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Nina Collins, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC

Nina Collins is an Assistant in Surgery serving on faculty at Vanderbilt Medical Center. Her primary role is facilitating the inpatient Trach/PEG consultation service for the Division of Acute Care Surgery. She also provides outpatient care to her patients. She is an adjunct instructor in the AGACNP program at the Vanderbilt School of Nursing. Her primary focus for research endeavors are Tracheostomies and Gastrostomies. Nina is a board-certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. She started her nursing career as a RN in the Trauma Intensive Care Unit and has been a nurse or nurse practitioner at VUMC for over 20 years.

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Dave Janz, MD, MSc

Dr. David Janz earned his medical degree at the LSU School of Medicine New Orleans followed by completion of an Internal Medicine residency, Pulmonary/Critical Care fellowship, and Master of Science in Clinical Investigation at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. He is currently the Director of Medical Critical Care Services at University Medical Center New Orleans and a Gratis Associate Professor of Medicine at the LSU School of Medicine New Orleans. He has published over 80 peer-reviewed manuscripts and has lectured around the world on the topic of Critical Care Medicine.

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Lisa Flemmons, MSN, ACNP-BC

Lisa Flemmons has 14 years of experience as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She has served most of that tenure as the Lead Nurse Practitioner for the MICU as well as the COVID ICU during the pandemic. Lisa earned her BSN from Tennessee Technological University in 2004 and graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Master's of Science in Nursing in 2008. When Lisa is not taking care of critically ill patients in the MICU or managing her team of excellent Advanced Practice Providers, you can find her on her small farm outside of Nashville or at the lake house with her husband and 2 children.

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Michael Gooch, DNP, APRN, CCP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C

Dr. Michael D. Gooch is board certified as an acute care, family, and emergency nurse practitioner. He is also board certified as an emergency, flight, transport and trauma nurse. He has over 25 years of emergency and transport medicine experience. He obtained his MSN from Vanderbilt University and his DNP from Loyola University Chicago. He is an Assistant Professor of Nursing with Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, as well as faculty with the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia. At Vanderbilt University Medical Center, he practices as a flight and emergency nurse practitioner. He has completed over 1,600 patient transports during his tenure with Vanderbilt's LifeFlight transport program. He is also employed with TeamHealth and practices as emergency nurse practitioner in a community emergency department. Michael is a founding member of the American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners and serves as the Southeastern Regional Director. He also serves as an APRN liaison to the board of directors for the Air and Surface Transport Nurses Association. He is a past member of the Emergency Nurses Association's advanced practice advisory council and served as a content expert for the American Nurses Credential Center's emergency nurse practitioner panel. Michael is a nationally recognized speaker and published author regarding varied emergency and transport medicine topics. He serves on the editorial board as a column editor for the Advanced Emergency Nursing Journal.

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April Kapu, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC, FAANP, FCCM, FAAN

Dr. April Kapu has 30 years of experience in health care and 18 years as an acute care nurse practitioner. She is the Immediate Past President for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), an organization of over 121,000 members. Dr. Kapu has committed her career to advancing NP care and increasing access to NP care across all settings. Currently, she is the Associate Dean for Clinical and Community Partnerships, Vanderbilt University School of nursing, with oversight for several nurse-led community practices. Dr. Kapu is a Professor of Nursing and teaches in Vanderbilt's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. Prior to her role as dean, she served as associate chief nursing officer for advanced practice nursing, Vanderbilt University Medical Center. There she led as a health system nursing executive, establishing innovative, high quality, and value driven advanced practice healthcare services. Dr. Kapu is frequently consulted for her expertise in advanced practice leadership and the development of health system advanced practice infrastructure. She has presented in many national and international forums, has authored chapters in advanced practice nursing textbooks and published manuscripts in numerous peer reviewed nursing and medical journals. She holds several professional roles including Fellow for the Society of Critical Care Medicine, Fellow for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and Fellow for the American Academy of Nursing. Prior to being elected as president for AANP, Dr. Kapu served as Region 4 Director and TN State Representative. She is an active member of the Tennessee Nurses Association, served as past chair for the TN Government Affairs Committee and TN APRN Committee, and she represented TN NPs on the TN Governor's special commission focused on pain and addiction treatment education. Dr. Kapu has received several awards including Vanderbilt's "Transformational Nurse Leader of the Year", Tennessee Hospital Association's "

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Janna Landsperger, MSN, ACNP-BC

Janna Landsperger is a nurse practitioner (NP) and a Senior Associate in Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She began working at VUMC in 2004 as a bedside nurse in in-patient medicine. After completing her NP degree in 2009, she helped create the MICU APP service in the Medical Intensive Care Unit, where she still works today. She co-founded Vanderbilt's Critical Care ACNP/PA Boot Camp in 2012 and has been a course leader every year. Janna is a fellow of the American college of Chest Physicians, Fellow of the American College of Critical Care and has been recognized as a Distinguished Chest Educator. Janna has published many manuscripts and co-authored two book chapters on the topic of advanced practice providers in critical care.

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Jill Nelson, MSN, APRN-BC

Jill R. Nelson is a Nurse Practitioner with the Vanderbilt Palliative Care Team. She is an Adult Health Nurse Practitioner and an Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse through the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center. Jill earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Tennessee, and her Master's of Science in Nursing from Vanderbilt University. She has been a nurse practitioner with Vanderbilt since 2007. Jill is an assistant professor, preceptor, and lectures to graduate students in the School of Nursing at Vanderbilt. She has presented on palliative care topics at national conferences including American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association, and Vanderbilt's Critical Care Boot Camp. Jill was named Nashville March of Dimes Hospice & Palliative Nurse of the Year for Middle Tennessee in 2016. She is a founding member of the Middle Tennessee chapter of the Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association.

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Todd W. Rice, M.D., M.Sc.

Dr. Rice is a Professor of Medicine with tenure in the Division of Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and Vice President for Clinical Trials Innovation and Operations for the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC). He currently serves as medical director of the Vanderbilt Medical ICU and director of Medical ECMO. As a physician scientist, he takes care of critically ill patients as an intensivist in the Vanderbilt Medical Intensive Care Unit and also conducts clinical research in the ICU, specifically in patients with sepsis, ARDS, and acute respiratory failure.

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Matthew Semler, MD, MSc

Dr. Matthew W. Semler is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Biomedical Informatics in the Division of Pulmonary, and Critical Care Medicine at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Semler is a critical care physician and Associate Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Vanderbilt. Dr. Semler's research program identifies non-patient-centered variation in current clinical practice, embeds pragmatic randomized trials into clinical care to understand which treatments produce the best outcomes for which patients, and implements the results into practice. Randomized trials he has helped lead, including nine published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* or *JAMA*, have challenged longstanding dogma around common practices in fluid management, airway management, and respiratory support. Dr. Semler serves as Chair of the Steering Committee for the Pragmatic Critical Care Research Group, a co-PI of an International Coordinating Center for the NIAID STRIVE network, and Medical Director of the VICTR Center for Learning Healthcare.

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Megan Shifrin, DNP, ACNP

Dr. Megan Shifrin is an acute care nurse practitioner on the Critical Care Outreach Team at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, an Associate Professor of Nursing at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, and a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Her clinical and research interests include identifying methods and tools for recognizing adult patients at high-risk for clinical deterioration; reducing the incidence and mortality associated with witnessed in-hospital cardiac arrest; and optimizing multidisciplinary collaboration in high-stakes environments.

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Sue Stempek, MMSc, MBA, PA-C

Sue Stempek is a physician assistant in her 19th year of practice in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. She has served in many teaching / education roles throughout her career to date including didactic training and simulation via local, regional and national organizations. Sue has held various operational leadership roles, most recently focused on “right patient / right location” initiatives across regions, and she currently serves as her health system’s Vice President of its Hospital at Home program. Sue considers herself fortunate to serve in her clinical practice in both the community and academic settings which has driven a special interest in pragmatic research, especially that focused on airway management safety.