



Progress Notes

MEDICAL STAFF

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SECOND OPINION REQUIRED REGARDLESS OF PLACE OF SERVICE

The Department of Public Welfare (DPW) has reconsidered its position on second opinions for Medical Assistance (M.A.) recipients for procedures performed in physician offices. Regardless of the place of service, any M.A. recipient needing any of the 12 procedures on the mandatory second opinion list must obtain a second opinion through Health Related Services, Inc., prior to payment by the DPW. Please remember the second opinion is required only for elective procedures and is waived for urgent or emergency admissions.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOR CANCER PROGRAMS UNDERWAY

As part of the hospital-wide clinical planning process, the HealthEast Planning Department and the Comprehensive Community Cancer Center are working on the development of a long-range plan for oncology related programs. This plan will ultimately be presented to the hospital's Board of Directors. Your input into this planning effort is both welcomed and encouraged.

During the next several weeks, Ronald De Lorenzo, administrative director of the Comprehensive Community Cancer Center, and Bob Stover, senior planner, HealthEast, will be meeting with interested clinicians for a period of approximately one-half hour. The purpose of these initial meetings is to

gather preliminary information concerning the future direction of the hospital's Oncology Program. A list of general goals and objectives will be developed from these meetings.

The individuals who participate in the initial interview process will also be invited to assist in prioritizing the general goals and objectives of the long-range plan.

We hope you will participate in this endeavor which will help to shape our hospital's oncology program as it moves into the 1990's. Please call the Comprehensive Community Cancer Center at 778-2582 prior to May 1 to have your name added to the list of participating physicians.

CLINICAL/EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Clinical/epidemiological research proposals to the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust are now being accepted for the April, 1989 round of competition. The Research Advisory Committee will meet on April 26 to review and evaluate the proposals which are submitted on or before April 18.

For additional information or a grant application guide, please contact James F. Reed, Ph.D., director of Research, at 776-8889.



AUTOMATIC STOP ORDERS

Stop medications for orders may be circumvented if the physicians will write an order for the total duration of a course of medication (i.e., an antibiotic for 7 or 10 days) or if they will write for an order to run until the patient is discharged, such as a routine sleep order or mild sedative.

FLUSHING OF CAPPED PERIPHERAL LINES

At the August 8, 1988 Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting, the flushing of peripheral intravenous lines (i.e., capped angiocaths and heparin locks) was discussed. The committee approved the recommendation to flush with 0.9% sodium chloride only post medication administration and/or intermittently (Q8 hours) to maintain patency. The recommendation came forward to the committee after an extensive review of many research articles which demonstrated no difference in peripheral line patency utilizing heparin flushes versus saline flushes.

Heparin flush is still necessary for capped central lines.

COAGULATION LABORATORY REPLACES FIBRIN DEGRADATION TEST

On April 1, the Coagulation Laboratory replaced the Fibrin Degradation Test (FDP) with a more sensitive and specific test for fibrinolysis called the D-Dimer test. The D-Dimer test offers a quicker turnaround time than the existing methodology for the FDP test and is better able to differentiate between fibrinogenolysis and fibrinolysis.

If you have any questions regarding the new D-Dimer test, please call either David Prager, M.D., director, Hematology-Coagulation Laboratory, or Daniel Kaczor, MT (ASCP), supervisor, Coagulation Laboratory, at 776-8185.

NERVE AND MUSCLE BIOPSIES

With the merger of The Allentown Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, all nerve and muscle biopsies are processed at the LVHC campus. When a nerve or muscle biopsy is to be performed at TAH campus, it is necessary to have adequate lead time in order to have appropriate technical personnel present at the time of the biopsy.

Therefore, to maintain a uniform policy at both campuses, a 24-hour notification for all nerve and muscle biopsies will be required. Notification should be made to the Histology Laboratory, LVHC campus, at 776-8162. Problems concerning scheduling should be addressed to Brian W. Little, M.D., Ph.D., neuropathologist, LVHC campus, at 776-8140.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This year, the week of April 9 has been designated as National Volunteer Week. During this time, the hospital recognizes this important group for the tremendous support offered throughout the year.

In addition to assisting in patient contact areas, volunteers are being utilized more than ever before in clerical assistance to a variety of departments, in bulk mailing assignments, and in community outreach programs. Last year alone, volunteers assisted the Medical Affairs Office by processing almost 6,000 pieces of bulk mail.

The members of the Medical Affairs Office would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere appreciation to all hospital volunteers for their support and assistance throughout the year in helping us to serve our Medical Staff.

COLLECTION OF PLEURAL, PERITONEAL AND PERICARDIAL FLUIDS FOR CYTOLOGY

To avoid improperly collected fluids, please remember that fluids for cytology should be collected in GREEN TOP TUBES, which are available on effusion trays. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Pflueger, CT (ASCP), Cytology supervisor, at 776-8167.

ATTENTION OFFICE MANAGERS

The Medical Affairs Office is in the process of planning future Physician Office Manager Forums. If you have any ideas for topics which you would like to have discussed, please call Janet M. Laudenslager in Medical Affairs at 776-8980.

LVHC BUSINESS OFFICE RELOCATES

On April 1, 1989, the LVHC Business Office relocated to the second floor of The Allentown Hospital School of Nursing. The new telephone number is 776-9440. The mailing address remains P.O. Box 689, Allentown, PA 18105.

CALL PARKS

Due to a recent software upgrade, "Call Parks" can now be picked up from The Allentown Hospital campus by dialing the four digit call park number. It is no longer necessary to dial the access code 77.

CONGRATULATIONS!

John H. Bellew, D.O., recently became certified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Zirka M. Halibey, M.D., and Michael S. Patriarco, D.O., recently became certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Schwannomatosis: An Unusual Variant of Neurofibromatosis or a Distinct Clinical Entity?", an article co-authored by Stephen M. Purcell, D.O., dermatologist, was recently published in the March, 1989 issue of Archives of Dermatology.

Howard S. Selden, D.D.S., endodontist, delivered an illustrated talk titled "The Endo-Antral Syndrome - an Endodontic Complication" to the Montgomery-Bucks Dental Society in King of Prussia.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

The upper level of Brandywine Medical Center in Mertztown is available for rent. Area includes 3,500 sq. ft. with electric, water, heat, trash, parking, and security alarm and fees included in the rental. Blue prints are available in the Medical Affairs Office. For more information, contact John Hart in Medical Affairs at 776-8980.

Suite 302 of the Allentown Medical Center, 401 N. 17th Street, (1,900 sq. ft.), is available for rent. For more information, contact Larry Glazerman, M.D., at 434-4015.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Primary Care Seminars

"Current Treatment of Vascular Disease" will be presented by Gary G. Nicholas, M.D., vascular surgeon, on Wednesday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Auditorium of the LVHC campus.

"Pediatric Pearls" will be presented by Forrest G. Moyer, M.D., Department of Pediatrics, on Wednesday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Auditorium at TAH campus.

The Primary Care Seminars are designed for physicians in Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Emergency Medicine, and are sponsored by the Family Practice Division of The Allentown Hospital--Lehigh Valley Hospital Center.

For more information, call the Human Resource Development Department at 776-8320.

Medical Grand Rounds

"Thrombolysis in the Future" will be presented by Elliot Grossbard, M.D., medical director of Genentech Incorporated, on Tuesday, April 18.

"Recent Advances in the Management of Obesity" will be presented by Dean Lockwood, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Head of the Endocrine-Metabolism Unit, University of Rochester Medical Center, on Tuesday, April 25.

Medical Grand Rounds is held every Tuesday at noon in the Auditorium of the LVHC campus.

For more information, contact the Department of Medicine at 776-8200.

Department of Pediatrics Conferences

"Sexual Abuse in Children" will be presented at the Combined Pediatric/OB Conference by Stephen Ludwig, M.D., director, Pediatric Emergency Department, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, April 18, from 7 to 9 a.m. in the Auditorium at TAH campus.

"Review of Antibiotics for Infections in Children" will be featured as a combined conference of the NorthEast Pediatric Society and the Lehigh Valley Association for Clinical Microbiology and Immunology on Thursday, April 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the LVHC Auditorium. Featured speakers include Sarah S. Long, M.D., chief, Section of Infectious Diseases, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, and

George H. McCracken, Jr., M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, call Human Resource Development at 776-8320.

"Branchial Cysts and Branchial Sinuses" will be presented by Thomas J. Koch, M.D., otolaryngologist, on Friday, May 12, at noon in the Auditorium at TAH campus.

For more information regarding Pediatric conferences, contact Beverly Humphrey in the Department of Pediatrics at 778-2540.

Department of Surgery Grand Rounds

"Surgical Biology Lecture: Physiology of Digestion" will be presented by Mark Vandenberg, M.D., chief surgical resident, on Tuesday, April 18, at 7 a.m. in the LVHC Auditorium.

"Colon-Rectal Resident Lecture: Perianal Disorders" will be presented by William Sardella, M.D., colon-rectal resident, on Tuesday, April 25, at 7 a.m. in the LVHC Auditorium.

Surgical Grand Rounds will be presented by Daniel M. Silverberg, M.D., urologist, on Tuesday, May 2, at 7 a.m. in the LVHC Auditorium.

A Radiology Conference will be presented by Robert Kricun, M.D., radiologist, on Tuesday, May 9, at 7 a.m. in the LVHC Auditorium.

A Vascular Conference will be presented by Andrew Hoffman, M.D., surgical resident, on Tuesday, May 16, at 7 a.m. in the LVHC Auditorium.

For more information regarding Surgical Grand Rounds, contact Regina Klein at 776-8337.

Fourth Annual Postgraduate
Course in Obstetrics &
Gynecology

The Fourth Annual Postgraduate Course in Obstetrics & Gynecology is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, at the Allentown Hilton.

This program will provide obstetricians/gynecologists and other health care personnel with updated information on clinical obstetrics and gynecology. It focuses on three subspecialty areas: gynecologic oncology, maternal-fetal medicine, and reproductive endocrinology. There will be a special lecture on HIV infection and obstetrics/gynecology. Through this course, the participants will learn new developments in these areas in order to improve their knowledge and skills in clinical practice.

For more information, contact Human Resource Development at 776-8320.

WHO'S NEW

The Who's New section of Medical Staff Progress Notes contains an update of new appointments, address changes, newly approved privileges, etc. This has replaced the monthly "All Concerned" bulletins which notified all hospital departments of these changes. Please remember that each department or unit is responsible for updating its directory, rolodexes, and approved privilege rosters.

APPOINTMENT TO THE STAFF

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Privileges (PEG)

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Privileges

CHANGE OF STATUS

James Marcks, D.D.S.
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Division of General Dentistry
Active to Courtesy

CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUSLY
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and physicians of important issues
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