Lehigh Valley Hospital MedEvac Adds
First of Three New Helicopters to Fleet

On May 6, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network unveiled one of its new blue and silver helicopters at the Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest helipad, located next to the Emergency Department entrance.

The new aircraft is an EC-135 and features a glass cockpit, which means it is entirely digital. This state-of-the-art technology includes night-vision goggles, a traffic collision avoidance system and GPS tracking. The helicopter will be stationed in Monroe County. Two more new helicopters will be delivered later this year. The BK-117 based in Kutztown, Pa., will be completely refurbished.

Lehigh Valley Hospital MedEvac operates four aircraft from its helicopter bases in Berks, Carbon, Monroe and Schuylkill counties. It has served the Lehigh Valley region with air medical transport for more than 26 years, flying over 40,000 patients. LVHHN contracts with a vendor to provide the helicopters, pilots and maintenance crews, and LVHHN provides the medical team.

The MedEvac program operates in conjunction with LVH’s Level I Trauma Center with added pediatric qualifications, the only one of its kind in the region.

“It was time for us to upgrade our fleet,” says John F. McCarthy, DO, Chief, Section of Prehospital Emergency Medical Services. “The features of these new helicopters provide an added level of safety.”
We all are well aware of the high level of quality care and commitment to excellence at LVHN, but it doesn’t really hit home until a family member is a patient here.

Over the past several months, my husband was treated for a painful back problem that eventually required surgery. He spent a lot of time in various physicians’ offices, visited several outpatient departments at LVH and LVH-M, and also spent some time as an inpatient at the Cedar Crest campus.

At every step of the way, my husband received excellent care, and I got the chance to witness the LVHN commitment to quality and caring firsthand – and from a much different perspective from the one I usually have. For example:

- Physicians and advanced practice clinicians were thorough and attentive, and always took the time to answer questions and explain in detail every step of his care.
- Nurses consistently upheld patient safety practices (such as scanning his ID band before administering medications) and carefully assessed his condition, but also made time in their busy schedules to make sure he was comfortable and well cared for.
- Technical partners and support partners never left his hospital room without saying “if you need anything at all, just press the call button.”
- Receptionists and registration clerks were pleasant and efficient while showing concern for patient privacy and waiting times.
- The Anesthesia and OR staffs were cheerful and very attentive (at least for the very short part of his OR stay that he remembers).
- X-ray technicians went out of their way to get the images they needed without requiring movement that could cause excessive pain.
- Transporters were, without exception, friendly, upbeat, and concerned about patient comfort and anxiety. (Don’t underestimate the important role these hard-working folks play in the “patient experience,” as they interact with patients from admission to discharge, and often for several miles in between.)
- Home Care and Pharmacy staff went the extra mile to provide great care and the proper supplies, and even called in follow-up to make sure everything was okay.

When I reflect on it, my husband’s entire experience was extremely positive, because of the competent, caring and empathetic people, and because of the top-notch facilities and clinical expertise of the physicians and other caregivers that all make up LVHN.

But hold on a minute. I know what you’re thinking: Sure he got good care – he’s the husband of the Medical Staff President, right? Actually, his last name is different from mine, so not many people made the connection.

In fact, after a couple of hours in the ED, one of the nurses found out we were related and said to me, “Why in the world didn’t you tell us this was your husband?” My response: “There’s no need for that, because everyone at Lehigh Valley Hospital gets the absolute best care every day, no matter who they are.”

Linda L. Lapos, MD
Medical Staff President
**LVHNN Wins 2008 AMDIS Award**

On May 21, 2008, iMDsoft®, a leading provider of software solutions for the critical care and perioperative continuum, announced that its client, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHNN), was named one of the winners of the 2008 AMDIS Awards. The AMDIS awards are presented annually by the Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems and recognize individuals and healthcare organizations for excellence and achievement in applied medical informatics.

LVHNN is being recognized for employing an integrated suite of intensive care, anesthesia information management, and decision support applications to enhance patient safety, care quality, and process improvement initiatives including implementing and measuring compliance with best-practice guidelines. The hospital uses iMDsoft’s MetaVision Suite® including MV-ICU™, MVCentral™, and MV-OR™ along with Event Manager, a decision support tool, and Query Wizard, a query and report tool.

“The Award recognizes the efforts of many individuals in many departments,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, President and CEO at LVHNN. “This includes clinical leadership from our anesthesiologists and anesthetists, the department of surgery and the perioperative nursing group, our forward-thinking information services team, hospital administration, finance, and our entire health network’s dedication to using technology to improve patient safety, care quality, and clinical outcomes.”

The Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems is a non-profit organization representing over 1,800 physician leaders, who are responsible for information technology in their organization(s). Judging criteria for the AMDIS award includes demonstration of a successful medical information systems/technology application and use of information systems to improve patient care, to support a more effective medical practice, and to improve work flow and contain health costs. The winners will be honored at the 17th annual Physician Computer Connection Symposium, July 15 - 18, 2008.

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**Physician Documentation**

**New Terminology**

With the advent of the new MS-DRG system, the exact terminology clinicians may use/document will affect their ability to capture co-morbid conditions.

Previously, hospitals were mainly reimbursed on DRG assignment which included a principal diagnosis, principal procedure, and possibly a co-morbid condition, e.g., COPD or Hip Replacement (major joint and limb re-attachment procedures). Now, a co-morbid condition and possibly even a major co-morbid condition must also be documented in very specific terms. Examples of some of these terms include “drop in HCT” (NOT drop in Hemoglobin) and “acute systolic CHF” (NOT CHF). Although some of these terms may seem superfluous and are commonly thought of by clinicians as unnecessary, they are required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**Blue to Yellow**

Just a reminder, due to internalization of the system, the former “Blue” notes are now “Yellow.” Content, purpose, and intent remain the same.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, please contact Anthony V. Matejicka II, DO, MPH, via email or at 610-868-6880.
Physician Queries

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

Last month’s article explained the query regarding traumatic versus pathologic fractures.

Another example of a common query is as follows. The query regarding “debridement” is seeking clarification of whether the debridement was excisional or non-excisional. A definition of an excisional or non-excisional debridement in coding terms is also provided within the query. The depth of the debridement (skin, subcutaneous tissue, fascia, muscle or bone) is also important for proper code assignment. The new query will read:

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

Debridement is documented in ______________________.

(coder will insert document type)

Please specify in the query response area below if the debridement of the wound was excisional (surgical removal or cutting away of devitalized tissue, necrosis, or slough) or non-excisional (minor removal of loose fragments).

It is also important to document the extent of the debridement, i.e., skin, subcutaneous tissue, fascia, muscle or bone.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact the coding department 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 recent CMS policy, please remember to document the following important information when your patient is admitted to the hospital with a pressure ulcer:

decubitus ulcer
anatomical site
stage
present on admission

Thank you for your help with this important initiative.
News from CAPOE Central

Not Giving Flu/Pneu Vaccines? - Reason Now Required

Influenza and Pneumococcal vaccines are provided to patients as a “standing order.” If you do not want the vaccines given, you must specifically order, “Influenza Vaccine - Do Not Give.” A similar order exists for Pneumococcal vaccine. These orders are located in the Meds A-L List. Beginning this month, you will notice a change to these orders. A reason not to give the vaccine will now be required. The “Reason” field will have a pop-up of approved reasons. These include “Patient Already Received Vaccine,” “Allergy/Sensitivity,” “Patient Refused,” “Patient Immunocompromised,” etc. The “Reason” field will not accept free text; you must choose from one of the approved reasons. Please remember to enter these orders when you do not want a patient to receive these immunizations while in the hospital.

If you have and 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 7481.

LVHHN Digital Library Services

Medical Articles - Finding them fast!

The Digital Library collection of online medical journals continues to expand. Recently added titles include:

- Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics
- Clinics in Plastic Surgery
- Clinics in Podiatric Medicine & Surgery
- Dental Clinics
- Facial Plastic Surgery Clinics
- Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Clinics
- Hand Clinics
- Heart Failure Clinics
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging Clinics
- Neuroimaging Clinics
- Neurosurgery Clinics
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Clinics
- Surgical Oncology Clinics
- Thoracic Surgery Clinics

To access the full journal list of more than 3,300 journal titles from the intranet homepage, go to Departments/Nonclinical/Library Services.

More and more publishers like the AMA are starting to make back files of their journals available in PDF format. Library Services is investigating the utility of adding some of these back files for important journal titles. Many of them, however, require payment as a separate subscription at increased cost. Some of your association and affiliation journals may already make their back files available but it is still the exception - not the norm.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Library Services at 610-402-8410.
Congratulations!

Scott M. Brenner, MD, Division of General Pediatrics, was recently appointed Medical Director of Case Management. In this role, he will work closely with the case managers and physicians throughout the network to facilitate efficient and effective care for patients. Dr. Brenner has worked as a physician advisor in Case Management for the past two years and is Chair of the Care Continuum Council. He will continue working as a hospitalist on the Pediatric Unit where he has served as Medical Director for the past seven years. Dr. Brenner joined the Medical Staff in September, 1995, and is in practice with LVPG-Pediatrics.

Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD, Medical Director (LVH-M) and Plastic Surgery Residency Program Director, was recently designated a Certified Physician Executive by the Certifying Commission in Medical Management (CCMM). The CPE designation indicates that a physician has achieved superior levels of professional excellence and management education, while also demonstrating effective knowledge and leadership skills. The Certifying Commission in Medical Management currently lists more than 1,000 Certified Physician Executives. Dr. Murphy has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1989, and served as President of the Medical Staff from 1997 to 1998. He is in practice with Cosmetic & Reconstructive Specialists of the Lehigh Valley.

Thomas A. Hutchinson, MD, Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was the recipient of the Professional Excellence Council Physician Friends of Nursing Award which was presented at LVHHN’s annual Friends of Nursing Award Celebration held on May 8 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville as part of National Nurses Week. Dr. Hutchinson has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1982.

Michael A. Rossi, MD, Chief, Division of Cardiology, was recently named the chair holder of the hospital’s 12th endowed chair – The Walter M. May and A. Hazel May Endowed Chair for Excellence in Cardiology. Dr. Rossi is an elected member of the executive council for the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Cardiology and serves as Chairman of the Board of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Heart Association. He has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1992, and has been Medical Director of the hospital’s Regional Heart Center since 2002. Dr. Rossi is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists.

Sarah L. Stevens, MD, MPH, Division of Pediatric Subspecialists, Section of Adolescent Medicine, was recently elected into Fellowship by the American College of Physicians. Fellowship is an honor achieved by those recognized by their peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, professional accomplishment, and demonstrated scholarship. Dr. Stevens joined the Medical Staff in March, 1999, and is in practice with Pediatric Specialists of the Lehigh Valley.

Save the Date:

Lehigh Valley Hospital Resident Graduation

Friday, June 13, 2008 — 6 p.m.

Kasych Family Pavilion — ECC Rooms 6, 7 & 8
Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

General Medical Staff Meeting

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. Although the meeting will be videoconferenced to the **Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D**, at LVH-Muhlenberg, members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend the meeting at Cedar Crest & I-78 since there will be a guest speaker.

Please plan to arrive promptly for the business meeting which will begin at 6 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.

**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.

GLVIPA General Membership Meeting

The quarterly general membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association will be held on **Monday, June 23**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78. The meeting will also be teleconferenced to the Educational Conference Center Room C at LVH-Muhlenberg.

All members of the GLVIPA are encouraged to attend this educational session to hear the latest updates. Stay informed on what’s happening!

For more information, please contact Eileen Hildenbrandt, Coordinator, at 610-969-0423.

Geriatric Trauma Conference

The next Geriatric Trauma Conference will be held on **Wednesday, June 4**, beginning at noon in Kasych ECC Room 9 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

The topic of discussion will be:

Ö “Incontinence” – Catherine M. Glew, MD, Chief, Division of Geriatrics

For more information, please contact Linda Bozilesky, Administrative Secretary, at 610-402-8464.

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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 June will include:

- **June 3** – “Looking Back: The Last Twenty Years of the Department of Medicine” – John P. Fitzgibbons, MD, Chair, Department of Medicine
- **June 10** – “The Unfinished Business of the Baby Boom Generation: Health Care for the 21st Century” – The Honorable John A. Kitzhaber, MD, Former Governor of the State of Oregon, Past President, Oregon State Senate, President, Estes Park Institute, and Director, OHSU Center for Evidence-Based Policy (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE—11 a.m. in Auditorium)

Medical Grand Rounds will resume in September. Have a wonderful summer!

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 and videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- **June 5** – “Normal vs. Abnormal Brain Oscillation” – Clarissa J. Liew, MD – Location: Kasych ECC Room 7
- **June 12** – Division Meeting
- **June 19** – “Management of a First Seizure” – Soraya E. Jimenez, MD – Location: Auditorium, Cedar Crest & I-78 (No videoconferencing to LVH-Muhlenberg)
- **June 26** – “Workups Toward Epilepsy Surgery” – Dr. Susumu Sato, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke – Location: Kasych ECC Room 7

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 hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- **June 6** – No Grand Rounds – Resident Research Day – 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **June 13** – OB M&M
- **June 20** – Intern Orientation
- **June 27** – “HIV Treatment Update” – Timothy Friel, MD

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, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- **June 3** – “Hirschsprung’s Disease” – William D. Hardin, Jr., MD
- **June 10** – “Teen Driving: Overview and Community Interventions” – Robert Barraco, MD
- **June 17** – “Neonatology and NICU Transitional Bed Status Update” – Lorraine A. Dickey, MD – Location: Kasych ECC Room 10
- **June 24** – TBA

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

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Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on Thursday, June 19, 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:

- “Cognitive Deficits in Schizophrenia” – Jose M. Apud, MD, PhD, Clinical Director, Schizophrenia Research Program, National Institute of Mental Health

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, June 4, in Kasych ECC Room 8, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest I-78.

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

Surgical Grand Rounds

The Surgical Grand Rounds schedule has concluded for the 2007-2008 academic year and will resume on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Schaeffer Surgical Society Annual Meeting

Resident Research Competition

PGY2 – PGY4

Friday, June 20, 2008

Watch for further details!

Papers, Publications and Presentations

Larry R. Glazerman, MD, Division of Gynecology, presented a poster – “Outcomes, Expectations, and Patient Satisfaction after Radiofrequency Endometrial Ablation” – at the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Clinical meeting held May 5-7, in New Orleans, La. Dr. Glazerman won a Blue Ribbon for best in section for the poster.

Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was part of an international invited faculty at the sixth Triennial Meeting of the Lithuanian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons in conjunction with the Lithuanian Surgical Society in Vilnius, Lithuania, from April 23 to 26. Dr. Khubchandani presented two plenary addresses and moderated a session on rectal cancer.

Nelson P. Kopyt, DO, Chief, Division of Nephrology, presented a lecture on “Hypertension” to the Rotary International First Conference on Diabetes which was held in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, on April 11. In addition, Dr. Kopyt presented a lecture titled “The Mechanisms and Comorbidities of Hypertensive Disease: An Action Plan for the Primary Care Practitioner” at the Pri-Med Updates held in Indianapolis, Ind., on May 8.

Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, MPH, Department of Medicine, Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, co-authored an article – “Access to Hospital Interpreter Services for Limited English Proficient Patients in New Jersey: A Statewide Evaluation” – which was published in the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved 19 (2008): 391-415.
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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