New Chair of Surgery Arrives

On September 1, Thomas V. Whalen, MD, began his position as the new Chair of the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Whalen comes to Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J., where he was a tenured professor and served as Chief of the Pediatric Surgery Division and Program Director of the General Surgery residency.

Dr. Whalen received his undergraduate and medical degree from Boston University, where he also completed his surgical internship. He completed his General Surgery residency at the Navy Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va., followed by a two-year Pediatric Surgery fellowship (including Pediatric Renal Transplantation) at the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. Whalen has a Masters in Medical Management through the American College of Physician Executives (Carnegie Mellon University program). He holds fellowships in both the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Whalen also serves as a Regent for the American College of Surgeons and is a member of the ACGME Residency Review Committee for Surgery. He also represents the American College of Surgeons in the AMA’s House of Delegates.

Dr. Whalen and his wife, Elaine, have three adult sons – Daniel, Patrick and Kevin. Please extend a warm welcome to Dr. Whalen and his family.
Communication Handoffs and SBAR – What’s it All About?

“Dr. Levick, I’m calling about the patient in 14A. The hemoglobin is 8.8. What would you like to do?” Have you ever received a call such as this? Or, how about a sign out such as this from a colleague: “Room 21B, 80 year old stroke, check the drip and turn it up if she gets hypotensive.”

What’s missing in these two (exaggerated) examples? Certainly, several pieces of specific historical information and data would help. Identification of the patient and the person calling might help frame the situation. The current diagnoses, problems and medications would aid in deciding on a course of action. More specific recommendations would also be helpful; either from the nurse at the patient’s bedside or from your colleague who has been caring for the patient during the previous shift.

In many high risk contexts, such as a relay race or handling of air traffic, handoffs are practiced repetitively to optimize precision and anticipate errors. Handoffs of information are critical in healthcare, but are not taught or standardized. Only 8% of medical schools teach students how to hand off patients in a formal didactic session. Effective communication is becoming more important in healthcare as the environment changes. Examples of this include: more physicians now share in the care of a single patient (hospitalists, consultants, etc.); and recent changes to duty hours of residents has also fragmented care and increased the number of handoffs.

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Hand-off communication is one of the 2006 JCAHO National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG’s) aimed at reducing potential errors in patient care. A handoff is defined as the transfer of role and responsibility from one person to another in a physical or mental process. “Handoff’s are one of the most vulnerable areas for communication errors to occur.” In fact, communication failure between caregivers when transferring patient care is a root cause of 60% of reported sentinel events. (JCAHO Sentinel Events Statistics www.jcaho.org )

How do hand-off communications impact physicians? Any time there is a transfer of information concerning a patient, a handoff of information should occur. The most immediate impact will be how nurses will communicate information to you when they call with an issue. It also includes physician to physician sign-outs, physician to nurse communication, etc.

LVHHN has established a standardized communication tool called **Situation Background Assessment Recommendation or SBAR**. These tools work well in settings where there is variability in circumstances, the need to adapt processes quickly, a rapidly changing knowledge base, and highly trained professionals who must use expert judgment in dynamic settings.

Based on the SBAR format, it is suggested that all handoffs follow the following format:

... **Situation**: involves what you are concerned about

- Patient name and location
- Code status, if applicable
- Current problems
- Critical findings and potential implications

... **Background**: patient’s current clinical condition

- Key vital signs
- Interventions: oxygen, current medications, intravenous fluids, etc.

... **Assessment**:

- What the main problem is
- Overall status of the patient (stable, unstable, etc.)

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... Recommendation: what you suggest or request

Ω What needs to be done (tests, consults, check on patient status, etc.)
Ω What should be done based on potential circumstances that may occur or changes in patient status

Hand-off communication can be done verbally one on one, using handwritten, faxed, or computer generated reports. Whatever method is used, it is important that the receiver has an opportunity to ask questions and confirm information.

Over the next few months, you will notice that phone calls and other communications from nursing will assume this format. It should make the communication more complete and ultimately will improve care. CD’s have been produced that introduce and explain this tool. If you wish to view a copy of the CD, please contact Paige Renaldi in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8980.

The JCAHO National Patient Safety Goal – Hand-off Communication – is designed to improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers and providers. You, as a physician, play a key role in helping the care team to communicate the pertinent and necessary information about the patient to each other. Using the SBAR format will enable all of us to meet this goal.

Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA
Medical Staff President


Medical Staff Dues

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

Attention: Osteopathic Physicians

If you are an osteopathic physician, your Pennsylvania license will expire on October 31, 2006.

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

If your address has changed since your last license renewal, or if you do not receive your renewal notice by September 5, you may want to call the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine at (717) 783-4858.

Don’t take a chance of having your license expire!
Pennsylvania Mandatory Reporting Requirements

A few months ago, all of the hospitals in Pennsylvania received notification from the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General emphasizing the importance of the mandatory reporting requirements under Pennsylvania law in respect to pregnant patients under the age of 18. Following is an overview of the requirements you should know.

Who Must Report?

The Pennsylvania Crimes Code requires that any “physician, intern or resident, or any person conducting, managing or in charge of any hospital or pharmacy, or in charge of any ward or part of a hospital . . .” who comes upon any person “upon whom injuries have been inflicted in violation of any penal law of this Commonwealth . . .” is obliged to immediately report such injuries, “both by telephone and in writing . . .” While the obligation to report such injuries may not arise in certain limited situations involving adult victims, the reporting mandated by the Crimes Code applies without exception in the case of minor crime victims.

What Must Be Reported?

Sexual intercourse with a child less than 13 years of age is always a crime without regard to the age or relationship of the offender, and without regard to the “consent” of the child.

Sexual intercourse with a child less than 16 years of age is a crime if the offender is four or more years older than the child, and the child and offender are not married to each other.

In addition to the reporting mandated by the Crimes Code, Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Law also requires reporting when you come into contact with a pregnant child less than 18 years of age if the father of the individual’s child is a parent of the pregnant child, a person responsi-

ble for the welfare of the pregnant child, an individual residing in the same home as the pregnant child, or a paramour of the pregnant child’s parent.

To Whom Must Reports Be Made?

Both by telephone and in writing, reports must be made to the chief of police or other head of the police department of the local government or to the Pennsylvania State Police.

In situations involving Child Protective Services Law violations, in addition to making a report to the police, the County Children and Youth Office must also be notified.

What are the Implications for Reporting/Not Reporting

Failure to report as required by the Crimes Code is a summary offense punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

Failure to report as required by the Child Protective Services Law is a summary offense for the first violation and a misdemeanor of the third degree for a second and subsequent violation. Both types of violations are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

Pennsylvania law also provides that those making reports in good faith as required by the Crimes Code and the Child Protective Services Law are entitled to immunity from civil and criminal liability.

For more detailed information, please refer to the “Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and/or Neglect” policy in the Administrative Policy Manual.

If you have any questions regarding the mandatory reporting requirements, please contact Risk Management at 610-402-3000, or Legal Services at 610-969-2774.
Nominations Now Being Taken for Special Physician Recognition Awards

Mark your calendar! The next Physician Recognition Dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 31, 2007**, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville, Pa. Plan to attend the event to celebrate with your colleagues and recognize those who will be celebrating 25 and 50 years of service on the hospital’s Medical Staff. In addition to the years of service awards, four special awards will be presented at next year’s big event. These special awards will be presented to the individuals who best meet the criteria for each award. The awards and criteria for each are as follows:

**Community Service Award** – This award will be presented to the physician who best embodies the importance of participation in community activities in terms of service on boards, involvement in community groups, philanthropic interests, or other community activities over a period of years.

**Team Building Award** – This award will be presented to the physician who best embodies the ability to build a team of physicians, allied health professionals, or other health care workers and to nurture the cohesive actions of the team over a period of years.

**Physician Research Award** – This award will be presented to the physician who has shown excellence in the pursuit of academic activities in clinical research, primarily in terms of peer reviewed publications.

**Friend of the Medical Staff Award** – Given to the allied health professional, management professional, or other health care worker who over a period of years has shown exceptional ability in assisting physicians in improving the care of patients at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network.

Nominations for these awards will be accepted until **Friday, December 29, 2006**. To submit a nomination, please list the name of the award, the nominee’s name, your name, and a brief explanation of why you feel the nominee should receive the award, and send them to John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, P.O. Box 689, Allentown, PA 18105-1556, or send an email to john.hart@lvh.com.

If you have any questions regarding the Physician Recognition Dinner or the special awards, please contact Janet M. Seifert in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8590.

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**News from the Libraries**

**Recently Acquired Publications**

**Library at Cedar Crest & I-78**

... MacDonald. *Avery's Neonatology*. 2005

... Remington. *Infectious Disease of the Fetus and Newborn Infant*. 2006

**Library at 17th & Chew**


... Laskin. *TMDS An Evidence-Based Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment*. 2006

**Library at LVH-Muhlenberg**

... Mahadevan. *Introduction to Clinical Emergency Medicine*. 2005

... Mitchell. *Introduction to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*. 2006

If you have any suggestions for new books, please send them to Barbara Iobst in the Library at Cedar Crest & I-78.
University MedEvac Marks 25 Years of Saving Lives

This year, Lehigh Valley Hospital’s (LVH) University MedEvac helicopter program is observing its 25th anniversary, having provided lifesaving transport for more than 40,000 patients and flying the equivalent of 107 times around the world since the service began in 1981.

“An ongoing commitment to education and training is what makes the University MedEvac program so successful in saving lives,” says Michael D. Pasquale, MD, Chief, Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care. “The program always remains focused on its goal of getting the right patient to the right place in the shortest period of time.”

The first flight of what is now University MedEvac happened on May 11, 1981, when a helicopter leased through Keystone Helicopter Corporation of West Chester, Pa., landed on a 33-foot-wide parking area near the emergency department of Palmerton Hospital. A physician and a flight nurse loaded the first patient onto the helicopter for the 18 mile flight to Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest. At that time, the helicopter service conducted only inter-hospital flights.

In April 1982, MedEvac flew from Allentown to the scene of a car accident on Route 22 in Bethlehem and transported crash victims back to the hospital. This marked the start of a 24-hour medical transport program that could provide life-saving care to patients more quickly.

Michael Rhodes, MD, an LVH trauma surgeon, had seen the country’s first statewide air medical transport system in action while at the University of Maryland in the late 1970s and led the effort to begin a similar service in the Lehigh Valley.

At a news conference marking the 25th anniversary, MedEvac flight paramedic Tim Blackston (pictured above) landed at the Cedar Crest campus with Buster, his bulldog and the MedEvac crew’s mascot.

“I spent a year there and had an opportunity to witness the life-saving capability of air medical transport,” Dr. Rhodes says. “I brought that optimism and experience with me when I came back to the Lehigh Valley.”

With the support of LVH, EMS, and other first responders throughout the region and the opening of a new shock trauma unit at LVH in 1984 – designated the state’s first Level I Trauma Center two years later – MedEvac continued to grow. The service officially became University MedEvac in 1986 as part of a partnership between LVH and Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia with a helicopter stationed at each location.

LVH has added several aircraft over the years in surrounding areas including Berks, Monroe and Schuylkill counties to provide more immediate Level I trauma care to patients in rural areas.

Autopsy Reports

When an autopsy is complete, the findings will be made available to the decedent’s attending physician. In addition, a note will be sent to the consenting next-of-kin to inform them that the autopsy report has been completed and has been made available to the attending physician.
News from CAPOE Central

Critical Values – When not to call

You may have noticed the orange sheets on the chart that are used for documentation of “Critical Values.” Quality patient care and JCAHO guidelines recommend that physicians are notified when a nursing unit receives a critical diagnostic result. But what if the result is expected (a patient in renal failure with an elevated creatinine that is only slightly higher than the previous result)?

There is now an order that will notify our Nursing colleagues of value ranges for which NOT to call, even if the value is a “critical value.” The order is located under the Nursing Button in the Notify list, and is called “Critical Results Notify.” Results ranges for which you do NOT want to be called should be entered into the fields on the order. This will allow Nursing to accept a critical value and document why the physician was not called, based on this order.

Please remember to discontinue this order when the patient’s condition changes.

“Hey – I’m not the admitting physician for this patient”

There has been a new CAPOE order created to help when the incorrect physician is entered into the system as the admitting physician. The order is the “Correct Misassigned Admitting Physician.” It is located under the Admitting button on the CAPOE order pad.

Use this order if you are incorrectly listed as the admitting physician for a specific patient. Just enter the correct physician into the “Admitting Physician” field, and Patient Logistics and Bed Control will be notified and will make the change.

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

Documentation Improvement Tip of the Month

Complications related to accidental puncture or laceration during a procedure generally occur intraoperatively. The following are examples of documentation that would require coders to use the post op laceration code: Perforation by catheter or other instrument during a procedure on a blood vessel, nerve, or organ; Dissection of coronary vessel during PTCA/cardiac catheterization; and Documentation of dissection, tear, puncture, laceration, or nick of an internal organ intraoperatively. If the event is a normal expectation of the procedure, the physician must document that information in the medical record.
Construction Update

With the ongoing construction at Lehigh Valley Hospital, the following information may be helpful for you and your patients when visiting the Cedar Crest & I-78 campus:

Main Entrance
The road leading to the main entrance was recently paved and has reopened for traffic.

East Parking Deck
The installation of precast concrete panels continues on the first of two new parking decks in front of the hospital (pictured below). Because design changes have been made to increase its operational efficiency, the completion of the deck has been moved back to the original completion date (December, 2006). Through December, 284 panels weighing 5,761 tons will be delivered to the site. Traffic control will be in place as trucks enter and exit the site. Please use caution when driving near this area.

Pedestrian Bridge
The installation of the precast concrete panels is complete. Cast-in-place concrete installation, including the bridge’s walking surface, continues.

Kasych Family Pavilion
Window installation has begun. Precast panel and mechanical rough-in installation continue. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning units have been installed on the upper level of the building.

Mock-Up Patient Rooms
All colleagues are invited to tour mock patient care rooms in the 1247 building. These rooms look like the ones that will be built on the Cedar Crest & I-78 campus. However, before the real ones are built, your opinions and ideas are being solicited. To schedule a tour, please contact Brenda Rocchino at 610-402-8513 or email brenda.rocchino@lvh.com.

Designated Smoking Areas
Continue to remind patients and visitors that smoking is not permitted in front of the hospital and that LVHHN will become totally smoke-free on January 1, 2007. Direct smokers to designated smoking areas located behind the hospital. Additional signs outlining the smoking policy will soon be erected.

Parking Maps
Construction maps outlining PHASE II of the expansion project have been mailed to physician offices and outpatient treatment areas. If you need more copies of the map, please contact 610-402-CARE (2273).

To get the latest construction update or if you have any questions, please call 610-402-CARE.

Attention Physicians
If your patients’ blood sugar levels are borderline, please considering referring them to the Pre-Diabetes Education classes. These classes are held in two sessions, each two hours in length, at various locations throughout the network convenient for your patients. For more information, referral forms, or a schedule of classes, please call the VIP for Life Program at 610-969-2563.
Congratulations!

Richard D. Battista, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery/Hand Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, received a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from the United States Department of the Navy earlier this year. The award was presented to Dr. Battista for his meritorious service as Assistant Department Head of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., for his service from July, 2002 to July, 2004. The National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) was founded in 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. As the flagship of Navy medicine, the NNMC is the National Capital Regional Resource for homeland defense and care for the Nation’s leaders, including the President. Dr. Battista is in practice with OAA Orthopedic Specialists and has been a member of the hospital’s Medical Staff since October, 2004.

Edward E. Geosits, DO, Division of Primary Obstetrics and Gynecology, was awarded the 2006 National Faculty Award for Excellence in Resident Education from the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology for the second consecutive year. Dr. Geosits was unanimously voted the recipient of this award by the residents two years in a row for making a concerted effort to teach the residents on a regular basis, and his effort and preparation for lectures are unparalleled. Dr. Geosits is in practice with College Heights OB-GYN Associates and has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 1992.

Patrice M. Weiss, MD, Residency Program Director and Vice Chair of Education and Research, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was honored with a request from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology to serve as an Oral Board Examiner. Dr. Weiss will administer the Oral Boards in Dallas, Texas, in November, 2006. Dr. Weiss has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 1996.

Physician Referral Bonus Program

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHHN) has earned a national reputation for providing quality patient care. In order to maintain this level of clinical excellence, it is necessary to recruit well-trained and highly-skilled physicians. The demand for qualified physicians, coupled with the decrease in the number of physicians being trained each year, has created an extraordinarily competitive market. LVHHN is seeking your assistance in identifying physician applicants for hard-to-fill physician vacancies. If you refer a physician to fill one of the positions listed below, you can earn a $500 reward.

- Orthopedic subspecialists (trauma, foot & ankle, total joint)
- Pediatric subspecialists (pulmonary, neurology, endocrinology)
- Pediatric surgeon
- Cardiologists
- Gastroenterologists
- Maternal-Fetal Medicine subspecialists
- Hematologist/Medical Oncologist

To refer a physician candidate to the Physician and Executive Recruiting Department:

- Go to TAO Email
- Click on Bulletin Boards
- Click on Forms_/LVH
- Right click on Physician Referral Form
- Select “Use” form

If you wish to make a referral and do not have access to TAO Email or if you have questions regarding this program, please contact Frank Gallagher, Physician Recruiter, at 610-969-0275.
Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

General Medical Staff Meeting
The regularly scheduled General Medical Staff Meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, at 6 p.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, and videoconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

Light refreshments will be available at the meeting. All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

GLVIPA General Membership Meeting
The Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association Quarterly Informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, at 6 p.m., in the hospital’s Auditorium at Cedar Crest & I-78, and videoconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Room B, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

A panel discussion on Clinical Integration is planned for the evening.

If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Hildendenbrandt, Coordinator, GLVIPA, at 610-969-0423.

Bloodborne Pathogen Training for Physician/Dental Office Practices
OSHA requires annual bloodborne pathogen training for all personnel who have risk of exposure to blood or other potentially hazardous materials while working in a medical or dental office. The LVHHN Infection Control Department is offering a training program for physicians, dentists, nurses, office managers and other personnel who are responsible for providing annual OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard training to their staff. Other topics discussed will be the 2002 CDC Hand Hygiene Guideline, and an update on Pandemic/Avian Influenza.

Dates and locations of the one-hour program are as follows:

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg
Tuesday, September 12, 2006
Thursday, September 14, 2006
5:30-6:30 PM
Education Conference Center Room "C"

Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78
Monday, September 18, 2006
Tuesday, September 19, 2006
5:30-6:30 PM
Classroom #2, Anderson Wing

To register for one of the four programs, please call 610-402-CARE. Advanced registration is requested.

A nominal fee of $35.00 per person (fee is waived for LVHHN employees) is requested which includes all handouts and materials. A light snack and beverage will be provided.

For additional information, contact the Infection Control office at 484-884-2240.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds
Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds are held every Thursday, beginning at 8 a.m. (unless otherwise noted), at various locations. Topics to be discussed in September will include:

September 7 – LVH-M Educ. Conf. Center
... “Update on Pediatric Asthma” and “Preparing for Pandemic Influenza” – Rich Scarfone, MD, Associate Emergency Medicine Professor – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
... “Sub-Arachnoid Hemorrhage” – Jerome Deutsch, DO
... St. Luke’s Resident Lecture (TBA)

September 14 – LVH-M Educ. Conf. Center
... “GI Emergencies” – Kevin Roth, DO
... “Male GU Emergencies” – Ryan Tenzer, MD
... LVH Resident Lecture – Nilesh Patel, DO
... Rosen’s – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

September 21
No Grand Rounds – Resident excursion September 20

September 28 – EMI – 2166 S. 12th Street
... “Who Wants to be an ED Physician” – Tony Werhun, MD, and Perry Fooskas, MD
... LVH Resident Lecture – Adam Colombo, DO
... Rosen’s – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

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**Medical Grand Rounds**

Medical Grand Rounds are held every Tuesday, beginning at noon, in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, and videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg.

Topics to be discussed in September will include:

- September 5 – “Palliative Care in the ICU: Is it really the dark side?” – Daniel Ray, MD
- September 12 – “Varicella Zoster Update – Pediatric and Adult” – Anne Gershon, MD
- September 19 – “Lupus” – Raphael Dehoratius, MD
- September 26 – “Evidence Based Clinical Update in Geriatrics” – Catherine Glew, MD

For more information, please contact Theresa Marx in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-5200.

**Neurology Conferences**

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Fridays, beginning at noon, in Classroom 1 in the Anderson Wing at Cedar Crest & I-78, and videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics for September will include:

- September 1 – Canceled due to Labor Day
- September 8 – Tumor Board – Daniel Brown, MD, P. Mark Li, MD, and Josh Bemporad, MD
- September 15 – Case Presentations – Jay Varrato, DO
- September 22 – “Chiari Malformations” – P. Mark Li, MD
- September 29 – Division Meeting – Regular conference canceled

For more information, please contact Sharon Bartz, Program Coordinator, Neurosciences and Pain Research, at 610-402-9008.

**OB/GYN Grand Rounds**

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology holds Grand Rounds every Friday morning from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in September will include:

- September 1 – Gynecologic Oncology Tumor Board – Waleed Shalaby, MD, PhD
- September 8 – No Grand Rounds – Residents to attend surgery lab
- September 15 – “Cervical Cancer, Human Papillomavirus, and Prevention Through Vaccine” Collaborative Grand Rounds with Family Medicine, Medicine and Pediatrics – Sarah Stevens, MD, and Richard Boulay, MD (Please note time change – 7 a.m.)
- September 22 – “Medical and Surgical Treatment of Obesity” – Theresa Piotrowski, MD
- September 29 – “Genetics and ‘Soft’ Ultrasound Markers” – R. Douglas Wilson, MD, Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

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

**Pediatric Grand Rounds**

The Department of Pediatrics holds Grand Rounds every Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in the Educational Conference Room #1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in September will include:

- September 5 – “Near Drowning” – Sabrina Logan, MD
- September 12 – Grand Rounds Canceled
- September 15 – “Cervical Cancer, Human Papillomavirus, and Prevention Through Vaccine” Collaborative Grand Rounds with Family Medicine, Medicine, and Obstetrics and Gynecology – Sarah Stevens, MD, and Richard Boulay, MD (Please note time change – 7 a.m.)
- September 19 – “Normocytic Anemia” – Philip Monteleone, MD

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

At the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, held April 26-29, 2006, a number of presentations were made by members of the Department of Surgery. David Grossman, MD, General Surgery resident, presented the paper titled “Laparoscopic Partial Splenectomy.” Co-authors of this paper were Roberto CM Bergamaschi, MD, PhD, Division of General Surgery, and Laura Ludwig, DO, Fellow, Minimally Invasive Surgery Program. Posters by Dr. Bergamaschi and Dr. Ludwig presented at this meeting were titled “Laparoscopic Treatment of a Urachal Carcinoma” and “Impact of Laparoscopic Adhesiolysis and Recurrent Incisional Hernia Repair With Mesh on Gastrointestinal Quality of Life.”

Margaret L. Hoffman-Terry, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases, authored a review article, “Antiretroviral Therapy in Women,” which was published in May 2006, in Volume 1, Issue 1 of the Pennsylvania Medical Society’s education publication, Counter Details: The Education Difference.

Martin A. Martino, MD, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, co-authored an article, “Aggressive Angiomyxoma: A Case of Multiple Recurrences and Review of the Literature,” which was published in the May/June 2006 issue of the Journal of Pelvic Medicine & Surgery.

Stephen C. Matchett, MD, Chief, Division of Critical Care Medicine and Director of Telehealth Services, and John E. Castaldo, MD, Chief, Division of Neurology, were two of the co-authors of an article – “Predicting Mortality After Intracerebral Hemorrhage: Comparison of Scoring Systems and Influence of Withdrawal of Care” – which was published in Volume 15, Number 4 (July-August, 2006) of the Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases.

Yehia Y. Mishriki, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine, co-authored an abstract – “Angioimmunoblastic T cell Lymphoma” – which was presented as a poster at the Mid-Atlantic Region meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine on March 4, in Hershey.

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Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on Thursday, September 21, beginning at noon, in the Bank Family Center, Rooms 1 and 2, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The topic of discussion will be “Children and Divorce” to be presented by Richard Vargo, MA, Case Manager, Outpatient Therapist, and Behavioral Specialists Consultant for the Behavioral Health and Rehabilitative Services Department of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21.

For more information, please contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at 610-402-5766.

Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds will resume on September 12, and will be held on Tuesdays, beginning at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, and via videoconference in the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics for September will include:

... September 12 – “Surgery of the Gastroesophageal Junction” - Daniel Dempsey, MD, Chairman, Department of Surgery, Temple University Hospital
... September 19 – “Pancreatic Cancer” - Paul Mosca, MD
... September 26 – "Anesthesia for the Morbidly Obese Patient” – Louis Brusco, MD, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, Columbia University Medical Center

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

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

Medical Staff
New Appointments

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