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LVHN SELECTED MEDICARE SHARED SAVINGS PROGRAM ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION

On January 6, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Lehigh Valley Health Network’s Accountable Care Organization (LVHNACO) has been selected as one of 89 new Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) across the country. This means that LVHN is joining more than 400 other health care organizations serving more than seven million Medicare beneficiaries as ACOs. These organizations take on medical and financial responsibility for providing comprehensive, well-coordinated care to defined populations of Medicare beneficiaries in order to improve access and quality. LVHNACO’s participation as an ACO in the Medicare Shared Savings Program was effective on January 1.

LVHN’s participation in this program is consistent with the network’s commitment to the triple aim – better health, better care and better cost. LVHN’s goal with LVHNACO is to help people live healthier lives, provide the best possible health care experience and made the cost of health care sustainable.

For more information, contact Jeff Etchason, MD, (jeff.etchason@lvhn.org) Senior Vice President, Health Systems Research and Innovation, who will serve as Executive Director of LVHNACO. Mark Wendling, MD, (mark.wendling@lvhn.org) Medical Director, Lehigh Valley Physician Group, will serve as Medical Director of LVHNACO.
INPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITY TO OPEN AT LVH-CEDAR CRESt

To provide a full continuum of services for patients, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) will be opening an inpatient rehabilitation facility for adults 18 years and older this summer inside the Kasych Family Pavilion’s South Tower at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest in Salisbury Township.

The 34-bed facility will occupy the sixth and seventh floors of the tower, which was expanded last year with the intention of accommodating future growth. All patient rooms in the facility will be private.

“This new facility will allow us to continue to address the needs of our community,” says Brian A. Nester, DO, MBA, LVHN’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “By providing short-term intensive rehabilitation, we’re ensuring a seamless continuum of care for patients without leaving our health network. In addition, having the unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest allows patients access to our specialists should any additional medical problems arise.”

The inpatient rehabilitation facility will provide a minimum of three hours of intensive, specialized rehabilitation therapy almost every day for an average of two weeks for patients whose conditions require such care. People recovering from conditions such as stroke, neurological disorders, orthopedic injuries, amputations, post-surgical conditions or other debilitations are most likely to use the unit.

Additionally, this new unit is a key component in terms of Lehigh Valley Health Network recently being named a Medicare Accountable Care Organization (ACO). Being an ACO means LVHN will be held accountable for coordinating care provided to more than 32,000 Medicare beneficiaries. LVHN estimates indicate that 75 percent of the recipients of our inpatient rehabilitation services will be Medicare patients. LVHN’s ability to provide these services extends our continuum of care for Medicare patients in the spirit of the ACO.

LVHN’s multidisciplinary approach to rehabilitation care includes specialized rehabilitation physicians, rehabilitation nurses, and physical, occupational and speech therapists.

The inpatient rehabilitation facility is expected to bring more than 125 new jobs to LVHN.

For more information, contact Kelly Shak, Vice President, Rehabilitation Services, at kelly.shak@lvhn.org.
**LVHN Awarded $8.9 Million Grant from The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust**

The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust has awarded the largest grant in its nearly 40-year history to Lehigh Valley Health Network’s Division of Education. The four-year, nearly $9 million grant will support the network as it transforms how it cares for patients and populations, and engages consumers in their personal health goals by enhancing interactions with their health care providers. The funds will enable LVHN to teach staff and consumers using emerging educational technologies including virtual reality, gaming and patient simulation.

“The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust is proud and eager to support Lehigh Valley Health Network’s ongoing efforts to achieve the Triple Aim of better care, better cost and better health,” said Edward F. Meehan, MPH, Executive Director of the Trust. “True to Leonard Pool’s mission, the ultimate beneficiaries will be the citizens of the region.”

The four focus areas covered by the grant include:

1) **Workforce Development** – to build a nimble, emotionally intelligent workforce that meets the individual and population health needs of the community.

2) **Patient Engagement** – to teach caregivers how to engage patients and their family members directly in their own healthcare activities.

3) **Value-added Care** – to increase the value of care through staff training in simulation environments and the adoption of electronic health records to optimize health system performance.

4) **Data-driven Performance** – to optimize knowledge management, skills transfer, the application of enhanced learning metrics and sharing of best practices at the local, regional and national levels.

“This generous grant gives us the time and funding to research, collaborate, design, develop and implement innovative learning solutions for our colleagues, patients and community,” said A.J. Lemheney, EdD, Administrator of the Division of Education at LVHN. “It also supports exciting opportunities to initiate new and expand existing efforts facilitating our evolution as an accountable care organization.”

For more information, contact A.J. Lemheney, EdD, Administration, LVHN’s Division of Education, at alexander_j.lemheney@lvhn.org.

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**LVH-M Designated Ebola Treatment Center**

On January 6, the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced that Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg has been designated as one of Pennsylvania’s four official Ebola treatment centers. LVH-Muhlenberg joins the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in this prestigious designation. The announcement follows a series of comprehensive site visits and inspections from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Michael Wolfe.

Although LVHN has not treated any Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) patient to date and there are no cases at any LVHN facility, EVD remains a serious and highly contagious issue for many worldwide. As a designated treatment center, LVH-Muhlenberg’s specially-outfitted isolation unit may be called upon to accept incoming patients from overseas and to treat and monitor those patients for the duration of their illness. This also means that LVHN must have the proper preparations, protocols and staffing in place in order to treat these patients at a moment’s notice.

Even if LVHN never receives a single EVD patient, the hard work and dedication of the core teams and individuals involved with preparing the health network can be translated into other areas for virulent diseases as well. LVHN is prepared to respond, protect and to treat patients to the highest standards achievable.

For more information, contact James F. Geiger, Senior Vice President, Operations, LVH-Muhlenberg, at james.geiger@lvhn.org.
Intrathecal Drug Delivery for Chronic Pain

Patients with chronic pain who do not respond to conservative therapies can prove to be daunting to manage for any practitioner. One potential option for these patients may be Intrathecal Drug Delivery, a method of delivering low dose concentrations of medications directly into the spinal space, where they exert action at the spinal cord level.

Intrathecal therapy is more efficient than oral medications because it bypasses the path that oral medications take through the body, allowing for improved pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic benefits. Benefits include improved efficacy, elimination of oral opiates, lower dosing of other medications and less side effects. Generally, you need about 1/200 the amount of medication with a pump vs. oral dosing.

Candidates for this therapy usually go through an outpatient trial, where an intrathecal catheter is placed, and connected to a disposable infusion pump. The trial typically lasts between three and five days (with daily visits to the office for adjustments), and the patient is encouraged to participate in their normal daily activities. A successful trial is evidenced by at least a 50% pain reduction, with non-limiting side effects. Prior to implantation, the patient is evaluated by a psychologist to ensure they fully understand how the therapy may help impact their quality of life. Post successful trial, the patient would be scheduled for implantation surgery, which consists of an intrathecal catheter, placed percutaneously into the spinal fluid, then tunneled and connected to a hockey puck sized pump. The pump is programmed to slowly release medication over a period of time. It can also be programmed to release different amounts of medication at different times of the day. When the reservoir is empty, the pump is refilled through a port on top of the reservoir.

Patients who may be candidates for intrathecal drug delivery must meet the following criteria:

- Conservative therapies have failed
- Additional surgery would not yield any benefit
- Chronic opiate use has failed to adequately control pain
- Stable psychological status
- No medical conditions that would be a contraindication to undergoing implantation
- No allergies to any of the drugs used in the pump
- Successful trial and a demonstrated commitment to wean off all oral opiates

A pump can help lessen chronic pain caused by:

- Failed back syndrome: failure of one or more surgeries to control persistent back and leg pain (sciatica).
- Cancer pain: constant pain caused by tumors compressing the spinal nerves, or scarring from previous radiation therapy.
- Complex Regional Pain Syndrome: a progressive disease of the nervous system in which patients feel constant chronic burning pain.
- Causalgia: a burning pain caused by peripheral nerve injury.
- Arachnoiditis: painful inflammation and scarring of the meninges (protective layers) of the spinal nerves.
- Chronic pancreatitis: chronic abdominal pain caused by inflammation or blockage of the pancreatic duct.

If you have any questions regarding this article or need more information about pain management, please contact Bruce D. Nicholson, MD, Chief, Division of Pain Medicine, at bruce.nicholson@lvhn.org.
PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION

ICD-10 Provider Educational Requirements Update

As we move closer to ICD-10 implementation on October 1, 2015, provider training is now being rolled out in TLC – The Learning Curve. In an effort to streamline training for providers, ICD-10 training will be delivered in tandem with Epic training.

- **Wave 1 Providers** – ALL Ambulatory providers (principally LVPG) using EPIC on February 18, 2015. TLC assignments are available now. Education should be completed by February 1, 2015.
  1) Introduction to ICD-10 3M module
  2) Specialty-specific 3M video modules
  3) Epic ICD-10 (describes how the diagnosis calculator in Epic works)

- **Wave 2 Providers** – ALL LVHN Medical and Advanced Practice Clinicians Staff (LVPG AND private providers) using EPIC on August 1, 2015. This includes all inpatient and Emergency Medicine providers AND any other provider not included in Wave 1. (Please note: Some Wave 1 Providers may be required to complete the specialty-specific PowerPoint modules noted below.)
  - TLC assignments will be released around April 1, 2015 with completion deadline for ALL providers at LVHN by July 31, 2015.
  - Wave 2 Assignments will include the following:
    1) Introduction to ICD-10 3M module
    2) Specialty-specific 3M video modules
    3) Epic ICD-10 (describes how the diagnosis calculator in Epic works)
    4) Inpatient specialty-specific PowerPoint modules (these provide the ICD-10 documentation concepts for your top diagnoses and procedures at risk in ICD-10 and are based on your previous claims data)

If you have any questions, please contact John Pettine, MD, FACP, CCDS, Director, LVHN Clinical Documentation Improvement Program, and ICD-10 Physician Champion, at john.pettine@lvhn.org or Joseph DeFulvio, DO, ICD-10 Physician Champion, at joseph.defulvio@lvhn.org.

THE RETAIL PHARMACY VIEW

Namenda
(Treatment of Alzheimer’s disease)

A few months ago, Forest Labs announced the discontinuation of Namenda Tablets (Memantine). Its replacement was once daily Namenda XR capsules, a sustained release formulation. Due to a court order, the company is required to continue the sale of the tablets. For the near future, both will be available, although Forest Labs is appealing the decision.

New Generics

- Androgel: Testosterone Gel 12.5mg pump, 25mg & 50mg packet. This is the 1% formulation, not the newly marketed Androgel 1.62%.
- Colcrys: Colchicine 0.6mg Cap.
- Oxycontin: Oxycodone ER 40 & 80mg. At this writing, only the two higher strengths have been approved generically, but the 10 and 20 mg may be coming soon.
- Patanase: Olopatadine Nasal Solution.
- Vivelle-Dot: Estradiol 0.025, 0.0375, 0.05, 0.075, and 0.1mg transdermal 2/week 8 count patches.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this article, contact Jay Needle, RPh, Manager, Health Spectrum Pharmacy – LVH-Muhlenberg via email at jay.needle@lvhn.org or by phone at 484-884-7004.
CONGRATULATIONS

Nicole L. Grube, DO,
Section of Hospital Medicine,
was recently certified in
Internal Medicine by the
American Osteopathic Board
of Internal Medicine. Dr.
Grube has been a member of the Medical Staff
since April, 2012. She is in practice with
LVHN Hospital Medicine at Muhlenberg.

Suresh G. Nair, MD, Division of Hematology-Medical
Oncology, was recently appointed Medical Director of LVHN’s
cancer service line. In this position, Dr. Nair will focus on:
coordinating high-quality care with multi-disciplinary teams;
providing access to the most cutting edge surgical, medical, and
radiation treatments and clinical trials; and presenting the latest
and best options for cancer patients right here in the Lehigh Valley. Dr. Nair
has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2004. He is in practice
with Hematology-Oncology Associates.

ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIAN UPDATE

Attention APCs: New Year, New
State Licensure Requirements

Due to new state regulations, there is now mandated
training for child abuse recognition and reporting under
Act 31. In the state of Pennsylvania, effective with the
first license renewal after January 1, 2015, all health-
related licenses that are considered mandatory reporters
are required to complete at least two hours of Board-
approved continuing education in recognizing and
reporting child abuse. This education is a condition of
licensure renewal.

For more information regarding these requirements
or for a list of Board-approved continuing education
programs, please see the Department of State website
at: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/
community/child_abuse_ce_providers

2015 APC Quarterly Meetings

Mark your calendar! The APC Quarterly meetings for 2015 are as
follows:

➢ Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. – Auditorium at
LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at
LVH-Muhlenberg

➢ Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. – Kasych ECC Room 8
at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room A at
LVH-Muhlenberg

➢ Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. – Kasych ECC
Room 8 at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to ECC Room
C at LVH-Muhlenberg

➢ Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6 p.m. – combined meeting
with the Medical Staff in Kasych ECC Rooms 6, 7 and 8 at
LVH-Cedar Crest. This meeting will not be teleconferenced to
LVH-Muhlenberg.

If you have any questions or need more information relating to
Advanced PracticeClinicians, please call 610-402-APC1 (2721) and
leave a message.
Several members of the Department of Emergency Medicine were among the co-authors of 14 manuscripts which were published in the December 2014 issue of *Academic Emergency Medicine*. The titles of the manuscripts along with co-authors from LVHN’s Emergency Medicine Department are listed below. Additional LVHN co-authors and their departmental affiliation are also listed.

1) “Organization, Execution and Evaluation of the 2014 Academic Emergency Medicine Consensus Conference on Gender-Specific Research in Emergency Care – An Executive Summary” – Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH

2) “Applying the Gender Lens to Emergency Care: From Bench to Bedside” – Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH


5) “Gender-specific Regulatory Challenges to Product Approval: A Panel Discussion” – Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH


7) “Research Priorities for the Influence of Gender on Diagnostic Imaging Choices in the Emergency Department Setting” – John V. Ashurst, DO, former Emergency Medicine resident, Alan R. Cherney, MD, Emergency Medicine resident, Elizabeth M. Evans, DO, and Michael B. Weigner, MD, former member of the Division of Emergency Medicine

8) “Gender Differences in Acute and Chronic Pain in the Emergency Department: Results of the 2014 Academic Emergency Medicine Consensus Conference Pain Section” – Alex M. Rosenau, DO, and Suprina Dorai, MD, former Emergency Medicine resident

9) “Gender Differences in Neurologic Emergencies Part I: A Consensus Summary and Research Agenda on Cerebrovascular Disease” – Richard S. MacKenzie, MD


12) “Gender-specific Research on Mental Illness in the Emergency Department: Current Knowledge and Future Directions” – David G. Burmeister, DO, and Jeanne L. Jacoby, MD

13) “Injury Due to Mechanical Falls: Future Directions in Gender-specific Surveillance, Screening, and Interventions in Emergency Department Patients” – Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, Bryan G. Kane, MD, Michael C. Nguyen, MD, Elizabeth C. Moore, DO, Emergency Medicine resident, and Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chief, Section of Geriatric Trauma


Katie L. Ahmadzadeh, DO, Emergency Medicine resident; Vartika Bhardwaj, USF SELECT medical student; Steven A. Johnson, DO, Division of Emergency Medicine, and Kathleen E. Kane, MD, Division of Emergency Medicine, were co-authors of a case report – “Pediatric Stroke Presenting as a Seizure” – which was ePublished ahead of print on December 22, 2014 in *Case Reports in Emergency Medicine*.

Shaheen Shamji, DO, former Emergency Medicine resident, and Jeanne L. Jacoby, MD, Division of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article – “Massive Subgaleal Hematoma and Clinical Suspicion of Child Abuse” – which was published in *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*, January 2015, Volume 115, Number 1.

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Gavin C. Barr, Jr., MD, Division of Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Medicine; Kathleen E. Kane, MD, Division of Emergency Medicine; Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chief, Section of Geriatric Trauma; Timarie Rayburg, DO, Lauren Demers, DO, and Chad K. Kraus, DO, MPH, former Emergency Medicine residents; Marna R. Greenberg, DO, MPH, Department of Emergency Medicine Director of Research; Valerie A. Rupp, CRNP, and Kimberly M. Hamilton, former research operations team members, and Bryan G. Kane, MD, Division of Emergency Medicine, were co-authors of the article – “Gender Differences in Perceptions and Self-Reported Driving Behaviors Among Teenagers” – which was ePublished ahead of print on December 10, 2014 in The Journal of Emergency Medicine.

Shereen M.F. Gheith, MD, PhD, Section of Molecular Pathology/Hematopathology and Clinical Laboratory Medicine; Dennis B. Cornfield, MD, Section of Hematopathology and Clinical Laboratory Medicine/Molecular Pathology, and Basil S. Ahmed, MD, Division of Hematology-Medical Oncology, were co-authors of a case study – “Immunoblastic Follicular Lymphoma: A Very Unusual Transformation of Low-grade Follicular Lymphoma” – which was published in Human Pathology, Volume 45, Issue 11, November 2014.

Indru T. Khubchandani, MD, former member of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery with Honorary status, was an invited keynote speaker at an international conference on colorectal cancer held November 14-16, in Shanghai, China. Dr. Khubchandani spoke on “Current Management of Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Anal Canal; Genetics and Molecular Biology.” In addition, Dr. Khubchandani was a member of the faculty at an international meeting – “Dilemmas and Debates in Colorectal Surgery” – held at King’s College in London, England, December 12 and 13, 2014. He spoke on “Chronic Perineal Pain: A Sensible Approach.”

LVHN DIGITAL LIBRARY

New Books Available Through the Digital Library

In the past year, Library Services has added over 1,300 electronic medical, nursing, allied health and management titles to our collection. The Digital Library now has over 3,000 full text eBooks. Some of the new eBook titles include:

- Ashcraft's Pediatric Surgery
- Atlas of Clinical Sleep Medicine
- Atlas of Uncommon Pain Syndromes
- Braunwald’s Heart Disease
- Comprehensive Clinical Nephrology
- Cummings Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery
- DeLee & Drez’s Orthopaedic Sports Medicine
- Diabetes in Cardiovascular Disease
- Essentials of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Esthetic Dentistry
- Fanaroff and Martin’s Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
- Grainger & Allison’s Diagnostic Radiology
- Ham’s Primary Care Geriatrics
- Management of Smell and Taste Disorders
- Mandell, Douglas, and Bennett’s Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases
- Miller’s Anesthesia
- Munro Kerr’s Operative Obstetrics
- Nathan and Oski’s Hematology and Oncology of Infancy and Childhood
- Neonatal and Infant Dermatology
- Neurosurgical Infectious Disease
- Patient Preparation for Bariatric Surgery
- Robbins and Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease
- Rutherford’s Vascular Surgery
- Schwartz’s Principles of Surgery
- Skeletal Trauma
- Stevens & Lowe’s Human Histology
- Textbook of Adult Emergency Medicine
- Textbook of the Cervical Spine
- Transplantation
- Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery

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UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Neurology Conferences
The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays, from Noon to 1 p.m., in Lehigh Neurology’s Conference Room at 1250 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Fourth Floor, and videoconferenced to Lehigh Neurology’s Bathgate Office.
Topics to be presented in February include:

- **February 5** – “New MS Treatment – Lemtrada” – Gary W. Clauser, MD, Division of Neurology
- **February 12** – Epic Training – Sarah Cruz, Lehigh Neurology Practice Director
- **February 26** – “An Update on Neurointervention” – Neil V. Patel, MD, Section of Neurointerventional Radiology

Palliative Medicine in the 21st Century” will be presented by Daniel E. Ray, MD, Chief, Section of Palliative Medicine and Hospice, and Rohit Sharma, MD, Section of Surgical Oncology.

For more information, contact Angeline Regis, Coordinator, Comprehensive Stroke Center and Neurosciences, at 610-402-9008.

Surgical Grand Rounds
Surgical Grand Rounds will be held on **Tuesday, February 24**, from 7 to 8 a.m., in the Auditorium at LVH-Cedar Crest and teleconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg.

“Palliative Medicine in the 21st Century” will be presented by Daniel E. Ray, MD, Chief, Section of Palliative Medicine and Hospice, and Rohit Sharma, MD, Section of Surgical Oncology.

For more information, contact Wendy Hess in the Department of Surgery at 484-862-3265.

**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:

- February 26, 27
- March 4, 13, 16
- April 2, 15, 21, 22

In addition, a two-day provider course will be held on March 11 and 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Emergency Medicine Institute.

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

- February 25
- March 23, 24, 27

Registration information and a list of additional classes are available on the EMI website - [EMERGENCY MEDICINE INSTITUTE](#)

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

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

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New Appointments

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Resignations

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LVH Department of Medicine
Provisional Limited Duty

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Affiliate

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