

# PROGRESS NOTES HIGHLIGHTS

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| FROM THE PRESIDENT |



## BEING THERE ...

I was recently in the physician lounge and caught up with a member of my department whom I hadn't spoken to for several months. He shared with me his recent experience of being involved in a medicolegal suit.

To preface, this is one of the most experienced and finest physicians in our department. He provides top-notch care, is respected by his peers and is adored by patients – a true doctor's doctor. This malpractice case was from many years earlier (prolonged statute of limitations) and occurred at another institution. As is often the case in OB, despite doing everything right and providing appropriate care, this doctor was faced with an outcome he had little control over.

A recent survey revealed that 60 percent of doctors have been sued. Eighty percent of physicians over the age of 60 have been named in at least one lawsuit. Lawsuits are a threat to any doctor but are more common in certain specialties, with 85 percent of obstetricians/gynecologists being sued at some point during their career.

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| GET YOUR FLU SHOT |

## INFLUENZA VACCINATION UPDATE

The Network Medical Executive Committee requires all Medical and Allied Health Professionals who have routine or intermittent patient contact get a flu shot. All Medical and Allied Health Professional Staff are considered to have patient contact. Those who cannot be vaccinated because of a valid medical or religious reason must submit an exemption request, obtainable from any Employee Health Services office, by *Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018*. These individuals must be granted an exemption or be vaccinated by *Friday, Nov. 23, 2018*. Those approved for a permanent exemption in prior years do NOT need to request an exemption again this year.

Failure to comply with the immunization policy will result in a written warning. All Medical and Allied Health Professional Staff and other staff with patient contact who are not vaccinated or granted an exemption within two weeks of the warning, will be subject to termination.

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| FINAL NOTICES SENT |

## ANNUAL DUES DEADLINE: OCT. 15

On *Friday, Oct. 5, 2018*, final notices will be emailed to members of the Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinicians who have not yet paid their annual dues.

In order to avoid automatic resignation from the Medical or Allied Health Staff, your payment must be received in the Medical Staff Services office no later than 5 p.m. on *Monday, Oct. 15, 2018*.

Both Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinician dues may be paid using a credit card. A link to the appropriate payment screen was provided in the final notice you received by email.

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| MEDICAL LIBRARY MONTH |

## LIBRARIANS SAVE TIME, SAVE MONEY, GET INFO FAST

The earliest libraries contained handwritten manuscripts that took years to painstakingly copy by the librarians of the time. Today, our librarians ensure that colleagues get materials at their fingertips. During October, Medical Library Month, take a moment to appreciate all the services Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) librarians provide.

Books are now mostly ebooks (we have over 3,600 in our online catalog) accessible from any LVHN site and through remote access. Library Staff have diligently merged to create one efficient library system with 24/7 online access (remote and mobile apps) to resources. How libraries – and librarians – have changed!

No time to search? Librarians save you time and let you spend more of your time with patients. Just complete a request form on the library homepage and a trained librarian will do the search and email results to you. LVHN librarians performed more than 2,200 consultations and assistance sessions to colleagues as well as nearly 500 searches in FY2018. Think of all the time that saved!

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| SEMINARS, CONFERENCES  
AND MEETINGS |

### Department of Education Conferences

Oct. 10, Oct. 19, Oct. 19–20, Oct. 27,  
Oct. 30, Nov. 1, Nov. 2–3, Nov. 7, Nov. 9–10

**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

Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30; 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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| WELLNESS CORNER |

### Now Seeking Wellness Initiatives

The Wellness Committee and Medical Staff Services are offering funding (up to \$5,000) to support innovative wellness ideas and initiatives at Lehigh Valley Health Network. Submissions are welcome for any hospital or locations on the medical staff, with the exception of Lehigh Valley Hospital–Pocono. The initiative should improve the culture of wellness for providers in some manner. The submission/application process is being finalized.

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| AT LVH-SCHUYLKILL |

### Senior Behavioral Health Unit Opens

Inpatient behavioral health services are now all under one roof at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Schuylkill. The new senior behavioral health unit opened at LVH–Schuylkill S. Jackson Street. The unit features 14 private patient rooms in a 14,000-square-foot living and treatment area.

The senior behavioral health unit features:

- Individual and group therapy rooms
- Quiet and activity rooms
- Occupational therapy area
- Conference and teaching rooms

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| ONCOLOGY SERVICES |

### Now Open: LVHN Cancer Center– Schuylkill

The Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) Cancer Center–Schuylkill opened in August on the newly renovated third floor of the East Norwegian Street campus. It provides a range of services including infusion, pharmacy and consultation.

In addition, a new medical practice, Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) Hematology Oncology, is open and treating patients. Both the Cancer Center and LVPG Hematology Oncology are part of Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute.

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| MOBILE SOLUTION |

### Mammography Coach Brings Preventive Care to Community

When life is busy, it's easy to put off getting a mammogram. But Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute has a solution: mobile mammography. The Institute's mobile mammography coach features the same imaging technology used in our hospitals, but now that expertise can be extended to workplaces and the community.

The mobile mammography coach is warm, welcoming and high-tech. It features the latest mammogram technology – including 3D imaging – that helps identify breast cancer earlier, in its most treatable stages.

Want to know when, where and how to sign up for the next mobile mammography coach screening event? Visit

[LVHN.org/mammo](http://LVHN.org/mammo).

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| LVPG EAR, NOSE AND THROAT–POND ROAD |

### ENT Practice Grows

The former Allen Ear, Nose & Throat Association (Allen ENT) has joined Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) and is now LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–Pond Road. The practice is located at 1575 Pond Road, Allentown.

The team of five board-certified otolaryngologists, three physician assistants and three audiologists adds depth to our busy ENT practices at LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–17th Street and LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–Palmer Township.

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| 'PARTNERSHIP WITH PRIMARY CARE' |

### The Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute Stages Second Annual Symposium

The Second Annual Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute Symposium, "Partnership With Primary Care," will be held *Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10, 2018*, at Camelback Lodge, Tannersville.

Registration deadline is *Friday, Nov. 2, 2018*. To register, go to [go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe](http://go.activecalendar.com/lvhn-doe) and search for the event by title or date.

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| SPECIALTY UPDATE |

### New Voice and Airway Specialist

For those whose profession requires the use of their voice – such as a singer, lawyer, minister or teacher – our new voice and airway specialist, Mausumi Syamal, MD, with

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### Papers, Publications and Presentations

Your colleagues have been publishing and presenting

### Who's New

Updates on Medical  
Staff and Allied Health  
Staff new appointments



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### 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 Bhasin  
in marketing and public affairs at  
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LVPG Ear, Nose and Throat–17th Street and LVPG Ear Nose and Throat–Palmer Township, is here to offer support.

Fellowship-trained at the Cleveland Clinic, Syamal brings a diverse background in engineering, medicine and performance to her practice as an otolaryngologist. Her unique patient-centered approach both in the office and the operating room combines her passion for the arts, science and teaching.

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| VENDOR CHANGE |

### Patient Education in Epic

There will soon be a change in patient education in Epic. When the Epic upgrade is underway, Lehigh Valley Health Network will transition from Krames material to Elsevier patient education. Elsevier will be integrated into Epic, MyChart and MyChart Bedside.

Inpatient workflow and documentation changes will be forthcoming. As always, the goal is to ensure that our patients receive individualized, comprehensive and health-literate education about their condition or diagnosis.

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