LVHNN Breaks Ground for New Patient Tower

On Thursday, August 18, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHNN) broke ground for construction of a new seven-story patient tower at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) – Cedar Crest & I-78 in Salisbury Township. LVHNN also honored benefactors Charles Kasych, Jr., and his sister, Anna Kasych, of Whitehall Township by naming the building the Kasych Family Pavilion.

The building, which will feature all private patient rooms, is the centerpiece of a $181.5 million expansion project on the health network’s largest campus to meet an ever-increasing demand for care by its patients.

In addition to the new patient care building, the expansion and renovations will include two parking decks for patients and visitors and a new medical office building with its own parking deck. The project also will increase the size of the Emergency Department, expand X-ray and CT scan testing areas, add operating rooms, more classrooms and education space, a larger cafeteria and expand parking for employees.

The new building is part of the largest expansion in the hospital’s history and will increase its size by about one-third to two million square feet. The Kasych Family Pavilion is expected to open in spring of 2008.

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Tragedy of the Commons

Think about the last time you were caught in a rush-hour traffic jam on Route 22. Everyone uses the road because it is the most direct route and they want to get home quickly. At first there is room for everyone, but after some critical threshold of traffic is reached, each individual driver who gets on the road brings about a decrease in average speed. Eventually, there are so many drivers that traffic crawls at a snail’s pace. As individuals, each driver feels he or she is a victim of the traffic. But in effect, they all conspired as a group to create the traffic pattern which blocks them. The value of the “public” good (the highway), as it is overused, lessens for everyone.

This recurring system is referred to as “Tragedy of the Commons.” The origin of this system comes from 14th century Britain, which was organized as a loosely aligned collection of villages, each with a common pasture for villagers to graze horses, cattle and sheep. Each household attempted to gain wealth by putting as many animals on the commons as it could afford. Explicitly or implicitly, each herdsman asked, “What is the utility to me of adding one more animal to my herd?” and concluded that the only sensible course was to add another animal to his herd, and another, and another. . . But this was the conclusion reached by each and every rational herdsman sharing the commons. And that is what led to the tragedy. Each man was locked into a system that compelled him to increase his herd without limit – in a world that was limited. As the village grew in size and more and more animals were placed on the commons, overgrazing ruined the pasture. No stock could be supported on the commons thereafter. As a consequence of population growth, greed, and the logic of the commons, village after village collapsed.

Are there any parallels in health care? The system occurs when people are sharing a common resource, such as patients, and the resource appears plentiful enough that everyone is able to see benefit. In reality, however, the resource is finite. Think back to the days of capitation (the early to mid 90’s) when managed-care companies controlled the commons. The fight for patients became quite intense as primary care physicians (PCPs) tried to act as specialists, and specialists made the case that they could function as PCPs. This system corrected itself (as most systems do), as patient demand for choice increased, eventually changing the face of managed-care in our area.

Can this system reoccur? Certainly, many physicians are as busy as they can be; and at times, patient demand for office visits and procedures surely feels endless. The natural response is to increase capacity (add more doctors, more beds, more inpatient and ambulatory OR’s). The potential exists, however, that capacity will grow beyond the finite limits of the system (total patients or total necessary procedures). At that point, the tragedy ensues and all parties suffer – gridlock in the traffic example cited above, or collapse of the villages. A tragedy of the commons can also occur when vital resources of the commons are removed. The commons contains areas of both rich and poor grasslands. What would happen if a select group of herdsmen arrange to expropriate the pasture’s rich “bottom land” for themselves? These herdsmen will raise a larger and more profitable herd. The remaining herdsmen must survive from the remaining areas, which are not as rich and productive. Given the opportunity, most herdsmen would move their herd to the richer ‘bottom lands’ of the commons. Eventually, the tragedy will ensue and all will suffer. This system is now being recognized in

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healthcare as specialty hospitals and other facilities open and move more lucrative cases out of the full-service community hospitals. Remove enough lucrative services from the community hospitals and the ecosystem (the community’s health safety net) collapses. This “tragedy” leaves all the remaining physicians and their patients “holding the bag” because the ability of the full service hospitals to cross-subsidize has been compromised.

Is there a way to avoid the tragedy? The fundamental solution is for the people involved to realize that their individual activities will collectively lead to problems for everyone. The system (the commons) cannot be managed individually, because each individual faces overwhelming pressure to keep using up the resource. One car driver can’t unilaterally fix gridlock by staying off Route 22; that will merely help the next driver get to work a bit faster. If many people decide to car pool, the impact on the overall traffic load can be dramatic.

Working together and finding unique solutions can preserve the commons and still result in a win-win solution.

Philosopher Herschel Elliott concluded that, if the tragedy of the commons is to be averted, “deliberate restraint is a moral necessity.” Ethical behavior within a commons, Elliott asserts, requires holistic or societal control. In this case, the Stark Physician Self-Referral laws may represent such societal control. As a healthcare community, we need to continue to find ways to collaborate and share the commons so a tragedy never occurs. Open communication among the various ‘herdsmen’ is critical to finding solutions and ensuring that everyone prospers. We have been quite successful in the past, working together to create an environment that benefits everyone – most importantly, our patients.

Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA
Medical Staff President

American Hospital Association Honors LVHHN for Leadership and Innovation in Quality, Safety and Patient Care

On July 27, LVHHN was recognized by the American Hospital Association (AHA) for its leadership and innovation in quality, safety and commitment to patient care. The AHA honored four organizations with its American Hospital Association McKesson Quest for Quality Prize - LVHHN; North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, Miss.; El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, Calif.; and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital in New York, N.Y.

The Quest for Quality Prize is supported by grants from the McKesson Foundation and McKesson Corporation. The prize honors organizations that are committed to improving safety, patient-centeredness, effectiveness, efficiency, timeliness, and equity as the basis of a comprehensive quality-oriented health care system and have made progress toward making this vision a reality that other hospitals can emulate.

The AHA recognized LVHHN with a Citation of Merit based on the following:

... The hospital has achieved success in engaging its staff in taking the lead in improvements related to timeliness and efficiency, including an electronic bed board system, an express admissions unit, automated discharge instructions, and thru-put improvement projects.

... Staff is encouraged to continuously identify opportunities to improve quality, safety and efficiency.

... In addition, the creative work of its inner-city campus to meet the needs of a growing Latino population provides a good model for addressing some equity issues.

“We are passionate about trying to provide the highest quality care in the safest environment for our community,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, President and CEO. “The key is measuring our progress and trying to get better by setting goals every day and recognizing that we will accomplish those goals by taking one step at a time, both individually and collectively as a team, and moving forward.”
News from CAPOE Central

The CAPOE Compliance Trip Drawing Returns

On August 15, the CAPOE Compliance Trip Drawing was held in the Medical Staff Lounge at LVH-Cedar Crest & I-78. Four winners were chosen, based on compliance from March, April, May and June 2005.

The winners are as follows:

... March – William R. Swayser, Jr., DO, Division of General Internal Medicine
... April – Angela R. Pistoria, PA-C
... May – Marcelo G. Gareca, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases
... June – John F. Wheary, DO, Department of Emergency Medicine

Congratulations to the winners.

RENEW Button - Back by Popular Demand

After a hiatus, the RENEW button is again available on the Order Profile screen, as of July 25, 2005.

Please remember to review the Order Profile screen for medications that are due for renewal. The medication that is due for RENEW will appear at the top of the orders list. The RENEW alert will appear the day prior to the end date of the medication, and will remain on the screen until midnight of the expiration date of the medication. To renew a medication or other order, click on the RENEW order, and click the RENEW button at the bottom of the screen. The confirmation screen will appear, and the new start and end dates will be listed. Click the ‘Complete Order’ button and the medication will be renewed for the same duration as the original order.

Note that Pharmacy will continue to generate the paper yellow RENEW sheets that appear on the charts, thus providing another reminder that a medication is about to expire.

Please contact the CAPOE team with any questions.

Universal CAPOE: What You Can Do To Help

With the Universal CAPOE requirement approaching in January, 2006, the CAPOE Team needs to be sure that all orders are available in the system. Please help in identifying orders that are not in the system or those that are difficult or confusing to place. The CAPOE Team will work to create any ‘missing’ orders and will do its best to fine tune any confusing orders. Please email Don Levick or use the CAPOE Web Feedback Form to provide the team with information. Your input is greatly appreciated and will be critical to CAPOE’s continued success.

PACU Orders – Alerting the PACU Staff

With more post-op orders being entered into CAPOE, the PACU staff needs to be alerted about post-op orders that should be started while the patient is still in the PACU. There are two things to remember about entering post-op orders. All of the post-op order sets contain an order, “Admit to PACU.” This order kicks off a report that alerts the PACU staff that there are orders on the patient. Diagnostic studies should use the frequency of “RRSTAT.” This frequency alerts the Radiology and PACU staffs that the study is to be done while the patient is in the PACU (and not to wait until the patient gets to the floor/unit). Most of the diagnostic studies in the order sets have the RRSTAT frequency as the default.

Please remember these tips when completing your post-op orders in CAPOE.

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.
“Today, we follow the lead of one of our region’s most respected visionaries,” said Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHHN’s President and CEO. “Leonard Pool more than 30 years ago chose to invest in his community’s health by building a superior, regional hospital. When this latest project is finished, Lehigh Valley Hospital will be able to care for even more members of our community, who are choosing our hospital’s services in record numbers.”

Kasych Family’s Generosity

Dr. Sussman said the naming of the Kasych Family Pavilion continues a legacy of LVH partnering with the community, including Carl Anderson, John and Dorothy Morgan and Fred Jaindl and his family to carry on Mr. Pool’s vision. He said Charles Kasych and his sister, Anna, have donated approximately 150 acres of farm land in Whitehall Township to LVHHN resulting in one of the largest contributions in the hospital’s history. Dr. Sussman said the Kasych family’s generosity was prompted by the care they have received at LVH, along with an interest in giving back to the community by sharing the benefits of the family’s successful business and real estate investments.

In his many conversations with the Kasychs, Joseph A. Candio, MD, their family physician, said it was clear to him that they wanted to help the community.

“Through their generosity, the Kasych family has taken a bold step to ensure that we, our children and our grandchildren will have this hospital as a valuable resource to stay healthy for generations to come,” Dr. Candio said.

Kasych Family Pavilion

The Kasych Family Pavilion, which will feature all private patient rooms, will include:

- First floor – Education and conference center
- Second floor – A new 32-bed intensive care unit (ICU)
- Third floor – A new 30 bed transitional open heart unit and an expanded 18 bed Regional Burn Center
- Fourth through sixth floors – Three new medical-surgical units with 90 beds total
- Seventh floor – Additional space to add new beds to meet anticipated community growth

Investing in Excellence Here at Home

Dr. Sussman also announced that in the spirit of the Kasych family’s gift, LVHHN is beginning a new capital campaign, “Investing in Excellence Here at Home.” He said the goal is to raise $45 million in support over the next five years. Charles and Anna Kasych have agreed to serve as honorary chairpersons for the campaign, Dr. Sussman said.
News from Infection Control

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 infection control issues related to resistant organisms: MRSA, VRE, VISA, VRSA, and ESBL.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Annual Training Program

Choose one of the following sessions:

- **September 9, 2005**
- **September 19, 2005**
- **September 26, 2005**
  5:30-6:30 p.m.
  1st Floor Conference Room
  Lehigh Valley Hospital- Muhlenberg

  OR

- **September 22, 2005**
- **September 29, 2005**
  5:30-6:30 PM
  Classroom #1
  Anderson Wing
  Lehigh Valley Hospital
  Cedar Crest & I-78

A nominal fee of $35.00 per person is requested which includes all handouts and materials. Light refreshments will be served. For registration information, please call the Center for Educational Development and Support at 610-402-2277.

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

New Products Available to Reduce the Incidence of Nosocomial Infections

At the end of August, the evaluation of two new products was initiated.

**Biopatch** – An antimicrobial dressing impregnated with chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) will be evaluated on all hemodialysis catheters. The circular super absorbant Biopatch dressing releases CHG at the site of catheter insertion for up to seven days significantly reducing the patient’s risk of acquiring a bloodstream or site infection. The product will be evaluated initially on hemodialysis catheters with expectations that the use of the dressing will be extended to other central and arterial line devices. Area dialysis centers will be notified of our dressing change and provided with information on the product.

**Bardex Foley Catheter System** – A new foley catheter system with antimicrobial agents will be evaluated house-wide. The catheter has a silver alloy coating that is clinically proven to reduce bacterial adherence and reduce catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs) up to three weeks. Antimicrobial agents are built into each component of the system to manage the five critical access points for bacterial contamination.

Comments or questions about the new products may be directed to Deborah Fry in the Infection Control Department at 610-402-0687.

Airborne Isolation Precaution Recommendations for HIV Positive Patients

HIV positive patients who are admitted with pulmonary infiltrates should be placed immediately in Airborne Isolation Precautions until they are fully evaluated for their risk of *M. tuberculosis* (MTB).

If you have questions regarding this issue, please contact Deborah Fry in the Infection Control Department at 610-402-0687.
Sleep Disorders Center Receives Accreditation from the AASM

Lehigh Valley Hospital’s Sleep Disorders Center at 17th & Chew has again been granted accreditation status from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM). The AASM is a professional membership organization dedicated to the advancement of sleep medicine and related research. Its mission is to assure quality care for patients with sleep disorders, promote the advancement of sleep research, and provide public and professional education. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine offers accreditation as a demonstration that a sleep center has met all standards set by the AASM such as employing skilled and qualified staff, creating a clean and comfortable environment, developing a quality assurance plan, and adhering to evidence-based practice parameters. The Sleep Disorders Center was first accredited by the AASM in 1995 and has since been re-accredited twice.

The Sleep Disorders Center is committed to improving public health and safety by supporting education, research, and advocacy. The staff is dedicated to providing you and your patients with excellent care and service and looks forward to serving you for years to come.

Thank you for your help and support.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact the Sleep Disorders Center at 610-402-9777, or Richard J. Strobel, MD, Medical Director, at pager 610-776-5559.

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Research Corner

Fungal Infection Trial – Micafungin vs. Caspofungin

This is a phase 3, randomized, multicenter, double-blind, comparative, parallel group, non-inferiority trial to determine the efficacy and safety of two dose levels of micafungin (Mycamine)—100 mg/day and 150 mg/day—versus caspofungin (Cancidas) as antifungal treatment for patients aged 18 years and older, newly diagnosed with invasive candidiasis or candidemia. Patients must have candidemia or invasive candidiasis, documented by at least one typical clinical sign or symptom and confirmed by fungal culture and/or histology—a patient whose sole diagnosis is oropharyngeal and/or esophageal candidiasis and/or with positive cultures only of urine, sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage specimens or samples from indwelling drains is excluded. Patients with an allergy or any serious reaction to the echinocandin class of antifungals, or who have received an echinocandin within one month prior to study entry will be excluded. Also, patients who have received more than two days of prior systemic antifungal therapy and patients receiving cyclosporine will be excluded.

Marcelo G. Gareca, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases, is the Principal Investigator.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Medicine Research office at 610-402-1635, or page the coordinator on-call at 610-402-5100 0999 with referrals.
DuoNeb Conversion

On August 18, the Pharmacy Department began the transition to DuoNeb nebulizer ampules. All patients with active nebulization orders for the concomitantly administered separate unit-dosed products, albuterol and ipratropium nebulizer solution, will now receive DuoNeb nebulizer solution (premixed ipratropium and albuterol). This effort will also be accompanied by a new entry onto the patients medication profile to correspond with this substitution. Patients on either product ALONE will continue to receive those single agents without any modification in their respective medication cassettes. This change will be effect for those doses administered post-cassette exchange for that day. Cassettes are generally exchanged at 1100 (LVH-CC) and 1400 (LVH-MHC) daily.

This product change was made at the request of the Respiratory Therapy Department and was approved by the Medical Executive Committee. It will hopefully reduce the number of nebulizations. Albuterol and ipratropium are utilized to maximize the response to treatment in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) by reducing bronchospasm through two distinctly different mechanisms: sympathomimetic (albuterol sulfate) and anticholinergic/parasympatholytic (ipratropium bromide). Simultaneous administration of both an anticholinergic and a (beta) 2-sympathomimetic is designed to produce greater bronchodilation effects than when either drug is utilized alone at its recommended dosage. Each 3ml individually foil-wrapped unit dose ampule contains 0.5 mg of ipratropium and 2.5mg of albuterol.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Jill Green, Assistant Director of Pharmacy, at 610-402-8885.

Home Infusion Pharmacy

Health Spectrum Pharmacy Services Infusion Division, located at 1247 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Suite 105, offers many services that can help you care for your home intravenous patients. Pharmacists specialize in home infusion medications including: TPN, antibiotics, chemotherapy, pain management medications, hemophilia, and more. Nurse clinicians are certified in PICC placement and are experts in all intravenous placement as well as troubleshooting intravenous access problems. The clinical staff is on call 24 hours a day/7 days a week. All supplies and medications are delivered directly to your patient’s home. Health Spectrum Pharmacy Services Infusion Division works directly with insurance companies, home care nurses, case managers, and physicians to ensure proper patient care at home. One call does it all: 610-402-1968.

For more information or to schedule a visit for your office staff, please call Amy Lewis, Clinical Sales Representative, at 610-402-1805.

Documentation Improvement Tip of the Month

E codes can be used to further describe external causes of injury and other adverse effects. These codes "paint" a better picture of what happened to a patient on a given date of service. E codes permit "classification of environmental events, circumstances, and conditions as to the cause of injury, poisoning, and other adverse effects." If a patient's hospitalization is the result of an injury, poisoning, or other adverse effect, please be as specific as possible in documenting the mechanism of the injury. In addition, for certain orthopedic cases such as rotator cuff tears, medial meniscus tears, and other joint derangements, it would be helpful to document whether these conditions are current injuries or due to old trauma or a degenerative condition.
**Congratulations!**

**Arvind K. Gupta, MD**, Division of General Internal Medicine, has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Gupta, who completed his internship and Internal Medicine residency at Lehigh Valley Hospital, has been a member of the Medical Staff since June, 2004. He is in practice with the LVPG-Hospitalist group, located at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

**John G. Pearce, MD**, Chief, Section of Mammography and Associate Director of Breast Health Services of LVHHN, has been selected for the second year running by Consumer’s Research Council of America to be included in the new 2004-2005 Guide to America’s Top Radiologists. Those physicians that make the list are evaluated by experience, training, professional associations and board certification. This system aims to avoid subjectivity while enabling a physician’s standing and reputation within the national medical community to be part of the assessment.

The Consumer’s Research Council of America is an independent, Washington, DC based research organization that provides consumer information guides for professional services throughout the United States. The Council, which strives to ensure an unbiased selection for the lists of America’s best, publishes guides for psychiatrists, pediatricians, surgeons, radiologists, family doctors, OB/GYNs, optometrists, dentists and ophthalmologists.

Under Dr. Pearce’s guidance, Breast Health at LVHHN performs nearly 40,000 mammograms per year, with Dr. Pearce himself reading an estimated 7,000-10,000 with accuracy that far exceeds the national standard. Under his leadership, Breast Health Services continuously ranks in the top 10 percent or higher in patient satisfaction when compared to other breast centers nationwide.

**Papers, Publications and Presentations**

“Physician Attitudes Regarding Cardiovascular Risk Reduction: The Gaps Between Clinical Importance, Knowledge, and Effectiveness,” an article co-authored by members of the staff, was published in Volume 8, Number 2, 2005 of *Disease Management*. Co-authors of the article include **John E. Castaldo, MD**, Chief, Division of Neurology; Jane Nester, LOVAR Co-principal investigator; Thomas Wasser, PhD, Department of Health Studies; Tamara Masiado, Department of Health Studies; **Michael A. Rossi, MD**, Chief, Division of Cardiology; Joseph J. Napolitano, Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, and the late **Mark J. Young, MD**, former Senior Vice President for Education and Research.

**Eric G. Gertner, MD**, and **Edgardo G. Maldonado, MD**, members of the Division of General Internal Medicine, made presentations at the first Pennsylvania Summit on Latino Health held in Harrisburg on May 25. Dr. Gertner presented on cultural competency training in undergraduate and graduate medical education. Dr. Maldonado presented on the issue of caring for Latinos who lack health insurance and undocumented Latinos. The event, which was attended by nearly 300 health care professionals interested in Latino health issues, was sponsored by the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

**Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, is Editor-in-Chief of a book titled “Surgical Treatment of Hemorrhoids.” The book was recently accepted for publication.

**Lou A. Lukas, MD**, Department of Family Medicine, was an invited speaker at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality’s 2005 Practice-Based Research Network Conference held in Washington, D.C., in late July. She presented “Community Care for Complex Illness (Research in Development).”

“Residency Recruitment and National Resident Matching Program Success,” an article written by **Jonathan J. Burke, DO**, and **Julie A. Dostal, MD**, Department of Family Medicine, and Lynn Deitrick, PhD, and Sharon Kimmel, PhD, Department of Health Studies, appeared in the *Letters to the Editor* section of the July-August 2005 issue of *Family Medicine*. 
Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

General Medical Staff Meeting

The regularly scheduled General Medical Staff meeting will be held on **Monday, September 12**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the **Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78**. The meeting will be videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. A brief business meeting will begin promptly at 6 p.m., followed by the guest speaker – Irwin M. Rubin, PhD.

Dr. Rubin, an internationally renowned author and lecturer, will present “Communication: Making the ‘Hard’ Case for the ‘Soft’ Stuff.” For the past 30 years, Dr. Rubin’s work has focused on working with health care organizations who share a simple but powerful premise: “Staff infections in the boardroom culture of a health care organization are as potentially lethal as ‘staph’ infections in the culture of the organization’s treatment room.”

In addition to his presentation at the General Medical Staff meeting, Dr. Rubin will be the guest speaker at Medical Grand Rounds on Tuesday, September 13.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

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 Room #1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. The topic for September is:

- September 6 – “Evidence-based Approach to Newborn Quality Improvement”

For more information, please contact Staci Morrissey in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-402-4950.

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

- September 6 – “Teaching Professionalism”
- September 13 – “Communication: Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say, Without Being Mean”
- September 20 – “Update on Cox-2 Agents and NSAIDS”
- September 27 – “TAI CHI CHUAN: The Best of Both Worlds”

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

GLVIPA General Membership Meeting

The Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association quarterly membership meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 27**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the **Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78**. Presentations at the meeting will include information regarding PA eHealth Technology, the Preferred Vendor Program, as well as other updates. Stay informed, plan to attend!

For more information, please contact Eileen Hildenbrandt, Coordinator, GLVIPA, at 610-402-7423.

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Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology holds conferences on Fridays beginning at noon in Classroom 1 at 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 2 – Division of Neurology Meeting (No Conference)
... September 9 – “Intracranial Hemorrhage”
... September 16 – “New Treatment in Malignant Glomia”
... September 23 – TBA
... September 30 – TBA

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 to 8 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 2 – Gynecologic Tumor Board
... September 9 – NO GRAND ROUNDS
... September 16 – “Recurrent Pregnancy Loss – Diagnosis and Treatment”
... September 23 – “Pregnancy-Induced Hypertension: Pathophysiology and Clinical Management”
... September 30 – TBA

For more information, please contact Teresa Benner in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at 610-402-9515.

Department of Pediatrics 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 6 – NO GRAND ROUNDS
... September 13 – “Autism: A 20 Year Experience”
... September 20 – “Margins of Viability: A Local Experience”
... September 27 – “Pediatric Trauma Update”

For more information, please contact Kelli Ripperger in the Department of Pediatrics at 610-402-2540.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on Thursday, September 15, beginning at noon, in the Banko Family Center, Conference Rooms 1 and 2, at LVH-Muhlenberg. The topic of discussion will be “The Treatment of Substance Abuse.”

For more information, please contact Natalie Kern in the Department of Psychiatry at 610-402-5713.

Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held every Tuesday, beginning at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78, and via videoconferencing in the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics for September will include:

... September 13 – “Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia: A Paradox of Recognition and Treatment”
... September 20 – “Use of Intestinal Segments in Urologic Surgery”
... September 27 – “Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy”

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

Who's New
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Department of Medicine
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Department of Family Medicine
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Division of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery
Section of Cardiac Surgery/Thoracic Surgery
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Division of Diagnostic Radiology
Section of Cardiovascular-Interventional Radiology/Neuroradiology
Provisional Limited Duty

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Section of Neuro Trauma
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Status Changes

Albert D. Abrams, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of Rheumatology
From: Active
To: Affiliate

Anthony L. Dimick, MD
Department of Pediatrics
Division of General Pediatrics
From: Associate
To: Active

Ross E. Ellis, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine
From: Associate
To: Active

Janet E. Erickson, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine
From: Provisional Active
To: Associate

Anne M. Helwig, MD
Department of Pediatrics
Division of General Pediatrics
From: Associate
To: Active

David J. Meehan, MD
Department of Pediatrics
Division of General Pediatrics
From: Associate
To: Active

Renee D. Morrow-Connelly, DO
Department of Pediatrics
Division of General Pediatrics
From: Associate
To: Active

Luis A. Tejada, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of Cardiology
From: Affiliate
To: Provisional Active

Addition to Departmental Assignment

Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH
Department of Surgery
Division of Trauma-Surgical Critical Care/General Surgery

Section of Pediatric Trauma

Two-Year Leave of Absence

Leslie L. Cormier, DO
Department of Medicine
Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology
From: Active
To: Active/LOA

Resignations

Lisa S. Dorshimer, DO
Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine

Sarah K. Finnerty, MD, MPH
Department of Emergency Medicine
Division of Emergency Medicine

Martin J. Fowler, Jr., DO
Department of Medicine
Division of Neurology

John D. Harwick, MD
Department of Surgery
Division of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

Kristin M. Ingraham, DO
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Division of General Internal Medicine

David P. Shu, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine

Joseph L. Spadoni, MD
Department of Emergency Medicine
Division of Emergency Medicine

Gregory J. Wilson, DO
Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine

Allied Health Staff

New Appointments

Megan L. Bruch, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(The Heart Care Group, PC – James A. Sandberg, MD)
Lori G. Cooper, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(College Heights OBGYN Associates – Thomas A. Hutchinson, DO)

Shirley R. Daniels, LPN  
Licensed Practical Nurse  
(The Heart Care Group, PC – Gerald E. Pylewski, DO)

Shirley J. Giansante, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG-Psychiatry – Laurence P. Karper, MD)

Deborah A. Haas, LPN  
Licensed Practical Nurse  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh Valley – Mark D. Cipolle, MD, PhD)

Stephanie L. Martin, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Neurosurgical Associates of LVPG – Stefano Camici, MD)

Amanda L. Thomas, CRNP  
Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner  
(Lehigh Valley Child Advocacy Center – John D. Van Brakle, MD)

Brian P. Ward, CRNA  
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist  
(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services – Thomas M. McLoughlin, Jr., MD)

Change of Supervising Physician

Constance A. Molchany, CRNP  
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
From: LOVAR Research – John E. Castaldo, MD  
To: Vascular Health Services – Matthew H. Corcoran, MD and Nelson P. Kopyt, DO

Kimberly A. Schultz, PA-C  
Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Medical Imaging of LV, PC)  
From: James W. Jaffe, MD  
To: Darryn I. Shaff, MD

Barbara-Anne M. Elmore, CCP  
Perfusionist  
(Perfusion Care Associates, Inc.)

David M. Paul  
Surgical Technician  
(Orthopaedic Associates of Allentown)

News from the Libraries

OVID

OVID has changed its look. The functionality is the same as before, however, the screens utilize tabs instead of icons. Also, the commands, i.e., perform search, have changed from green ovals to orange boxes. If you need assistance in adjusting to the new format, please contact the Library at 610-402-8410. If you would like a refresher course, contact Barbara Iobst, Director of Library Services, at 610-402-8408.

MD Consult

The MD Consult website now recognizes Lehigh Valley Hospital’s IP address, therefore, a user ID and password are no longer required to access it. The license is for five concurrent users. The sixth user will receive a message indicating MD Consult is not available.

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, please enclose the remittance part of the invoice for each doctor in the return envelope along with the check. If you have questions regarding Medical Staff dues, please contact Janet M. Seifert in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8590.