

PROGRESS NOTES HIGHLIGHTS

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| NETWORK NEWS |



SCHUYLKILL HEALTH SYSTEM, LVHN AGREE TO MERGE

Schuylkill Health System (SHS) and LVHN have signed an agreement to merge. The merger will give residents of Schuylkill County access to expanded health care services, more advanced technology and more medical specialists. The merger is subject to regulatory review and is expected to be complete by the end of 2016.

LVHN has worked with SHS to care for patients suffering from burns and stroke through the use of telemedicine, as well as other patients who require specialized care. LVHN is committed to increasing the number of primary care and specialty physicians in the community. LVHN also plans to maintain services such as emergency, obstetrics, surgery and behavioral health, and expand specialty services such as cardiology and orthopedics.

SHS provides inpatient units for medical-surgical, critical care, behavioral health (geriatric, adult and adolescent), acute rehabilitation, maternity and pediatrics. In addition, SHS is a leader in outpatient physical rehabilitation services with Schuylkill Rehabilitation Center.

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| OUR LATEST ADDITION |

INTRODUCING THE CHILDREN'S SURGERY CENTER

To enhance its commitment to caring for children throughout the Lehigh Valley, Children's Hospital at LVH has officially opened the J.B. and Kathleen Reilly Children's Surgery Center.

The new center, which began caring for patients on April 4, is located on the third floor of the 1210 building on the LVH-Cedar Crest campus. The approximately 15,000-square-foot facility features pediatric surgeons who use minimally invasive, state-of-the-art

technology for general pediatric surgeries, including surgical urology, ear nose and throat, plastic surgery and dental surgery among other procedures, all on an outpatient basis.

The center is made possible thanks in part to the generosity of J.B. Reilly, founder and CEO of City Center Lehigh Valley, and his wife, Kathleen.

The Children's Surgery Center is the latest addition to Children's Hospital at LVH, which will celebrate its fourth anniversary next month.

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| ACCESS |

NEW PHYSICIAN PROMPT FOR LVPG PRACTICES

If you're calling an LVPG office, you'll likely notice a new standardized phone tree. It's among the changes LVPG is making to increase access and enhance the patient experience.

The new phone tree begins with a 20-second introduction that includes the practice name and location, reminds callers to dial 911 if they are having a medical emergency, and briefly discusses the benefits of signing up for MyLVHN.

If you are a clinical provider calling to talk to another clinical provider, the new phone tree includes a hidden menu prompt you can dial to reach your destination quicker.

By pressing 8 after the 20-second introduction, you will be connected directly to a clinical provider within that LVPG practice.

Please use this new prompt to ensure quick access, and please let your practice manager and staff know of this important change.



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| SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS |

Department of Education Conferences

May 10, 12-13, 19, 21 (times vary)

Where: Locations vary

Questions? Call 610-402-2277, option 1, or visit LVHN.org/ce-calendar.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

May 17, 24, 28 at 8 a.m.

Where: Locations vary

Questions? Contact Cari Coelho in the department of pediatrics at 484-862-3131.

Surgical Grand Rounds

May 10, 17 at 7 a.m.

Where: LVH-Cedar Crest auditorium; videoconferenced to the first floor conference room at LVH-Muhlenberg

Questions? Contact Wendy Hess at 484-862-3265.

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| LIBRARY SERVICES |

Changes to DynaMed CME

Recently there has been a change to the DynaMed CME platform. CME credit is still issued by Tufts University, but it has introduced the new CME tracker platform. When you finish submitting your CME for a topic, you will receive an email with instructions to obtain a printable transcript.

To see all available CE opportunities and information, visit the Continuing Education page on the Digital Library's home page. From the intranet home page (LVH.com), go to Find Fast/Library Services and click on *Continuing Education* on the left. If you have questions about using any of the library resources, please contact Library Services at 610-402-8410.

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| THE RETAIL PHARMACY VIEW |

Electronic Prescriptions: Keep These Tips in Mind

As both prescribers and pharmacists adjust to e-prescribing becoming the norm, there are problems that arise that need attention. Many prescriptions are coming through electronically with conflicting sigs. Sometimes the sig field contains two different sets of instructions, and sometimes the notes field contradicts what is transmitted in the sig field.

Prescribers need to review the sig and note fields before transmitting to make sure there are no errors. In a qualitative analysis of 26,000 e-prescriptions, researchers found 19 percent had patient directions in the notes field that differed from what was in the sig field. New York state has mandated that all prescriptions must be e-prescribed starting March 27.

There are still questions to be answered, but it behooves all of us to sharpen our computer skills and double check before hitting send.

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| ORDERING PRIVILEGES |

Dietitians Added as Allied Health Professionals

LVHN is slated to present applications for registered dietitians seeking privileges as members of the Allied Health Professional Staff at the May 12 meeting of the Credentials Committee.

The new regulation providing eligible registered dietitians the opportunity to apply for privileges to order patient diets in hospitals was granted in May 2014 by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. In response to the ruling, LVHN pursued the Department of Health's exception for dietitian order-writing privileges at LVHN, which was granted in March 2016.

The addition of ordering privileges allows registered dietitians to fully function within their scope of practice and expertise while preserving the ultimate authority of the physician in the care of patients. In addition, the privileges will enhance the ability that registered dietitians already have to provide timely, cost-effective and evidence-based nutrition services as the recognized nutrition experts on a hospital interdisciplinary team.

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| CME EVENT |

Stepping Up Type 2 Diabetes Care

A CME event, "Stepping Up Type 2 Diabetes Care: A Practical Approach," will be offered on *Saturday, May 14, 7:45-10:30 a.m.*, at LVH-Cedar Crest and on *Thursday, June 23, 5-7:45 p.m.*, at LVH-Muhlenberg.

This program is designed for physicians, physician assistants and certified registered nurse practitioners who care for patients with type 2 diabetes.

Registration deadline is May 7 for the LVH-Cedar Crest program; June 16 for the LVH-Muhlenberg program. Registration is free.

For more information, please contact the LVHN Department of Education at 610-402-2277, option 1.

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