



| FROM THE PRESIDENT |



## THE WORLD CUP AND THE POWER OF UNITY

Based on my past articles you've probably realized that athletics and sports are personally meaningful to me. Last month we were completely entrenched in perhaps the greatest of all sports events – the World Cup soccer tournament. The World Cup is one of the biggest and most-watched sporting events in the world. Entire countries grind to a halt, altering shopping and banking hours according to their home team's schedule.

Compelled by the dedication, emotion and passion of the World Cup athletes, I can't help but think of the parallels with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) physicians.

Our "beautiful game" is medicine and the nation we represent is LVHN. We train and practice every day with the goal of providing the best care for our patients. Although success requires individual skill and hard work, it also necessitates teamwork. Our fans are our patients and communities who put their faith in us and take both comfort and pride in the remarkable things each of us can do to keep them healthy.

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

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| TWO-YEAR TERM |

## BREN NAMED MEDICAL STAFF PRESIDENT-ELECT

Deborah Bren, DO, with LVPG Family Medicine, was selected as President-elect for the Medical Staff starting January 2019. Bren will serve two years as President-elect, followed by two years as President and two years as Past-President.

"I have an enormous amount of respect for the Troika team, and for all of our network colleagues. It is a privilege and honor to serve in this role," Bren says.

As President-elect, she will focus on maintaining the scholarly and academic reputation Lehigh Valley Health Network has earned. She will also work to facilitate compassion and empathy, not only in our patient care, but also among the Medical Staff, focusing on teamwork and treating each team member with grace, respect and trust.

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| WELLNESS CORNER |

## ANNOUNCING THE WELL-BEING INDEX INITIATIVE

In the next week you will be invited to join an initiative using a product called the Well-Being Index (WBI). This initiative is sponsored by Medical Staff Services and the Greater Lehigh Valley PHO and involves using an online assessment tool that will allow you to evaluate your wellness and distress in just nine questions. This tool was developed at Mayo Clinic and is 100 percent anonymous.

Our goal is to have every physician on staff at Lehigh Valley Health Network, and every member of Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association, sign up and use the WBI by the end of September. Our hope is you will use the tool quarterly thereafter as means of measuring your well-being.

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| REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS |

## LVHN'S 2018 HEALTHCARE HEROES

Congratulations to several Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) colleagues and physicians who have been honored with 2018 Healthcare Heroes Awards. Healthcare Heroes is a program of Lehigh Valley Business, a publication focused on the Lehigh Valley business community.

LVHN's 2018 Healthcare Heroes include:

- **Martin Martino, MD** – Medical Director, Minimally Invasive Robotic Surgery Program
- **George McCracken** – Administrator, Lehigh Valley Home Health Services
- **Robert Murphy, MD** – Chief Integration Officer, LVHN, Chief Medical Officer, Populytics
- **Judith Henriquez-Valerio** – Workforce Enhancement Program
- **Gloria Rivera** – Workforce Enhancement Program
- **Yendira Rosario** – Workforce Enhancement Program
- **Luz Cruz** – Workforce Enhancement Program

This honor is bestowed upon those who make remarkable contributions to the health care industry in the Greater Lehigh Valley.

"This award attests to the fact that we, as medical professionals, can have a tremendous impact both on our patients and also to the greater society in which we live," Murphy says.

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## | SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS |

### Department of Education Conferences

Aug. 14, Sept. 13; times vary.

Where: Locations vary.

Questions? Call 610-402-2277, option 1, or visit [go.activecalendar.com/LVHN-DOE](http://go.activecalendar.com/LVHN-DOE).

### Pediatric Grand Rounds

Aug. 7, 13, 21, 28; 8-9 a.m.

Where: LVH—Cedar Crest Kasych Family Pavilion ECC Room 6.

Questions? Contact Cari Cleffi in the Department of Pediatrics at 484-862-3131.

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## | LIBRARY SERVICES |

### NIH Discontinues National Guideline Clearinghouse

The AHRQ National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC) is longer available as of July 16, 2018, due to federal funding cuts. According to the NGC site, there has been some interest from stakeholders to continue the work of the NGC but nothing has been determined at this time.

Lehigh Valley Health Network Library Services is continuing our own online directory of guidelines. On the digital library page you can find a directory of the Latest Reports and Guidelines

Click on the Latest Reports/Guidelines page and you will find a directory by year and each year is divided monthly with the newest reports and guidelines that have been published. **DISCLAIMER:** This is not a comprehensive list of guidelines or reports.

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## | PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAL SOCIETY |

### LVHN Physicians Named 2018 Top Physicians Under 40

Two Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) physicians, Leigh-Anne Piechta, DO, and Karina Reed, MD, were named Pennsylvania Medical Society Top Physicians Under 40. Honorees were nominated by colleagues and selected by a committee of Pennsylvania Medical Society member physicians.

Piechta and Reed were two of 38 physicians on this year's list, comprised of providers from 19 different medical specialties in 18 Pennsylvania cities. They are the only Lehigh Valley physicians to be named to this year's list.

Piechta has helped open three acute inpatient rehabilitation units since coming to LVHN, serving as Medical Director. In her roles at LVHN, Piechta has helped increase the community's access to resources they need to recover from strokes, spinal cord

injuries, and other injuries and illnesses. Her leadership and team-building skills also provide a strong foundation of practice for clinicians.

Reed serves as assistant practice leader with LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology—1245 Cedar Crest. Since coming to LVHN, Reed has implemented innovative ideas to provide better and more efficient patient care. One of her initiatives is focused on developing and supporting the expansion of LVPG's midwifery program. She is also the obstetrics rotation leader for her organization's OB/GYN residency and co-directs its obstetrics simulation curriculum.

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## | SAVE THE DATE |

### GLVIPA General Membership Meeting Scheduled

The next general membership meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association will be held on *Tuesday, Sept. 25, beginning at 6 p.m.* in the Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)—Cedar Crest Auditorium with video conferencing to LVH—Muhlenberg, LVH—Hazleton, LVH—Pocono and LVH—Schuylkill.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Curcio, Coordinator, Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association, at 610-969-0423.

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## | CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER |

### APC Skills Workshop Series

The Lehigh Valley Health Network Department of Education invites network advanced practice clinicians to the following skills workshops:

Heart Murmur and Harvey the Cardiopulmonary Patient Simulator – *Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, 5-7 p.m.*

Basics of Cardiology: EKGs – *Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, 5-7 p.m.*

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AUGUST 2018

### Papers, Publications and Presentations

Your colleagues have been publishing and presenting

### Who's New

Updates on Medical Staff and Allied Health Staff new appointments



Progress Notes is published monthly to inform the Medical Staff, Advanced Practice Clinicians and colleagues of LVHN about important issues.

▶▶ See the full version at [LVHN.org/progressnotes](http://LVHN.org/progressnotes).

### Submissions

Email your materials to Rich Krisher at [rkrisher@staywell.com](mailto:rkrisher@staywell.com) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### Questions?

Contact Ashley Scheffler in marketing and public affairs at [Ashley\\_L.Scheffler@LVHN.org](mailto:Ashley_L.Scheffler@LVHN.org).



## | POND ROAD |

### New Practice Location for LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat

This month, Allen Ear Nose & Throat in Allentown joins the Lehigh Valley Physician Group and becomes LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat—Pond Road.

Physicians in the practice include:

- Robert DeDio, MD
- Hilary Koprowski II, MD
- Paul Lemberg, MD
- Niketu Patel, MD
- Karen Shemanski, DO

The practice joins LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat—17th Street, Allentown, and LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat—Palmer Township.

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