You've heard the phrase a number of times: “It's a miracle!” Whether it’s related to an unexpected cure, the first cry of a newborn or the improbable win of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team of amateurs over their professional Russian rivals (causing Sports Illustrated to name it the Top Sports Moment of the 20th Century), we are confronted by the question: “Do you believe in miracles?”

Dictionary.com (http://dictionary.reference.com) defines miracle as “an effect or extraordinary event in the physical world that surpasses all known human or natural powers and is ascribed to a supernatural cause; a wonder, a marvel.” I guess if you don’t believe in anything beyond the physical world, you can stop reading now. Many of us get to witness tragedy and sorrow in the lives of our patients—and sometimes we get to see something wonderful that doesn’t have a rational explanation.

We are trained as scientists. We live in a world that is guided by “evidence” – and yet, we know there are times when we are drawn out of the realm of evidence into the sometimes mysterious dimensions of our patients’ lives. Wonderful and unexpected things do happen here – “dead tissue heals, an unforgiving parent relents and embraces his son or daughter, a comatose, brain injured child regains consciousness and function. Just an “improbable” outcome? – or something more? Can we accept that we sometimes have no human explanation for what happens in our lives?

The holidays are a time for wonder, thanks and joy. For people of specific faith traditions, it is the light that continues to burn without oil or a child born in a manger. For others, it is a time to reflect on the Nguzo Saba (the 7 core values) or the renewal of the sun’s energy as we pass from shorter days to longer. We search for and celebrate something (or someone) greater than ourselves. When we find it, we are filled with joy – not the passing emotion of happiness, but a deeper and lasting “attitude of the heart.” Life can be joyful when we allow mystery to remain – it is an affair of the head and the heart.

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As the holidays come upon us, I’m taking an *appreciative approach* to greeting my colleagues. Rather than the politically correct “Happy Holidays,” I’m starting by asking, “Do you celebrate a particular holiday at this time of year?” If they do, I try to incorporate that into my wishes for them. If they don’t, I wish them joy for the coming New Year. As we approach the end of the year, thank you for all that you do for yourself, for your patients, your colleagues and all of the important “others” in your life. Remember, you may be part of the “miracle” of someone else’s life.

Robert J. Motley, MD
Medical Staff President

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**LVHN HOSPITALS ACE LEAPFROG SAFETY RATINGS**

Lehigh Valley Health Network’s (LVHN) two hospitals – Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg – each received an “A” grade from The Leapfrog Group in its fall 2013 update to the Hospital Safety Score. The rating reflects how well hospitals protect patients from accidents, errors, injuries and infections. It is designed to give the public information that is useful for choosing a hospital for care. The health network’s hospitals have received straight A’s since the inaugural Patient Safety Score was published in 2012.

According to Ronald W. Swinfard, MD, President and CEO, “Hundreds of thousands of American patients die or are injured each year by a health system that’s supposed to help them. That’s why we support frequent monitoring by groups like Leapfrog. Our industry continues to make improvements in patient safety, and we must maintain a tireless focus on this major challenge to help transform our system into one that our patients deserve and of which we truly can be proud.”

Lehigh Valley Hospital made a list of safest U.S. hospitals published in the April-May edition of AARP The Magazine. LVH is one of three hospitals in Pennsylvania – and just 66 in the nation – included on the list. Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, and Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, also made the ranking. The Magazine teamed up with The Leapfrog Group to showcase what some of the most innovative hospitals are doing to prevent errors. Having hospital intensivists care for the sickest patients and using computerized provider order entry (CPOE) were highlighted on the AARP website (www.aarp.org/safehospitals) as contributors to LVH’s impressive safety record.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety score is compiled under the guidance of the nation’s leading experts on patient safety. Hospital scores can be viewed and compared by visiting www.hospitalsafetyscore.org, which also gives safety tips for patients and their families. The score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to award an A, B, C, D or F representing a hospital’s ability to keep patients safe from preventable harm. The group reviewed more than 2,500 U.S. hospitals this fall, with only 813 organizations earning A’s for this marking period.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent, national, nonprofit organization using the collective leverage of large purchasers of health care to initiate improvements in the safety, quality and affordability of health care for Americans.
“Dictator of the Year” Awards Presented

On August 6, the HIM Transcription Department presented the Golden Telephone Award to Margaret S. Tretter, DO, Section of Hospital Medicine, who was named “Medical Dictator of the Year.” Of all the members of the Medical Staff, Dr. Tretter was nominated as one of the top 25 dictators based on overall dictation quality, clarity, and organization. Dr. Tretter has been a member of the Medical Staff since January, 1992. She is in practice with Lehigh Area Medical Associates of LVPG Allentown.

This also marked the first year for an award to be given to a well-deserved Allied Health professional. Alan L. Bryski, PA-C, was the recipient of the “Allied Health Dictator of the Year” certificate. Mr. Bryski has been a member of the Allied Health Staff since November, 2011. He is in practice with LVPG-Psychiatry.

Both practitioners consistently demonstrated the seven steps to better dictation practices:
1) Gathering pertinent patient information before picking up the phone
2) Selecting an appropriate setting to dictate
3) Using the right kind of equipment
4) Taking the time to organize thoughts
5) Focusing on entering correct codes into the system
6) Speaking clearly in a normal tone at an even pace
7) Clarifying first and last names of collaborating providers

For additional information regarding dictation best practices or ways to improve your dictation techniques, contact Gloria Farng, Transcription Operations Manager, at 610-969-3862 or gloria.farng@lvhn.org.

CMIO Update

Daily EKG? I don’t think so

As of December, the “EKG x3 in AM” order will be eliminated from the Heart Station menus. If an EKG is required, it can be ordered using the single EKG order or the “EKG Orders - Now or tomorrow AM” order set. This order set orders the EKG for now and provides an option to order an EKG in the AM. See the highlighted order below. The reason for the change is to ensure that actual EKG orders are entered into the system. “EKG x3 in AM” order is a Nursing order and does not actually transmit the EKG order to the Heart Station. To eliminate any potential confusion, the order will be eliminated. This should also result in more appropriate ordering of EKGs.

If you have any questions regarding this topic, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Information Officer, at 610-402-2480 or via email.
CONTINUED USE OF SQ INSULIN PUMPS IN THE HOSPITAL SETTING: NEW PROCESSES/CAPOE ORDER SETS TO BE IMPLEMENTED

The growing prevalence of persons who self-manage their diabetes with insulin pump therapy requires hospitals to have standard policies and guidelines in place to direct appropriate care of these patients during hospitalization. The Diabetes Management Quality Improvement Team (DM QIT) has developed several new processes to improve the care, safety, and satisfaction of these patients.

1. **New CAPOE order set** “Insulin Pump Regulated Per Patient”
2. **New Procedure** “Care of the Patient with Subcutaneous Insulin Pump Therapy”
3. **New “Patient/caregiver agreement”**
4. **New preferred placement** of these patients upon admission to the following units: Cedar Crest – 4K, 5K, 6K, 5B, 6B, PCU and LVH-Muhlenberg – RHCM, 6T. Note: Specialty areas such as peds, MBU areas, and behavioral health will continue to admit these persons as appropriate.
5. New RN documentation fields for bolus doses, site assessments, set changes, etc.
6. Education for Staff RNs

Beginning December 17, 2013, the admitting provider must activate the new CAPOE order set called “Insulin Pump Regulated per Patient” if it is determined the patient is safe to continue their insulin pump upon admission. The new order set provides a required Endocrinology consult and has key elements needed for safe ongoing nursing care of patients allowed to continue pump use. (See screen shot)

Within 24 hours of order activation, a credentialed diabetes provider will be reviewing a new agreement with the patient/caregiver which clearly outlines the role of the patient, provider, and RN staff with continued pump use. The agreement will be placed in the consent section of the chart after signature.

**Important safety consideration:** If there is any concern as to whether the patient or caregiver is able to safely continue self-management of their insulin pump during acute illness, then it is critical to initiate another form of insulin, either IV or SQ basal/bolus if the pump will be discontinued. It is not safe to have a patient/caregiver disconnect their insulin pump longer than one hour, without a form of basal insulin in place. DKA can develop quickly if basal insulin is absent for more than one hour.

When admitting and allowing these patients to continue insulin pump self-regulation, please help LVHN minimize potential harm by specifying admission to the identified units. This measure is designed to maximize RN comfort levels/expertise in overseeing the care of these patients, and ultimately decrease patient safety events.

For more information about continued use of insulin pumps in the hospital, refer to the policy located on the Diabetes Management Intranet (under Find Fast)/Diabetes Clinical Practice Guidelines and Policies page.

If you have any questions regarding this article, please contact Joyce Najarian, RN, MSN, CDE, Program Manager Inpatient Diabetes, at 610-402-1731.

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CMS 2013 DISCHARGE CODES

Effective October 1, 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has implemented the use of additional discharge codes that will reflect a provider’s intention to have a patient readmitted to the hospital for a planned procedure.

If your patient fits this scenario, please document in the medical record that the patient will be returning to the hospital along with the reason. Ultimately, this will eliminate this event from being counted as a readmission for the hospital. **The key is: the plan must be documented either in your progress notes or in the Discharge Summary.**

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Maureen Sawyer, LSW, ACM, Director of Case Management, at 610-402-1738.
CONGRATULATIONS

**Danielle E. Durie, MD, MPH**, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine/Obstetrics, was recently certified in Maternal-Fetal Medicine by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is also certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Durie has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2011. She is in practice with LVPG-Maternal Fetal Medicine.

**Daniel J. Eyvazzadeh, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was recently certified in Colon and Rectal Surgery by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery. He is also certified in Surgery by the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Eyvazzadeh has been a member of the Medical Staff since October, 2012. He is in practice with Eyvazzadeh and Reilly Colon & Rectal Center.

**Jolene M. Hahn, CPCS**, Credentialing Coordinator, recently became certified through the National Association of Medical Staff Services (NAMSS) as a Certified Provider Credentialing Specialist (CPCS). A CPCS is an integral part of the credentialing team for a healthcare organization including, but not limited to, hospitals (health systems), health plans, ambulatory care settings, group practices and credentialing verification organizations. The CPCS exam tests specifically in the areas of credentialing, privileging and primary source verification. Candidates must have a total of three years of experience within the past five years and must be in the medical services profession for at least the past 12 consecutive months. In addition, candidates must have hands-on experience with the application of accreditation standards and experience with conducting credentialing activities. Jolene has been a member of the hospital’s staff since December, 2002, and has been a member of the Medical Staff Services team since November, 2010. Jolene joins three of her Medical Staff Services colleagues – Rita Mest, Karen Fox and Kathy Schaeffer – who have also achieved this certification.

**Tatyana Kemarskaya, MD**, Division of Geriatrics/General Internal Medicine, was recently recertified in Geriatric Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. She is also certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine and in Hospice and Palliative Medicine by the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Kemarskaya has been a member of the Medical Staff since January, 2008. She is in practice with LVPG-Internal/Geriatric Medicine.

**Robert J. Kruklitis, MD, PhD**, Chief, Division of Pulmonary, was recently recertified in Critical Care Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is also certified in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Kruklitis has been a member of the Medical Staff since January, 2004. He is in practice with Pulmonary Associates of LVPG.

**Sharon E. Maynard, MD**, Division of Nephrology, was recently recertified in Nephrology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. She is also certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Maynard has been a member of the Medical Staff since January, 2011. She is in practice with Valley Kidney Specialists, PC.

**Jeffrey R. McConnell, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery/Spine Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was recently recertified in Orthopedic Surgery by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. McConnell has been a member of the Medical Staff since April, 2003. He is in practice with OAA Orthopaedic Specialists.

**Henry L. Schairer, Jr., MD**, Division of Nephrology, recently completed the Federal Aviation Administration’s basic aviation medical examiner seminar. He is now a designated aviation medical examiner. Dr. Schairer has been a member of the Medical Staff since July, 2003. He is in practice with Valley Kidney Specialists, PC.

**Michael F. Szwerc, MD**, Chief, Section of Thoracic Surgery, was named to the Executive Council of the Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society for 2014. Dr. Szwerc has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2005. He is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart and Lung Surgeons.
**PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Eliot L. Friedman, MD**, Chief, Division of Hematology & Medical Oncology, presented a poster – “Thoracic Multidisciplinary Clinic and the Treatment of Stage III Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer” – at the World Conference on Lung Cancer held in Sydney, Australia, in October. Dr. Friedman also presented the poster at the American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Symposium held in San Diego, Calif., in November. Authors of the poster, which was generated from the Thoracic Multidisciplinary Clinic, include Dr. Friedman; **Michael F. Szwerc, MD**, Chief, Section of Thoracic Surgery; **Robert J. Krukitis, MD, PhD**, Chief, Division of Pulmonary, and Michael Weiss, Biostatistician.

**Barry H. Glassman, DMD**, Division of General Dentistry, gave three full-day presentations at the British Dental Association in London, England, on October 23-25. The topics included “Principles of Occlusion and Occluding; Parafuncional Control for the General Dentist,” “Chronic Pain, Headache, and Joint Dysfunction: Diagnosis and Treatment Concepts” and “Theory and Practical Hands-On Examination Techniques and Appliance Design.” In addition, on October 28, Dr. Glassman presented a full-day lecture – “Principles of Occlusion and Occluding; Parafuncional Control for the General Dentist” – at the Edinburgh Royal College of Physicians in Scotland.

**Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH; Deepak A. Jayant, DO, and Gavin C. Barr, Jr., MD**, members of the Department of Emergency Medicine, along with Pamela H. Kim and Robert T. Duprey, Medical Students, and Brent H. Steinweg, DO, and Benjamin R. Preiss, DO, Residents, co-authored the article – “Unique Obstacle Race Injuries at an Extreme Sports Event: A Case Series” – which was published online November 18, 2013, in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.

**Abby S. Letcher, MD**, Department of Family Medicine, presented “Use of ‘Time Banking’ to Create a ‘Community of Support’ for High Service Use Patients” at the Family Medicine Education Consortium Northeast Region meeting held November 1-3, in Philadelphia, Pa. She was also part of a workshop titled “Leading a Sustainable ‘Super-Utilizer’ Intervention.”

**Donald L. Levick, MD, MBA**, Chief Medical Information Officer, presented a poster related to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) perinatal grant, of which he is the Principal Investigator, at the 2013 American Medical Informatics Association National Conference in Washington, DC, on November 18. The poster was titled “A Mixed Method Study of Information Availability on Pregnancy Outcomes” and was created with Lehigh University, the collaborating institution.

**Robert J. Motley, MD**, Medical Staff President and member of the Department of Family Medicine, led a themed breakfast discussion on “Modern Natural Methods for Fertility Care and Family Planning” at the Family Medicine Education Consortium Northeast Region meeting held November 1-3, in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Michael C. Nguyen, MD, David M. Richardson, MD, Richard S. MacKenzie, MD, Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, and Bryan G. Kane, MD**, members of the Department of Emergency Medicine, along with Steven G. Hardy, MD, and Rachel M. Cookson, DO, Residents, and Bernadette Porter, Scholarly Activities Coordinator, co-authored the article – “Computer-based Reminder System Effectively Impacts Physician Documentation” – which was published online November 11, 2013, in the *American Journal of Emergency Medicine*.

**Brian Stello, MD**, Department of Family Medicine Vice Chair, Quality and Research, presented “Genomics in Primary Care: the Promise of Personalized Medicine” at the Family Medicine Education Consortium Northeast Region meeting held November 1-3, in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Nicole R. Sully, DO**, and **Breanna L. Henry, DO**, members of the Department of Family Medicine, presented the results of the Department of Family Medicine’s Quality Improvement Project at the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association’s Care Management Committee meeting held on October 22. The presentation was titled “Forming Patient Care Teams and the NCQA Application: Several Quality Improvement Projects.”

**Michael F. Szwerc, MD**, Chief, Section of Thoracic Surgery, gave a presentation on Minimally Invasive Robotic Assisted Management of Esophageal Diverticula at the 60th Annual meeting of The Southern Thoracic Surgical Society held October 30, in Scottsdale, Ariz. In addition, Dr. Szwerc presented “Robotic Assisted Operations for the Management of Lung, Esophageal, and Mediastinal Diseases” at Pottstown Memorial Hospital’s grand rounds on November 6.

**Mark A. Wendling, MD**, Department of Family Medicine, presented “Ensuring Quality Care Through Communication” at LVHN’s Healthcare Quality Week 2013 program on October 22.

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Members of the Department of Emergency Medicine presented four abstracts at the American College of Emergency Physicians Scientific Assembly and Research Forum held October 14-15, in Seattle, Wash.

- “Management of Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo: A Randomized Control Trial,” authored by Regina R. Sacco, DPT, BA, BHSc, David B. Burmeister, DO, Valerie A. Rupp, CRNP, and Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, was presented by Dr. Burmeister.

- “Modified CAGE as a Screening Tool for Mechanical Fall Risk Assessment: A Pilot Survey,” authored by Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, Michael C. Nguyen, MD, Bernadette G. Porter, Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chief, Section of Geriatric Trauma, Brian Stello, MD, Arnold R. Goldberg, MD, Department of Family Medicine, Anita Kurt, PhD, RN, and Bryan G. Kane, MD, was presented by Dr. Greenberg.

- “Gender Differences in Emergency Department (ED) Patient Mechanical Fall Risk and Openness to Communication with Providers,” authored by Bryan G. Kane, MD, Michael C. Nguyen, MD, Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Brian Stello, MD, Arnold R. Goldberg, MD, Bernadette G. Porter, Anita Kurt, PhD, RN, and Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, was presented by Dr. Kane.

- “Implementation of a Rapid Assessment Unit (Intake Team): Impact on Emergency Department Length of Stay,” authored by Richard S. MacKenzie, MD, David B. Burmeister, DO, Jennifer A. Brown, RN, Melissa Teitsworth, RN, BSN, Christopher J. Kita, MEd, Megan J. Dambach, DO, Shaheen Shamji, DO, Anita Kurt, PhD, RN, Susan Friend, and Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, was presented by Dr. MacKenzie. This poster was selected to be in the iPoster category. Only a few posters received this honor which allows it to be viewed on the ACEP website for 12 months after the meeting.

PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

ICD-10 Q & A/The Basics

What is ICD-10?
ICD-10 is the 10th version of the International Classification of Diseases, replacing ICD-9 which is over 33 years old. ICD-10 is the new coding system we will all be using for reporting ALL diagnoses and hospital procedures. ICD-10 consists of over 156,000 codes (ICD-9 had only about 18,000).

When does ICD-10 Start?
October 1, 2014

Will it affect me?
Yes, every aspect of the healthcare system will be affected.

Why so many codes?
1) Laterality codes. Specifying left and right adds 25,626 codes alone.
2) Expanded injury and poisoning code section. There are almost 40,000 injury and poisoning codes in ICD-10 compared to 2,587 in ICD-9, largely due to the left/right distinction and also to specifying the stage of treatment of the injury (initial, subsequent/follow-up, or sequelae).
3) Much of the remaining increase comes from an increase in the level of anatomic specificity.

As a provider, what things do I need to begin documenting?
1) Laterality
2) Anatomic site specificity
3) Episode of care (initial, subsequent, sequela)
4) Etiologies of diseases
5) Manifestations and complications of diseases

Actual ICD-10 Code Examples:
- I21.21 ST elevation (STEMI) myocardial infarction involving left circumflex coronary artery
- E09.52 Drug induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic peripheral angiopathy with gangrene

If you have any questions, please email John Pettine, MD, FACP, CCDS, Director, Clinical Documentation Improvement Program, at john.pettine@lvhn.org.
FDA Limit of Acetaminophen 325mg per dosage unit begins January 14

In January 2011, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) notified manufacturers that the maximum amount of Acetaminophen (APAP) in any combination product will be 325mg and gave them three years to comply. The FDA believes that limiting the amount of APAP in prescription products will reduce the risk of severe liver injury from APAP overdosing, resulting in liver failure, liver transplant and death.

- The FDA indicates that this will not change the effectiveness of the drugs since they are in combination with an additional pain medication.
- This should not change the prescribing habits for the drugs, but caution should be taken to not exceed 4000mg of APAP per day (a maximum of 12 tablets containing 325mg).
- The FDA instituted a Black Box Warning to the labels of all APAP containing products.
- Advise patients not to exceed the dose prescribed and not to add additional APAP products including some over the counter cold remedies.
- Due to the rare cases of APAP allergies, caution patients to seek immediate medical attention if they experience swelling of the face, mouth and throat, difficulty breathing, itching or rash.
- At this time, there is no FDA mandated change to over the counter products.

Supplies of products that have more than 325mg of APAP will dwindle and eventually become unavailable. Standards, such as Vicodin 5/500, Vicodin ES 7.5/750, and their generics, will disappear. Prescribers will receive calls from pharmacies for prescription changes when the old dosages are unavailable. In the case of the narcotic entities, new prescriptions will have to be issued because a change in the dosage, even of the non-narcotic part, requires a new written prescription.

More FDA news

In early December, the FDA will submit a formal request to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to reclassify Hydrocodone containing products from Schedule III to Schedule II – Narcotics.

All CFC Inhalers will be phased out by end of year. The last remaining CFC product – Combivent – has been replaced by Combivent Respimat that uses a mechanical propellant system.

New Drugs:

- **Aquoral Spray:** Artificial Saliva. Prescription only for relief of dry mouth.
- **Breo Ellipta** Inhaler: Fluticasone Furoate and Vilanterol: Once daily LABA + Inhaled Corticosteroid for the treatment of COPD. (Think once daily Advair 250/50 - but different ingredients)
- **Duavee Tablet:** Conjugated Estrogen and Bazedoxifene: Combination of Conjugated Estrogen and Estrogen agonist for treatment of hot flashes and osteoporosis prevention.
- **Epaned** Powder for oral suspension: Enelapril: Flavored liquid to treat high blood pressure in children over one month and others who have difficulty swallowing.
- **Otrexup** Injection: Methotrexate: Easy to use injectable for RA, Psoriasis, and Juvenile Arthritis – once weekly dosage.
- **Sabril:** Vigabatrin: Add on therapy for refractory complex partial seizures in children 10 and older who have not adequately responded to other treatments. Limited use due to risk of vision loss.
- **Tetracycline:** 250 and 500mg: After a long absence, the antibiotic returns to the market!
- **Zohydro ER** Capsule: Hydrocodone: 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, and 50mg: DEA Schedule II – Because it is a single entity, it was classified as a Narcotic (see More FDA news)- BID dosing for management of severe pain.

New Generics:

- **Aciphex:** Rabeprazole
- **Exalgo:** Hydromorphone ER
- **Cymbalta:** Duloxetine
- **Vivelle-Dot:** Estradiol Patch - Estrogen

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding any of these topics, contact Jay Needle, RPh, Manager, Health Spectrum Pharmacy – LVH-Muhlenberg via e-mail at jay.needle@lvhn.org or by phone at 484-884-7004.
Meet the APC Staff

A member of the LVHN Allied Health Professional staff since February, 1992, Ramon (aka Ernie) Deeb, CRNA, is this month’s featured Advanced Practice Clinician.

Ernie is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist with Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services. As a Nurse Anesthetist, Ernie manages patients during their entire perioperative course. Prior to surgery, he performs a physical assessment of the patient to prepare for the administration of anesthesia. For patients, the reality of surgery can be a very scary thing, but Ernie enjoys very interactive conversations with his patients during this time to ease their fears. Then, at the time of the operation, he administers anesthesia to the patient in order that the patient will be without pain, unable to move, and unable to remember the procedure. Due to the medications required to achieve general anesthesia, intubation is necessary and the patient’s respirations are mechanically controlled. As a CRNA, he stays with the patient during the entire surgery or procedure and affectionately states he is the “patient’s guardian angel.” He monitors the patient’s vital signs and overall status during the surgery. At times, this responsibility requires the administration of medications, intravenous fluids, or blood products to stabilize the patient. Ernie then oversees the recovery of the patient from anesthesia in the recovery room.

Outside of the operating room, Ernie uses his skills to provide sedation or anesthesia for many procedures in the GI Lab, Electrophysiology Lab, Echo lab, and MRI suite. He also responds to trauma alerts to assist with airway management and anesthesia. Airway management is a large part of Ernie’s daily tasks, and he is known for his willingness to teach residents and EMTs to develop expertise with intubation.

In his spare time, Ernie organizes fundraisers that raise funds for families of fallen police officers. To date, he has raised approximately $23,000 for these causes. Ernie enjoys spending time with Sheri, his wife of 27 years, and his 21 year old daughter and 19 year old son. To relax, he enjoys fishing and cooking.

LVHN Digital Library

New Resource Available through the Digital Library - REPROTOX®

Library Services has recently added the REPROTOX® database to the Digital Library. REPROTOX® provides data on male and female fertility, pregnancy, lactation, and neonatal development. There is information on clinical, experimental animal, and in vitro studies, and it includes more than 5,000 agents and exposures.

Drugs and more...

Some of what REPROTOX® covers besides prescription and non-prescription medications includes:

- Occupational chemicals
- Pesticides
- Radiation
- Diagnostic procedures
- Diseases
- Vaccines
- Herbs
- Dietary supplements
- Foods
- Stress
- Hot tubs

While this database is designed to be a counseling tool, it also contains reviews on topics of general interest in reproductive medicine, such as perspectives on possible effects of parental exposures on the fetus.

To access REPROTOX® from the Digital Library’s Homepage, go to LVHN Intranet > FIND FAST > Library Services and click on REPROTOX®.

If you have any questions regarding this new database, contact Library Services at 610-402-8410.
UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Combined General Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians Meeting
A combined meeting of the General Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians will be held on Monday, December 9, beginning at 6 p.m., in Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

Please Note: this meeting will NOT be teleconferenced to LVH-Muhlenberg.

To celebrate the season, hot and cold hors d’oeuvres along with refreshments will be served.

All members of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians are encouraged to attend. Please remember to bring your ID badge for registration.

2014 General Medical Staff Meetings
Please mark your calendars – the dates for the General Medical Staff meetings for 2014 include:

- Monday, March 10
- Monday, June 9
- Monday, September 8
- Monday, December 8

Meetings will begin at 6 p.m., and will be held in Kasych ECC Rooms 7 and 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and videoconferenced to ECC Rooms C and D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

If you have any questions regarding General Medical Staff meetings, contact Linda Maurer in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-9129.

Cardiology Grand Rounds
Cardiology Grand Rounds will be held on Friday, December 6, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room D at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“The Evolution of Cardiovascular Critical Care: What happened to my CCU?” will be presented by David A. Morrow, MD, Director, Levine Cardiac Unit, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School.

For more information, contact Kathy Gaspari in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8024.

Family Medicine Grand Rounds
Family Medicine Grand Rounds will be held on Tuesday, December 3, from 7 to 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 10 at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at LVH-Muhlenberg and Hamburg Family Practice.

“The Lung Cancer” will be presented by Eliot L. Friedman, MD, Chief, Division of Hematology & Medical Oncology.

For more information, contact Laurie Kuchera in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4970.

Medical Grand Rounds
Medical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the hospital Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest, and teleconferenced to ECC Room B at LVH-Muhlenberg, and the VTC Room at LVH-17th & Chew, unless otherwise noted. Topics for December include:

- December 3 – “Street Medicine: Go to the People!” – James S. Wither, MD, Internal Medicine Residency Teaching Faculty, UPMC Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- December 10 – “Veteran Pre-screening and Identification and the Impact on the Patient Encounter” – Charles A. Castle, MD, FACOG, Lancaster General Hospital

For more information, contact Kathy Gaspari in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8024.

Pediatric Grand Rounds
The Department of Pediatrics will hold Grand Rounds on Tuesdays at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC Room 6, unless otherwise noted. Topics for December include:

- December 3 – Pediatric Hematology-Oncology topic – Philip M. Monteleone, MD
- December 10 – Pediatric Rheumatology topic – C. April Bingham, MD
- December 17 – “Pediatric Burn Injury” – Daniel D. Lozano, MD, MBA – Location: Kasych ECC Room 7

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

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Neurology Conferences
The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the locations listed. Topics for December include:

- **December 5** – “Recognition and Management of Mental Health Problems in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis” – David Rintell, EdD, Psychologist, Department of Psychiatry, Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital – Location: Auditorium, LVH-Cedar Crest, and videoconferenced to Lehigh Neurology Conference Room, 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor, and Lehigh Neurology Bathgate Office

- **December 12** – “AntiCoagulation” – Bryan W. Kluck, DO, Division of Cardiology – Location: Lehigh Neurology Conference Room and videoconferenced to Lehigh Neurology Bathgate Office and Kasych ECC Room 9

For more information, contact Chrissi Kent, Coordinator, Stroke Center/Neurosciences, at 610-402-8375.

Spine Conference
Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 a.m. Clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Interesting Case Conference will be held on **Wednesday, December 4**, in Kasych ECC Room 1 at LVH-Cedar Crest.

For more information, contact James C. Weis, MD, Co-Chief, Division of Spine Surgery, or Wanda Delgado, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973-6343.

Surgical Grand Rounds
Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, from 7 to 8 a.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics for December include:

- **December 3** – “Oxygen and Wound Healing: Show me the Data” – Gayle Gordillo, MD, Associate Professor of Plastic Surgery, The Ohio State University

- **December 17** – “Increasing Organs for Transplantation: A Trauma Surgeon’s Unique Perspective” – Ali Salim, MD, Division Chief, Trauma, Burn and Critical Care, Brigham and Women’s Hospital

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

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

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

- January 2, 3, 31, February 6, 14, 27, 28, and March 5, 14, 17

In addition, two-day provider courses will be held on January 8 and 9, and March 12 and 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

**Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)**
PALS renewal classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute on the following dates:

- January 10, 23, February 7, 26, and March 28, 31

In addition, two-day provider courses will be held January 6 and 7, February 24 and 25, and March 10 and 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

Registration information and a list of additional classes are available on the EMI website - Emergency Medicine Institute.

For more information regarding classes, contact Christine Ash at the Emergency Medicine Institute at 610-969-0299.

What’s New in Continuing Medical Education

FYI – Upcoming Events

- **Cardiology for the Primary Care Physician**
  Saturday, January 11, 2014 – 7:30 – 11:45 a.m.
  DeSales University Conference Center
  2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA
  Call 610-402-CARE to register for this event

- **Department of Anesthesiology 4th Annual Winter Retreat Conference**
  Friday, February 21 – Sunday, February 23, 2014
  Bear Creek Mountain Resort, Macungie, PA
  Call 610-402-CARE to register for this event

- **Update in Cardiology**
  Saturday, March 1, 2014 – 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  Kasych Family Pavilion – LVH-Cedar Crest
  To register for this free symposium, log on to: www.updateincardiology.com
The following revisions to the Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules and Regulations received approval by the Medical Executive Committee on August 6, 2013, the General Medical Staff on September 9, 2013, and the Boards of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg on November 6, 2013.

Medical Staff Bylaws

DEFINITIONS

C. The term “Advanced Practice Clinician” or “APC” means a subgroup of Allied Health Professionals consisting of Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Anesthetists, Psychologists and Chiropractors.

ARTICLE VI - PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT AND CLINICAL PRIVILEGES

SECTION B - APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

2. Effect of Application:

By applying for appointment to the Medical Staff, each applicant thereby:

(f) consents to Hospitals’ inspection of National Practitioner Data Bank information and the Cumulative Sanction Report; and

(g) consents to drug and alcohol screening; and

(h) acknowledges and agrees that it is his or her responsibility to produce adequate information so that the application can be properly evaluated. In addition to the information provided in the application, he or she shall provide any additional information requested by the Office of Medical Staff Services. Failure to provide any authorization or release or any requested information shall result in an incomplete application.

3. Processing the Application:

(b) Verification of Information: The applicant shall deliver a completed application to the Office of the Medical Staff Services, which shall, in timely fashion, seek to collect and verify the references, licensure and other qualification evidence submitted. The Office of Medical Staff Services shall promptly notify the applicant of any problems in obtaining the information required, and it shall then be the applicant’s obligation to obtain the required information. An application shall be complete when all questions on the application have been answered, all supporting documentation (including any additionally requested documentation) has been supplied and all information (including any additionally requested information) has been verified from primary sources. An application shall be incomplete if the need arises for new, additional or clarifying information at any time. An applicant whose application is not completed within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the application was forwarded to the applicant, shall be automatically removed from consideration for Staff membership, and shall be required to reapply. When collection and verification are accomplished, the Office of Medical Staff Services shall schedule an interview with the President or his or her designee and the appropriate Department Chair and shall transmit the application with all supporting materials to the Chair of the Department in which the applicant seeks privileges.

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ARTICLE XII – DEPARTMENTS

SECTION A - DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

The Departments of the Medical Staff shall be organized as follows:

4. Department of Family Medicine which shall include the Sections of Geriatrics, Occupational Medicine and Palliative Medicine and Hospice, and Sports Medicine.

5. Department of Medicine which shall include the following Divisions: Allergy, Cardiology, Critical Care Medicine, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Hematology–Medical Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Neurology, Nephrology, Pulmonary, Physical Medicine–Rehabilitation, and Rheumatology.
   a. The Department of Medicine shall include the Sections of Occupational Medicine, and Palliative Medicine and Hospice.
   b. The Division of General Internal Medicine shall include the Section of Hospital Medicine.
   c. The Division of Neurology shall include the Section of Neurocritical Care.

ARTICLE XIII - GENERAL MEDICAL STAFF AND MEDICAL STAFF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SECTION A - REGULAR MEETINGS

3. Notice and Agenda. Notices of the meeting, including the action items, shall be sent to the members seven (7) days in advance and shall be posted at appropriate locations. The meeting packet shall be distributed at the meeting and shall include reports of the Clinical Departments and the Medical Staff Committees.

ARTICLE XIV - DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

SECTION A - REGULAR MEETINGS

Committees may, by resolution, provide the time for holding regular meetings without notice other than such resolution. Departments shall hold regular meetings no less than quarterly at least monthly to review and evaluate the clinical work of Medical Staff Members with privileges in the Department.

Medical Staff Rules and Regulations

The following revisions to the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations received approval by the Medical Executive Committee on August 6, 2013, the General Medical Staff on September 9, 2013, and the Boards of Trustees of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg on November 6, 2013.

Part II - MEDICAL STAFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

H. RECORDS

2. (b) Progress Notes Reports
   i. It is required that the attending physician or Medical Staff Member designee record a daily progress note on each patient’s chart. This requirement is in addition to daily progress notes entered by Residents and/or physician extenders Advanced Practice Clinicians, when approved to do so. On the day of discharge, this requirement is satisfied by the discharge summary or discharge note. In addition to Medical Staff members, daily progress notes by a Certified Nurse Midwife shall fulfill this requirement.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, contact Karen Fox in Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8957.
WHO’S NEW

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

Medical Staff

New Appointments

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Department of Emergency Medicine
Division of Emergency Medicine
Provisional Limited Duty

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Medical Staff Leadership Appointments

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Mark C. Knouse, MD
Chief
Division of Infectious Diseases

Department of Surgery
Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH
Medical Student Clerkship Director

Medical Directors of Patient Care Units,
Laboratories and Programs
Shereen M.F. Gheith, MD, PhD
Medical Director, Hematopathology
Health Network Laboratories

Bengt L. Ivarsson, MD
Co-Director
Vascular Lab (LVH-M)

Addition to Departmental Assignment

Mari A. McGoff, MD
Department of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine
Addition of: Section of Hospital Medicine
(LVHN Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg)

Change of Departmental Assignment/ Practice

Joseph E. Vincent, MD
Department of Medicine
From: Division of Pulmonary
To: Section of Palliative Medicine and Hospice
From: Pulmonary Associates of LVPG
To: OACIS Services
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Status Change to Honorary Status
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Department of Surgery
Division of Urology
(Urology Specialists of the Lehigh Valley)
From: Active   To: Honorary Status

Practice Name Change
Jeffrey S. Brown, DO
Lisa H. Medina, MD
M. Katherine Mitchell, DO
Suzanne L. Widmer, DO
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To: Hellertown Family Medicine
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Change of Primary Practice/Address
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Change of Primary Address
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Department of Emergency Medicine  
Division of Emergency Medicine  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine)

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Department of Pediatrics  
Division of Pediatric Subspecialties  
Section of Endocrinology  
(Pediatric Specialists of the Lehigh Valley)

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**Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner**  
(OBGYN Associates of the Lehigh Valley & Carbon County)  
From: Gregory F. Kainz, DO  
To: Lisa Baker-Vaughn, MD

Change of Supervising Physician/Group  
Valerie A. Rupp, CRNP  
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Additional Supervising Physician and Group  
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**Physician Assistant-Certified**  
(LVHN Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg – Patricia A. Quinlan, MD)  
Addition of: Lehigh Valley Heart and Lung Surgeons – Raymond L. Singer, MD, MMM  

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Removal of Supervising Physician and Group
John K. Taber, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(OAA Orthopaedic Specialists – Kevin K. Anbari, MD)
Removal of: Coordinated Health – Christopher F. Wagener, MD

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(Coordinated Health – Jon D. Hernandez, MD, PhD)

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Physician Assistant-Certified
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Emergency Department Scribe
eScribe Management Services

In Memoriam
Scot W. Brayford, PA-C
Physician Assistant-Certified
(OAA Orthopaedic Specialists)
July 1, 1973 – October 28, 2013

Donna F. Petruccelli, CRNP
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
(Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists)
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