LVHHN Announces Auxiliary of LVH Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine

At a special event held in the John and Dorothy Morgan Cancer Center on September 26, Michael S. Weinstock, MD, Chair of LVHHN’s Department of Emergency Medicine, was named the holder of the Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Weinstock, who was one of the first Emergency Medicine physicians in the country 30 years ago, has been with LVHHN for the past 10 years. His leadership helped oversee a successful hospital-wide initiative in 2002 to address discharge efficiency, bed management and patient flow through the Emergency Department (ED). The project reduced patient average total length of stay in the ED by nearly one hour and allowed them to be seen 30 minutes sooner on average.

The Department of Emergency Medicine has also helped to fund research for the Heart Help for Women (HHW) program. The HHW is an ongoing initiative to educate Lehigh Valley women, their families, and regional doctors and nurses on unique issues related to women’s heart health.

With the endowed chair, Dr. Weinstock plans to support and mentor LVHHN’s current Emergency Medicine physicians by allowing them to pursue research opportunities and further their education. In addition, as the Emergency Department expands, the endowed chair will also help to attract the best residents, physicians and nurses.

“This gift represents a tremendous opportunity for faculty development and research,” Dr. Weinstock said. “The future of emergency care is evidence-based medicine, and this endowed chair will help us to continue our mission to provide quality healthcare through research and education of our clinical staff.”

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From the President

The Left-Hand Column

Have you ever sat with a patient and while taking a history, began to have a conversation with yourself regarding the patient's comments? “Honest Doc, I tried to quit smoking but it's too hard with all the stress at home and at work.” And you think to yourself, “You think you have stress? Try sitting in my chair for a day, trying to learn a new electronic medical record while seeing 40 patients a day who won’t listen to my advice.”

Or, have you been in a meeting where you say one thing, but wish you could have said something different. “It sounds like a fine plan, I agree,” you say. But what you're really thinking is, “this is the fourth plan we are discussing, why don't we try it and move forward, and then revise the plan later based on our initial results. Otherwise, we’ll be here forever.”

How do we manage our thoughts - exploring the assumptions we make about what we hear, and making explicit our ideas that we are hesitant to express. One tool that may be helpful is called “the Left-Hand Column.” Divide a piece of paper in half lengthwise with two columns. Label the right-hand column “what is said” and the left-hand column “what I'm thinking.” In the right-hand column, write out what is actually being said or what you remember from the conversation. In your office, the patient's history and HPI can serve as the information for the right-hand column. During a meeting, you can write key statements from the conversation in the right-hand column. In the left-hand column, either during or after the office visit/meeting, write down what you were thinking and feeling but did not say at the time.

There are several ways to proceed once you have filled out the two columns. The goal is to move the constructive thoughts and ideas from the left-hand column (what is thought) to the right-hand column (what is actually expressed). A good way to start this practice is to review the document after the office visit or the meeting, and reflect on what you wrote in the left-hand column. Often, the interval will help clear your thoughts and allow any emotions to calm down. Did you “climb the ladder of inference” and make assumptions and judgments from your perceptions. “Well, this guy probably doesn’t want to quit smoking, so what’s the use in trying.” Or, did you test those perceptions using the ABC’s to ask and understand what was behind the statements. “Mr. Jones, help me better understand what is causing your stress, and maybe we can address that and help you quit smoking in the long run.”

We are all hesitant at times to ask these questions, knowing the potential can of worms we may open. When the day is too busy, I have written notes in the chart to remind myself to pursue issues at a future appointment, hopefully during a slower day in the office.

In the meeting scenario, you can create the document real-time as you take notes. This tool can help you think of alternate ways to respond, again drawing on the ABC’s of Effective Communication. “My perception is that we are spending excessive time trying to fine-tune the plan. I am concerned that we are not moving forward. I would suggest that we pilot the current plan and get feedback and measurements before we make any further modifications. I would appreciate any reaction regarding this idea.”

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In a group situation, this is not done without risk. If you reveal what is in your left-hand column, others may fill theirs in with thoughts such as “there goes Levick again – always complaining about how we do things. I wish he would do more and say less.” However, if more than one person shares the same concerns and believes the group is about to ‘take a trip to Abilene,’ then the efforts may prove valuable.

It is often valuable to share your left-hand column with someone you trust. This is a great way to test the assumptions and perceptions and work through appropriate responses that could be used at a later date or in the next meeting.

Combined with using the ABC’s of Effective Communication, the Left-Hand Column Tool is an effective way to make your own thoughts and feelings explicit to yourself, and possibly translating those thoughts into constructive stated ideas. Give it a try.

Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA
Medical Staff President

RESOURCES:


Attention: Allopathic Physicians

If you are an allopathic physician, your Pennsylvania license will expire on December 31, 2006.

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

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

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

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The Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital helped to fund the chair, and was supported, in part, by the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust.

“We made a decision four years ago to either buy a piece of equipment or fund this endowed chair,” said Thelma Cameron, President of the Auxiliary of LVH. “Equipment, although necessary, breaks down and gets replaced after a few years. We wanted to leave behind a legacy, so we unanimously voted to fund the endowed chair.”

“By perpetually funding education and research, The Auxiliary of Lehigh Valley Hospital Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine will help us continue to be a premier academic community hospital,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, President and CEO. “We liken our hospital to a tricycle. The smaller, rear wheels of education and research power the larger, front wheel of patient care. Our endowed chairs give our tricycle model the energy to create wonderful things for our community.”
National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week

November 5-11, 2006

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

What role do these professionals play in our hospital? They are the people behind the scenes who make certain the credentials of all practitioners who are caring for patients are correct and have been verified. Medical Staff Services professionals are experts in provider credentialing and privileging, medical staff organization, accreditation and regulatory compliance, and provider relations in the diverse healthcare industry. They credential and monitor ongoing competence of the physicians and allied health staff who provide patient care services in hospitals, managed care organizations and other healthcare settings.

In the years since this proclamation was issued, the work of Medical Staff Services professionals has increased in complexity and significance. This statement also holds true at Lehigh Valley Hospital. With a staff of 10, the Medical Staff Services team provides support to the Medical Staff Leadership and the various committees and functions of over 1,150 physicians, dentists, and podiatrists consisting of the organized Medical Staff, in addition to over 500 members of the Allied Health staff.

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

Members of the Medical Staff Services team include:

Front Row (left to right): Rita M. Mest, CPMSM, CPCS, Coordinator, Information Technology; Gloribel Nieves, Credentialing Coordinator; Ruth M. Davis, Director.

Second Row: Tammy Winterhalt, CPCS, Credentialing Coordinator; Karen L. Fox, Credentialing Coordinator; Paige Renaldi, Executive Secretary; Janet M. Seifert, Coordinator, Communications & Special Events.

Third Row: Barrie L. Borger, Coordinator, Information Technology; Kathy Schaeffer, CPMSM, CPCS, Credentialing Coordinator; John W. Hart, Vice President.

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

If you get an opportunity, take a moment to acknowledge their efforts during National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week – November 5-11.
**News from CAPOE Central**

**Patients moving from 17th ED to CC**

When patients are admitted to LVH-CC from the 17th & Chew ED, it is common that care has been initiated prior to the transfer. Most of the orders are one-time orders, but there may also be ongoing orders or medications such as drips. Please remember to review all active orders placed while the patient was in the ED by either the ED or admitting physicians. This is a similar situation to when patients are transferred out of critical care units. The accepted process is to review the active orders, discontinue any orders that no longer apply, and add new orders. This will facilitate care and reduce calls from pharmacy and nursing requesting clarification of orders.

**Recent CAPOE Compliance Trip Winners**

In recognition for the extraordinary effort by the Medical Staff to make Universal CAPOE a reality, we have continued the monthly drawing for the CAPOE Compliance Trip. Physicians and physician extenders with > 90% CAPOE compliance are eligible. The winners for the past several months are as follows:

- April – **Janice A. Stout, CRNP**, Valley Gastroenterologists
- May – **Steven T. Olex, DO**, Division of Cardiology
- June – **Donald E. Barilla, MD**, Division of Endocrinology
- July – **James J. Freeman, DO**, Division of General Internal Medicine
- August – **Maria B. McNally, RN, BSN**, Registered Nurse, OAA Orthopaedic Specialists
- September – **Jane K. Garnjost, DO**, Division of General Internal Medicine

We will continue the Trip Drawings through the end of this calendar year. Good luck to those who have not yet won, and thank you to all the CAPOE users for your efforts.

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.

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**New Policy Implemented for Review of Outside Reports Prior to Major Invasive Procedures**

At the meeting on September 5, 2006, the Medical Executive Committee approved implementation of the following policy:

“For patients in whom definitive therapy and/or surgery is planned at LVHHN on the basis of a pathology report generated at an outside facility, that pathology study and slides will be reviewed by the LVHHN Pathology Department. This pathology will be internally reviewed prior to the definitive therapy and/or surgery, unless this might result in an unacceptable delay in patient care.

In the case of outside imaging studies, the LVHHN physician may proceed with the procedure upon review of the imaging studies or consult with LVHHN Radiology consistent with clinical judgment in the management of an individual patient.

The process requires the patient to sign a release form which is then transmitted to the outside facility requesting that slides and/or studies be sent to LVHHN for review.”

If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact Peter E. Fisher, MD, MBA, Chair of the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, at 610-402-8140, or Robert Kricun, MD, Chair of the Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging, at 610-402-8088.
2006 National Patient Safety Goals

Reporting Hospital-Acquired Infections

In late 2003, the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) required general acute care hospitals to report all hospital-acquired infections (HAIs). Initially, hospitals were required to report surgical site infections for all orthopedic surgery, circulatory system surgery, and neurosurgery in addition to device-associated infections for central venous catheter associated bloodstream infections, ventilator associated pneumonias, and catheter associated urinary tract infections. PHC4 established an aggressive time line to incrementally add more categories of HAIs. By January 1, 2006, hospitals were expected to report all HAIs to PHC4.

PHC4 has published three Research Briefs since July of 2005 that have received widespread state and national attention. The reports highlighted the extent of HAIs and the financial burden they are placing on the health care industry. The overriding goal of the PHC4 is to issue a hospital-specific report on HAIs that is expected to be released sometime this fall.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) is also concerned about HAIs. The second requirement of National Patient Safety Goal #7 – Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections – is to manage as sentinel events all identified cases of unanticipated death or major permanent loss of function associated with a health care associated infection (HAI). There is significant evidence to demonstrate that some patients in health care settings acquire infections that result in an unanticipated death or permanent loss of function. In these circumstances, a root cause analysis is warranted in an attempt to answer the questions, why did the patient acquire an infection and, given the fact of the infection, why did the patient die or suffer permanent loss of function? Infection Control and Prevention initiates a root cause analysis when it is believed that the outcome associated with the HAI was not the result of the natural course of illness or an underlying condition at the time of admission.

It is expected that HAIs will continue to receive attention by state and regulatory agencies. LVHHN has initiated numerous quality improvement programs that target the reduction of HAIs that include participation in the IHI Save 100,000 Lives Campaign for the prevention of ventilator associated pneumonia and surgical site infections, and the implementation of silver coated urinary catheters for the prevention of catheter associated urinary tract infections.

If you have any questions regarding reporting hospital-acquired infections, please call the Infection Control and Prevention Department at 610-402-0680.

Physician Referral Bonus Program

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.
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:

Pedestrian Bridge
Crews have installed the bridge’s exterior glass panels. Interior work continues on the ceiling, and utilities are being installed.

Detention Area
A detention area is being created between the hospital property and the hospital’s neighbors to address drainage issues in their neighborhood. Because of this construction, many trees in the area were removed. For everyone’s protection, fencing has been installed along the property line where the detention basin is being created. To shield the neighbors from headlight glare, blue fabric has been added to the fence from the day care center to the entrance of the Physicians’ Parking Lot.

Surface Parking
Surface parking work has begun around the five-story parking deck adjacent to the Center for Advanced Health Care.

East Parking Deck
The installation of precast concrete panels is complete. Crews have applied concrete washes and have begun installing lighting fixtures, the sprinkler system, handrails and safety grates. The deck is scheduled to open by the end of this year.

Kasych Family Pavilion
Installation of windows, roofing, precast concrete panels and mechanical systems continues. Interior wall stud installation is ongoing.

To get the latest construction update or if you have any questions, please call 610-402-CARE.
At the most recent Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons held October 5-12, in Chicago, Ill., Thomas V. Whalen, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, was re-elected for a second term to the Board of Regents of the College. He was also elected to a position on the Ethics Committee on the Board of Regents and elected to a position on a new Patient Education Committee. In addition, he was also re-elected as a delegate from the American College of Surgeons to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

Congratulations!

News from Infection Control and Prevention

ChloraPrep® has been added to the chest tube insertion kits for routine use in antiseptic skin preparation during these procedures. ChloraPrep® is 2% chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) and 70% isopropyl alcohol. The combination of CHG and alcohol creates a formulation that is preferred over other skin preparation products such as iodophors due to its rapid bactericidal activity, persistent antimicrobial activity (48 hours), and effectiveness in the presence of blood and organic matter. Numerous evidence based guidelines have endorsed the use of chlorhexidine for skin antisepsis including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which states in the Guidelines for Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections, published in 2002, that “for cutaneous antisepsis....a 2% chlorhexidine preparation is preferred.”

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Infection Control and Prevention Department at 610-402-0680.

EAU Bridging Orders

Since the initial Express Admission Unit (EAU) opened at LVH-Cedar Crest four years ago, the EAUs at LVH-CC and LVH-M have been a very successful means of directly admitting patients to the hospital. The EAUs have also helped off-load the Emergency Department when there are a significant number of ‘boarders’ in the ED due to bed shortages of Med/Surg or low-level beds.

Unfortunately, there are still a significant percentage of patients who arrive to the EAUs without physician orders. In many cases, patients wait several hours until admission orders are received by the EAU staff. In one day recently, the average time between the patient’s arrival on EAU and the time initial orders were received was just shy of three hours. During this time, these patients had no initial diagnostics performed on them and were essentially NPO.

With this delay in mind, the Medical Executive Committee has approved a set of EAU Bridging Orders:

- CBC
- BMP
- Clear liquid diet (unless admission diagnosis is abdominal pain)
- Pulse ox check and 2 liters oxygen if SaO2 is < 92%
- EKG
- Hep lock (unless other access is present)

When your patient arrives at the EAU, you will be notified of your patient’s arrival. The nurse will read these bridging orders and ask if you have any additional orders you would like to place. This will give you the opportunity to enter further orders or delete any orders you feel are unnecessary.

If you have any questions about this, please contact either Sharon Clark, Director, EAU, at 610-402-1559, or Michael J. Pistoria, DO, Medical Director, EAU, at 610-402-8045.
Physician Assistance Program

The Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital recognizes that a wide range of problems in life can affect a physician’s health and well being, and, at times, professional performance.

In fact, studies conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety report that physicians, along with other caregivers, may have a higher than average risk of developing debilitating personal problems.

Since 1993, the Physician Assistance Program has been available to help members of the Medical Staff deal with personal problems before they affect health, family life, or professional effectiveness.

The Physician Assistance Program is a confidential (and if so desired, anonymous), professional counseling and referral service available to all members of the Medical Staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital and their dependents.

This service is provided through an agreement with Preferred EAP which operates the Lehigh Valley Hospital’s Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and has been involved with over 6,200 employees and dependents since 1985.

The Physician Assistance Program offers physicians and their families counseling services for a wide range of personal problems -- anything that can turn stress into distress -- including marital or relationship difficulties; depression and anxiety; alcohol or drug abuse; family problems, or stress from work or personal concerns.

Program users can choose from a multi-disciplinary team assembled to provide Physician Assistance Program services. This team includes:

... Michael W. Kaufmann, MD, Chair, Department of Psychiatry
... John C. Turoczi, EdD, licensed psychologist and member of the Allied Health Professional Staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital
... Staff of Preferred EAP including licensed social workers, masters level clinicians, and certified addiction counselors.

To use the Physician Assistance Program during normal working hours, telephone the Preferred EAP office at (610) 433-8550 or 1-800-327-8878, identify yourself ONLY as a member of the Lehigh Valley Hospital’s Medical Staff (or a family member), and ask to speak to the Clinical Manager, Robin Chase, or Program Director, Oliver Neith. Please note that callers may remain anonymous.

Ms. Chase, or the Preferred EAP receptionist, will conduct a brief telephone interview, offer a choice among the above listed provider team members, and advise the caller how to arrange an appointment. Other professional staff of Preferred EAP is available after hours to respond to emergency situations.

The number of visits will vary with the nature and severity of the problem. Up to five visits with Physician Assistance Program providers are available to active Medical Staff members (and their dependents) at no cost.

If there is a need for further service or treatment, a referral may be made to a private practitioner or community resource, or the user may continue with the original Physician Assistance Program provider on a self-pay basis.

For more information, contact Robin Chase or Oliver Neith at Preferred EAP at (610) 433-8550, or John W. Hart, Vice President, Medical Staff Services, at (610) 402-8980, or any member of TROIKA.

Documentation Improvement Tip of the Month

If the physician documents in the medical record that an abnormal amount of blood loss arose during or resulting from a procedure, the code for postoperative hemorrhage would be assigned. There are several other words and phrases that would prompt the coder to use the post-op hemorrhage code. Some examples are hemothorax following a procedure, hematuria from site of previous surgery, and abnormal or excessive amount of bleeding or hemorrhage occurring postoperatively.
Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

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 November will include:

**November 2 – LVH-M Banko Building**
- Visiting Speaker – Kevin Klauer, DO, Director, Quality & Clinical Education, EMP, Ltd., Department of Emergency Medicine, Doctors Hospital
- “Endocrine Emergencies” (non-diabetic) - Mark Guzzo, MD
- St. Luke’s Resident Lecture Series

**November 9 – LVH-M 4th Floor Classroom**
- Resident Lecture Series – Bock Moyes, DO
- “Child with a Limp” – Kevin Weaver, DO
- Resident Lecture Series – Ernest Sully, DO
- Rosen’s Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

**November 16 – EMI – 2166 S. 12th Street**
- Small Group Educational

**November 23 – No Grand Rounds**
- Happy Thanksgiving

**November 30 – EMI – 2166 S. 12th Street**
- M&M – Charles Worrilow, MD
- “Dental/Facial Trauma” – Richard MacKenzie, MD
- Rosen’s Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

For more information, please contact Dawn Yenser in the Department of Emergency Medicine at 484-884-2888.

Family Medicine Grand Rounds
Family Medicine Grand Rounds are held the first Tuesday of every month from 7 to 8 a.m., in the Educational Conference Center #1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, located in the Anderson Wing across from the Library, and teleconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Room B, at LVH-Muhlenberg, unless otherwise noted. The program for November is as follows:

**November 7**
- “The Medical & Surgical Care of the Obese Patient” – Richard C. Boorse, MD, Division of General Surgery, and Theresa A. Piotrowski, MD, Department of Family Medicine

For more information, please contact Sue Turi in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4894.

Geriatric Trauma Conference
The next Geriatric Trauma Conference will be held on **Wednesday, November 1**, beginning at noon, in Classroom 1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78. The topic of discussion will be “Geriatric Trauma Resuscitation” to be presented by Michael Pasquale, MD.

For more information, please contact Marie Locher, Trauma Development, at 610-402-8464.

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 November will include:

- November 7 – “When Hoof Beats Mean Zebras” – John Castaldo, MD
- November 14 – “Assistive Technology” – Phillip Bryant, MD
- November 21 – “Acute Renal Failure: Pathogenesis and Management” – W. Brian Reeves, MD, Chief, Division of Nephrology, Penn State – Hershey
- November 28 – “Irritable Bowel Syndrome: Major Advances in Understanding and Management” – David Katzka, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Health Systems

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, and videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in November will include:

- November 3 – Conference is canceled due to the day-long Jaeger/Tilly Neuroscience Nursing Conference to be held at Bear Creek Mountain Resort. (Please email sharon.bartz@lvh.com for a brochure.)
- November 10 – “Hemorrhage Stroke” – Auditorium – John Castaldo, MD

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... November 17 – “Patient Safety Issues” – Classroom 1 – Kristie Lowery, Manager, Patient Safety/Risk Management
... November 23 – Conference Canceled – Happy Thanksgiving

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 November will include:

... November 3 – “Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)” – Anna Giuliano, PhD, Visiting Professor
... November 10 – Journal Club – proctored by Aaron Bleznak, MD
... November 17 – OB M&M
... November 24 – Grand Rounds Canceled – Happy Thanksgiving

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 November will include:

... November 7 – “Supporting Breastfeeding in a Busy Office Practice” – Joseph DiSanto, MD
... November 14 – “Adolescent Sexuality” – Kelly Connell, MSEd
... November 21 – Family Panel Presentation (Parents Telling Their Stories)
... November 28 – TBA

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

Psychiatry Grand Rounds
The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on Thursday, November 16, beginning at noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.), in the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The topic of discussion will be “Motivating Smokers with Schizophrenia to Quit Smoking” to be presented by Marc L. Steinberg, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Co-Director, Tobacco Dependence and Psychiatry Disorders Program at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey.

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

Spine Conference
Conferences relating to spine cases are held the first Wednesday of every other month beginning at 7 a.m. Attendees typically include spine surgeons, neurosurgeons, pain management specialists, and radiologists, among others. All clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to this meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 1, in Educational Conference Room #1 in the Anderson Wing of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

For more information, please contact James C. Weis, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, or Lorraine Pasieka, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973-6339.

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 in the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics for November will include:

... November 7 – “Communication: The Good, the Bad and the Basics: Part 2 – Treatment Goals and Family Meetings” – Robert Barraco, MD
... November 14 – “The Medical and Surgical Treatment of Obesity” – Richard Boorse, MD, and Theresa Piotrowski, MD
... November 21 – TBA
... November 28 – “Terrorist Bombings: A Universal Model for the Surgeon’s Role in Disaster Preparedness and Management” – Eric Frykberg, MD, Professor of Surgery, University of Florida

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

Barry H. Glassman, DMD, Division of General Dentistry, gave a two-day course in Allentown on Dental Sleep Medicine in mid-September. Later that month, he presented a course at the Dawson Learning Center in St. Petersburg, Fla., titled “The ABC’s of TMD: Trigeminally Mediated Disorders.” Dr. Glassman also made a presentation at the Orthodontic, TMD and Sleep Conference presented by Rondeau Seminars. The seminar was held in Las Vegas, Nev., on October 5-8. Dr. Glassman’s presentation was titled “The Role of Dentistry in Sleep Medicine: Obstructive Disorders and Parafunctional Control.”

Nelson P. Kopyt, DO, Associate Chief (LVH-M), Division of Nephrology, authored Chapter 13 – “Chronic Kidney Disease” which was published in the book, Comprehensive Management of High Risk Cardiovascular Patients. The chapter describes Chronic Kidney Disease as a crisis in that it is “underdiagnosed,” “undertreated,” and the relationship to cardiovascular disease is “underrecognized.”

Lawrence P. Levitt, MD, Senior Consultant, Division of Neurology, and John E. Castaldo, MD, Chief, Division of Neurology, co-authored a book which should be released this month. The book – The Man with the Iron Tattoo – is a compilation of 13 different – yet equally touching – stories that have shaped these doctors. These stories, part medical mystery, part human spirit, remind us that doctor-patient relationships extend far beyond hospital walls, and that medical miracles don’t always involve medicine. They highlight the complexities of the human body and the obstacles doctors face each day as they confront medical challenges of all kinds. The book is a reminder of the difference doctors make in the lives of their patients, and just as importantly, the difference patients make in the lives of doctors.

Gary G. Nicholas, MD, former Program Director of the General Surgery Residency, published the article, “The Risk of Carotid Endarterectomy in Patients with Chronic Renal Insufficiency,” which was published in the 2006, Volume 63, issue of Current Surgery.

Lester Rosen, MD, Division of Col and Rectal Surgery, was a Visiting Professor at the 4th International Rectal Cancer Consensus Conference held at Lankenau Hospital on September 28. At the meeting, there was a panel on Neoadjuvant Therapy for Rectal Cancer with Edward Copeland III, MD, President-elect of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Rosen discussed Management of Rectal Cancers at Lehigh Valley Hospital. In addition, on October 3, Dr. Rosen spoke to a group of 80 national sales representatives at nearby Olympus Headquarters on the topic of “The Use of Colonoscopy and Screen for Colorectal Cancer.”

On September 9, Prodromos A. Ververeli, MD, Chief, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, and Eric B. Lebby, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, organized and conducted a seminar on Revision Hip and Knee Replacement Surgery. Lecture topics included revision options in hip and knee replacement, surgical techniques and wound management. The seminar was attended by physicians and allied health personnel from the regional tri-state area.
Who’s New

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

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