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Addiction Issues

- Affecting those diagnosed with mental illness/ dual diagnosis
- Among the homeless
- Detoxification – issues/treatment

Sources:

Massi Shamalov, MD, LMCBC
Patricia DeShields, R.N., OLLMC
Lisa Rink, DO, OLLMC/LMCBC

Anesthesiology

- Options and safety
- For use in pain management

Sources:

Randy Kushner, MD, OLLMC
Gary Buck, MD, LMCBC
Michael Picone, M.D., LMCBC

Bariatric Surgery (Weight loss)

- Open and laparoscopic methods
- Center of excellence
- Who benefits/risks
- What to look for in a program

Sources:

Gus Slotman, MD, OLLMC
David Greenbaum, MD, LMCBC

Birth Defects

- Among premature infants and related issues
- Genetics of birth defects
- Prevention through prenatal care and testing
- Prevalence among high-risk groups

Sources:

Peter Konchak, MD, OLLMC/LMCBC
Margaret Fernandes, MD, OLLMC/LMCBC

Breast Cancer

- Advance diagnostics: CT scanning, stereotactic breast biopsy, etc.
- Community resources
- Patient Navigator Program
- Support
- Surgical options/medical options
- Role of genetics
- Mammography
- Racial differences/outcomes
- Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)

Sources:

Arnold Baskies, MD, LMCBC
Kathy Greatrex, MD, OLLMC

Cancer – general

- Advanced diagnostics
- Radiation therapy – new methods
- Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)
- Prevention
- Clinical trials
- Complementary/Holistic therapy

Sources:

Kathy Greatrex, MD, OLLMC
Alan Penziner, MD, LMCBC
Eduardo Fernandez, MD, LMCBC
Ashraf Youssef, MD, LMCBC

Cardiac

- Open heart surgery/valve replacement
- Electrophysiology (rhythm disorders)
- Catheterization/stenting
- Drug-eluting stents/safety
- Cardiac rehabilitation
- EECF for the treatment of chest pain
- Women and heart disease
- Heart failure

Sources:

Reggie Blaber, MD, OLLMC
Gary Burke, DO, OLLMC
Hans Bauer, MD, OLLMC
Darius Sholevar, MD, OLLMC (EP)
Scott Fertels, DO, OLLMC
Ronald Cohen, DO, OLLMC
John Hamaty, DO, OLLMC/LMCBC
Pat Luciano, DO, OLLMC
Joseph Kuchler, MD, OLLMC
Steven Klier, MD, LMCBC
Bruce Kimmel, MD, LMCBC

Child Development

- Early intervention
- Autism
- Childhood obesity

Sources:

Jane Femia Bader, OLLMC

Community Health

- Models of care for the poor and underserved
- Childhood obesity
- Care for the homeless
- Immunizations
- Smoke-free environments
- Seniors in the community (PACE, Senior Companions)

Sources:

Patricia DeShields, Project HOPE, OLLMC
Marge Cofsky, R.N., Osborn
Deb Bokas, Social Worker, Osborn
Emmanuel Ashong, MD, Osborn

Depression

- Mental illness
- Inpatient hospital care

Sources:

Massi Shamalov, MD, LMCBC
Douglas Leonard, DO, OLLMC

Diabetes

- Renal dialysis
- Managing complications
- Kidney failure/ transplants
- Wound care
- Screening/nutrition/blood sugar control

Sources:

Samuel Wasser, MD, LMCBC
Daniel Rosenbaum, MD, LMCBC
Edward Swibinski, MD, OLLMC
Mario Torres, MD, OLLMC
Stephen Guy, MD, OLLMC

Emergency Services

- Getting prompt care – stroke, cardiac, etc.
- Seasonal topics – heat stroke, hypothermia, carbon monoxide poisoning, etc.
- Triage – how it works

Sources:

Alfred Sacchetti, MD, OLLMC
Russell Harris, MD, OLLMC
Larry Segal, DO, LMCBC
Louis Reinhold, DO, LMCBC

Gynecology

- Fibroid tumors – treatment with interventional radiology
- Hysterectomy
- Endometriosis
- Robotic surgery options

Sources:

Joseph LaMotta, MD, LMCBC
Michael Minoff, MD, LMCBC
Diana Scott, MD, OLLMC
Sherrilyn Parrish, MD, OLLMC

Heart Failure

- Identifying symptoms
- Managing disease
- Racial differences/treatment options

Sources:

Jan Weber, M.D., OLLMC
Ann Townsend, RN, CNP, OLLMC

Homeless Issues

- Medical issues among the homeless
- Community services available
- Mental illness/addiction issues

Sources:

Patricia DeShields, RN, Project HOPE, OLLMC

Joint Replacement

- Among baby-boomers
- Gender specific knee replacements
- Hip replacement

Sources:

Michael Harrer, M.D., OLLMC
Joseph Kozielski, M.D., OLLMC
David Eakin, MD, OLLMC
Todd Ryan, MD, LMCBC
Irving Ratner, MD, LMCBC

Liver Disease

- Hepatitis (all forms)
- Liver transplant services

Sources:

Hisham ElGenaidi, M.D., OLLMC
Martin Black, MD, OLLMC

Organ Transplantation

- Organ procurement – rules governing
- Racial differences
- Waiting lists – how they work
- Kidney, pancreas and liver transplants
- Live and deceased donors (for kidneys)

Sources:

Hisham ElGenaidi, M.D., OLLMC
Martin Black, MD, OLLMC
Stephen Guy, MD, OLLMC
John Radomski, MD, OLLMC

Pain Management

- Treatment of chronic pain

Sources:

Gary Buck, MD, LMCBC
Michael Picone, M.D., LMCBC

Pregnancy/Childbirth/ Premature Births

- Risk factors for premature deliveries
- Complications
- Therapies for best outcomes
- Prenatal testing
- Older women and pregnancy
- Childbirth options

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Joseph LaMotta, MD, LMCBC
Michael Minoff, MD, LMCBC
Diana Scott, MD, OLLMC
Sherrilyn Parrish, MD, OLLMC
Peter Konchak, MD, OLLMC/LMCBC

Prostate Cancer

- Robotic Surgery
- Radioactive seed implant therapy
- Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)

Sources:

Rajen Butani, MD, OLLMC

Public Health/Policy Issues

- Osborn Family Health Center – a model for caring for the poor and underserved
- Charity care/SCHIP
- Pharmaceutical assistance
- Caring for the homeless
- Elderly care in the community (PACE)

Sources:

Patricia DeShields, Project HOPE, OLLMC
Marge Cofsky, R.N., Osborn
Deb Bokas, Social Worker, Osborn
James Wallace, VP Advocacy, LHS

Radiology

- Advanced diagnostics – 64-Slice CT scanner
- Mammography/R2 Checker
- Interventional radiology for the treatment of medical conditions

Sources:

Kathleen V. Greatrex, MD, OLLMC
Paul Svigals, MD, OLLMC

Rehabilitation

- Following stroke
- Following joint replacement
- Occupational therapy

Sources:

Jack DiMarco, MD, OLLMC
James Engelman, DO, OLLMC

Respiratory Illnesses

- COPD
- Emphysema
- Asthma

Sources:

Alan Pope, MD, OLLMC
Roy Levinson, MD, LMCBC
Martin Levinson, MD, LMCBC

Robotic Surgery

- Prostate cancer treatment
- Gynecological procedures

Sources:

Rajen Butani, MD, OLLMC
Gerald Burke, MD, OLLMC
Howard Saul, DO, OLLMC

Safety

- Bar-coded dispensing
- Reducing medical errors
- Emergency preparedness
- Infectious diseases
- Quality measures

Sources:

Nathan Zuckerman, MD, LMCBC
John Peterson, MD, LMCBC
Maureen Hetu, CIO, LHS
Ahmed Salahuddin, Safety Director, LHS

Science and Technology

- Robotic surgery
- Advance CT Scanning
- Medication bar-coding
- Radiology picture archiving systems
- Patient tracking systems lead to efficiency and better patient care

Sources:

Rajen Butani, MD, OLLMC
Gerald Burke, MD, OLLMC
Howard Saul, DO, OLLMC
Maureen Hetu, CIO, LHS
Gerald Nissenbaum, MD, OLLMC

Sleep Disorders

- Prevalence among adults/children
- Treatment options

Sources:

Scott Sharetts, MD, LMCBC
Timothy Dunn, MD, LMCBC

Sports Medicine

- Over-use injuries
- Starting an exercise program
- Youth sports/advice
- Performance enhancing drugs

Sources:

Craig Kimmel, MD, OLLMC
Thomas Pluts, DO, OLLMC
Christopher Carey, MD, OLLMC

Stroke

- Recognizing signs and symptoms
- Patient testimonials
- Center of Excellence
- Screening and prevention

Sources:

Scott Sharetts, MD, LMCBC
Timothy Dunn, MD, LMCBC
Lisa Shultz, MD, OLLMC

Surgery – General

- Gastric-bypass surgery
- Laparoscopic/minimally invasive

Sources:

Adam Perzin, MD, LMCBC
Richard Ing, MD, LMCBC
John Radomski, MD, OLLMC
Louis Ruvolo, MD, LMCBC

Vascular Disease

- Carotid artery stenting
- Varicose vein treatment
- Peripheral vascular disease

Sources:

Samuel Wasser, MD, LMCBC
Constantine Andrew, MD, OLLMC

Wellness/Holistic Medicine

- Yoga
- Acupuncture
- Guided imagery
- Aroma therapy
- Journaling
- Tai Chi
- Neurotransmitters

Sources:

Ronald Ciccone, MD, OLLMC