



| FROM THE PRESIDENT |



## PASSING THE BATON AND A SINCERE THANKS

It is hard to believe, but this is the last column I'll write as the Medical Staff President at LVHN. It's been a true privilege and pleasure to serve in this role. I've certainly learned a great deal and hope you feel I have served you well.

Since I started in Medical Staff leadership four years ago, Lehigh Valley Health Network has changed immensely. This has included growth both in numbers of caregivers but also geographically. This has led to certain challenges but also important evolution and refinement of our mission.

In parting, I have little advice other than we need to continue to advance but also not forget what's made us great since our doors first opened at the original Allentown Hospital in 1899. Innovation, optimizing efficiency and access to technology are important, but our foundation is founded on – and must continue to be focused on – providing the highest quality and most compassionate care.

Thank you for the opportunity, the privilege and the experience that will always be a highlight of my professional career.

Respectfully,

**Joseph E. Patruno, MD**  
Medical Staff President

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| CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NAMING |

## LVHN RECEIVES ONE OF ITS LARGEST GIFTS

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) has received one of the largest gifts in its history from local philanthropists and business owners J.B. and Kathleen Reilly. The sizable gift – the amount of which will be kept private per the family's wishes – will be dedicated to supporting ongoing enhancements to programs, services and facilities of the Children's Hospital, which now will be named Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital.

LVHN has cared for more kids than any other health system in the area since the 1970s. As part of its commitment to the care of children, LVHN opened the Children's Hospital at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest in 2012. The Reillys' gift will bring a host of more than 30 pediatric specialties – from childhood cancer to cystic fibrosis – all under one roof.

"With the consolidation into a true children's hospital, we will grow services and touch even more lives," Physician-in-Chief of Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital Nathan Hagstrom, MD, said during a naming celebration on Nov. 15. "Just as these kids are growing fast, so are we," he added.

The Reillys' gift will fund updates to the hospital's Level IV neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) – the highest level NICU in the area – as well as the construction of a new pediatric inpatient unit, complete with 30 private rooms and child-friendly touches, such as doors labeled by colors and animals, and spaces for families to play with little ones. The region's only pediatric intensive care unit will be expanded to 12 beds with additional spaces for families, and more child life specialists will be hired to help kids cope emotionally while they're in the hospital.

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## MINDFULNESS-BASED STRESS REDUCTION INFORMATION SESSIONS

Skills that one learns when practicing mindfulness: to be fully present with what is; to learn to be at ease with the unpleasant as well as the pleasant; to find ways to respond to oneself and those around us with grace, joyfulness and compassion.

In this world of many varied challenges, please consider learning how mindfulness will enrich your life. The next cycle of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction sessions begins with free information sessions Jan. 3, Jan. 7 and Jan. 15, 2019. Go to [LVHN.org/mindfulness](http://LVHN.org/mindfulness) for details or call 888-402-LVHN to register.

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| SEMINARS, CONFERENCES  
AND MEETINGS |

## Department of Education Conferences

Jan. 9, Jan. 25-26

**Where:** Locations vary.

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provide high-quality, consistent compressions to sudden cardiac arrest patients as they are moved within the hospital and in the event a patient requires a transport to another hospital within the network.

A LUCAS device allows providers to overcome many challenges, particularly in patients requiring emergent invasive procedures such as percutaneous coronary intervention in a cath lab.

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| DEADLINE JAN. 20, 2019 |

## Allied Health Staff Biennial Reappointment

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

On Jan. 1, 2019, next year's biennial reappointment process will be put into motion when reappointment applications will be available for more than 950 members of the Allied Health Professional staff.

Directions for completing the reappointment application process will be included with the application notice sent to the provider. The deadline to return reappointment applications is Jan. 20, 2019.

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| WELLNESS CORNER II |

## There's Still Time to Take Wellness Based Index Survey

The response to the Wellness Based Index (WBI) has been exceptional. More than 65 percent of our physicians and 20 percent of our advanced practice clinicians (APCs) have signed up. For the physicians remember to complete the survey a second time before Dec. 31, 2018. When you do, make sure you download and submit your transcript to get credit for participating and to collect your \$100 incentive, which will be distributed in January 2019. APCs who participate will be included in a drawing for a new iPad.

If you have not joined, it's not too late to sign up at [mywellbeingindex.org/signup](http://mywellbeingindex.org/signup).

Stay tuned, as we will be reviewing this data with you in 2019.

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| CARDIOGENIC SHOCK PROGRAM |



## LUCAS Devices Coming to the Lehigh Valley Heart Institute

As part of the launch of the Lehigh Valley Heart Institute's (LVHI) Cardiogenic Shock program, four LUCAS devices were purchased for the emergency departments at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)—Schuylkill, LVH—Hazleton, LVH—17th Street and the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at LVH—Pocono.

The LUCAS mechanical chest compression device provides external and automated chest compressions on patients experiencing cardiac arrest. The \$62,000 investment from LVHI's technology fund allows providers to

| DINNER EVENT IN APRIL |

## Nominations Sought for Recognition Awards

The next Physician Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Centennial Catering & Conference Center in Center Valley. Plan to attend this grand event to celebrate with your colleagues and recognize those who will be celebrating 50 and 25 years of service on the hospital's Medical Staff.

In addition to the years-of-service awards, several special awards will be presented at next year's big event. These special awards will be presented to the individuals who best meet the criteria for each award. They include:

- Community Service Award
- Team Building Award
- Physician Research Award
- Friend of the Medical Staff Award
- Doctors' Doctor Award

Nominations will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2018. To submit a nomination, please include the name of the award, the nominee's name, your name and a brief explanation of why the

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## Submissions

Email your materials to  
Rich Krisher at  
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by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.



nominee should receive the award, and email it to Patricia Martin, MD, Medical Staff President-Elect, or Dana Hacker, Administrator, Medical Staff Services.

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## VisualDX: A Diagnostic Decision Support System

The VisualDX database is a diagnostic decision support system designed to aid medical professionals in the diagnosis of visually identifiable diseases. It contains more than 29,000 images representing more than 1,300 visually identifiable diseases, drug reactions and infections.

Users can begin by entering a symptom, medication or diagnosis. The user will receive questions in order to narrow down the diagnosis.

CME is included in the VisualDX. Each time you use VisualDX to build a differential or look up a diagnosis, you will accrue potential CME credit earning 0.5 AMA PRA Category 1 credits. To earn and claim these credits you must create a personal login and be logged in while performing your search.

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