

# Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



## Kasych Family Pavilion Opens



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On Friday, January 4, almost two and a half years after breaking ground, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHHN) officials dedicated the new seven-story Kasych Family Pavilion patient care tower at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest & I-78.

Patient care services began to make the transition to the 340,000 sq. ft. Kasych Family Pavilion at the end of December and will continue the move through the next several months. The patient care services that will occupy the new building include expanded heart care services, additional medical-surgical intensive care rooms, a satellite inpatient pharmacy, the Regional Burn Center and additional medical-surgical units.

The new and expanded services have created an additional 153 healthcare jobs, and the construction project man hours equate to at least 135 new construction jobs for the whole expansion project.

### New and Expanded Services

To provide a more "patient centered experience," the Kasych Family Pavilion was designed with quality care and patient safety in mind. To achieve this goal, LVHHN invited current and former patients to provide feedback on various design elements of patient rooms and services.

The new building adds 182 private patient rooms, and each includes a ceiling lift which a caregiver can use to move a patient. The lifts help to reduce the risk of injury to both patient and caregiver.

With the expansion of the new tower, the Regional Burn Center has now doubled in size to 18 private patient rooms. Because of the additional space, burn patients will now remain in the same room throughout their stay. This lessens the risk of further injury and infection.

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## From the President

At the Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg site, they're leading the way in recognizing physicians who excel at patient satisfaction and at building positive relationships with fellow care providers.

Wayne Howard, DO, a hospitalist at Muhlenberg, was the recipient of a new award initiated by the Patient Satisfaction Improvement Council team at Muhlenberg. I'd like to add my congratulations, and those of the rest of Medical Staff Leadership, to Dr. Howard.

We'd also like to congratulate the folks at Muhlenberg who recognized the importance of the physician's role in patient satisfaction, and took action to acknowledge physicians who go the extra mile in this area. As I mentioned in last month's column, patient satisfaction is receiving more attention these days, for a whole number of reasons.

When Medical Staff Leadership learned about this initiative at Muhlenberg from Bob Murphy, MD, Medical Director of Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, we got to thinking about how to expand the Muhlenberg idea across the Network.

Beginning this year, all physicians, dentists, and podiatrists will be eligible for a Network-wide award. Every six months, we will recognize two Medical Staff members – one at Lehigh Valley Hospital (Crest Crest & I-78 and 17<sup>th</sup> & Chew) and one at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg – who excel at promoting patient satisfaction.

We'll select the winners based in part on the results of Press Ganey surveys, in which discharged patients rate their experience, including their experience with their doctors. We'll also take into consideration recommendations from the Patient Satisfaction Improvement Council and from staff members, as well as other criteria.

There are many doctors who really do pay extra attention to those things that lead to high levels of patient satisfaction, such as spending time talking with patients and their families, listening well, and working collaboratively with nurses, advanced practice clinicians and others to ensure that patients have the best possible experience and the best possible outcomes. Through this award, we'll celebrate those exemplary efforts of our colleagues.

Linda L. Lapos, MD  
Medical Staff President

### LVHNN Named Among "100 Best Companies to Work For" by FORTUNE Magazine . . . for the Second Straight Year

We did it again! For the second straight year, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network is a FORTUNE "100 Best Company to Work For." LVHNN is #85 on the magazine's 11th annual list and one of only 10 hospitals and health networks to make the honor roll.

A few years ago, LVHNN ranked as the best hospital to work for in Pennsylvania, but making the FORTUNE's list is an even greater accomplishment. It ranks companies throughout the United States, from banks and supermarkets to manufacturers and software companies. LVHNN is one of only two Pennsylvania companies listed this year and is the only hospital and the only organization headquartered in the state. Last year, when LVHNN ranked #80, we were the first Pennsylvania hospital or not-for-profit ever named. This honor is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of all of you. Every day, you give your best to heal, comfort and care for the people of our community. You are part of a culture of caring that strives for excellence and makes us among the nation's elite. Thank you for helping to make LVHNN one of the best places to work in the nation.

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A new Exemplary Care Learning Center (ECLC) will be located on the fifth floor of the Kasych Family Pavilion. The ECLC's key focus will be teaching and learning "patient centered care." Patients will take a more active role in their care at the ECLC by being interviewed about how the staff is performing, how staff is meeting their needs, and how illness is affecting their lives and the lives of their families.

## Green by Design

The Kasych building is designed to be environmentally friendly and is a candidate for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, the national benchmark for "green" buildings.

To reduce the new building's carbon footprint, recycled materials were used whenever possible, and all materials were purchased from companies that manufactured and shipped them from within 500 miles of the LVH-Cedar Crest campus. This helped to reduce the amount of time trucks spent on the road delivering supplies and thus used less gasoline.

All patient rooms, waiting rooms and other occupied areas have large windows to take advantage of natural light. Coupled with high efficiency heating and air conditioning equipment, motion control lighting switches that dim or turn off when the room is unoccupied and efficient insulation in the walls and roofing, the hospital has significantly reduced the amount of power it needs to operate. Studies have also shown that the use of natural lighting versus more traditional fluorescent lighting, aids in the healing process.

The Kasych building's indoor pollutants have been substantially reduced by use of low volatile organic compound paints, adhesives, carpets, composite wood products and finishing.

The computer monitors and TV screens are Energy Star appliances as well, meaning they use less electricity to operate.

## Additional Safety, Convenience and Healing Features

Each patient room has a locked medication drawer that gives caregivers access with an ID badge. These drawers ensure that patients receive medication quickly, and keep caregivers at the bedside, instead of taking valuable time to search for the medication on the other end of the unit.

The building is equipped with Computer Assisted Physician Order Entry (CAPOE) technology, allowing physicians to order medications and tests in a legible way that also automatically indicates drug interactions that could be dangerous.



During a press conference and tour of the Kasych Family Pavilion, Elliot J. Sussman, MD, LVHHN President and CEO, explains to members of the media why patient lifts are the safest way for caregivers to move patients.

Several local artists, from Easton to Kutztown, have works of art featured on each floor of the Kasych building. Art is proven to lower stress and increase relaxation, creativity and imagination. Busts of significant medical trailblazers are featured on the first floor of the Kasych building. The building also features a healing garden where patients, visitors and staff can go to enjoy a breath of fresh air and reflect.

For family and patient convenience, "At-Your-Request" room service from a restaurant-style menu is available between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. by calling the Food Services office. The staff takes the order and guides the patient in selecting food items appropriate for the diet the physician has ordered.

Two new parking decks in front of the hospital now provide more than 1,000 additional spaces for patients and visitors. To make it easier for patients and visitors to access the hospital campus and to ease traffic congestion, employees and physicians now use a new entrance off Fish Hatchery Road. A new express Emergency Department (ED) road services the ED exclusively for patients, visitors and Emergency Medical Services personnel.

Also located in the new building is a convenience store that sells items normally found in any convenience store, saving a stop on the way home for visitors and employees.

## Medical Staff Reappointment Process to Begin March 3

In compliance with the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Medical Staff and Hospital Bylaws, and the standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, each member of the hospital's Medical Staff must be reappointed a minimum of once every two years.

On March 3, this year's biennial reappointment process will be put into motion when Reappointment Packets will be mailed to over 1,000 members of the Medical Staff. Each packet will contain the following items:

- ... a nine-page Application for Reappointment to the Medical Staff
- ... a copy of the addressee's current privilege sheet
- ... a malpractice claims report
- ... a self-addressed return envelope
- ... a Checklist to assist in completing the information

Although much of the information on the application is preprinted for each physician, it is of paramount importance that ALL the information is reviewed, changes made where necessary, and missing data completed. Before returning the application, please take a moment to review the Checklist to make sure all the information is complete and all the required documents have been attached to the application.

Again this year, it is a requirement that all members of the Medical Staff receive annual Tuberculosis skin testing (PPD Mantoux). For those who have a history of a positive test, they must annually provide the date of screening by their private physicians for signs and symptoms of tuberculosis. Physicians will self-report compliance through directed questions on the reappointment application. The following information will be requested: the date of the test, the results, if corrective action was necessary, when the action took place, and if a positive history, the date of screening by their private physician for signs and symptoms of tuberculosis. If the physician is unable to obtain PPD testing in the private practice setting, arrangements can be made through the hospital's Employee Health office during walk-in hours.

Please Note: **Associate** and **Affiliate** members are required to provide a letter of good standing from their primary hospital. It is the physician's responsibility to insure that the good standing letter is received by the Medical Staff Services Office.

**The deadline to return reappointment applications is March 23.** Your prompt attention in facilitating the return of the application(s) is both requested and appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding the reappointment process, please contact the Medical Staff Services Office at (610) 402-8900.

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## Annual Tuberculosis Skin Test Reminder

At its September 6, 2005 meeting, the Medical Executive Committee approved a requirement that all Medical Staff and Allied Health Staff members would receive **annual** Tuberculosis skin testing (PPD Mantoux). Since January 1, 2006, practitioners have been required to self-report compliance through directed questions on the initial and reappointment applications to the Medical Staff and Allied Health Staff.

As part of this year's Medical Staff biennial reappointment, members of the Medical Staff are reminded that they are required to obtain an annual PPD test.

If you are unable to obtain PPD testing in your private practice setting, arrangement may be made through Employee Health during walk-in hours. For a list of walk-in hours, please contact the Employee Health office at 610-402-8869.

## Moderate Sedation On-Line Exam

As mentioned in last month's issue of *Medical Staff Progress Notes*, all members of the Medical Staff with Moderate Sedation privileges will be required to successfully complete the on-line Medical Staff approved sedation information program and on-line examination. The program and exam can be found under the **de'Medici Online Training** which is accessible through the LVHVN intranet at <http://www.lvh.com>. To access from the homepage, go to the "Hot Sites" list on the right side of the page and click on de'Medici Online Training. Enter your user number and proceed with completing the program. Medical Staff Services will be notified of your successful completion of the exam.

Practitioners with Pediatric Moderate Sedation privileges can locate their Pediatric information program and on-line examination by entering the following web address – <http://lvhwebapp2/webpublic/doe/pediatric%20moderate%20sedation/player.html>. When you have completed the exam, please print the test results and the certificate and fax them to Medical Staff Services at 610-402-8926.

This requirement was initially established with the inception of moderate sedation criteria in 2003 and is **mandatory for continuation and maintenance of moderate sedation privileges**. The completion of this program is a requirement for the 2008 Reappointment to the Medical Staff. This year's reappointment process will begin on March 3, when over 1,000 packets will be mailed to the majority of the Medical Staff. It is hoped that all members of the Medical Staff with Moderate Sedation privileges will have successfully completed the exam by that time.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Kathy Schaeffer (610-402-7846) or Ruth Davis (610-402-8975) in Medical Staff Services.

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## Reminder—Report All Medical Liability Claims

In September 2005, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania upheld an earlier decision to assess a penalty of \$1,000.00 against a Pennsylvania physician for violating Section 903 of the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Act (MCARE) for failure to report a malpractice complaint that had been filed against him even though he asked his attorney to do so. The Court stated that it was the physician's sole responsibility and not that of any representative acting on his behalf.

Let this serve as a reminder for physicians that it is of the utmost importance to comply with the reporting requirements of Section 903 of MCARE, which reads in relevant part:

### **Section 903. Reporting:**

A physician shall report to the State Board of Medicine or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, as appropriate, **within 60 days** of the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) **Notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that is filed against the physician.** The physician shall provide the docket number of the case, where the case is filed and a description of the allegations in the complaint.

In addition to the above requirement, any malpractice claim where the Medical Staff member has received official notice of such claim must be reported to the President of the Medical Staff through the Office of Medical Staff Services within 72 hours. Notice is also required for the settlement of any malpractice claim or case naming the Medical Staff member as a defendant in a lawsuit regardless of whether a legal complaint has been filed against the Medical Staff member. These reporting requirements are included in the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Georgene Saliba, Administrator, Risk Management, at 610-402-3005, or Ruth Davis, Director, Medical Staff Services, at 610-402-8975.

## Paper-Based Medication Reconciliation

To improve the discharge process, assure optimum medication safety, and improve compliance with Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goals, the paper-based documentation process for medication reconciliation has changed.



As of November 27, 2007, the new **Medication Reconciliation** form (NSG-293) was implemented. Highlights of the new paper-based documentation process include:

- ... Utilization of a three-part carbonless form (NSG-293) which combines documentation of admission reconciliation and discharge medications onto one form:
  - ⌞ Home medication list with admission reconciliation (page 1)
  - ⌞ Discharge medication list with discharge reconciliation (page 2/3)
  - ⌞ Patient copy of the reconciled Discharge Medication list (page 3)
- ... Facilitates compilation of an accurate discharge medication list which has considered the home medication list
  - ⌞ A simple check of yes or no indicates whether each home medication should be continued at discharge
  - ⌞ Incorporates new medications prescribed at discharge
- ... Patient receives a copy of the reconciled Discharge Medication list (meets NPSG 8B)
- ... Copy of NSG-293 (page 2) sent to the 'referring' and 'primary care physician' upon discharge via autofax notification in EHMR to support the patient's continuum of care
  - ⌞ The Menon ADI will also have the autofax feature
- ... Provides a transitional documentation process until the automated Menon ADI medication reconciliation is implemented

Please remember that if a patient is being transferred to another organization/setting, the physician must sign page 2 of NSG-293 to serve as admission orders for the receiving organization. To eliminate duplicate documentation, do not complete the medication section of the Discharge Instructions/Transfer Orders (NSG-204); instead, the nurse will draw a line through this medication section and document "See Medication Reconciliation Form" (NSG-293), where the complete list of discharge medications is now documented.

If you presently use **ADI** to discharge patients, NSG-293 (page 1 – Admission Medication List & Reconciliation) will be completed by nursing on admission. However, at discharge, simply write "See ADI" on page 2 of NSG-293 (Discharge/Transfer Medication Instructions and Reconciliation Record) and proceed with your usual ADI documentation.

Please note that the original 'medication reconciliation' form (NSG-259) has been discontinued for inpatient admissions.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Leroy Kromis, Pharmacy, at 610-402-8087, or Robin Anthony, Joint Commission & Regulatory Excellence, at 610-402-8638.

## News from CAPOE Central

### Ordering Meds

When ordering medications, please remember to consider the scheduled administration times for the medication. This is very important for meds given once daily or BID. If you check the "FIRST DOSE NOW" checkbox, a dose will be scheduled within 30 minutes. If the usual scheduled time for the medication is after that, then the patient will receive two doses. For example, if you order a "Once Daily" medication at 7 a.m., and check the "FIRST DOSE NOW" checkbox, and the normal scheduled time for the med is 9 a.m., the patient will receive a dose at 7:30 a.m. AND again at 9 a.m. This will also occur in this example if you change the START TIME to any time before 9 a.m. If you want an additional dose, you can change the frequency to one of the "NOW AND CONTINUE" frequencies, found in the FREQ pull-down menu. This pull-down also provides options for scheduling medications to start now and continue from the start time (instead of the usual schedule). Please check out the FREQUENCY options when ordering medications to start at specific times.

### Don't Stress about the Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis Protocol

We have updated the ICU Protocol for Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis. The protocol is found under the PROTOCOL button in the "CRITICAL CARE PROTOCOLS" list. Please remember to choose the first order, the "Protocol" order, as it helps to identify that the patient is on the protocol. This order, "PRCL - Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis Protocol," contains a reference with indications for the use of Famotidine as prophylaxis.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or other CAPOE issues, please contact Don Levick, MD, MBA, Physician Liaison, Information Services, at 610-402-1426, or pager 610-402-5100 7481.

## Papers, Publications and Presentations



Members of the Department of Emergency Medicine – **Steven P. Frei, MD, William F. Bond, MD, and David M. Richardson, MD** – along with James F. Reed, PhD, Director of Research, Health Studies, co-authored an article, "Appendicitis Outcomes with Increasing Computed Tomographic Scanning," which was published in Volume 26, Issue 1 (January 2008) of the *American Journal of Emergency Medicine*.



**Ronald S. Freudenberger, MD**, Division of Cardiology, co-authored a book chapter – "Heart Failure in Hypertension" – which appears in the book, **Hypertension: A Companion Text to Braunwald's Heart Disease**.



**Indru T. Khubchandani, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, attended the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Surgeons of India in Bhubaneshwar, India, where the Khubchandani Oration was delivered by a renowned senior surgeon, Professor Sivalingum, on "Progress of Laparoscopic Colon Surgery in India." Dr. Khubchandani moderated a panel on "Different Approaches to Surgery for Fistula in Ano."



**Naser Tolaymat, MD**, Division of Pediatric Subspecialties, Section of Gastroenterology, co-authored an article – "Churg-Strauss Syndrome Presenting as an Abdominal Mass in a Non-Asthmatic Child" – which was published in the December, 2007 issue of *Annals of Tropical Paediatrics*.



**Marc A. Vengrove, DO**, Division of Endocrinology, co-authored "Primary Adrenal Lymphoma Presenting with Adrenal Insufficiency: A Case Report and Review of Literature," which was presented at the American Medical Association Research Poster Symposium held in November, 2007, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

## Congratulations!

The following members of the Medical Staff were recently board certified in their specialties:



**Kenneth J. Brislin, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, was recently certified in Orthopaedic Surgery by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr.

Brislin has been a member of the Medical Staff since October, 2004, and is in practice with OAA Orthopaedic Specialists.



**Lisa E. Ceraolo, MD**, Division of General Internal Medicine, has become certified as a Diplomate in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Ceraolo joined the

Medical Staff in May, 2007, and is in practice with Mishkin, Shore & Associates.



**Susan G. Gerhardt, MD**, Division of Pulmonary, was recently certified in Critical Care Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Gerhardt has been a member of the Medi-

cal Staff since August, 2005, and is in practice with Pulmonary Associates.



**Peter S. Marshall, MD, MPH**, Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine, was recently certified in Critical Care Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr.

Marshall joined the Medical Staff in August, 2005, and is in practice with Pulmonary Associates.

Several members of the Medical Staff have become recertified by their specialty boards as follows:



**Ronald J. Bross, MD**, Division of Gastroenterology, was recently recertified in Gastroenterology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Bross has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 2002, and is in practice with Stelzer, Cornell, Taus, Auteri, Helwig & Bross GI Associates.



**Kyle A. Helwig, MD**, Division of Gastroenterology, was recently recertified in Gastroenterology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Helwig joined the Medical Staff in February, 2000, and is in practice with Stelzer, Cornell, Taus, Auteri, Helwig & Bross GI Associates.



**Kaushik Kundu, MD**, Division of General Internal Medicine, was recently recertified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Kundu has been a member of the Medical Staff since August, 1998, and is in practice with Dorville MD and Kundu MD Associates PC.



**Matthew M. McCambridge, MD**, Chief, Division of Critical Care Medicine, and President-elect of the Medical Staff, was recently recertified in Pulmonary Disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. McCambridge joined the Medical Staff in July, 2003, and is in practice with Pulmonary Associates.



**Celeste M. Saunders, MD**, Department of Family Medicine, Section of Occupational Medicine, successfully completed the 2007 Continuous Certification examination and has renewed her certification as a Diplomate of the American Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr.

Saunders has been a member of the Medical Staff since February, 1994, and practices at HealthWorks.



## LVHHN Digital Library Services

### Digital Library's Essential Evidence Plus to incorporate InfoRetriever PDA Access to InfoPoems Available

Beginning in February 2008, InfoRetriever and InfoPoems will be incorporated into a new evidence-based (EB) content resource, Essential Evidence Plus including:

- ... **InfoRetriever:** Search program for over 3,000 archived InfoPoems
- ... **InfoPoems:** Alerts on the newest and most relevant EB literature delivered via email or PDA to subscribers Monday through Friday
- ... **e-Essential Evidence:** 800 EB topics each with a "strength of recommendation" rating, care algorithms, summary tables, and a Bottom Line section for quick answers
- ... **Decision Support Calculators:** 3,000 decision support, H&P, and diagnostic test calculators
- ... **Derm Expert** tool for diagnosis of dermatological conditions
- ... **Image Library:** over 1,000 high quality photographs
- ... **Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) Guidelines:** 1,000 practice guideline summaries and 3,000 evidence graded research summaries
- ... **ICD-9 codes**

To subscribe to InfoPoems by email or PDA, contact Denise Parker, Library Coordinator, at 610-969-2263.

### Library Services at Cedar Crest Relocates

During the week of January 21, the Library temporarily relocated to the basement of the Kasych Pavilion.

To visit the Library, go straight past the Auditorium into the new Kasych Pavilion. Follow the hallway to the right. Use Elevator #4 (the last elevator in the set of four elevators) or stairway #3 next to the elevators. **Note: Elevator #4 is the ONLY one that goes to the basement level.** Exit the elevator/stairs to the right and go forward through the double doors. Continue down the hall to the Library entrance.

With this temporary relocation comes some permanent improvement. The number of computers will be expanded and will be available 24/7 with card swipe access.



## Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

### Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds are held on Thursdays, beginning at 8 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) at various locations. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

#### February 7 – LVH-M Educational Conference Center, Room B

- ... Visiting Speaker – TBA
- ... Topic TBA – Robert Battista, MD
- ... Resident Lecture Series – Jessica Pierog, DO
- ... EMTALA – Richard MacKenzie, MD

#### February 14 – LVH-CC Auditorium

- ... “Pediatric” – Terry Goyke, DO
- ... “Longitudinal Module” – Bryan Kane, MD
- ... Resident Lecture Series – Aaron Kelley, DO
- ... Rosen’s Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD
- ... Administration Hour

#### February 21 – EMI – 2166 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

- ... Trauma Module – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD, Eric Bruno, MD, Bryan Kane, MD, Jeff Kuklinski, DO, Kevin Roth, DO, Kevin Weaver, DO, Michael Weigner, MD, and Charles WorriLOW, MD

#### February 28 – EMI – 2166 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

- ... Gameshow – “Who Wants to be an ED Physician” – Tony Werhun, MD, and Perry Fooskas, MD
- ... Clinical Case Reviews – Andy Miller, DO, Amy Aldrich, DO, Justin Binstead, DO, and Jeff Beard, DO
- ... Rosen’s Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

For more information, please call Dawn Yenser in the Department of Emergency Medicine at 484-884-2888.

### Geriatric Trauma Conference

The next Geriatric Trauma Conference will be held on **Wednesday, February 6**, from noon to 1 p.m., in Kasych ECC 10. Dr. Roline Adolphine will be presenting Case Studies.

For more information, please contact Linda Bozilesky, Administrative Secretary, Trauma Program, at 610-402-8464.

### Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds are held every Tuesday, beginning at noon, in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and videoconferenced to the VTC Conference Room on the first floor at 17<sup>th</sup> & Chew, and the ECC Room B at LVH-M. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- ... February 5 – “Gadilinium & Kidney Disease: What is the Relationship?” – Nelson Kopyt, DO
- ... February 12 – “Osteoporosis” – Ya-Yu Lee, MD
- ... February 19 – “Movement Disorder” – Sulada Kanchana, MD
- ... February 26 – TBA – Prem Soman, MD, PhD, Division of Cardiology, UPMC Cardiovascular Institute, University of Pittsburgh

For more information, please contact Becky Sherman in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-8045.

### Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays beginning at noon. All conferences will be held in the Kasych ECC 10 and videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-M. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- ... February 7 – “Deep Brain Stimulation for Parkinson’s Disease – An Update” – Dr. Gordon Baltuch, Neurosurgeon, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- ... February 14 – “Botulism Toxin for Movement Disorder Patients” – Sulada Kanchana, MD
- ... February 21 – Division of Neurology meeting
- ... February 28 – Case Presentations – Peter Barbour, MD

For more information, please contact Sharon Bartz, Conference Coordinator, Neurosciences and Pain Research, at 610-402-9001.

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## OB/GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology holds Grand Rounds every Friday from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Room assignments will be announced in the weekly OB/GYN Department reminder. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- ... February 1 – Gynecologic Tumor Board – Richard Boulay, MD
- ... February 8 – “Getting Your Message to the Media” – Jody Radosh, PhD, Visiting Professor, Alvernia College
- ... February 15 – OB M&M – Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- ... February 22 – No Grand Rounds – Resident Mock Oral Boards
- ... February 29 – Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Training – 7 a.m. to noon, Auditorium, Cedar Crest & I-78

For more information, please contact Teresa Benner in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at 610-969-4515.

## Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics holds Grand Rounds every Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in Kasych ECC 6 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- ... February 5 – “Saving Teens Lives: Advancing Young Driver Safety” – Dennis Durbin, MD, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- ... February 12 – “Inhalation Injury and CO Poisoning” – Sigrid Blome-Eberwein, MD
- ... February 19 – “Child Passenger Safety” – Robert Barraco, MD
- ... February 26 – “Hospitalization: Beyond the Medicine” – Scott Brenner, MD

For more information, please contact Kelli Ripperger in the Department of Pediatrics at 610-969-2540.

## Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on **Thursday, February 21**, beginning at noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-M. The topic of discussion will be:

- ... “Opiate Addiction: Identification and Management in the Psychiatric and General Medical Setting” – Brian Mika, MD

For more information, please contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at 610-402-5255.

## Schwartz Rounds Update

The next Schwartz Rounds will be held on **Wednesday, February 6**, in Kasych ECC 6, beginning at noon (lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.). The topic of discussion will be:

- ... “Caring for Patients with Disabilities” – Sweetey Jain, MD and Team

Schwartz Center Rounds is a multidisciplinary forum where caregivers discuss difficult emotional and social issues that arise in caring for patients. Over 21,000 clinicians across the country participate in these interactive discussions and share their experiences, thoughts and feelings on different topics. Schwartz Center Rounds take place at more than 120 sites in multiple states.

For more information, please contact Krista Hirschmann, PhD, Medical Educator, at 610-402-1583.

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### Spine Conference

Conferences relating to complex spine cases are held the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 a.m. Attendees typically include spine surgeons, neurosurgeons, physiatrists, pain management specialists, radiologists, among others. All clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to the meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on **Wednesday, February 6**, in Kasych ECC 6, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

For more information, please contact James C. Weis, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, or Laura Warner, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973-6338.

### Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, beginning at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and via videoconference in the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-M. Topics to be discussed in February will include:

- ... February 5 – “Development of a Novel Immunomodulatory Agent: A Narrative”
- ... February 12 – Critical Limb Ischemia: A Global Epidemic – “Novel Strategies for Limb Salvage” – Omid Jazaeri, MD
- ... February 19 – “Facial Trauma with Emphasis on the Management of Facial Fractures” – Marshall Miles, DO
- ... February 26 – “Physician Competency” – Joel Rosenfeld, MD, Designated Institutional Officer, St. Luke’s Hospital-Bethlehem

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

***Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network’s  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf and Tennis Classic  
Monday, May 19, 2008  
Saucon Valley Country Club  
Proceeds benefit LVH-Muhlenberg***

***Sponsorship/Reservations***

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***Tennis***

Tennis package includes tennis fees, tournament gift, light refreshments & cocktail reception. In the case of inclement weather, tennis will be relocated to Lehigh Valley Racquet & 24-7 Fitness Club. (West End)

***Golf***

Golf package includes all greens fees, cart, tournament gift, luncheon, on-course refreshments and cocktail reception. In the case of inclement weather, Saucon Valley Country Club has the discretion to cancel play. Raindate: TBD



**For sponsorship benefits, reservations or event information, contact:  
Amy Burrows at 610-402-9123 or Sandi Marsh at 610-402-9119**

## Who's New

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

### Medical Staff

#### New Appointments



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Department of Medicine  
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Division of General Internal Medicine  
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### ***Medical Staff Leadership Appointments***

#### **Department of Medicine**

**Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, MPH**  
Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs (LVH)

**Timothy J. Friel, MD**  
Vice Chair for Research, Infectious Diseases

**Sean R. Lacey, MD**  
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology

### ***Addition to Departmental Assignment***

**J. Alberto Bastidas, MD**  
Department of Surgery  
Division of Plastic Surgery/**Hand Surgery**

### ***Address Change***

**David B. Shanley, MD**  
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### ***Fax Number Changes***

**Frank P. Matrone, DO**  
New Fax: 610-437-5180

**Richard A. Narvaez, MD**  
New Fax: 570-992-6780

### ***One-Year Leave of Absence***

**Adrienne E. Apatoczky, DO**  
Department of Medicine  
Division of General Internal Medicine  
Affiliate

### ***Practice Name Change***

**Stelzer, Cornell, Taus, Auteri, Helwig and  
Bross GI Assoc.**

Anthony G. Auteri, MD  
Ronald J. Bross, MD  
James F. Cornell, MD  
Kyle A. Helwig, MD  
Frederic A. Stelzer, MD  
John K. Taus, DO

### ***Change of Practice***

With the closing of HealthSpring, the following  
Physicians have joined the practice of:

**Michelle E. Nashleanas, MD, PhD**  
**Christine Potterjones, MD**  
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2101 Emrick Blvd., Suite 100  
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**Amy L. Steigerwalt, DO**  
has joined the practice of  
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### ***Change of Practice and Status***

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To: Hospital Medicine/General Internal Medicine  
From: Provisional Limited Duty  
To: Provisional Active

### ***Change of Status***

**Charles F. Kelley, Jr., MD**  
Outpatient Pediatric Clinic  
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To: Provisional Active

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## **Resignations**

### **Kenneth Bunch, MD**

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Division of Physical Medicine-  
Rehabilitation

### **Tina C. Bunch, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Rheumatology

### **Peter T. Ender, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Infectious Diseases

### **Jeffrey A. Jahre, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Infectious Diseases

### **Jin I. Kim, MD**

Department of Anesthesiology

### **Thong P. Le, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Infectious Diseases

### **Wei-Shen W. Lin, MD**

Department of Surgery  
Division of Orthopedic Surgery

### **Madankumar Raj, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Physical Medicine-  
Rehabilitation

### **Andrea G. Schellenberg, MD**

Department of Anesthesiology  
Division of Cardiac Anesthesiology

## **Allied Health Staff**

### **New Appointments**

#### **Kyle C. Benedetto, GRNA**

Graduate Registered Nurse  
Anesthetist  
(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services,  
PC – Thomas M. McLoughlin, Jr.,  
MD)

#### **Brett J. Feldman, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Northern Valley Primary Care –  
Iqbal Sorathia, MD)

#### **Michael D. Finney, CRNA**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Anesthetist  
(Lehigh Valley Anesthesia Services,  
PC – Thomas M. McLoughlin, Jr.,  
MD)

#### **Susan E. Hoffman, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(Pain Specialists of Greater Lehigh  
Valley, PC – Bruce Nicholson, MD)

#### **Susanne N. Lane-Sandt, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(Valley Independent Hospitalist  
Group – David M. Caccese, MD)

#### **Elizabeth K. Nesland, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(LVPG-Pediatrics – Jarret R.  
Patton, MD)

#### **Carol A. Ruspantini, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Gastroenterology Associates Ltd.  
– Sean R. Lacey, MD)

#### **Leah J. Shaffer, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Lehigh Area Medical Associates,  
PC – Christopher Newman, MD)

#### **Casey W. Strobl, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(The Heart Care Group – Martin E.  
Matsumura, MD)

#### **Erin M. Treaster, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(LVPG-Hospitalist Services –  
Uzma Z. Vaince, MD)

## **Change of Supervising Physician**

### **Elaine D. Polaski, RN, OTC**

Orthopedic Technologist Certified  
(Coordinated Health)  
From: Emil J. DiIorio, MD  
To: Christopher F. Wagener, MD

## **Change of Supervising Physician and Group**

### **Judith R. Chermansky, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
From: Pulmonary Associates –  
Jonathan Hertz, MD  
To: The Heart Care Group, PC –  
James A. Pantano, MD

### **Jodi L. Hyndman, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine –  
Anthony T. Werhun, MD)  
From: LVPG-Transplant Surgery –  
Michael J. Moritz, MD  
To: VSAS Orthopaedics – Thomas  
D. DiBenedetto, MD

### **Regina M. Willard, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse  
Practitioner  
From: Lehigh Valley Heart Special-  
ists – Bruce J. Silverberg, MD  
To: John J. Cassel, MD, PC –  
Jeffrey C. Snyder, MD

## **Resignations**

### **Donna Francis-Samuels, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Surgical Specialists of the Lehigh  
Valley)

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(Surgical Monitoring Associates,  
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