Recently I was paging through past issues of *Medical Staff Progress Notes* and I was struck by the number and variety of issues we have discussed in this space over the past couple of years.

We’ve talked about physician satisfaction, about the generous volunteer spirit among members of our Medical Staff, about patient safety initiatives, about improvements in the way we assess physician competency, and about the newly-formed Advanced Practice Clinicians group.

While these issues occupied our attention, we have seen significant changes in the Medical Staff and around the network. During the past two years, the Medical Staff has added more than 200 new members, and we’ve seen the opening of the Kasych Pavilion and the solution to the parking problem on the Cedar Crest campus.

Eight of the columns I wrote touched on some aspect of physician stress. We all know the causes: rapid changes in healthcare, pressures to see more patients in less time, changes in reimbursement, and many more, while we struggle to keep current, recruit new associates, cover our expenses, and satisfy our patients.

The opening of Kasych in January 2008 was a huge milestone for our Network and for our Medical Staff, but while it relieved some access and capacity issues, it meant we had to walk farther to take care of more patients. Controlling length of stay continues to be a focus, especially for patients who have social and financial problems, a group unlikely to diminish in the current economic climate.

In July 2008 I discussed SPPI (System for Partners in Performance Improvement), a long-term plan that will improve efficiency and cut out wasted work, resources and time for all of us and for our patients. We are already beginning to see some results, but it will take time to spread throughout the Network.

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Despite all the changes – and all the stress – our Medical Staff has helped propel Lehigh Valley Health Network into the highest echelons of quality and patient safety in the nation, as evidenced by our numerous national awards and our growing reputation.

We’ve been successful in recruiting many new physicians to the Staff, including those in relatively scarce subspecialties and primary care. Many of the top graduates of our residency programs chose to stay at LVHN, thanks, in part, to the expert, dedicated teaching and warm camaraderie they’ve found among our Medical Staff members. I continue to be impressed with the quality and credentials of the physicians joining our Staff, including many that I’ve interviewed as part of the rigorous Medical Staff application process.

As I look back on the past two years and reflect on my tenure as your president, I’d like to thank you for your questions, your ideas and comments, and most of all your support. I certainly could not have been an effective president without all the help I received from you, from John Hart and the Medical Staff Services department, and from president-elect Matt McCambridge and past president Don Levick.

Looking ahead, I know the issues will keep coming, and I’m confident that Matt will be an excellent president. His term begins in January.

To keep on track, we have to communicate and work together. I guess you’d say that was my theme of these past two years, and I hope it continues.

These past two years as president have been a tremendous learning experience for me, and I only hope I contributed at least as much as I gained from the experience. I’m looking forward to two more years on Troika as past president. I’ll still be learning, and I’ll still be doing what I can to represent your interests.

Linda L. Lapos, MD
Medical Staff President

Best Wishes for a very happy, safe, and healthy holiday season!

Linda L. Lapos, MD
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Change in Lab Testing for Myocardial Infarction and Trauma

Based on current evidence-based guidelines and the joint recommendation of both the American College of Cardiology and the European Society of Cardiology, and after discussions with the Department of Emergency Medicine and the Divisions of Cardiology, General Internal Medicine, and Trauma-Surgical Critical Care, the laboratory is pleased to announce the creation of two new cardiac test profiles.

MI Profile (Rule Out Myocardial Infarction)

... Troponin 1 (drawn at 0 hours); if result is \( \geq 0.04 \), then reflex Total CK, CKMB and Relative Index

... Troponin 2 (drawn at 4-6 hours); if result is \( \geq 0.04 \), then reflex Total CK, CKMB and Relative Index

... Troponin 3 (drawn at 10-12 hours); if result is \( \geq 0.04 \), then reflex Total CK, CKMB and Relative Index

MI Profile (Rule Out Cardiac Trauma)

... Troponin 1 (drawn at 0 hours); no reflex testing

... Troponin 2 (drawn at 4-6 hours); no reflex testing

The changes in laboratory testing for Myocardial Infarction and Cardiac Trauma were approved by the Medical Executive Committee on November 4, 2008. The new MI profiles replaced the old profiles in mid-November. Total CK and CKMB will continue to be available as individually orderable tests.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Bala B. Carver, MD, Chief, Section of Transfusion Medicine & HLA, at 610-402-8140.

Reference: Kristian Thygesen et al on behalf of the Joint ESC/ACCF/AHA/WHF Task Force for the Redefinition of Myocardial Infarction J Am Coll Cardiol 2007;50:2173-95

News from Lehigh Valley Home Care and Lehigh Valley Hospice

It has been a long standing practice of Lehigh Valley Home Care and Lehigh Valley Hospice to provide the ordering physician with critical results from lab work drawn by the Home Care or Hospice staff. However, due to the primary relationship between the lab and ordering physician, the processing lab also provides notification of patient’s critical results to the ordering physician.

In order to avoid confusion and to prevent any possible errors related to duplication of lab result information, effective January 1, 2009, Lehigh Valley Home Care and Lehigh Valley Hospice will no longer initiate calls or faxes to notify ordering physicians of critical lab results. Notification of critical lab results will continue to be communicated to the ordering physician by the lab.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Quality Management Team at Lehigh Valley Home Health Services at 610-969-0300.
New Web Cardiology DMS

Web Cardiology DMS is a new application available for viewing Cath Lab reports. It can be launched from your SSO toolbar.

After launching the Web Cardiology DMS, the following screen opens:

The next screen lists the results of your patient search:

Enter your search criteria here, and click on Search

Click on the name of the desired patient
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All reports for your patient display on the next screen:

Double-click on the desired report you wish to view. The report opens and can be printed if desired by clicking on the Print button.

If you have any questions regarding this new application, please call I/S Customer Support at 610-402-8303.
Inpatient Glucose Control Initiative Enjoying “Sweet Success!”

The “Go-live” of the new IV insulin and SQ insulin order sets is going very well thus far. Actual insulin order entry has been occurring easier than anticipated. Better blood glucose (BG) control has been recognized already, and will continue to improve as LVHN moves away from the traditional “sliding scale” insulin approach to more scientifically based regimens. The LVH glucose control initiative is making great strides!

Following are a few key points to remember with the new order sets:

- Always have a primary IV solution ordered for use with the IV insulin. IV insulin must be piggybacked into a primary solution as it is not safe to infuse IV insulin directly into the vein.
- Remember when transferring a patient from an ICU setting to a medical surgical floor to change the target BG range for the insulin infusion from 80-110 to 90-140mg/dl.
- To maintain BG control, overlap the IV insulin and SQ insulin when ordering to discontinue the drip. Some form of SQ insulin (or patient’s usual oral medications, if appropriate) should be given about 2 hours before the drip is stopped.
- If a patient on IV insulin was requiring greater than 0.5 units per hour, consider initiating one of the two SQ insulin regimens to maintain inpatient glucose control.
- Use one of the two SQ insulin order regimens for a patient whose oral medications are not safe during admission due to variable intake or clinical condition, and have inadequate BG control.
- Key features of the two new recommended SQ insulin options for inpatient glucose control include:
  - Option A – Lantus/Novolog regimen: This regimen is appropriate for the NPO or fed patient, or the person on continuous tube feedings with hyperglycemia, Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.
  - For the person who will be eating, order daily Lantus with Novolog for meal coverage (based on insulin to carb ratio) and meal time Novolog correction scales based on the patient’s individual insulin sensitivity factors (ISF). (Remember, two separate Novolog orders are needed with this regimen!)
  - For the NPO or continuous tube fed person, use daily Lantus plus Novolog correction scales based on the patients individual ISF (no insulin: carb dosing) every 6 hours.

... Option B – Humalog Mix 75/25 + Novolog regimen: This option is only appropriate if the person is eating and has Type 2 diabetes. This regimen is less precise at controlling inpatient glucose, but is easier and more appropriate for a person to learn if he will discharge new to insulin. Order Humalog 75/25 mix BID with meal time Novolog correction scales based on patient’s individual ISF. There is no carbohydrate counting required with this regimen since the “meal” insulin is included in the twice daily pre-mixed insulin.

- Novolog Correction Scales based on ISF will replace traditional Novolog Sliding Scales. For the person never on insulin before, calculate ISF by dividing the total daily dose (TDD) of insulin into 1800 (the “1800” rule). A conservative starting point for calculating is to use 0.5 units/kg/day to arrive at an estimated TDD. Example: 220 lb patient = 100 kg. TDD = 50 units total per day. Divide 1800 by TDD of 50. ISF is 36mg/dl, rounding to nearest increment of 10, select ISF scale of 40 mg/dl.

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Remember: the HYPOGLYCEMIC VIEW option (under the viewer tab in LastWord) provides an overview of the patient’s diabetes medications/doses, BG results, and carbohydrates consumed (if on insulin to carb ratio). This insight about the patient’s BG control helps with quick identification of any needed adjustments in the treatment plan.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Larry N. Merkle, MD, Chief, Division of Endocrinology; Gretchen A. Perilli, MD, Division of Endocrinology; or Joyce Najarian, Program Coordinator, Helwig Diabetes Center, at 610-402-1731.

News from CAPOE Central

New Census Printing Format
You may have noticed a new format when printing out your census using the “CNS,” “Census” and “GRPCENSUS” commands. The new format groups the units by building, making it easier to locate patients and make rounds. There is a unit header as the first column, and the beds are listed in the second column. Note that the screen display of the census will not change; this change only affects the printed census reports.

Reason for Consult? Now You Have Choices
To improve the accuracy and efficiency of reasons for consult, a drop-down menu has been created which lists the most common reasons for consults to the Pulmonary and Critical Care Divisions. Note that you can still free-text in that field. These reasons were created at the request of these specific divisions to facilitate more accurate communication. Other lists will be added as requested. Remember that you can free-text in that field for all consults.

Nurses Notes Now Top the List (the VIEWALL List)
Our Nursing colleagues have been documenting in LastWord since October 2006. Initial assessments, ongoing assessments and daily nursing notes are all available in the Viewer. The daily nursing notes have been added to the top of the VIEWALL screen. Click on the cell to see the entire note. The improved accessibility of the Nursing notes should lead to improved communication and quality of care.

Clinical Practice Guidelines
The Department of Pediatrics and Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology have developed clinical practice guidelines that are now available online from any computer. You can access the CPG’s through the Resources Tab in LastWord. The CPG link is the first entry under the CLINICAL GUIDELINES header on the “Physician Base” page. This link will take you to a web page where all of the CPG’s are found. The Physician Base page is also directly accessible from the Intranet; under the Resources Header, go to General and then Physician Base. More Departments and CPG’s will be added as approved.

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

Since November 1, retrospective queries have been answered electronically. A dictated medical record addendum is no longer necessary.

The query will be listed as a signature deficiency in EHMR. Please note that in addition to your signature, the query requires you to type a response to the question from the coder.

If you sign the query without answering the question, it will be routed to you again for response.

There are 4 easy steps to completion:

1. Log in to EHMR
2. View List of Incomplete Medical Record Items – Choose Signature Deficiency
3. Enter PIN Number
4. View Query and Respond – See instructions below:

   Click cursor below the line titled “QUERY RESPONSE” and type answer

   Then, click the “✓” button in the upper left

   Important: Type Below “Query Response” prompt

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

Patients are evaluated in the Emergency Department, stabilized, and then they may require admission to the hospital. When documenting the H&P, sometimes the severity of illness documented by Emergency Medical Services personnel or triage nursing is overlooked.

Following is an example of this lost opportunity – EMS documented a pulse ox of 82% while en route to the hospital. The ED treats with steroids, mini-nebs and oxygen. After return of labs and studies, the ED asks for admission orders (‘Fast Five’) for exacerbation of COPD and notes the patient’s pulse ox is 96% on 2 liters NCO2. Lacking in this patient’s documentation and subsequent History and Physical is “acute respiratory failure due to exacerbation of COPD.” This carries a much higher severity of illness and need for hospitalization. Secondly, it more accurately describes the use of resources required.

When patients are admitted to inpatient status, please consider reviewing the ED “T-system” documentation for EMS pre-hospital data and initial triage nursing data.

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

eLearning

On July 1, 2008, the eLearning system was made available through the SSO tool bar to all LVHN Staff.

eLearning was adopted to offer and track an expanding number of online and instructor-led learning activities, as well as to replace the de’Medici system for tracking annual training.

All clinical content in the system, including some annual training courses, is created by subject matter experts from clinical departments.

This year’s annual training is required by all employed staff.

1. The LVHN OSHA Curriculum and the Emergency Response course were to be completed by November 30, 2008.

2. The LVHN Core Curriculum is required to be completed by December 31, 2008.

In addition to the annual training, staff members have the ability to access educational materials, register for live sessions, and organize training records. Managers can use the eLearning system to track the completion status of assigned learning activities and view reports. Clinicians can use the system as a tool to upload training materials to make available within their practice area or the network.

Since the system roll out in July, several enhancements have been made to the eLearning system, including the expansion of the course catalog and the introduction of Web SSO access from home.

Physicians and limited affiliated clinicians who are not hospital employees will also be able to access the system in early 2009. Also, in 2009, the system will allow all users to track Continuing Education credits for activities offered at LVHN.

To acquire help or learn more, please access the information page by clicking the START button at the top of the home page within the eLearning system. This link will direct you to FAQ’s, tutorials, job aids, and a schedule for learning lab sessions that are intended for all users who may have questions or need assistance using the eLearning system.

For technical assistance, please call the I/S Support Center at 610-402-8303.
Department of Surgery Research

Department of Surgery Research recently initiated a new study with a product called Beriplex® P/N, a prothrombin complex concentrate (PCC). Beriplex® P/N is a highly purified, lyophilized human plasma fraction containing well-balanced amounts of the coagulation factors II, VII, IX, and X and of proteins C and S. The study’s primary objective is to compare the hemostatic efficacy of Beriplex® P/N and plasma in ceasing spontaneous or traumatically-induced major bleeding in orally anticoagulated patients with a deficiency of vitamin K-dependent coagulation factors and proteins C and S.

Background: A decade of clinical experience with Beriplex® P/N has confirmed good clinical efficacy and safety in the prophylaxis and therapy of hemorrhages caused by a congenital or acquired deficiency of coagulation factors II, VII, IX, and X. One retrospective study, for example, found that in patients who were treated for over-coagulation with a PCC product, the median pretreatment INR was reduced from 3.8 to 1.3 within an hour after treatment. Another open label, uncontrolled, multinational phase III study confirmed a rapid correction of INR (≤ 1.3) in 95% of the patients who required emergency surgery or had an acute bleed. In the studies conducted with Beriplex® P/N, only a few cases of thromboembolism, which is a well-known potential side effect of PCCs, were reported.

Major study inclusion criteria: oral anticoagulation, INR ≥ 2, major bleed (intracranial, intra/retro peritoneal, thorax, joint/muscle, GI, GYN) that is life threatening or with a fall of Hb ≥ 2 g/dL or requires blood product transfusion.

Major study exclusion criteria: acute polytrauma, ICH with a GCS < 9, ac. thrombosis, MI, DIC, angina, sepsis, adm. of whole blood, plasma or platelets within 2 weeks of study.

Principal Investigator: John Hong, MD, Section of Trauma Research
Lead Study Coordinator: Song-Hee Bohn, RN, BSN, CRC

If you have any questions regarding the study or for study referrals, please page the on-call Trauma/Surgery Research Coordinator at 610-402-8999.

Neuroscience Research

The Neuroscience Research Department is currently enrolling patients in the following studies:

CARE 1 – This is a study designed to compare the safety and efficacy of two annual cycles of intravenous alemtuzumab to three times weekly Rebif in treating patients who have never been on MS therapy for Relapsing Remitting MS. Patients must be between the ages of 18 and 50, they must be diagnosed with Relapsing Remitting MS not greater than five years ago, and had an MS relapse within the past year. Patients are required to have monthly blood work done and will need to complete a survey monthly.

CARE II - This is a study for patients who have relapsing remitting MS and had a relapse on their MS therapy within the last year. The goal is to compare the safety and efficacy of two annual cycles of either low dose (12 mg) or high dose (24mg) intravenous alemtuzumab to three times weekly Rebif. Patients must be between the ages of 18 and 55, have monthly blood work completed and complete a survey monthly as well.

Principal Investigator: David E. Jones, MD, Division of Neurology
Study Coordinator: Carol Fox

For more information regarding the above studies, please contact Carol Fox, Research Coordinator, at 610-402-9005.
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 just over 1,000 CPE’s nationally.

As the national certifying body for physicians specializing in medical management, the Certifying Commission in Medical Management is a not-for-profit corporation chartered by the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE) to establish and maintain the high standards required for physician executive certification. The ACPE is the nation’s largest organization of physicians in health care leadership. The College is recognized by the American Medical Association as the specialty society representing physicians in management and holds a seat in the AMA House of Delegates.

Dr. Singer has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1992, and is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart & Lung Surgeons.

Elliot J. Sussman, MD, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHHN), began his one-year term as chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in conjunction with the association’s 119th Annual Meeting.

An internist, professor, and administrator, Dr. Sussman has overseen LVHHN since 1993. The hospital network is a clinical affiliate of the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, where Dr. Sussman also serves as the Leonard Parker Pool Professor of Health Systems Management, professor of medicine, and professor of public health sciences. He is also former chair of the AAMC Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems.

Dr. Sussman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude from Yale University, an M.D. from Harvard Medical School, and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He completed his medical residency training and fellowship in internal medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he also served as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. In addition to serving as a trustee of LVHHN, Dr. Sussman serves on the boards of several local and national organizations. He is a member of the Society of Medical Administrators and the Healthcare Executives Study Society.
Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

Cardiology Grand Rounds
“Say No to Heart Failure” will be presented at Cardiology Grand Rounds on Friday, **December 5**, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to ECC Room D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The guest speaker will be Marc J. Semigran, MD, Heart Failure & Transplantation Center, Massachusetts General Hospital.

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 December will include:

1. December 2 – “Spondyloarthropathy” – Larry Brent, MD, Head, Division of Rheumatology, Albert Einstein Medical Center
2. December 9 – “Improving Cancer Care Through Effective Communication” – Ana Natale-Pereira, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Academic Medicine, Geriatrics & Community Programs, UMDNJ – New Jersey Medical School
3. December 16 – “Thrombolytic Therapy – Pulmonary Embolism” – Nirupama Kakumanu, MD, Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine
4. December 23 – No Grand Rounds – Happy Holidays
5. December 30 – No Grand Rounds

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 in Kasych Room 10. Topics to be discussed in December will include:

1. December 4 – Division Meeting – No conference
2. December 11 – “Cute Neurological Diagnoses” – Yuebing Li, MD, PhD – Will be videoconferenced to First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg
3. December 18 – “History of Neurology” – John E. Castaldo, MD
4. December 25 – No conference – Happy Holidays

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 December will include:

1. December 5 – “New QS Process” – Marion Nihel and Michael Sheinberg, MD
3. December 19 – “Fetal Surgery” – Ruben Quintero, MD, Visiting Professor, Department of OB/GYN, University of South Florida
4. December 26 – No Grand Rounds – Happy Holidays

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 December will include:

1. December 2 – “Pediatric Brain Tumors” – Philip M. Monteleone, MD
2. December 9 – “Sleep Related Breathing Disorders in Children” – Dharmeshkumar Suratwala, MD
3. December 16 – “Eosinophilic Esophagitis, the Lehigh Valley Experience” – Naser Tolaymat, MD
4. December 23 – Neonatology topic – TBA
5. December 30 – No Grand Rounds – Happy Holidays

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

Psychiatry Grand Rounds

“The Importance of Self-Esteem in Psychiatric Treatment” will be presented by Laurence P. Karper, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry (LVH-M), at the next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds on Thursday, December 18, beginning at Noon in the Banko Family Center on the LVH-Muhlenberg campus. Registration will begin at 11:45 a.m.

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

Schwartz Center Rounds

“The Impact of Complementary Therapies on Providers” will be presented by Bernadette Glenn Porter, Dr. Wendy Robb and Team at the next Schwartz Center Rounds on Wednesday, December 3, in ECC Room 1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m., followed by rounds at Noon.

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, December 3, 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 December will include:

1. December 2 – “Care of the Surgical Neonate” – William D. Hardin, Jr., MD
2. December 9 – “Perioperative Safety” – Thomas Whalen, MD, Michael Pasquale, MD, Aaron Bleznak, MD, and Tammy Straub, RN
4. December 23 – No Grand Rounds – Happy Holidays
5. December 30 – No Grand Rounds

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

**Brooks Betts II, DO**, Department of Family Medicine, gave a presentation titled “Fibromyalgia and Myofascial Pain Syndrome: An Osteopathic Approach” at the American Osteopathic Association 113th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar held on October 28, in Las Vegas, Nev.


**William D. Hardin, Jr., MD**, Vice Chair, Children’s Surgery, and Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgical Specialties, served as Chair for the meeting of the Southern Region Burn Association held October 30 to November 2, in Richmond, Va. While at the meeting, Dr. Hardin presented two papers – “The Aftercare of Pediatric Burns” and “Nine Years Directing a Pediatric Burn Center – Lessons Learned” – and coordinated a symposium on disaster management in burn care. Dr. Hardin is in the second year of a three-year term as chairman of the southern region.

On October 18, Dr. Hardin attended the 8th Annual Pocono EMS Council Conference and presented a paper titled “The ABCs of Pediatric Trauma.”


**Suzanne J. Templer, DO**, Division of Infectious Diseases, presented a poster – “Persistent Pulmonary Non-tuberculous Mycobacterial Disease: Readjusting Treatment Goals” – at the Infectious Disease Society of American convention held October 24 to 28 in Washington, DC.

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**LVHN Digital Library**

**BMJ Changes Publishing Model**

The *British Medical Journal* (BMJ) has changed the way it publishes content. Beginning in July, they began publishing content continuously online as soon as they became ready. This means BMJ updates several times a day. Once published online, articles will be selected from that content for print publication. Some articles will never be published in a print version.

This has implications for finding recent BMJ articles. They will simply appear as “e-versions.” Each will have a citation consisting of the year, volume and a unique e-locator (identifier) that will be used to cite the article.

It has not been determined whether PubMed will index all of these online only articles. At present, to find online articles in BMJ, it will be important to search the BMJ website (<http://www.bmj.com/search.dtl>) as well as PubMed.

Visit the Digital Library website - NOW EASIER TO FIND - from the intranet, click on Find Fast/Library Services.
Who’s New

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

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