New Chair Named for Department of Dental Medicine

At the October meeting of the Medical Executive Committee, S. Clarke Woodruff, DMD, was appointed Chair of the Department of Dental Medicine.

Born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Dr. Woodruff received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Lehigh University. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Woodruff completed the Mastery Program at the Schuster Center in Scottsdale, Arizona, and completed courses at the Dawson Center for Advanced Dental Studies in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Prior to opening his private practice, Dr. Woodruff served for four years as a Captain with the United States Air Force. A member of the American Dental Association, the Pennsylvania Dental Association, the Lehigh Valley Dental Society, the American Equilibration Society, and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Dr. Woodruff joined the hospital’s Medical Staff in September of 1980.

He is a member of the Division of General Dentistry and is in private practice in Hellertown.

Dr. Woodruff and his wife, Susan, have two children – Colin and Lindsey. In his spare time, Dr. Woodruff sings with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem and enjoys restoring and racing vintage race cars.
There is an impending crisis in primary care in our country, including here in the Lehigh Valley. Many primary care physicians are dissatisfied. They often work long hours for lower pay than subspecialists, and they are increasingly bogged down with paperwork and rising practice expenses.

Many primary care physicians feel that they are under pressure to see more patients in less time, while at the same time keeping up with the rapidly expanding body of medical knowledge. Many of these physicians feel overworked, or are planning to retire, while at the same time they have difficulty recruiting new doctors into their practices.

A recent survey found that only two percent of American medical students plan to become primary care physicians. Many primary care physicians, including those in the Lehigh Valley, have felt the need to choose between office and hospital practice, and these changes have in some cases put additional strains on them and their partners.

Meanwhile, more and more patients nationwide have chronic medical conditions that require continuity of care rather than acute care. Some patients have had difficulty getting an appointment with a primary care physician, especially as overbooked practices have stopped accepting new patients.

LVHN is aware of the serious issues confronting primary care, and is committed to addressing the problems and working to avert the crisis. Will Miller, MD, Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, and Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, Acting Chair of the Department of Medicine, are leading the Primary Care Development Task Force, which also includes representatives from Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology.

This effort is aimed at assessing the stresses and needs of Network-affiliated primary care practices – employed and private practice – and working with practitioners for short-term relief and long-term reinvigoration of the practice of primary care.

One idea for improving primary care, introduced to the Network by Will Miller, is the Patient-Centered Medical Home. This practice model has the potential to improve patient care while also boosting satisfaction levels among both primary care physicians and patients. Under this model, each patient has a personal physician to provide continuous and comprehensive care, directed at the whole person throughout life. The personal physician coordinates all levels of care, including referral to subspecialists, nursing homes and hospitals, and other services. Information technology is obviously important, enabling communication of the patient’s health care information across all venues.

LVHN already is making changes in its residency programs to answer the need for more primary care doctors. The Family Medicine residency has begun orienting its curriculum to the Medical Home model, and Internal Medicine residents are finding a greater emphasis on primary care in their clinical rotations.

Whatever changes we see in healthcare over the coming years, our primary care colleagues certainly will continue to be vitally important for us and for our patients. I applaud the efforts to support and revitalize primary care practice.

Linda L. Lapos, MD
Medical Staff President
Lehigh Valley Hospital, Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg Cited as “Leapfrog Top Hospitals” for 2008

Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg (LVH-M) have been named “Leapfrog Top Hospitals” for 2008 by The Leapfrog Group. The list includes just 26 hospitals and seven children’s hospitals nationwide out of 1,220 that responded to the Leapfrog Hospital Quality and Safety Survey. LVH and LVH-M are the only local hospitals to make the list and among just three in Pennsylvania.

The designation is significant for patients and consumers because the hospitals included are considered by Leapfrog to offer the highest quality and patient safety through the implementation of key practices and procedures.

**Top Hospitals in 2008:**

- Fully meet Leapfrog standards for not only implementing computer physician order entry (CPOE) systems that help prevent medication errors, but have also carefully tested their CPOE systems with Leapfrog’s CPOE Evaluation Tool;
- Fully meet stringent performance standards for at least one of the complex, high-risk procedures (such as heart bypass surgery) done in that particular hospital;
- Fully meet the ICU staffing standard; and
- Fully meet or demonstrate “substantial progress” on 13 additional nationally recognized safe practices, such as preventing pneumonia or bloodstream infections.

The Leapfrog Group represents many of the nation’s largest companies and public agencies that buy health benefits for their employees. Leapfrog aims to initiate improvement in the safety, quality and affordability of health care for Americans. It was founded in 2000 by the Business Roundtable.

Additional information regarding Leapfrog’s standards for recognizing quality and safe care may be found by linking to their web site at [www.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.leapfroggroup.org).

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**Nominations Now Being Accepted for Medical Staff President-elect**

The Nominating Committee of the LVHHN Medical Staff is soliciting nominations for the position of Medical Staff President-elect for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2009. The individual filling this position will also serve for two years as Medical Staff President followed by two years as Past President.

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 **Friday, November 14**.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Dr. McCambridge or Mr. Hart at 610-402-8980.
News from Health Information Management

The HIM Department continues to evaluate ways to improve the efficiency of medical record documentation and communicating with the Medical Staff. Over the past several months, articles have been placed in *Medical Staff Progress Notes* regarding ways to improve the Physician Query process. Educational sessions were provided to the Departments of Medicine and Surgery as well as Residents and Allied Health Professionals. The following new processes will be implemented on **November 1, 2008**.

**Physician Queries**

... Physicians, Residents and Allied Health Professionals will be able to view and complete physician queries directly on the physician query form, eliminating the need for dictations.

... If a physician query is indicated, it will be the first document listed in the “document” and “physician dictation” views.

**Chart Deficiency**

... All deficiencies will be logged into the EHMR system as “incomplete”.

... From Friday at 12:01 a.m. through Wednesday, physicians will have the ability to view all medical record deficiencies which are due by Wednesday at 3 p.m.

... Due deficiencies will be labeled “pending suspension”.

Even though providers will be able to easily identify “pending suspension” deficiencies, HIM will continue to provide a courtesy call to physician offices on **Monday** indicating that there are deficiencies pending suspension. The HIM courtesy call will be the **ONLY** telephone notification. It is hoped that these new processes will assist providers in quickly identifying and completing medical record deficiencies.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Zelda Greene, Administrator, HIM, at 610-402-8330.

**Physician Documentation**

**“Viewer” Tab in Lastword**

With the many changes CMS has implemented, it has become even more important that documentation accurately reflects severity illness and justifies ALOS (average length of stay) with utilization of services.

Now that the nursing staff has transitioned to Lastword for their nursing documentation, there may be times during the patient’s stay that overnight clinical changes could be missed.

Currently, the “VIEWER” tab, located as the fifth tab from the left on the Lastword screen, is where nursing documentation can be found. When this tab is accessed, a drop down menu of choices is shown. To view the nursing notes, click on “VIEWALLPLS=viewall plus assessment.” This provides all the nursing notes including a “notes” prompt which when accessed gives a detailed nursing note encapsulating overnight problems.

This may be the only area to find documentation such as, “patient is in distress...pulse ox 80%, attending notified, orders received.” The CAPOE orders would then reflect workup and treatment provided (CXR, NCO2, etc) which would support documenting “acute respiratory failure.” The VIEWALLPLS area also documents many other items including “decubitus ulcers – POA.” Since coders cannot access this data, it is important that the attending physician or allied health professional document the findings within the medical record.

A request has been submitted to Information Services to change the VIEWALLPLS to the first choice under the “VIEWER” tab. In the meantime, please consider utilizing this prompt to broaden your knowledge of overnight patient care.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Anthony V. Matejicka II, DO, at 610-868-6880.
National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week

November 2-8, 2008

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

What role do these professionals play? They are the people behind the scenes who make certain the credentials of all practitioners who are caring for patients are correct and have been verified. They credential and monitor ongoing competence of the physicians and allied health staff who provide patient care services in hospitals, managed care organizations, and other healthcare settings.

In the years since this proclamation was issued, the work of Medical Staff Services professionals has increased in complexity and significance. This statement also holds true at Lehigh Valley Hospital. With a staff of 11, the Medical Staff Services team provides support to the Medical Staff Leadership and the various committees and functions of almost 1,200 physicians, dentists, and podiatrists consisting of the organized Medical Staff, in addition to almost 600 members of the Allied Health staff including over 400 Advanced Practice Clinicians.

In addition to credentialing members of the Medical and Allied Health staffs, the Medical Staff Services team provides other services including custom reports and labels, on-line good standing letters, PDA updates, photo ID badges, the 402-DOCS line, and notary services. Through various communication tools, such as Medical Staff Progress Notes, the Medical Staff Handbook, the Medical Staff Directory, and the Medical Staff Services web site on the hospital’s Intranet and Internet, keeping the Medical Staff informed is another key function of the department.

These professionals are a vital part of the hospital’s healthcare team. They are dedicated to making certain that all healthcare consumers receive care from practitioners who are properly educated, licensed, and trained in their specialty in order to carry out their approved privileges.

If you get an opportunity, take a moment to acknowledge their efforts during National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week – November 2-8.
Breast Health Services Reporting Process

Starting this fall, Breast Health Services (BHS) will implement a new reporting process for notifying women that their screening mammogram was normal. This process includes three elements, one of which is the notification letter to the patient, and two of which involve the referring clinician(s).

When a woman has a screening mammogram, and the result is a normal study (BIRADS 1 or 2 -- meaning no suspicious findings, no requirement for additional views, and recommendation for annual screening follow-up), the normal study notification letter to the patient will include the referring clinician's name on the notification. The current letter comes only from BHS, and does not include the referring clinician.

By including the clinician's name on the letter, the woman knows that the referring clinician will receive notification that her mammogram is normal, and, because the clinician is included in each patient’s notification, the referring clinician does not have to duplicate the notification to the patient.

In addition to clinicians still receiving the actual result, every month BHS will provide a list of women who had normal mammograms during the last month, as well as a list of women who are overdue for their annual mammogram to the referring clinician of record.

This process will encompass thousands of normal results of mammograms ordered by primary care clinicians (family practitioners, internists, and gynecologists), and will assist those clinicians in tracking both normal results and adherence to recommended annual screening guidelines for asymptomatic women.

Eighty-five percent of women enrolled in Breast Health Services who have a normal screening mammogram have their annual mammogram within 13 months of their prior normal study--this annual adherence rate far exceeds the national benchmark of 69% for having had a mammogram within two years.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact MaryAnne K. Peifer, MD, Associate Medical Director, Informatics, at 610-966-5549.

Have You Renewed Your MD License?

If not, time is running out! Pennsylvania MD licenses will expire on December 31, 2008.

Renewal applications are usually mailed 60 to 90 days in advance of the expiration date to the last address of record provided by the licensee. If your address has changed since your last license renewal and you have not yet received your renewal application, you may want to notify the Pennsylvania Department of State of your new address. You can also renew your license on-line at: https://www.mylicense.state.pa.us/Login.aspx

Don't take the chance of having your license expire!

Please note – since Medical Staff Services now verifies licenses on-line, there is no need to send a copy of your license to Medical Staff Services when it is renewed.

Rejection of Mislabeled and Unlabeled Laboratory Specimens

To help ensure patient safety, all mislabeled and unlabeled laboratory specimens received in the laboratory will be rejected and require recollection. The change will be effective on December 2, 2008. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Jane Dilliard, Patient Care Specialist, at 484-884-2281 or pager 610-402-5100 6166.
Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was reappointed as Director General at the XXII Biennial Meeting of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons in San Diego, California, held on September 13-17, 2008.

The Society dedicated a special lecture named “Khubchandani Oration” which was given by a renowned French Hepatic surgeon, Professor Azonlay.

Dr. Khubchandani has been a member of the Medical Staff since January, 1968. He is in practice with John J. Stasik, MD.

Sanjay M. Mehta, MD, Division of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Section of Cardiac Surgery/Thoracic Surgery, was appointed to the position of Vice President and President-Elect of The Pennsylvania Association for Thoracic Surgery at the Association’s recent Annual Meeting. Dr. Mehta is the Medical Director of the RHC Surgical/Vascular Unit (LVH-M) and has been a member of the Medical Staff since May, 2007. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons.

Raymond L. Singer, MD, Division of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Section of Cardiac Surgery/Thoracic Surgery, was reappointed to the Executive Council of The Pennsylvania Association for Thoracic Surgery at the Association’s recent Annual Meeting. He is the Associate Chief of the Division of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery and has been a member of the Medical Staff since June, 1992. Dr. Singer is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons.

Michael F. Szwerc, MD, Division of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery was reappointed to the position of Treasurer of The Pennsylvania Association for Thoracic Surgery at the Association’s recent Annual Meeting. Dr. Szwerc is Chief of the Section of Thoracic Surgery and has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2005. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons.

About 20 percent of hospital inpatients have complex illnesses – advanced heart failure, kidney failure, cancer, COPD or other chronic diseases. They require individualized plans for inpatient and outpatient treatment.

A new Goals of Treatment dictation option on LastWord (abbreviated GOALTX) will help you document plans for complex illness patients in an easily identifiable place on the medical record. This will save time, and ensure continuity of care and communication among the patients’ caregivers.

It’s easy to do. Using the GOALTX option, work type 58, you just:

... Describe the patient’s illness.
... Explain his/her decision-making capacity.
... Mention any of the patient’s legal documents, including advance directives.
... Specify his/her desires about CPR.
... Indicate the patient’s general treatment plan, including options that may be appropriate or inappropriate given the patient’s condition.
... Dictate a new GOALTX if the patient’s condition or mental ability changes.

Each completed GOALTX will bring a $75 payment from LVPHO, in its support of LVHHN’s initiative to improve the management of chronically ill patients. This reflects LVPHO’s commitment to providing quality care across the continuum to this frail population.

By discussing and documenting these patients’ wishes for treatment in work type 58, you’ll ensure their desires are known and honored; avoid unnecessary or unwanted treatment; inform your physician colleagues about the plans you have developed with your patients; and you’ll earn $75/dictation.

Handy reference “Goals of Treatment Dictation” pocket cards were placed in the Physicians’ Lounge and throughout the hospital sites. Remember, when you complete a GOALTX, you’ll receive $75; these incentives will be paid quarterly.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Lou A. Lukas, MD, Medical Director, OACIS, at 610-969-0103.
Papers, Publications and Presentations

**George A. Arangio, MD**, Chief, Section of Foot and Ankle Surgery, was an invited Keynote Speaker at the International Foot and Ankle Biomechanics Congress held in Bologna Italy, September 4-6 2008. The title of Dr Arangio’s presentation was “Sailing Charted Seas: Biomechanics and the Orthopedic Surgeon.” He presented foot and ankle biomechanic modeling data and its surgical applications and results. Dr Arangio also was moderator for the session on Foot and Ankle Surgery, Total Ankle Replacement and Cartilage Repair.


**Sigrid A. Blome-Eberwein, MD**, Division of Burn/Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/Plastic Surgery, presented her abstract – “Perceived versus Actual Healing Time in 2nd Degree Burns” – at the 14th Congress of the International Society for Burn Injuries held September 7-11, in Montreal, Canada.

**William F. Bond, MD**, Division of Emergency Medicine, co-authored a book chapter – “Medical Simulation” – which was published in *Patient Safety in Emergency Medicine* in August, 2008.

**Geoffrey G. Hallock, MD**, Associate Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery, recently returned from the 12th International Perforator Flap Course held at the Ganga Hospital in Coimbatore, India, where, as a member of the invited faculty, he presented a dissertation on the “Classification of Perforator Flaps.” In addition, during live surgery sessions, he demonstrated how to harvest and transfer an anterolateral thigh free flap. During the free paper session, he presented a number of abstracts including “A Primary of Schematics for Facilitating the Design of the Common Muscle Perforator Flaps,” “Tissue Expansion Can Improve the Donor Site Defect of the Anterolateral Thigh Flap,” “An Introduction to the Chimeric Deep Inferior Epigastric Artery Perforator-Rectus Abdominis Muscle Free Flap,” and “The Island Anterior Intercostal Artery Perforator Flap – Another Option for the Epigastric Abdominal Wound.” These all dealt with the clinical use of local or free perforator flaps for coverage of difficult wounds.

**Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, co-authored a paper – “15-Year Evolution of Penetrating Colon Management at a Level I Trauma Center: What Have We Learned?” – which was presented at the XXII Biennial Congress of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons held September 16, in San Diego, Calif.

**Sanjay M. Mehta, MD**, Division of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Section of Cardiac Surgery/Thoracic Surgery, served as Program Director and presided over the 46th Annual Meeting of The Pennsylvania Association for Thoracic Surgery, held October 1-5, at the Amelia Island Plantation, in Amelia Island, Fla.

**Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD**, Division of Plastic Surgery/Hand Surgery/Burn and Medical Director (LVH-M), presented a paper – “Plastic Surgeon Compliance with National Quality Forum and Surgical Care Improvement Projects in Patients at Risk in an Academic Community Hospital” – at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons held October 4-5, in Philadelphia, Pa. As President of the Society, Dr. Murphy presided over the meeting. Co-authors of the paper were Emily Peterson, MD, Plastic Surgery Resident; Joshua Adkinson, MD, General Surgery Resident; Walter J. Okunski, MD, Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery and Plastic Surgery Residency Associate Program Director; and James F. Reed III, PhD, Director of Research, Health Studies.


**Michael F. Szwer, MD**, Chief, Section of Thoracic Surgery, along with Chief Surgery Resident, Erik Teicher, MD, gave a presentation titled “Clinical Experience and Early Outcomes with Single Port 3mm Endoscopic Thoracic Sympathectomy” at the 46th Annual Meeting of The Pennsylvania Association for Thoracic Surgery, on October 2, at the Amelia Island Plantation, in Amelia Island, Fla.
Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Cardiology Grand Rounds

Cardiology Grand Rounds are held the first Friday of every month beginning at Noon. The November Cardiology Grand Rounds will be held on November 7 in the hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. The topic for November is as follows:

... “Cardiovascular Risk Assessment: One Size Does Not Fit All” – Andrew D. Sumner, MD, Director, Non-Invasive Cardiology (LVH)

For more information, please contact Debra Yelovich in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8518.

Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, 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 November will include:

... November 4 – “Disclosure & Communications Skills Regarding Adverse Events & Medical Error” – Georgene Saliba, Administrator, Risk Management, Claims Management, Patient Safety

... November 11 – “Multiple Sclerosis” – David E. Jones, MD, Division of Neurology

... November 18 – “Endoscopic Ultrasound” – Shashin Shah, MD, Division of Gastroenterology

... November 25 – “Point/Counterpoint on DVT Prophylaxis for Patients Undergoing Knee Replacement Surgery” – Catherine Glew, MD, Chief, Division of Geriatrics, and Thomas D. Meade, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma

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

Neurology Conference

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at Noon in the Kasych classrooms and videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in November will include:

... November 7 – “Carotid Stenting” – Bryan W. Kluck, DO, Division of Cardiology – Location: Kasych 6 and 7

... November 13 – “Vasculitis” – David E. Jones, MD, Division of Neurology – Location: Kasych 10

... November 20 – “Recurrent Stroke” – John E. Castaldo, MD, Chief, Division of Neurology – Location: Kasych 10

... November 27 – No regularly scheduled meeting – Happy Thanksgiving

For more information, please contact Sharon Bartz, Conference Coordinator, 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 November will include:

... November 7 – “Update on the Management of Thyroid Disease” – Marc A. Vengrove, DO, Division of Endocrinology

... November 14 – “Management of Vulvar Cancer” – Norman Rosenblum, MD, Visiting Professor, Thomas Jefferson University

... November 21 – TBA

... November 28 – No Grand Rounds – Happy Thanksgiving

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

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Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics holds Grand Rounds every Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in the ECC Room 1 on the first floor of the Anderson Wing at Cedar Crest & I-78. Topics to be discussed in November will include:

... November 4 – “Health Literacy” – Georgine Olexa, Director, Risk Management
... November 11 – “Update on Medical Legislature in the PA Government” – Oscar A. Morffi, MD, Chief, Division of General Pediatrics
... November 18 – “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Pediatric Thyroid Disease But Were Afraid to Ask” – Arnold H. Slyper, MD, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Endocrinology
... November 25 – Pediatric Surgery Ethics Case – William D. Hardin, Jr., MD, Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties, Section of Pediatric Surgery

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, November 20, 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:

... “Optimizing Therapy: Opportunities to Enhance Medication Adherence” – Mark Vanelli, MD, Chief Medical Officer for Adheris, Inc., which develops illness and medical education programs designed to improve adherence. He is also on the faculty at Harvard Medical School & Levinson Institute in Boston, Mass.

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

Schwartz Center Rounds

The Schwartz Center Rounds are held monthly at the location listed. Rounds will begin at Noon, with lunch served at 11:45 a.m. Upcoming topics to be discussed at Schwartz Rounds include:

... November 5 – “Provider Burnout in Caring for Morbidly Obese Patients” – Melissa Comstock, Occupational Therapist and Team – Location – Kasych ECC Room 6
... December 3 – “The Impact of Complementary Therapies on Providers” – Bernadette Glenn Porter, Dr. Wendy Robb and Team – Location – ECC Room 1

For more information, please contact Krista Hirschmann, PhD, Medical Educator in the Department of Medicine, at 610-402-1583.

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, November 5, in Kasych ECC Room 10

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 November will include:

... November 4 – “Update on Battlefield Medicine” – Michael M. Badellino, MD, Associate Chief, Division of General Surgery
... November 11 – “Trauma Outcomes” – Michael D. Pasquale, MD, Chief, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care
... November 18 – “Surgical Dogma” – David Milia, MD, Chief Surgical Resident
... November 25 – “Working Together to Keep Your Patients Safe in the OR” – John R. Clarke, MD, Professor of Surgery, Drexel University, and Clinical Director, PA Patient Safety Reporting System

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

LVHN Digital Library

Multimedia Resources

“A picture is worth a thousand words” may be trite but very true! Where can you quickly find a picture of rosacea, a chart of the stages of renal failure or an x-ray image of pleural effusion? Where can you direct a medical student under your mentorship to a video of how to insert a thoracostomy tube or reduce a finger dislocation?

The Digital Library now offers a directory of multimedia resources from both subscription and online sources. This guide puts more than 350 videos and a wide variety of animations, interactive activities, and slide shows at your fingertips. From the Digital Library homepage (from the intranet, click on Departments/NonClinical/Library Services), scroll down to the Multimedia Section on the left. Click on the Multimedia Catalog.

Want a picture or illustration? You might try the MDConsult Image Bank with over 50,000 clinical images from major textbooks – you can even compare several images such as rosacea versus melasma for differential diagnosis.

For procedural videos, there are programs from Procedures Consult, MDConsult, eMedicine and Access Surgery as well as those from the New England Journal of Medicine.

When using resources in presentations, please be aware of the copyright restrictions. Basic guidelines are included. Need a refresher on how to download, resize, or crop an image to insert into a PowerPoint? Instructions are provided.

Your feedback on this or any of the Digital Library’s resources is always greatly appreciated. Use the feedback form on the Digital Library’s website to provide your opinions, comments or suggestions.

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