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Merrimack Valley Hospital to Hold Seminar on Corrective Surgery for Diabetic Neuropathy

HAVERHILL—On June 15 Merrimack Valley Hospital will hold a Meet the Expert seminar with Michael Kutka, MD on corrective surgery for diabetic neuropathy. Diabetic neuropathy, a common complication of diabetes, is damage to the nerves that allow us to feel sensations such as pain.

Dr. Kutka of RiverSong Plastic Surgery, is a physician in the Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center at Merrimack Valley Hospital. Dr. Kutka will talk about the surgical release of peripheral nerves in the treatment of diabetic neuropathy. He will go over who is a candidate for the surgery and what surgery involves; the surgical workup and what it entails; as well as follow-up care.

This seminar, which is free and open to the public, is from 6-7 pm in the hospital's first-floor auditorium. One free contact hour for nursing will be awarded at the end of the presentation. Seating is limited so registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. Merrimack Valley Hospital is located at 140 Lincoln Avenue in Haverhill, MA, 01830.

For more information or to register, please call 978.420.1168 or e-mail jean.macdougall-tattan@merrimackvalleyhospital.com.

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June 15—Meet the Expert seminar on Corrective Surgery for Diabetic Neuropathy with Michael Kutka, MD at Merrimack Valley Hospital. Dr. Kutka will talk about the surgical release of peripheral nerves; who is a candidate for surgery; what surgery involves; the surgical workup and what it entails; and follow-up care. The event is 6-7 pm in the hospital's 1st floor auditorium, 140 Lincoln Ave. in Haverhill, MA. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments. Registration required. One free contact hour for nursing. To register, jean.macdougall-tattan@merrimackvalleyhospital.com or 978.420.1168.

About Merrimack Valley Hospital:

Merrimack Valley Hospital maintains 107 acute care beds and 17 adult behavioral medicine beds; all are private rooms. The hospital's clinical strengths include

a 24-hour emergency department; orthopedic, endoscopic, general, vascular, thoracic, GYN and urologic surgery and outpatient pediatric surgery; wound care with hyperbaric therapy; adult behavioral medicine care with a focus on geriatric issues; a comprehensive Pain Management Center; a Sleep Study Lab; gastroenterology; otolaryngology and hospitalist services. MVH also provides a wide range of outpatient services, such as bone density testing; dysphasia testing; echocardiograms; electroencephalograms (EEG); electromyography (EMG); full-field digital mammography; magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); position emission tomography (PET-Scan); pulmonary function testing(PFT); nuclear medicine; surgical day care; ultrasound (general & obstetrical), and physical therapy and x-rays, and 64-Slice CT scans.

The hospital's awards for excellence include the Excellence Through Insight Award, 2008 (HealthStream Research); Best in Value Hospitals, 2008 (Data Advantage); Top Ranked Community Value Provider Award, 2007 (Cleverley & Associates; National Quality Leader Award for Pneumonia Care, 2006 (CareScience Select Practice); High Reliability Cardiac Care Award, 2006 (MassPRO); and An affiliate of Essent Healthcare, Inc., the hospital serves Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire. More information can be found at www.merrimackvalleyhospital.com. Merrimack Valley Hospital is a licensed and certified mammography facility.