Once upon a time, in the setting of George Gershwin’s musical *Porgy and Bess*, the lyrics read, “Summertime...and the livin’ is easy.” For many in our Network, the summer is a busy time. We welcome our new cohort of residents and watch over them carefully as they “go live” caring for patients. Most of us can remember the feelings of power and anxiety that accompanied the writing of our first set of orders — and having them carried out! New residents give us the opportunity to model professionalism and to encourage clinical learning, thoroughness, compassion, patient safety and personal growth.

In many ways, those who are helping residents learn are like coaches. They keenly observe from the sidelines, intervening periodically to provide context, strategy, guidance and encouragement. For “players” to learn best, they need to be responsible for their actions on the field, applying what they know, “keeping their heads in the game” and being open to direction. Practices, huddles and time-outs all provide opportunities for planning, assessment and feedback, personal reflection (i.e., time to think and process) and course correction, when needed. While coaching styles vary widely, the best coaches seem to blend their demand for excellence with their own good example and steady doses of encouragement.

Summertime is also a common time for vacations — some time for “rest and relaxation.” I enjoy looking at the origins of words: *vacation* comes from the Latin word meaning “empty,” which can be an appropriate description of the rest people need after running on empty. The word *recreate* is actually “re-create” — to make new again. Our profession is one that requires giving of ourselves in the service of others. It’s easy to become depleted if we don’t periodically take time to “get away” and rest.

Personally, I find that I do better if I actually leave my usual environs. A change of scenery helps me stop thinking about household chores or that little home repair that’s been waiting for me. Whether it’s a daytrip, a long weekend or a full block of time in your favorite

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destination, vacation gives us time and space to rest, relax, reflect and to renew our bodies, minds and spirits. Like a “time-out,” the action stops (or at least slows down), and we have time to change perspective, to focus in a different way on the people, places and things that bring us joy.

So, build in some vacation time in the coming weeks. It helps replenish our “margin.” Next month, I’ll share how some medical professionals are building in small cycles of reflection, recreation and renewal into their daily routines.

Have a great summer!

Robert J. Motley, MD
Medical Staff President

A few witty observations about vacations:

- Vacations are to be evaluated by determining which will run out first: energy or money.
- The best vacation is a long one on a short bankroll.
- A successful vacation is when you manage to change the color of the circles under your eyes from black to tan.
- Vacations are to be taken when you cannot take any longer what you have been taking.
- Vacations are a time when you get away from the people and places you love best, so that you can put up with them when you return.

NEWS FROM RADIOLOGY

Neurointerventional Call Now Available

With the arrival of a second Neurointerventionalist – Dr. Neil Patel – to the Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging, beginning July 8, there will be 24/7 call provided by the Neurointerventionalists. In addition, a separate Body Interventional call schedule will continue to be available.

Call schedules for both Neurointerventional and Body Interventional are accessible through the WebXchange paging system from the LVHN Employee Intranet homepage and are listed as follows:

- Interventional Neuroradiology
- Interventional Radiology CC
- Interventional Radiology LVH-M

The Neurointerventional call should be utilized for emergency diagnosis and management of ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke, uncontrolled epistaxis, as well as cervical and craniofacial trauma occurring after hours (from 5 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.), as well as on weekends and holidays. During regular workday hours (7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.), contact the respective Interventional Radiology Department directly – 610-402-8077 at LVH-CC and 484-884-4200 at LVH-M.

If you have any questions regarding Neurointerventional services, please contact Darryn I. Shaff, MD, Chief, Section of Neurointerventional Radiology, at 610-402-8759.
MEDICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Congratulations are extended to the following members of the Medical Staff who were recently elected to serve three-year terms as members at-large of the Medical Executive Committee, beginning July 1, 2013:

**Anthony G. Auteri, MD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of Gastroenterology  
*Eastern Pennsylvania Gastroenterology and Liver Specialists, PC*

**Holly L. Binnig, MD**  
Department of Family Medicine  
*Bethlehem Family Medicine*

**Ronald S. Freudenberger, MD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of Cardiology  
*Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists*

**Andrew C. Miller, DO**  
Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
*LVPG-Emergency Medicine*

**James K. Wu, MD**  
Department of Surgery  
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery  
Section of Cardiac Surgery/Thoracic Surgery  
*Lehigh Valley Heart and Lung Surgeons*

A special “Thank You” is extended to the members at-large, who completed their terms at the end of June, for their dedication and service to the Medical Staff as members of the Medical Executive Committee:

**Jeffery A. Debuque, DO**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Section of Hospital Medicine

**Kelly M. Freed, MD**  
Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging  
Division of Diagnostic Radiology  
Section of Genitourinary Radiology

**Vivian B. Kane, MD**  
Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine

**Martin E. Matsumura, MD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of Cardiology

**Frederic A. Stelzer, MD**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of Gastroenterology

Great Job!
Class of 2016 Summer Immersion

Between their first and second years, students in the SELECT (Scholarly Excellence, Leadership Experiences, Collaborative Training) Program are required to participate in a project related to the SELECT curriculum as part of their Summer Immersion.

The Summer Immersion is comprised of an individualized learning experience with an associated final project that demonstrates application, reflection, and synthesis of core competencies from the SELECT program (e.g., leadership, values-based patient centered care, and health systems). The students can work with a mentor to design a project or choose from projects submitted by individuals interested in mentoring a student. Thank you to the LVHN colleagues who submitted proposals.

A specific role of the mentor is to guide medical students with their summer immersion projects. Mentors are not research or project directors. The primary goal of this mentoring process is to guide and nurture the medical student’s development as a leader through the development of a project. Thus, the mentor engages the medical student in the process of acquisition, organization, analysis, and interpretation of information. The intent is that the student will develop the knowledge, attitude, and skills essential to becoming a forward thinking physician and leader. This guidance requires regular counseling of the student in the development of creative thought and guidance of the student in terms of execution of projects. The mentoring relationship fosters a multifaceted collaboration between the medical student and the faculty member.

This relationship of the mentor and mentee is a meaningful experience for the medical students, who get close contact with a faculty member while participating in the discovery process. It is also a meaningful experience for the faculty member who mentors a willing and motivated future colleague.

Self-Directed Learning/Reflective Activities

During the Summer Immersion experience, students also are involved in self-directed learning, taking the initiative and the responsibility for what occurs. These activities emphasize aspects of patient safety, quality improvement, access to care and communication.

Students also have weekly reflective activities. Reflection is a key component of professional development and life-long learning. Reflection activities are used to reinforce what students are learning. The students are given weekly prompts to help focus their reflections culminating in describing what they learned and how they will incorporate this into their personal/professional goals for the next year.

Student Projects

Sixteen SELECT students are working with mentors at LVHN. The other students are working in Tampa, Denver, Nicaragua, London and Turkey.

Thank you to the LVHN mentors for Summer Immersion 2013:

- Matthew W. Martinez, MD, mentoring Jacob Blount – Comparison of genetic findings and imaging in patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, mentoring Cameron Cover-Paterson and Philip Zegelbone – Geriatric Trauma Team
- Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD, mentoring Derek Djavaherian – Network Priorities and Performance Improvement Committee
- Susan Aloiz, MPA, mentoring Kelli Dunker – Physician leadership education and onboarding
- Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, mentoring Robert Duprey – Gender-Specific Research in EM Consensus
- Abby S. Letcher, MD, mentoring Stephanie Fosbenner – Superutilizer Project
- Elaine A. Donoghue, MD, mentoring Melanie Francis – Pediatric Complex Care Transitions Program
- Michael D. Pasquale, MD, mentoring Michael Goodwin and Daniel Myers – Surgical Clinical Guidelines
- David B. Burmeister, DO, mentoring Pamela Kim – ER discharge follow-up QI project
- Judy Sabino, MPH, CDP, mentoring Tabitha King – Cross cultural care within residency programs
- Martin A. Martino, MD, mentoring Norman McCoy – Integration of surgical simulation and gaming
- John C. Smulan, MD, MPH, mentoring Sasha Nelson – Care and management of complex pregnancies
- Bruce A. Ellisweig, MD, mentoring Joseph Stidham – Maintenance of dignity in the palliative care setting
- Robert J. Motley, MD, and Cathy Coyne, PhD, mentoring Monica Weinberg – Partnership of community-based organizations and local government agencies with healthcare organizations

For information about the SELECT program, Summer Immersion, faculty development, or if you are interested in mentoring a student next year, please contact Amy Smith, PhD, Medical Educator, Division of Education, Assistant Professor of Educational Affairs, USFCOM, at 610-402-2408 or via email at amy_b.smith@lvhn.org.
CT Simulation Available at LVH-Muhlenberg

People in Northampton County who need external beam radiation therapy to treat cancer can receive a full spectrum of care at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. The hospital’s Cancer Center now includes a CT simulator. This new standard of care allows radiation oncologists to precisely define the location and size of the treatment area.

CT simulation is used prior to external beam radiation therapy. Because CT simulation may be repeated during the course of treatment, having the simulator at LVH-Muhlenberg is time-saving and convenient for patients. According to Charles F. Andrews, MD, Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, “Almost no one receiving radiation treatments today should do so without the benefit of CT simulation.”

If you have any questions regarding this service, contact Dr. Andrews at 610-402-0700 or via email at charles.andrews@lvhn.org.

Prostate Cancer Multidisciplinary Clinic Offers Patients a Team Approach

If your patients are diagnosed with prostate cancer, they may benefit from the new Prostate Cancer Multidisciplinary Clinic. It meets twice monthly at the John and Dorothy Morgan Cancer Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest, from 1-3 p.m., in Suite 110.

Newly diagnosed patients meet with a team of caregivers, including physicians from Lehigh Valley Urology Specialty Care and LVHN radiation oncology, as well as a nurse navigator. Patients receive recommendations for the best course of care and a written medical opinion developed by the specialists. Other members of the cancer support team, including bilingual navigators, financial coordinators and a psychologist, are available to discuss patients’ concerns and ask questions.

To refer a patient, call the Multidisciplinary Clinic at 610-402-0588. If you have questions regarding this service, contact Angelo A. Baccala, Jr., MD, Chief, Division of Urology, at 610-402-6986 or via email at angelo_a.baccala@lvhn.org.

LVHN Digital Library

LVHN Scholarly Works Has a New Look

The LVHN Scholarly Works institutional repository, a digital space to collect and provide access to the scholarly activities of LVHN colleagues and affiliated health care providers, is not only up and running, but has a new look. New features include navigation and search capabilities to improve the usability of the site. As part of a network initiative, Library Services has been working on this project for over a year.

To date, there are over 1,250 records in the database, and there have been over 13,840 downloads. Scholarly Works consists of posters, articles, books, book chapters, and presentations. The repository is searchable by title, author, subject, keywords, and department.

A web-based tool, Scholarly Works can be accessed through the Digital Library’s Homepage by clicking on Scholarly Works; Google and other search engines; http://scholarlyworks.lvhn.org/; or www.lvhn.org under Research and Education.

Library Services will continue to roll out new features over the next few months, and will be offering education about copyright and negotiating author rights.

If you have any questions concerning Scholarly Works or issues navigating the website, please contact Library Services at 610-402-8410 or via email at LibraryServices@lvhn.org.
PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Gavin C. Barr, Jr., MD, Charles C. Worrilow, MD, and Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, members of the Division of Emergency Medicine, along with Kristen S. Friel, MD, Division of Obstetrics/Gynecology, Valerie A. Rupp, CRNP, LVPG Hospital Medicine at Cedar Crest, and Kimberly M. Hamilton, Regional Comprehensive Stroke Center, were co-authors of an article – “Training Mothers in Infant Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation With an Instructional DVD and Manikin” – which was published in The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, July 2013, Volume 113, Number 7.

William F. Bond, MD, Designated Institutional Official and Division of Emergency Medicine, authored an article – “Creating Incentives for Accountability in Patient Care” – which was published in Virtual Mentor, the American Medical Association Journal of Ethics, June 2013, Volume 15, Number 6.

James A. Burke, MD, PhD, Associate Chief, Division of Cardiology, was one of the co-authors of “ACCF/AHA/SCAI 2013 Update of the Clinical Competence Statement on Coronary Artery Interventional Procedures: A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association/American College of Physicians Task Force on Clinical Competence and Training (Writing Committee to Revise the 2007 Clinical Competence Statement on Cardiac Interventional Procedures). The article was co-published on-line on May 8 in both Circulation and Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions.

Martin E. Matsumura, MD, Division of Cardiology, and Yasser K. Khalil, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine, Section of Hospital Medicine, presented a poster at the American Heart Association/Quality of Care and Outcomes Research 2013 Scientific Sessions held on May 15, in Baltimore, Md. The title of the poster is “Use of an ED-Based Observation Unit Followed by Outpatient Stress Testing in Chest Pain Patients with Prior Coronary Artery Disease History: Evaluation of Safety and Prognostic Utility.”

HEPATITIS TESTING GUIDELINES AND INTERPRETATION UPDATES

Health Network Laboratories is updating its reflex algorithm for Hepatitis C (HCV) testing. Additionally, interpretive comments for both Hepatitis B and C test results will more closely align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.1,2

In 2012, the CDC augmented their previous recommendations for HCV testing3 to include a recommendation for one-time screening without prior ascertainment of HCV risk for persons born during 1945-1965. This guideline also stated that to identify persons with active HCV infection, persons who initially test anti-HCV positive should be tested by an HCV nucleic acid test (NAT) or ribonucleic (RNA) test.4 Quantitative NATs assess the level of viremia in the blood stream expressed as HCV viral load.

Viral load is a critical marker for the effectiveness of treatment and is the major determinant of length of therapy using established protocols that prescribe extension or abandonment of therapy5; it is not a reliable indicator of stage of disease.

Liver enzyme tests (i.e., alanine aminotransferase [ALT]) reflect the level of liver inflammation at the time of the test, but are subject to fluctuations associated with many factors other than HCV infection, including BMI and use of alcohol or medication, and as such are not consistent with the stage of liver disease.4

Effective June 3, 2012, all HCV antibody positive samples will reflex to HCV viral load, regardless of the signal to cutoff (S/Co) ratio. This will eliminate the need for a second blood draw and decrease the time required to determine active infection and referral for further medical evaluation for liver disease, ongoing medical monitoring and possible treatment.4

If you have any questions, please contact Bala Carver, MD, at 610-402-8142.

References:
CONGRATULATIONS

John-Paul Gomez, MD, Division of Child-Adolescent Psychiatry, was recently recertified in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He is also board certified in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine. Dr. Gomez has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 2006. He is in practice with Muhlenberg Behavioral Health.

Abby S. Letcher, MD, Department of Family Medicine, was recently recertified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Letcher has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 2003. She is in practice with Vida Nueva at Casa Guadalupe.

Joselito A. Ouano, MD, Department of Family Medicine, was recently recertified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Ouano has been a member of the Medical Staff since September, 2005. He is in practice with Blandon Medical Group and also practices at the Health Center at Moselem Springs.

J. Harry Pickle IV, MD, Division of Gastroenterology, was recently recertified in Gastroenterology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is also certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Pickle has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1990. He is in practice with Gastroenterology Associates Ltd.

Recipients of the Legacy of Excellence in Education Awards are as follows:

- Drew M. Keister, MD
  Asclepius Award in Family Medicine

- George A. Kirchner, DDS
  Christensen Award in Dental Medicine

- Rovinder S. Sandhu, MD
  Halstead Award in Surgery

- Steven A. Johnson, DO
  Mills Award in Emergency Medicine

- Eugene P. York, MD
  Osler Award in Internal Medicine

- William E. Scorza, MD
  Semmelweis Award in OB/GYN

- Claudia F. Busse, MD
  Jacobi Award in Pediatrics

In addition, the following members of the Medical Staff received Medical Student Teacher of the Year Awards:

- Richard S. MacKenzie, MD
  Emergency Medicine

- Robert J. Motley, MD
  Family Medicine

- Scott W. Berman, MD
  General Surgery

- Yehia Y. Mishriki, MD
  Internal Medicine

- Jay D. Varrato, DO
  Neurology

- Joseph E. Patruno, MD
  Obstetrics/Gynecology

- Elaine A. Donoghue, MD
  Pediatrics

- Mireille M. Meyershefer, MD, PhD
  Psychiatry
**ETHICS CORNER**

**A Tribute to a Founding Father of Medical Ethics: Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino**

On June 13, 2013, Medicine and Ethics lost one of their greatest contributors, Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino, at age 92. Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Medical Ethics and senior scholar at Georgetown’s Kennedy Institute of Ethics, he published over 600 articles and authored or co-authored 23 books. Dr. Pellegrino also chaired the President’s Council on Bioethics.

Dr. Pellegrino founded two departments of medicine (Hunterdon Medical Center and the University of Kentucky) and the Center for the Advanced Study of Ethics and the Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown. His influence on my career began when he became founding vice president of health sciences at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. His influence was still felt there decades later when I took my first faculty position at SUNY-Stony Brook in 1999. The offerings of Medicine in Contemporary Society reflected his passion for teaching medical humanities. I return every year to participate in the teaching of this unique 4-year course that covers topics from ethics, diversity and professionalism to business and law.

Dr. Pellegrino was a pioneer in teaching medical ethics, and began teaching residents in morning report. Dr. Pellegrino taught at the Kennedy Institute’s Intensive Bioethics Course every year. He even taught at this year’s course a week prior to his death, leading a small group all week and then ending with his usual and famous virtue ethics class. I met Dr. Pellegrino during the IBC in 2006. He was very approachable, kind and humble and his passion unmistakable.

What struck me most about his career and his contributions to medicine and medical humanities was his innovation. In an interview with Georgetown Magazine, he told them “I don’t feel possession, though I’ve started more than three different institutions from scratch, I don’t feel they belong to me. I love to get things started and hand it over to somebody else.” Dr. Pellegrino left behind a legacy everywhere he went. He touched so many institutions and lives, and that can never be adequately described in a CV.

We hope that we can reflect a bit of that passion and pioneering spirit at our institution. Our innovative SELECT program allows us a very unique opportunity not only to educate doctors in the medical humanities but future leaders. We have such rich, fertile soil to plant seeds not only with these medical students but all of the professional students, residents and fellows who call LVHN “home.” I believe that Dr. Pellegrino would embrace and encourage such a program in leadership, ethics and medical humanities to watch those seeds bear fruit. The following quote from his interview with Georgetown Magazine fuels this belief.

“Medicine is a moral enterprise and if you take away the ethical and the moral dimensions, you end up with a technique. The reason it’s a profession is that it’s dedicated to something other than its own self-interests.”

If you have any questions regarding this or any other Ethics topic, please contact Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chair, Ethics Committee, at robert.barraco@lvhn.org.
THE RETAIL PHARMACY VIEW

New Rules for Sunscreens

Following are a few new rules for sunscreens:

- Sunscreen products can no longer claim to be “Waterproof,” “Sweatproof,” or “Sunblocks.” They can claim to be Water or Sweat “Resistant,” but should be reapplied after swimming or if the individual is exposed for a long time, especially during the most intense UVA and UVB times between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Water resistant products must state that they stay effective for 40 or 80 minutes while swimming or sweating.
- Only products with an SPF 15 or higher can claim to reduce the risk of skin cancer and skin aging.
- Products are limited to show a maximum value of SPF 50+ because there is not sufficient evidence to show anything greater than 50 offers increased protection. It is generally believed that anything over SPF 30 offers minimal increased protection.

Calcium and Vitamin D Supplement Dispute

Recently, a study by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force concluded that there is insufficient evidence to assess the value of Calcium and Vitamin D supplementation for the primary prevention of fractures in healthy men and pre- and post-menopausal women. They recommended against the use of these supplements as a preventative measure. However, the National Osteoporosis Foundation and the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research took exception to these findings and still recommend the daily intake of 800 units of Vitamin D and 1200mg of Calcium for the elderly, and 600 units of Vitamin D and 1000mg of Calcium for healthy adults. Dairy products including milk, yogurt and cheese and foods fortified with Vitamin D and Calcium are the best dietary source.

FDA in Conundrum over Generic OxyContin

Presently, OxyContin represents 30% of the market for narcotic painkillers. In its original form, it spawned the name “Hillbilly Heroin” because the pill was easy to heat or crush. Users could then inject, snort or smoke the contents for a heroin-like high. Generic versions were available a few years ago and they added to the problem. Overdoses from painkillers caused more deaths in 2010 than heroin and cocaine combined. In 2010, Purdue Pharma, the manufacturer of OxyContin, infused the drug with a polymer that made it more difficult to crush, and the FDA pulled the generics from the market. Purdue spent $100 million to develop the innovation and it extended the patent to 2025 for that specific formulation. Generic manufacturers are lining up with their own versions to impede abuse. However, the FDA must decide whether to allow these to be available on the market to satisfy the legitimate demand for inexpensive yet effective generic painkillers.

New Products

- **Simbrinza: bimatoprost/brimonidine 1%/0.2%** - Reduction of elevated intraocular pressure in patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension.
- **Breo Ellipta: fluticasone/vilanterol** - Once a day inhaler for long-term treatment of COPD which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

New Generics

- **Zolmitriptan tablets and ODT: Zomig**

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding any of these topics, contact Jay Needle RPh, Manager, Health Spectrum Pharmacy – LVH-Muhlenberg, via email at jay.needle@lvhn.org or by phone at 484-884-7004.
Meet the APC Staff
A member of the LVHN Allied Health Professional Staff since January, 2007, Daniel B. Taylor, CRNP, is this month’s featured Advanced Practice Clinician.

A Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner with Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley, Daniel has a passion for trauma care. Every stage of his career is centered around the care of the acutely injured patient. Daniel started his career as an EMT. Then, after obtaining his nursing diploma from St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing, he held nursing positions in emergency medicine and critical care transport. He then attended Temple University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. During his nursing career, he served as a flight nurse with LVHN’s University MedEvac and the University of Pennsylvania’s PennSTAR, and has also held a number of nursing positions at St. Luke’s Hospital. Striving for further opportunities, Daniel earned his degree as an acute care nurse practitioner from Seton Hall University. Currently, he is pursuing his degree as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Seton Hall. This degree will further his ability to treat all ages of trauma victims.

As a trauma nurse practitioner, Daniel begins his rounds at 6 a.m., as he evaluates patients admitted to the hospital with traumatic injuries. Depending on the week and his assigned responsibilities, he evaluates and treats patients in the neuro trauma ICU, the transitional trauma unit, and the outpatient office.

Daniel is very involved with nurse practitioner training and is a preceptor for the University of Pennsylvania’s Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program. This year, Daniel was recognized as University of Pennsylvania’s Nurse Practitioner Preceptor of the Year.

When Daniel is not studying, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Kim, and their two sons. He enjoys attending his 15 year-old son’s baseball games and coaching his 12 year-old son’s basketball team.

Congratulations
The APC Executive Council would like to congratulate Alma N. Ohl, CRNP, Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists, for being honored as a “Woman of Heart” in conjunction with DeSales University School of Nursing and the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women Movement.

Alma is a glowing example of the leadership, empathy and collaboration exhibited by many of our APC colleagues throughout LVHN. We are proud to have Alma among our ranks of APC professionals.

Alma has been a member of the Allied Health Staff since October, 2009.

APC Quarterly Meeting
Please plan to attend the next quarterly meeting of the Advanced Practice Clinicians (APC) on Thursday, September 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Kasyech ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest. The election of two at-large members of the Executive Council will be held at the meeting.

To nominate a member of the APC staff for an at-large seat, please call 610-402-APC1 (2721). Leave a message including your name, your telephone number, and the name of the nominee. Deadline for nominations is September 2, 2013.
UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on Tuesday, July 2, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 10 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconference to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg. “Well Child Care and Preventive Care” will be presented by Suzanne I. Widmer, DO, Department of Family Medicine.

For more information, contact Tammy Winterhalt in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4950 or via email at tammy.winterhalt@lvhn.org.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds on Tuesdays at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6 at LVH-Cedar Crest, unless otherwise noted. The topics for July include:

- July 2 – Hematology/Oncology Topic – Lydia Boateng, MD
- July 16 – “EPIC: Pediatric Obesity Evaluation, Treatment and Prevention in Community Settings” – Kimberly Brown, MD, and Nancy Amici – Location: Kasych ECC Room 7
- July 23 – Adult Education Topic – Follow-up Milestones – Kris Rooney, MD

For more information, contact Cari Coelho in the Department of Pediatrics at 610-969-2540.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds will be held on Thursday, July 18, beginning at Noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg. The presentation will also be teleconference to Kasych ECC Room 3 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

“The Prescription Pain Pill Epidemic” will be presented by James H. Berry, DO, Medical Director, Chestnut Ridge Center Inpatient Acute Dual Diagnosis Program, Morgantown, W.Va.

For more information, contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at tammy.schweizer@lvhn.org.

Emergency Medicine Institute – Life Support Classes

Upcoming life support classes sponsored by the Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI) are listed below:

**Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)**

ACLS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to Noon, at the Emergency Medicine Institute located at 2166 S. 12th Street, Allentown, on the following dates:

- September 9, 10, 20
- October 16, 17, 21, 22
- November 12, 13, 25

In addition, two-day provider courses will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., on September 23 and 24 and November 14 and 15, at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

**Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)**

PALS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute on the following dates:

- August 7, 22
- September 16
- October 7, 31

In addition, two-day provider courses will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on September 4 and 5, October 3 and 4, and November 19 and 20, at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

Registration information and a list of additional classes are available on the EMI website. To access the website from the LVHN Employee Intranet homepage, select “Departments” – “Non-Clinical” – “EMI.”

For more information regarding these classes, contact Christine Ash at the Emergency Medicine Institute at 610-969-0299.
WHO’S NEW

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

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