



## Progress Notes

# MEDICAL STAFF

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### GENERAL MEDICAL STAFF MEETING REMINDER

The next General Medical Staff Meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, at 6 p.m., in the Auditorium at the LVHC site.

### COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Allentown Bureau of Health would like to remind all physicians that state law requires them to report suspected as well as confirmed

cases of specific communicable diseases. (Copies of the list of these diseases along with the reporting form are available in the Medical Affairs Office.) The reason for the statutes which require reporting is to provide a system of disease surveillance which can result in the reduction of disease occurrence and the prevention of disease transmission. Upon the receipt of a report of a communicable disease, the Health Department can institute control measures to reduce or prevent transmission.

Although many communicable diseases are reported to the Bureau of Health by laboratories, these reports are frequently so late that their usefulness is seriously impaired, thus jeopardizing the public's health. For this reason, physician reporting is particularly valuable when it involves certain diseases or conditions which may be diagnosed or suspected on clinical grounds long before laboratory results become available. (For example, viral hepatitis, rubeola, suspected foodborne or waterborne disease, or occupational-

associated illness.)

Public health relies on the responsibility of health professionals to make the system of reporting work. The specific law that governs reporting by physicians reads as follows: "A physician who treats or examines a person who is suffering from or is suspected of having a reportable disease, or a person who is suspected of being a carrier or who is infected asymptotically shall make a prompt report of the disease or condition to the local board."

In a municipality not served by a local board, reports shall be made to the State Health Center. When communicable disease involves residents of the City of Allentown, reports should be sent to: Allentown Health Bureau, 723 Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18102, Telephone - 437-7569.

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When the communicable disease involves residents of Lehigh County, reports should be sent to: Pennsylvania Department of Health, State Health Center, 2203 First Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052, Telephone - 821-6770.

Physicians are also encouraged to establish a routine policy for telephone reporting by their office staff.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Barbara E. Stader, R.N., M.S.N., Associate Director for Personal Health Services, Allentown Health Bureau, at 437-7725.

**OPERATING ROOM MANAGEMENT CHANGES**

The Operating Rooms at each site now have multiple head nurses, an arrangement which differs from all other nursing units. Each head nurse will focus attention on and assume primary responsibility for a specified number of surgical specialties. Another difference is the position of Specialty Coordinator, who will serve as 80% clinical expert and 20% clinical manager and report to a head nurse.

Following are the individuals holding these positions:

At The Allentown Hospital Site

- Sally Ryder, R.N., Head Nurse
- Orthopedics - Mary Crawford, R.N.
- Ophthalmology - Connie Moore, R.N.
- Ear Nose & Throat - Jackie Nyce, R.N.
- Plastics & Pediatrics - Diane Millheim, R.N.
- Dental - Georgette Guth, R.N.

- Mercedes Jurkiewicz, R.N., Head Nurse
- Gynecology - Vacant
- Urology - Sandra Cherkis, R.N.
- Laser - Annie Fatzinger, R.N.
- Vascular - Ruthann Chaplis, R.N.
- General - Tina Mitchell, R.N.

At Lehigh Valley Hospital Center Site

- Virginia Kovalovich, R.N., Head Nurse
- Open Heart - Kristie Hoeflein, R.N.
- Vascular - Kathy Kowalewski, R.N.
- Trauma - Joanne Gosztonyi, R.N.
- General - Donna Grimes, R.N.

- Joanne Porter, R.N., Head Nurse
- Thoracic and Ear Nose & Throat - Katie O'Neill, R.N.
- Colon Rectal & Laser - Barbara Horgan, R.N.
- Urology - Vacant

- Mary Ann Frankl, R.N., B.S.N., Head Nurse
- Orthopedics - Le Perna, R.N.
- Neurosurgery - Pat Cressman, R.N.
- Plastics & Oral - Marlene Leidy, R.N.

If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact the appropriate Operating Room -- 778-2231 (TAH site) or 776-8653 (LVHC site).

**INFECTION PRECAUTIONS**

All members of the Medical Staff are asked to help solve the problem of inappropriate disposal of wound dressings, syringes, and suture removal sets. Wound dressings, needles, and disposable suture removal sets should be placed in the appropriate receptacles available on all units. They should not be left on beds or bedside cabinets. Disposable suture removal sets should not be reused.

Please help your patients and your fellow staff members by complying with the basic principles of infectious disease prevention.

**LABORATORY NEWS**

Third Shift Blood Bank Technologists Now Available via Pager

Effective immediately, the third shift Blood Bank technologist will be available via pager 1329. The pager is to be used for emergency Blood Bank situations or when there is no answer to the Blood Bank number, 776-8181. The Clinical Laboratory remains available via pager 1218 for general laboratory needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Debra Brotzman, Laboratory night shift supervisor, at 776-8170, during the third shift.

Methodology for CK and LD Isoenzyme

As you may have noticed, the laboratory has slightly altered the reporting of isoenzymes due to changing the support medium from cellulose acetate to agarose. This has resulted in the following changes in result reporting: 1) fewer trace MB reported; the % of total CK-MB<sub>1</sub> is decreased 2-4%; the % LD<sub>5</sub> fraction was increased; and finally the LD/LD<sub>2</sub> ratio is less sensitive to hemolysis or ischemia, thereby offering enhanced correlation with a true MI.

None of these minor changes result in a change in diagnosis or clinical interpretation of the

cardiac isoenzyme profiles. The laboratory has altered its interpretation to reflect these small changes in the different isoenzyme fractions.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Gerald E. Clement, Ph.D., Director, Toxicology/Immunology/Chemistry, at 776-8150, or Gale Fritch, Supervisor, Immunology, at 778-2845.

Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC) Profile

Beginning February 1, 1990, the Coagulation Department will be offering a disseminated intravascular coagulation profile (DIC) to include the following tests:

- Prothrombin time
- Activated partial thromboplastin time
- Platelet count
- Fibrinogen assay
- D-dimer testing
- Thrombin time

An elevated D-dimer indicates fibrinolysis by plasmin. A fibrinopeptide A determination (FPA) is planned to be included in the DIC profile in the future. The presence of FPA is due to the interaction of thrombin upon the fibrinogen molecule (fibrinogenolysis).

A DIC profile can only be performed upon a specimen of blood if the patient is NOT

receiving heparin or warfarin.

Please write your request as DIC profile, either elective or stat.

If you have any questions concerning this additional coagulation profile, please contact Daniel Kaczor, Supervisor, Coagulation Laboratory, at 776-8170.

**RESEARCH NEWS**

Research Advisory Committee

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meets quarterly to review clinical/epidemiological research proposals (requests for funding) submitted by the Medical and Professional Staff of TAH--LVHC. The next meeting of the Research Advisory Committee is April 25, 1990.

All proposals submitted by April 9, 1990 will be reviewed at the April 25 meeting. For more information and proposal guidelines, please contact James Reed III, Ph.D., Director, Research Department, at 776-8889.

1989 Yearbook of Staff Publications

The Research Department is in the process of compiling articles by TAH--LVHC staff

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for the 1989 Yearbook. In an effort to make this yearbook as complete and accurate as possible, the Research Department is requesting a reprint or citation of all TAH-LVHC employee and medical staff publications which meet the following criteria:

- The article is medical/scientific oriented, published between January 1986 and December 1989 in a referred journal; and
- The author or one of the authors was a member of TAH--LVHC during January 1986 through December 1989.

For more information regarding the 1989 Yearbook, please contact Linda A. Faust in the Research Department at 776-8889.

**SURGEON-AUTHOR TO VISIT TAH--LVHC**

Richard Selzer, M.D., noted surgeon and author, will serve as a visiting professor at TAH--LVHC and Muhlenberg College during the week of February 26.

The focus of Dr. Selzer's activities will be on the process of writing as well as on the relationship of ethics and the humanities to the practice of medicine.

On Tuesday, February 27, Dr.

Selzer will present both Medical and Surgical Grand Rounds in the Auditorium at the LVHC site. Surgical Grand Rounds will be held at 7 a.m.; Medical Grand Rounds will begin at noon.

Dr. Selzer will also conduct classes in writing and ethics and will meet informally with physicians, residents, faculty, and students.

On Tuesday evening, February 27, Dr. Selzer will present a program titled "One Writer's Sojourn: Readings and Discussions," at 8 p.m., in the Garden Room of the J. Conrad and Hazel J. Seegers Union Building at Muhlenberg College.

Dr. Selzer will speak on "The Language of Medicine" on Thursday, March 1, at 8 p.m., in the Auditorium at the LVHC site.

Both of these programs are open to the public and may be of special interest to writers, health care professionals, and educators.

Dr. Selzer, who at the age of 56, put aside an outstanding career as a surgeon and professor at Yale University School of Medicine to devote his time to writing sensitive essays about his former profession and many other things that excited him. For more than 15 years, he had successfully juggled his two

passions, surgery and writing, until retiring from Yale in 1985.

Dr. Selzer has published five books, numerous essays and short stories which have placed him in the literary spotlight. Today, he is in demand as a lecturer on prose, poetry, and surgery on college campuses throughout the country.

**"HEALTH MATTERS" MARCH SCHEDULE**

"Health Matters," a nationally-syndicated television series featuring timely health care topics and underwritten in this area by TAH--LVHC, will present four programs in March including:

March 7 - "First Years...What to Expect" with Sarah J. Fernsler, M.D., and Charles F. Smith, M.D., pediatricians

March 14 - "Living with Diabetes" with Dean F. Dimick, M.D., and Larry N. Merkle, M.D., endocrinologists

March 21 - "Cervical Cancer: A Warning to Women" with Gazi Abdulhay, M.D., and Larry Glazerman, M.D., gynecologists

March 28 - "The Heart Attack Quiz: What's Your Score?" with D. Lynn Morris, M.D., Chief of Cardiology, and James A. Pantano, M.D., cardiologist

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Robert W. Grunberg, M.D.**, nephrologist, was recently informed that he was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Several members of the hospital's staff were recently appointed to the faculty of Hahnemann University.

**James N. Burdine, Dr.P.H.**, Vice President, Community Health, was appointed Associate Professor with the Department of Medicine; **Victor J. Celani, M.D.**, vascular surgeon, was appointed Clinical Assistant Professor in Surgery; **Robert Kricun, M.D.**, radiologist, was appointed Clinical Associate Professor in Radiology; and **James L. McCullough, M.D.**, vascular surgeon, was appointed Clinical Assistant Professor in Surgery.

**PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Raj P. Chowdary, M.D.**, plastic surgeon, co-authored "Fluorometric Analysis of an Attempt to Reclaim Ischemic Flaps in Rats with Fluosol," an article which was published in the September 1989 issue of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Journal.

In addition, Dr. Chowdary's article, "Use of Temporoparietal Fascia Free Flap in Digital Reconstruction" was published

in the December 1989 issue of Annals of Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Chowdary co-authored with **Brian W. Little, M.D.**, pathologist, "Large Vascular Plexiform Neurofibroma of Scalp: Excision and Coverage with Free Tissue Transfer," an article which was published in the January 1990 issue of Annals of Plastic Surgery.

**Geoffrey G. Hallock, M.D.**, plastic surgeon, had an article titled "Cranial Nasal Bone Grafts," published in the December 1989 edition of the Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Journal.

The article dealt with the secondary correction of cosmetic as well as acute management of severe nasal trauma where bone grafting was required using the outer table of the skull as a convenient and practical source of material. This was incorporated with the use of new miniplate fixation devices for stabilization.

**Lawrence P. Levitt, M.D.**, neurologist and Clinical Professor at Hahnemann University, will participate in the eighth annual Henry Swartley Ruth Conference at the Valley Forge Hilton Hotel in King of Prussia on Saturday, April 28, 1990. The conference, which will concentrate on current developments in anesthesiology, is organized by the Department

of Anesthesiology, School of Medicine, Hahnemann University. **Henry Swartley Ruth, M.D.**, was the first chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Hahnemann University.

**Robert X. Murphy, Jr., M.D.**, plastic surgeon, was one of the co-authors of "Trabecular (neuroendocrine) Carcinoma of the Skin: Report of Four Cases and Review of the Literature," an article which was published in the January 1990 issue of the New York State Journal of Medicine.

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

Department of Pediatrics Conference Schedule

"Update on Medical Management of Asthma" will be presented by Edward Hein, M.D., Chief of the Section of Allergy at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, on Friday, February 23, at noon in the Auditorium at TAH site.

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

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TAH--LVHC Regional Symposium Series

"Special Topics in Infectious Disease 1990" will be presented on Saturday, February 24, 1990, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Auditorium of the LVHC site.

Physicians, pharmacists, nurses and other health care workers concerned with infectious diseases will find this program beneficial.

"Biliary Tract Disease: Contemporary Management" will be presented on Saturday, March 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Auditorium of the LVHC site.

Physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals interested in contemporary management of biliary tract disease will benefit from this program.

"The Impaired Health Care Worker: Physician, Dentist, Nurse and Pharmacist" will be presented on Saturday, March 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Auditorium of the LVHC site.

Physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care workers may find this program beneficial.

For more information about the above programs, call Human Resource Development at 776-8320.

Neurosciences Conference - Visiting Speaker

On Friday, March 16, Mark Dichter, M.D., Director of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at the Graduate Hospital, will present the causes of epilepsy during the weekly Neurosciences Conference, beginning at 11 a.m. in the Auditorium at the LVHC site. Dr. Dichter's topic will include newer approaches to medical and surgical treatment of the epilepsies and the future of treatment in this area.

Bleeding Disorder Seminar

"Bleeding Disorders - A Selected Review and Case Histories," an all-day symposium sponsored by the Coagulation Department of HealthEast Laboratories, will be held on Friday, April 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium at the LVHC site.

Topics to be covered include disseminated intravascular coagulation, liver disease, hemophilia, and von Willebrand's Disease. Guest speakers include Eberhard F. Mammen, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Wayne State University School of Medicine, and E. J. Walter Bowie, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Laboratory Medicine, Mayo Medical School.

Registration is free and will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium alcove. Pre-

registration is required -- please call Daniel Kaczor, Supervisor, Coagulation Laboratory, at 776-8185. AMA and PACE credits will be available.

**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.

Appointments to the Staff

Anthony G. Auteri, M.D.  
 (Joining Stelzer & Cornell Gastro Assoc PC)  
 451 Chew Street  
 Suite 401  
 Allentown, PA 18102  
 (215) 821-2828  
 Department of Medicine  
 Division of Internal Medicine  
 Section of Gastroenterology  
 Provisional Active  
 Effective 1/25/90

David C. Baker, M.D.  
 (Joining Lehigh Valley Orthopedics)  
 1401 N. Cedar Crest Blvd.  
 Allentown, PA 18104  
 (215) 821-4848  
 Department of Surgery  
 Division of Orthopedic Surgery  
 Provisional Active  
 Effective 1/25/90

Laurie A. Cohen, D.O.  
 (Joining Cedar Crest Pediatrics)  
 1120 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.  
 Allentown, PA 18103  
 (215) 820-7001  
 Department of Pediatrics  
 Provisional Active  
 Effective 1/25/90

David A. Tomb, M.D.  
 Chairman, Department of Psychiatry  
 17th & Chew Streets  
 Allentown, PA 18102  
 (215) 778-2810  
 Department of Psychiatry  
 Provisional Active  
 Effective 1/25/90

Additional Privileges

Lawrence W. Bardawil, M.D.  
 Department of Medicine  
 Division of Internal Medicine  
 Section of Gastroenterology  
 Bicap Tumor Probe

Joseph A. Candio, M.D.  
 Department of Medicine  
 Division of Internal Medicine  
 Section of General Internal Medicine  
 Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

Carl F. D'Angelo, M.D.  
 Department of Medicine  
 Division of Internal Medicine  
 Section of Gastroenterology  
 Bicap Tumor Probe

Robert J. Gary, M.D.  
 Department of Surgery  
 Division of Urology  
 Vasovasostomy Privileges

Stephen L. Goldman, M.D.  
 Department of Medicine  
 Division of Family Practice  
 Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

John D. Harwick, M.D.  
 Department of Surgery  
 Division of Otolaryngology  
 Thyroidectomy Surgical Privileges

Resignations

Henry Kurusz III, M.D.  
 Department of Emergency Medicine

Thomas P. Lennox, M.D.  
 Department of Medicine  
 Division of Internal Medicine  
 Section of General Internal Medicine

Change of Address

Alan N. Morrison, M.D.  
 Subhash C. Proothi, M.D.  
 Stephen A. Volk, M.D.  
 701 Ostrum Street  
 Bethlehem, PA 18015

Practice Name Change

From Schwartz and Ehrens, Inc. to Lehigh Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Inc. (Gregory W. Dimmich, D.M.D., Victor Ehrens, D.M.D., and Stuart A. Schwartz, D.D.S.)

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**Allied Health Professionals**

**Appointment**

**Julia A. Schriener**  
**Physician Extender**  
**Technical Category**  
**Cardiology Associates of Lehigh**  
**Valley**  
**Effective 1/25/90**

**Resignation**

**Ann Marie L. Menkewicz, R.N.**  
**Physician Extender**  
**Professional - R.N.**  
**Charles S. McConnel, Jr., M.D.**

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**INFECTION CONTROL/EMPLOYEE HEALTH**

**MEDICAL STAFF SURVEY**

**FEBRUARY, 1990**

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The Infection Control and Employee Health Departments are interested in knowing how many members of the Medical Staff would be interested in voluntary participation in the Hospital's Employee Health Program for follow-up of Blood/Body Fluid Exposures and also if there is Medical Staff interest in receiving the Hepatitis B Vaccine.

If you are interested in either program, please complete the two questions below and return the survey to the Medical Affairs Office at either site.

— Yes, I would like to voluntarily participate in the Hospital's Employee Health Program for follow-up of exposure to blood/body fluids.

This program offers follow-up of all significant exposures whereby an attempt is made to test the patient source for HBsAg and HIV-AB. Follow-up testing of the person exposed (anti-HBs and HIV-AB) and prophylaxis for Hepatitis B and HIV are also available.

— Yes, I would be interested in receiving the Hepatitis B vaccine series through Employee Health.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Medical Affairs Office at either site by Friday, March 2, 1990.