ILI” – which appeared in the *International Journal of Hyperthermia* (2008;24:239-249). Samuel Steerman, MD, General Surgery Resident, was also a co-author of this article.
Ann C. Anderson, DPM, Division of Podiatric Surgery, was recently notified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, that she successfully completed the 2007 Certification Exam and is now recognized as board certified in Foot Surgery. Dr. Anderson joined the Medical Staff in September, 2005, and is in practice with Allentown Family Foot Care.

Lora Baker, DPM, Division of Podiatric Surgery, was recently notified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, that she successfully completed the 2007 Certification Exam and is now recognized as board certified in Foot Surgery. Dr. Baker joined the Medical Staff in July, 2002, and is in practice with Allentown Family Foot Care.

Laurence P. Karper, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry (LVH-M), and member, Division of Psychiatric Ambulatory Care/Adult Inpatient Psychiatry, received the “Star of Excellence Physician of the Year Award,” which was presented to him by Magellan Health Services at A Day of Recovery Training and Conference held at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Bethlehem on April 8. The award was presented to Dr. Karper in recognition of outstanding service and dedication to promoting recovery and resiliency. Dr. Karper has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 1997, and is in practice with LVPG-Psychiatry.

Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was elected as an Honorary Member of the Eurasian Colorectal Technologies Association. ECTA is a new Society founded in January of this year, devoted to the development of advanced technologies among European and Asian colorectal surgeons. The official journal of the Society is Techniques in Coloproctology of which Dr. Khubchandani serves on the Editorial Board.

Marc B. Lewbart, DO, Division of Emergency Medicine, was recently notified by the American Osteopathic Association that he successfully completed all requirements for certification and is now recognized as board certified in Emergency Medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Lewbart has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 2006, and is in practice with LVPG-Emergency Medicine.

Joanne N. Quinones, MD, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics, was recently notified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology that she fulfilled all the requirements for certification of special qualification in Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Dr. Quinones has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2005, and is in practice with LVPG-Maternal Fetal Medicine.

Neal A. Stansbury, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was recently notified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery that he passed the 2007 subspecialty examination and has become certified in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine. Dr. Stansbury joined the hospital’s Medical Staff in July, 1995, and is in practice with VSAS Orthopaedics.
Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Former Governor of Oregon to Speak at General Medical Staff Meeting in June

The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on Monday, June 9, in ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 on the first floor of the Kasych Family Pavilion at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and video-conferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg. Please plan to arrive promptly for the business meeting which will be held from 6 to 6:20 p.m. The meeting will be followed by guest speaker John A. Kitzhaber, MD, who will present “The Unfinished Business of the Baby Boom Generation: Health Care for the 21st Century.”

The Honorable John A. Kitzhaber, MD, is a former emergency physician, legislator and two-term Governor of the State of Oregon. He is the past President of the Oregon State Senate where he authored and implemented the groundbreaking Oregon Health Plan. His legislative career, which began in 1979, was marked by active leadership in the areas of public education, community development, environmental stewardship and a wide variety of health care issues including: long-term care, resource allocation and uncompensated care. In January 2003, Dr. Kitzhaber began serving as President of the Estes Park Institute. Dr. Kitzhaber is the Director for the OHSU Center for Evidence-Based Policy. He also holds an endowed Chair on Health Care Policy with The Foundation for Medical Excellence. On January 13, 2006, Dr. Kitzhaber launched The Archimedes Movement - committed to building a meaningful opportunity for engagement through which the growing concern over our health care system can be channeled into effective action. The goal is to create not only the vision for a more equitable and sustainable system but also the tension necessary for its realization.

Presentation Summary:

The growing crisis of cost and access within the U.S. health care system has forced the issue of health care reform back onto the national political stage after a 16 year absence. All the leading candidates of both parties are talking about universal coverage or at least how to significantly expand coverage to the 47 million Americans currently without it. This session explores the politics of health care reform and the question of whether this renewed political interest will actually result in substantive change. In the process it will touch on the future of the Medicare program, the implications of the aging of the Baby Boom generation, and the key elements that are needed to move from political rhetoric to meaningful reform.

All members of the Medical Staff and their spouses or significant others are invited to attend this special presentation. In order to plan for refreshments, please send an email to janet.seifert@lvh.com or call 610-402-8590 if you plan to attend.

HCV – The Multidisciplinary Approach

The Second Annual Conference presented by Lehigh Valley Hospital’s Hepatitis Care Center will be held on Wednesday, May 7, from 7 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

Topics to be discussed will include:

- ABC’s of Viral Hepatitis
- HIV/HCV Co-Infection
- Current Standards of Care
- New Treatment Trends
- HIV/HCV Testing and Counseling

For more information, please call the AIDS Activity Office at 610-969-4296.

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Medical Grand Rounds
Medical Grand Rounds are held every Tuesday, beginning at noon, in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and videoconferenced to the ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in May will include:

- May 6 – “Medical Pearls from the Recent Medical and Non-medical Literature” – Yehia Mishriki, MD
- May 13 – “Risk Stratification & Controversies in Management of Thyroid Nodules & Thyroid Cancer Review” – Suman Agarwala, MD
- May 20 – Clinical Pathological Conference – Brian Costello, DO

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

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

- May 1 – “Optimal Medical Management” – John Castaldo, MD – Location: Kasych ECC Room 7
- May 8 – “Anticoagulation and Acute Ischemic Stroke Special Cases: Section One – Intracranial Arterial Stenosis” – John Castaldo, MD – Location: Kasych ECC Room 10
- May 15 – “Anticoagulation and Acute Ischemic Stroke Special Cases: Section Two – Atrial Fibrillation” – John Castaldo, MD – Location: Kasych ECC Room 7
- May 22 – Update from the International Stroke Conference – Yuebing Li, MD, PhD – Location: Kasych ECC Room 7
- May 29 – Division meeting

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

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

- May 2 – “Genetic Testing for Hereditary Cancer Syndromes” – Gregory Harper, MD, and Tara Namey
- May 9 – Gynecologic M&M – Joseph Patruno, MD
- May 16 – No OB/GYN Grand Rounds – Philadelphia OB Society Resident Education Day
- May 23 – No OB/GYN Grand Rounds – Happy Memorial Day!
- May 30 – “Aseptic Techniques” – Francine Miranda

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds
The Department of Pediatrics holds Grand Rounds every Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. Topics to be discussed in May will include:

- May 6 – TBA
- May 13 – “Spinal Muscle Atrophy” – Sabrina Logan, MD
- May 20 – “Crossing the Threshold: Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome” – Karen Senft, MD

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... May 27 – “Short Stature and Growth Hormone Controversy” – Arnold Slyper, MD

For more information, please 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, May 15, beginning at noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Educational Conference Center Rooms C & D at LVH-Muhlenberg. The topic of discussion will be:

... “Treatment Options for Treatment Resistant Depression” – Michael E. Thase, MD, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

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

Spine Conference

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

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 7, in Kasych ECC Room 8, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

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

Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, beginning at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and via videoconference to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in May will include:

... May 6 – TBA – Roline Adolphine, MD

... May 13 – STAHLER-REX LECTURE – “Surgical Critical Care: A Discipline at the Crossroads” – L.D. Britt, MD, MPH, Eastern Virginia Medical School

... May 20 – “Parathyroid Transplantation: The Old and the New” – John A. Olson, Jr., MD, PhD, Chief, Section of Endocrine, Breast, and Oncologic Surgery, Duke University

... May 27 – No Grand Rounds

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

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, May 10, 2008**

7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Arrhythmias and Cardiomyopathy:** Innovations in Pharmacologic and Ablation Therapy

This activity has been approved for ADA PRA Category 1 Credit (TM). This program anticipates being approved for 5.75 ADA Category 1. A CME credit hours pending approval by the ADA CME.

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For questions or to RSVP call Division of Education at 610-402-2277
Who’s New

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

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Physician Assistant-Certified
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Addition of: Pulmonary Associates – Matthew M. McCambridge, MD

Change of Supervising Physician and Group

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Removal of Supervising Physician

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Removal of: Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists – Ronald S. Freudenerger, MD

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