Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHHN) and Proton Therapy, Inc. of Marlton, NJ, have signed a memorandum of understanding under which LVHHN would provide proton beam therapy cancer treatment to communities throughout the Lehigh Valley region and beyond. LVHHN and Proton Therapy, Inc. will continue to finalize the details of an agreement over the next few weeks.

“We were looking for a very strong clinical partner, and we found one at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network,” said Irvin Richter, Chairman, Proton Therapy, Inc. “This is a health network that has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report for 13 straight years and has clearly established itself as a national leader in cancer care.” The project will be managed by Hill International, one of the largest construction consulting firms in the world. Hill is a publicly traded company listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Proton beam therapy is a form of radiation therapy for cancer treatment that delivers protons instead of photons, which are used in conventional radiation therapy. The dosage of a proton beam can be better controlled to limit the energy that affects the body’s healthy tissue while maximizing the dose at the tumor. Currently proton beam therapy is being offered at just six sites in the U.S., with the closest to Pennsylvania located in Boston. The proposed proton beam therapy center will be located on the Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg campus. The cost of the project is estimated to exceed $125 million dollars.

“Clearly this is the future of radiation therapy,” says Victor R. Risch, MD, PhD, Chair of LVHHN’s Department of Radiation Oncology. “The department has been studying this technology and its benefits for 10 years. The advantages of proton beam therapy to the patient are phenomenal.” The cancer program at LVHHN performs more than 30,000 radiation treatments annually making it one of the largest in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Risch says proton therapy delivers a dose of radiation equal to photon therapy but with the ability to minimize the risk of side effects and secondary malignancies. He says proton beam therapy has proven especially beneficial for treating tumors of the prostate – the most common cancer in men – near the eye, at the base of the skull, and in children in general.

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When Alex Rae-Grant, MD, was President of the Medical Staff, a colleague asked him, “Don’t you miss clinical medicine during your term as president?”

The physician was surprised to hear that Alex was continuing in his clinical duties as a neurologist during his six-year term in Troika, including two years as President of the Medical Staff.

I too have encountered some surprise among colleagues when they see me in OR scrubs or in the ED seeing a patient. Apparently some people think all I do is go to meetings (and I must admit my partners in my Colon-Rectal Surgery practice sometimes are among them.)

I get a number of questions about what the President of the Medical Staff and Troika actually do. So I thought it was a good time to talk a little about that.

The three members of the Medical Staff leadership team, known as Troika, are the President, the President-Elect (currently pulmonologist/intensivist Matt McCambridge, MD) and the Past President (currently pediatrician Don Levick, MD).

According to the Medical Staff Bylaws, the Medical Staff President is Chair of the Medical Executive Committee and is accountable to the Board of Trustees through the Chief Executive Officer. During our six years on Troika, we are members of the Network’s Board of Trustees, and the Medical Staff President also sits on the Board’s Executive Committee.

Many official duties of the President (and by extension, Troika) revolve around credentialing and quality assurance. Some examples: We personally interview all new applicants to the Medical Staff before submitting their names for approval at Med Exec, and we are members of the institution-wide Clinical Case Review Committee. The President is responsible for enforcing the Medical Staff Bylaws including occasional disciplinary action against those in violation.

Seventeen official duties and responsibilities of the President and Troika are laid out in the Bylaws. (I’ll spare you all the details right now.) In practice, there are many additional things on which we focus our time and energy.

Troika represents the Medical Staff to the hospital administration and attends Senior Management Council meetings. We also meet weekly with the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Operating Officer to discuss issues relevant to the Medical Staff. The Bylaws specifically call for a “close working relationship” with the CMO, and we are happy to take full advantage of that through frequent, constructive collaboration with Ron Swinfard, MD.

A big part of the President’s job is communication – with the administration, with the Board of Trustees, with the Medical Executive Committee and other medical staff committees, and with the community through a presentation at the Network’s annual public meeting. The President also communicates to the Medical Staff as a whole, including presentations at quarterly Medical Staff meetings, and this monthly missive. We continue to seek better ways to communicate with you, our constituents.

The future role and relevance of Troika was a topic at a recent Troika retreat, in light of changes occurring in the Medical Staff (such as more Network-employed physicians, and a shift to outpatient medicine) and changes in relationships with Senior Management and even with the PHO. At the conclusion, there were more questions than answers, and this certainly will be a topic of ongoing discussion.

Linda L. Lapos,
Medical Staff President
Attention: Osteopathic Physicians

If you are an osteopathic physician, your Pennsylvania license will expire on **October 31, 2008**. If you haven’t already done so, please remember to renew your license.

The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine mails renewal notices two to three months prior to the license expiration date. Notices are mailed to the most recent address the licensee has reported to the Board. **The Postal Service does not forward licenses.**

Don’t take a chance of having your license expire!

Medical Staff Dues

Annual Medical Staff dues invoices (dated September 1, 2008) have been distributed to members of the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital. Timely remittance of dues is both requested and appreciated. If your practice includes more than one doctor, one check may be issued to cover all the doctors in the group – there is no need to issue individual checks. However, to insure proper credit, please enclose the remittance part of the invoice for each doctor in the envelope along with the check. If you have any questions regarding Medical Staff dues, please contact Janet M. Seifert in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8590.

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“The greatest advantage of using proton beam therapy for the patient involves the more challenging cases where the tumor is near critical organs.”

According to Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHHN’s President and CEO, proton beam therapy would be the latest of many leading-edge cancer technologies and treatments LVHHN offers to the community.

“When he founded Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest more than 30 years ago, Leonard Parker Pool’s vision was a medical facility that would allow our community and its families to get the best care right here at home without having to leave the area,” Dr. Sussman said. “Proton beam therapy treatment is yet another major step in carrying out Mr. Pool’s vision because it means patients and families can get the best care offered anywhere, right here.”

LVHHN’s cancer services are highly acclaimed by widely recognized cancer authorities, including:

1. **U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Hospitals”** for cancer care

1. **Network Cancer Program** accreditation, the highest available from the American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer (CoC)

1. **Blue Distinction Center for Complex and Rare Cancers** by Highmark Blue Shield

1. **Breast Imaging Center of Excellence** by the American College of Radiology’s Commission on Quality and Safety and the Commission on Breast Imaging
Cancer Risk and Genetic Assessment Program

The Cancer Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital offers cancer risk and genetic assessment services for persons at risk for hereditary cancers. Members of this team have recently presented at Grand Rounds in Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Medicine, and Pediatrics. The most common theme to emerge from this series is the lack of awareness of the service. Therefore, the following information is provided to update you on the program, which is designed to aid you in recognizing and addressing hereditary cancer risk in your patients. The team of experts is also able to assist your patients and their families in coping with the possibility that genetically inherited syndromes will put them at increased risk for cancer.

Initially started in collaboration with the Penn State Cancer Institute in 2001, the program has grown every year, and now has two full-time board-certified genetic counselors. The multidisciplinary team of specialists includes a medical oncologist, a surgical oncologist, gynecologic oncologists, a colon-rectal surgeon, genetic counselors, and a licensed clinical social worker, each of whom contributes to developing an individualized plan of care for the patient.

A cancer risk and genetic assessment includes:

- An assessment of personal and family history of cancer
- Education about cancer risk factors and sporadic vs. hereditary disease
- A personalized risk assessment for hereditary cancer syndrome(s)
- Description of the benefits and limitations of genetic testing
- Recommendations for cancer screening and risk-reduction plan
- A comprehensive written report to both the patient and referring physician
- Access to consultation with a team physician to further evaluate and discuss recommended screening and/or risk-reduction strategies
- Invitation to participate in available research studies

More than a single hereditary cancer syndrome may be considered when evaluating personal and family history. In addition, the interpretation and implications of genetic test results can be quite complex. National guidelines, including both the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and American Society of Clinical Oncology, recommend that patients be referred to a cancer genetics professional for education, assessment and appropriate informed consent prior to undergoing genetic testing.

Members of the Cancer Risk and Genetic Assessment Program

Aaron D. Bleznak, MD  
Section of Surgical Oncology

Richard M. Boulay, MD  
Division of Gynecologic Oncology/Gynecology

Gregory R. Harper, MD, PhD  
Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology

Martin A. Martino, MD  
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Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery

Annmarie Augustyn, MS, CGC  
Genetic Counselor

Tara Namey, MS, CGC  
Genetic Counselor

Diane Brong, LCSW  
Clinical Social Worker

For additional information or if you have questions about the Cancer Risk and Genetic Assessment Program, please call (610) 402-8787.
New Cafeteria Opens at LVH-Cedar Crest

As part of the $241.3 million expansion project at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network’s (LVHHN) Cedar Crest campus, a new cafeteria opened on August 14 for hospital patients, visitors and employees. The new eatery, including the dining area, serving space and kitchen, is 31,500 square feet, double the square footage of the former cafeteria. It features more food choices, easier ways to pay and added seating.

“Our cafeteria is more than just a place to eat,” says Elliot J. Sussman, MD, President and CEO. “It’s where colleagues come together to take a well-deserved break from the stresses of the day. It’s where families and friends come together to reassure one another during difficult times, and celebrate when a baby is born, or a sick loved one is on the road to recovery.”

The new cafeteria features an expanded menu including Oriental and Italian cuisine, a larger salad bar, a grill area serving homestyle foods, and even sushi. “We’re providing people a wider variety of food choices, especially for those who choose to eat healthy,” says Andy Barsky, Food and Nutrition Manager for Sodexo, the company that provides food services for the health network.

A seventh register was added to eliminate lines, and credit cards will soon be accepted. LVHHN employees who have to eat and run will benefit from the employee checkout line. With a swipe of their hospital identification badge, employees can charge their bill to a provided credit card account. Plus, the addition of 130 seats in the dining area will make it easier for everyone to find an open table.

The former cafeteria at LVH-Cedar Crest handled approximately 2,400 transactions every day. “Because of the expansion, we expect that number to increase by 800 transactions daily,” Mr. Barsky said. To meet the increase in demand, Sodexo hired eight full-time employees.

Following a ribbon cutting ceremony involving LVHHN and Sodexo representatives, cafeteria patrons had the opportunity to receive prizes, enter a raffle to win Lehigh Valley IronPigs tickets, meet the Coca-Cola Polar Bear and Sodexo Carrie Care Bear mascots, and enjoy live entertainment in the dining area.
News from Health Information Management

Physician Query

As noted in previous editions of *Medical Staff Progress Notes*, the retrospective query process has been updated and improved. Beginning on September 15, 2008, physicians will have the ability to answer by editing the electronic query form, eliminating the need for dictated addendums.*

Why queries and what’s in it for me?

Retrospective queries are a communication tool between the coder and physician. Clarification is sometimes necessary because coding language and clinical language do not match and coders, by regulation, are not allowed to make clinical assumptions. Perhaps not widely known, subtle variations in documentation have significant impact on physician and facility severity ratings/scores.

What’s new?

Physicians may respond to the query on the query document in the same manner as editing transcriptions. Medical Executive Committee previously approved the principle of unanswered queries as being a Medical Record deficiency following the same rules as other deficiencies which result in Medical Record suspensions. Because of a need for process improvement and staff education, actual suspensions never occurred. As most of the process improvements have taken place, Medical Executive Committee will consider at its September meeting an actual start date for suspension implementation.

How can I avoid a query?

Physicians may be able to reduce the number of retrospective queries they receive by addressing the yellow Clinical Documentation Requests placed on the record by the Documentation Improvement Coaches while the patient is still in-house.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Carolyn Murphy, Director, HIM Coding & Clinical Outcomes, at 610-969-2871.

*Please Note - while the old query process is transitioned out, existing unanswered queries will require dictation of an addendum to complete. All new queries can be completed electronically. Please note instructions on the query document for guidance.

Physician Documentation

Possible NSTEMI

While admitting patients or caring for them during their hospital stay, vague symptoms such as weakness, left arm pain, dizziness, or even transient chest pain may occur.

In response, we often order cardiac enzymes (MI profile order set) as part of our evaluation of these symptoms. Often, they return with an elevation in troponin I.

This difficult clinical scenario is problematic because the elevated troponin could be a result of sepsis, pulmonary embolism and other disease entities. Alternatively, troponin I is very sensitive for cardiac damage.

In order to capture the need for further follow-up and even cardiac consultations, providers are asked to document “Possible NSTEMI” if clinically appropriate. If you would like to add any further documentation after this designation, please feel free to do so.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Anthony V. Matejicka II, DO, MPH, at 610-868-6880.
LVHHN and Grand View Hospital Collaborate to Open New Facility

“Both hospitals are committed to the health of the region,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHHN’s President and CEO. “This partnership will ensure the residents of the community get the most advanced care, close to home.”

Employing about 70 employees, the new building will offer services that include: primary care for children and adults; obstetrics and gynecology services; spine, neurological and orthopedic care; physical and occupational therapy for adults and children; speech therapy for children; and specialty care consultations for diabetes and endocrinology, general surgery, pediatric surgery and surgical oncology. Digital radiology, ultrasound, bone densitometry, EKG and laboratory services are also available. MRI and digital mammography, as well as other specialty services, will join the line-up in the near future.

“Through this partnership of Grand View and Lehigh Valley Hospitals, we are greatly and cost-effectively enhancing local access to state-of-the-art healthcare services and technologies,” said Stuart H. Fine, President and CEO of Grand View Hospital. “We are pleased to be able to respond in such a positive way to the many, many requests that we’ve received from Quakertown area residents to make our services more readily available to residents of Upper Bucks.”

The total cost of the project was about $9 million, with construction and design accounting for $6 million of that figure. The hospitals expect to serve 50,000 patients at the center during the first year.

Labs Needed with Reclast and Boniva

Reclast and boniva are bisphosphonates used for osteoporosis. It is necessary to monitor the patient’s creatinine and calcium levels with these drugs. The Infusion Centers: Multi-Purpose Area (MPA-Cedar Crest) and Multi-Purpose Satellite (MPS-LVHM), require bun, serum creatinine and calcium lab results available within 30 days of a scheduled infusion of either boniva or reclast.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Jill Korn, Patient Care Coordinator, Multi-Purpose Area, at 610-402-5079.
Code 45—New Emergency Code

Dangerous Situation in Progress – Stay Away

Unfortunately, there have been incidents in hospitals nationally and in Pennsylvania where firearms have been displayed. Firearms have also been used to threaten employees, patients and patients' family members. Since LVHHN is not immune to situations such as these, the Security, Safety and Emergency Preparedness departments have recently implemented a new page code to warn employees in the affected area and other employees to take appropriate action to protect themselves. The new code – **Code 45** - will be paged overhead with a specific location.

For example, if a family member suddenly pulled a gun and threatened anyone in the Emergency Department waiting room, once notified (by calling 555), the Security Dispatcher would announce via the overhead paging system, “CODE 45 - Emergency Department Waiting Room.” This announcement would be repeated three times.

LVHHN Digital Library Services

Prescriber’s Letter replaces Medical Letter on Drugs and Therapeutics

Due to the overwhelming popularity of Prescriber’s Letter along with cost containment efforts, Library Services will be dropping the subscription to Medical Letter on Drugs and Therapeutics. However, back issues will be available from 1995-2007.

Prescriber’s Letter offers:

- Unbiased reporting: Prescriber’s Letter has no ties to any pharmaceutical firm and accepts no advertising, support or sponsorship of any kind.
- Monthly online newsletter with reference notes that link to deeper evidence-based information. An article in the July issue discusses ADA recommendations for using eAG (estimated average glucose) instead of HGBa1C for diabetes monitoring.
- New Drugs: Cimzia for resistant Crohn’s Disease is one of the recent drug reviews.

The decision to use “Code 45” came from consulting peers in the Health Care Security field, since its meaning should be easy to remember. Code 45 sounds a lot like Colt 45. A “Colt 45” is a six-shooter that cowboys used to clean up the Wild West. If you hear “Code 45” announced overhead, please connect its meaning to the Colt 45 gun and stay away. Since patients and family members will be unaware of the meaning of this code, please assist in keeping them away from the affected area as well.

Finally, Code 45 may be used for any situation that is dangerous requiring quick notification to keep people away from a given area. This means not every event will be gun related.

If you have any questions regarding this new emergency code, please contact E. Gerald Kresge, Director of Security, at 610-402-1077.

To use Prescriber’s Letter, go to the Digital Library homepage (from the intranet, click on Departments/NonClinical/Library Services and look for Prescriber’s Letter listed under “Drug Resources.”

For more information regarding this issue, please contact Linda M. Schwartz, Library Information Specialist, at 484-884-2237.
Papers, Publications and Presentations

Dennis B. Cornfield, MD, Chief, Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine; Shereen M.F. Gheith, MD, PhD, Section of Hematopathology & Clinical Laboratory Medicine; and Eliot L. Friedman, MD, Chief, Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology, collaborated on an article – “A third case of chronic eosinophilic leukemia with the (8;9)(p23;p24) translocation” – which was published in the August, 2008 issue of Cancer Genetics and Cytogenetics.

Ronald S. Freudenberger, MD, Division of Cardiology, co-authored an article, “Oral Anticoagulation in Patients with Cardiomyopathy or Heart Failure in Sinus Rhythm,” which was published in the July 31, 2008 issue of Cerebrovascular Diseases.

Jaan P. Naktin, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases, and Robert J. Kruklitis, MD, PhD, Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine, were co-authors of an article – “Cryptococcal cavitary pneumonia in an immunocompetent patient” – which was published in the June 2008 issue of the Journal of Respiratory Diseases.

Michael D. Pasquale, MD, Senior Vice Chair, Department of Surgery, and Chief, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care, and P. Mark Li, MD, PhD, Chief, Division of Neurological Surgery, co-authored the article – “Outcome after Decompressive Craniectomy for the Treatment of Severe Traumatic Brain Injury” – which was published in the August 2008 issue of the Journal of Trauma Injury, Infection, and Critical Care.

John P. Pettine, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine, was interviewed regarding his experience and techniques with the GentleYAG laser for skin tightening. The article appeared in the March/April 2008 issue of THE Aesthetic Guide, a national publication that offers the latest developments in aesthetic medicine as well as comprehensive product comparisons, clinical roundtable discussions and practice development ideas.

In addition, Dr. Pettine was one of three experts in Laser Skin Tightening featured in a recent webcast titled “Clinical Roundtable on Skin Tightening: Efficacy & Treatment Techniques with Candela Lasers.”

Brian Stello, MD, Department of Family Medicine, co-authored the article, “Leukotriene Receptor Antagonists for the Treatment of Allergic Skin Disorders,” which was published in American Family Physician, Volume 78, Number 1, July 2008.

Sarah L. Stevens, MD, MPH, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Adolescent Medicine, authored two articles which were published in the Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology. The first article – “Assessment and Management of Bone Health in Adolescents with Anorexia Nervosa – Part One: Assessment of Bone Health in Adolescents” – was published in Volume 21, Issue 3, June 2008. The second article – “Assessment and Management of Bone Health in Adolescents with Anorexia Nervosa – Part Two: Bone Health in Adolescents with Anorexia Nervosa” – was published in Volume 21, Issue 4, August 2008.
**Gary Bonfante, DO**, Department of Emergency Medicine, successfully completed and passed the Formal Recertification Examination and has become recertified in Emergency Medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Bonfante, who serves as Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director, joined the hospital’s Medical Staff in December 1995. He is in practice with LVPG-Emergency Medicine.

**Jay H. Kaufman, MD**, Chief, Division of Pulmonary, was notified by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) that he passed the 2007 Certification Examination in Sleep Medicine and is now certified as a Diplomate in Sleep Medicine. The ABIM took over certification for Sleep Medicine for the first time in 2007. Dr. Kaufman took the initial exam and passed. He was also certified in Sleep Medicine by the American Board of Sleep Medicine in 2002. Dr. Kaufman was appointed to the Medical Staff in January 1981, and is in practice with Pulmonary Associates.

**George A. Kirchner, DDS**, Division of Prosthodontics, recently received the Pennsylvania Dental Association’s (PDA) highest honor – the PDA Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented to Dr. Kirchner on April 12 during the PDA’s Annual Meeting in Hershey.

The PDA Distinguished Service Award is awarded to a dentist whose contributions of time and effort to the PDA have been exceptionally significant, whose significant achievements and high standards have been of such character as to have materially aided and advanced the science and art of dentistry, or whose public life and activities have been of such a nature as to reflect great credit upon the profession.

Throughout Dr. Kirchner’s years of volunteerism and devotion to dentistry and its patients, he has balanced his successful career with community activities. He is a member of The Allentown Band, the Susquehanna University Lehigh Valley Alumni Association and the East Penn Youth Association. Among the activities he enjoys in his spare time are hunting, fly fishing, singing, jogging, and officiating at soccer games at all levels. Dr. Kirchner is a registered soccer official and officiates for the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), and National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA). In July, Dr. Kirchner received his National Referee Badge from NISOA after a two-year program involving physical fitness and assessments while officiating collegiate soccer games.

Dr. Kirchner has been a member of the Medical Staff since November 1971 and is in private practice.

**Shawna M. Murphy, DO**, Department of Emergency Medicine, was recently recognized by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) as a “Hero of Emergency Medicine.” The campaign, which is part of ACEP’s 40th anniversary, recognizes emergency physicians who have made significant contributions to emergency medicine, their communities and their patients.

Dr. Murphy began caring for the sick and injured in 1993 as a volunteer EMT for a local EMS provider. As she progressed in her health care career, she became a registered nurse and worked for several years at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. She then attended medical school and chose the specialty of Emergency Medicine because she liked responding to the challenges that the emergency environment offered. In June, Dr. Murphy completed her Emergency Medicine residency at LVH-Muhlenberg and recently joined LVPG-Emergency Medicine.
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Dr. Murphy’s compassion and tenacity extend beyond the Emergency Department. She has worked with the Da Vinci Science Center to provide area youth a hands-on medical exhibit. She spearheaded a “Distracted Driver” project designed to educate and protect teenage drivers from the painful costs associated with these hazardous activities. This compelling presentation has been shown at multiple local schools. Most recently, Pennsylvania’s Osteopathic Medical Association passed a resolution on this issue written by Dr. Murphy. The resolution is now headed to the American Osteopathic Association’s House of Delegates.

In addition, Dr. Murphy was awarded the PaACEP Young Physician Leadership Fellowship, a $500 stipend that assisted in sending her to Washington, D.C., for the American College of Emergency Physicians leadership conference. While in Washington, Dr. Murphy was able to meet with senators and their staffs on Capitol Hill in an attempt to discuss solutions for some of the challenges facing emergency medicine.

Luther V. Rhodes III, MD, Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, was among 85 distinguished physicians and scientists from the United States and abroad who were elected to be fellows of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), the nation’s leading professional society in infectious diseases.

Fellowship in IDSA honors individuals who have achieved professional excellence and provided significant service to the profession. “Fellows are recognized by their peers as leaders in the field of infectious diseases, either nationally or locally, in their communities and in their hospitals,” said IDSA President Donald Poretz, MD. “It is our way of distinguishing the top people in our field.”

Applicants for IDSA fellowship must be nominated by their peers, reviewed and elected by the IDSA Board of Directors, and must meet specified criteria, including continuing identification with the field of infectious diseases, national or local recognition, and publication of their work. Fellows of IDSA work in clinical practice, academia, as research investigators, and administrators.

Dr. Rhodes has been a member of the Medical Staff since March of 1977. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Infectious Diseases Specialists.

Advanced Practice Clinicians
Quarterly Membership Meeting

The next quarterly membership meeting of the Advanced Practice Clinicians will be held as follows:

Thursday, October 16, 2008
5:30 p.m.
Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg
Educational Conference Center Rooms A, B and C
Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

General Medical Staff Meeting
The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on Monday, September 8, beginning at 6 p.m., in ECC Rooms 7 and 8 on the first floor of the Kasych Family Pavilion at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. The meeting will be videoconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

GLVIPA Quarterly Membership Meeting
The quarterly membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association will be held on Tuesday, September 23, beginning at 6 p.m., in the hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Room C, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

Two local Representatives are scheduled to present information on the status of health care in Pennsylvania. However, because of current session schedule, they may not be available to attend. In that event, Gregory Kile, Executive Director, LVPHO, will present an update on clinical integration, and important topic for all physicians.

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

Teaching Leader Series: Interprofessional Faculty Development
The Division of Education is sponsoring a workshop series for all clinical educators. Beginning in September, this series has been designed to assess and build the capacity and capabilities for teaching and competency-based education in the network.

Who Should Attend?
This series is intended for any and all network members interested in teaching and teaching methods including physicians, residents, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, unit educators, anyone who has teaching responsibilities and new network faculty.

Workshop Descriptions
Each month, a different topic will be introduced in an interactive learner-centered environment. Topics for the next few months include:

- September – Adult Learning
- October – Feedback/Microskills
- November – Small Groups
- December – Interactive Team Care

For more information about this series or registration, please contact Kirsten Ryan, Medical Education Coordinator, at 610-402-2316.

3rd Annual Innovations in the Prevention and Treatment of Gynecologic Cancers
The 3rd Annual Innovations in the Prevention and Treatment of Gynecologic Cancers will be held on Saturday, October 4, from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in ECC 6, 7 and 8 in the Kasych Family Pavilion at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

The target audience includes OB/GYN physicians, gynecological oncologists, radiation and medical oncologists, medical and surgical residents, family practitioners, general internists, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, oncology rehab staff, social workers, and physician assistants.

Some of the topics to be presented at the conference will include:

- HPV Adolescent Disease Management
- Management of Endometrial Hyperplasia
- Pre-Invasive Vulvar Disease and Management
- Cervical Screening Algorithms in Management of Abnormal Pap Smears
- Case Presentations: Challenges in GYN Cancer Screening Malignancies

For more information, please contact the Division of Education at 610-402-2277.

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Research Day 2008 – How Research Impacts Practice

Research Day 2008 – How Research Impacts Practice will be held on Monday, October 6, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Kasych ECC Rooms and the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

The target audience includes physicians, medical students, registered nurses, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, dietitians, case managers, and other clinical staff who are interested in implementing evidence-based practice and research at the point of care.

Topics to be presented at the conference will include:

- Creating Partnerships to Improve Health: An Overview of Community-Based Participatory Research
- Introduction to Research Ethics
- Study Design and Biostats for the Bedside Healthcare Professional
- Abstract Review of Cutting Edge Medical and Nursing Research Abstracts from Around the World
- An Introduction to Qualitative Research in the Hospital Setting
- How to Build Effective Research Programs within a Network

For more information, please contact the Division of Education at 610-402-2277.

Advances in Heart Failure Management

Advances in Heart Failure Management will be held on Saturday, October 11, from 8 a.m. to 2:20 p.m., at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem, 437 Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

The target audience includes physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants specializing in internal medicine, family practice, cardiology and cardiovascular surgery. Registered nurses, pharmacists and others with interest in advanced heart failure management are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

Some of the topics to be presented at the conference will include:

- Controversies in the Management of Heart Failure
- Acute Decompensated Heart Failure: Where Are We and Where Do We Need to Go?
- Management of Decompensated Heart Failure in the Setting of the Cardio-Renal Syndrome
- Early Identification of Heart Failure and Risk Stratification in the Emergency Room
- Heart Failure Remote Monitoring: The Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse
- Heart Failure with a Preserved LV Function: Clinical Definition, Diagnosis and Management
- State of the Art in Surgical Therapy for Heart Failure: Patient Selection and Outcomes
- Heart Failure Post Myocardial Infarction: Prevention of Remodeling and Death

For more information, please contact the Division of Education at 610-402-2277.

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds will resume this month on Tuesdays, beginning at noon, in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and videoconferenced to the ECC Room B at LVHMuhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in September will include:

- September 2 – “PA Chronic Disease Model and Its Relevance” – Robert Gabbe, MD, Chief, Division of Endocrinology, Penn State University College of Medicine
- September 9 – “Updates in Travel Medicine” – Deepti Verma, MD
- September 16 – “Refining One’s Physical Examination Skills” – Yehia Mishriki, MD
- September 23 – Nephrology topic
- September 30 – TBA

For more information, please contact Becky Sherman in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8045.
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**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 September will include:

... September 5 – Tumor Board – Martin Martino, MD
... September 12 – No Grand Rounds – Mock Oral Boards
... September 19 – “Physician Report Cards” – Michael Sheinberg, MD, and Fran Miranda
... September 26 – “Pay for Performance” – Arnold Cohen, MD, Visiting Professor, Albert Einstein Medical Center

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. Grand Rounds will now be held in ECC Room 1 on the first floor of the Anderson Wing. Topics to be discussed in September will include:

... September 2 – Canceled
... September 9 – “Tourette’s and Tics” – Shu Xu, MD
... September 16 – TBA
... September 23 – “Infant Eye Abnormalities” – Mark Trachtman, MD
... September 30 – “Abdominal Wall Defects” – William Hardin, 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, September 18**, 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:

... “The Use of Ramelteon in the Treatment of Seasonal Affective Disorder” – Edward R. Norris, MD, Vice Chair for Research and Education, Department of Psychiatry

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, September 3**, in **ECC 10** on the first floor of the Kasych Family Pavilion 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**
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 September will include:

... September 9 – “Diagnosis of Acute Appendicitis” – John Hong, MD
... September 16 – “Multi-Drug Resistant Gram Negative Bacilli” – Eric Young, MD
... September 23 – “Evolution of Inguinal Hernia Repair” – John Harrison, DO, Chief General Surgery Resident
... September 30 – “Perioperative Cardiovascular Evaluation of Patients Undergoing Non-cardiac Surgery – Focus on Beta Blockers” – Bruce Feldman, DO

For more information, please contact Cathy Glenn in the Department of Surgery at 610-402-7839.
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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Addition of: Section of Genitourinary Radiology

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Division of Diagnostic Radiology
Removal of: Section of Urologic Radiology
Addition of: Section of Chest Radiology

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Addition of: Section of Ultrasound

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