February 16, 2021

FEATURED

NEW: Reminder - Perioperative Phentermine (or Phentermine/Topiramate) Use

Phentermine is one of the most commonly prescribed weight loss medications that is off-label approved as the FDA has only approved it for short-term use (4 weeks) as per guidelines. Phentermine is a sympathomimetic amine that is structurally similar to amphetamine and methamphetamine. Phentermine is a central nervous system stimulant that increases release of norepinephrine and dopamine and inhibits reuptake of norepinephrine. Phentermine is associated with increased heart rate and blood pressure. Phentermine has a half-life of 20 hours and is excreted unchanged in the urine. Phentermine can be detected in the urine for 3 days after ingestion.

Recommendation: Hold Phentermine for at least seven days before surgery.

Please let us know what questions you have and we will answer your patients, as not all patients are seen in one of our preoperative clinics. This list will be updated as more information is available.

Medical Director of Orthopedics Anesthesia Position

Lee Kellogg MD, Anesthesia Chief, Orthopedics, Pain and Services, Orthopedic Trauma, Orthopedic Spine and Orthopedic Oncology. The Medical Director will report to the Anesthesia Chief and will be responsible for the overall clinical operations of the Orthopedic Anesthesia Service. The Medical Director will be responsible for the overall clinical operations of the Orthopedic Anesthesia Service. The Medical Director will be responsible for the recruitment and retention of anesthesiologists, nurse anesthetists, fellows, and CRNAs, and it requires attention to curriculum that is ethical for the training of residents, fellows, and nurse anesthetists. The Medical Director will be responsible for the development and implementation of policies and procedures for the Orthopedic Anesthesia Service. The Medical Director is also responsible for the development of a budget for the Orthopedic Anesthesia Service.

Please contact Mary Anne Bertolone, MD, for more information.

COVID-19 Exposure, Infection, and Return to Work FAQs

Click here to view updated guidance.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

VUMC is planning for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. All employees interested in the vaccine MUST register. Avoid disappointment and register today.

For more information about the VUMC vaccine roll out plan and to register for the vaccine, [VUMC COVID-19 Workforce Vaccination Plan](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs](#)

GOT A COVID QUESTION?

Submit it here: [AskVeye.com](#)

COVID Clinical Resources - Bookmark Us!

[Department of Anesthesiology COVID Educational Resources](#)

[VUMC Coronavirus Information](#)

IMPORTANT - COVID-19 UPDATES TO NOTE

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CLINICAL INFORMATION

NEW: OMB and Income for MOC - Confirming Your Profile is Setup for MOCA Part 4 Credit

The Executive Office has received a number of questions about obtaining OMB credit and setting up your VUMC profile. The rules will work as follows (though only ChoiceMM should receive credit for this activity at present as the revised MOCA Part 4 and Patient Safety credits for the new program are still under development at VUMC. Setting up your profile will be necessary for all of the programs, so please follow the steps below. Please note that you will not receive credit for this activity until the end of 2021.

You can find **instructions for setting up your account** through July 3rd. You can also access our ChoiceMM [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Reminder: May we once again remind you that the Department of Anesthesia is not to be reported to get your certificate as soon as it is possible. The current profile is set up, the more MOCA Part 4 points you can earn toward maintenance of certification. Please do not report to get your certificate as soon as it is possible. **Please wait to report to get your certificate until you have earned the maximum points for your MOCA Part 4 Points.**

If you have any questions or issues setting up your account, please feel free to reach out to Allen Everett or the Office of Access Control in the Medical Center Library. They are happy to help and want to be responsive and seamless as possible.

ATTENTION All Attendings, CRNAs, Residents, Fellows, and CRNAs

Please read the following if you are interested in the Vanderbilt Anesthesia Quality Improvement Program

The VAPNP Task Force wishes to congratulate Dr. Jonathan Wanderer on his appointment as Director of the VAPNP.

The VAPNP Quality Improvement Program and **dissertation education** that will be provided under a separate but complementary program, Vanderbilt Anesthesia Quality Improvement Dissertation Research and Audit, are available at our interactive departmental dashboard.

Anesthesia Bolstering ICU Visits Fixed for Bedside Procedures

Via Vivian Wednesday, Feb 3, 2021

[Bolstering ICU Visits Fixed for Bedside Procedures](#)

NEW: Call for ANESTHESIOLOGY 2021 Submissions

Be a part of the year's most rewarding and submit your work for potential inclusion.

- Scientific Articles – due Monday, May 3rd
- Case Reports – due Monday, May 17th
- Medically Challenging Case – due Monday, May 31st
- Quality Improvement Project – due Monday, June 14th

Click [here](#) for more information.

NEW: CLARITY Review Update - How to submit a request and process drops what we have

Dr. Jonathan Wanderer, Director of the Vanderbilt Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, has been coordinating a research initiative. The study was published in January in the Anesthesiology Journal of Pain Research. Click [here](#) for a summary of the findings in Nature's Research highlights section.

Medical Director of Vanderbilt Outpatient Surgery at PSL Position

Dr. Jeff Gadsden, Anesthesia Chief, Vanderbilt Outpatient Surgery at PSL, is pleased to announce his retirement from the Medical Director position effective June 30, 2021. Dr. Gadsden will continue to serve as Anesthesia Chief at PSL. The Medical Director will report to the Anesthesia Chief and will be responsible for the overall clinical operations of the Outpatient Surgery at PSL. The Medical Director is also responsible for the development of a budget for the Outpatient Surgery at PSL. The Medical Director will be responsible for the recruitment and retention of anesthesiologists, nurse anesthetists, fellows, and CRNAs, and it requires attention to curriculum that is ethical for the training of residents, fellows, and nurse anesthetists. The Medical Director will be responsible for the development and implementation of policies and procedures for the Outpatient Surgery at PSL. The Medical Director is also responsible for the development of a budget for the Outpatient Surgery at PSL.

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Anesthesia Assessment Recruitment

To all general surgery and anesthesia faculty:

Dr. Mary Mulvihill and your Research Assist team running a Harm Skills assessment for the surgery and anesthesia interns this year. We have had some serious issues given COVID, but are still hoping to move forward with our assessment. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the last 2 sessions due to COVID concerns. We are hoping to run the assessment on Wednesday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 4th. We are looking for faculty members to help us run stations through the entire session, so please let us know if you are willing to help. We will be sending out more information as we get closer to the assessment.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could let us know if you can help us by emailing me at mary.mulvihill@vumc.org by **Thursday, February 18th, 4:00 p.m.** Once we know who can help, we will send out more information. Thank you so much for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Tuesday, March 2
Wednesday, March 3
Thursday, March 4
Tuesday, March 9
Wednesday, March 10
Thursday, March 11

Thank you. If anyone has a very busy research month, I know the interns really appreciate it!

Mary B. Mulvihill

VUMC Limited Submissions Opportunity - 2022 Pew Biomedical Scholars Program

NOW - These instructions add the VUMC Limited Submissions ID, investigator should apply through [VUMCapply](#) and follow any questions in the [2022PewBiomedicalGuide](#).

Applications due Thursday, March 4

VUMC may nominate **one candidate** to the Pew Charitable Trusts' 2022 Pew Biomedical Scholars Award. The Pew Biomedical Scholars Program supports promising junior faculty in the biomedical sciences who have not yet received **US$150,000 in federal support** US$100,000 per year for a four-year period. Pew funds have a 2:1 matching ratio that may be allocated for overhead costs.

The nomination process is competitive and will be based on the quality of the candidate's research and the potential significance of the research project. Pew encourages nominations of candidates from diverse backgrounds and equity. Risk-taking is encouraged. Successful candidates will use the typical Pew® grant applications with additional questions about their research and career development.

Selection of candidates will be based on a detailed description of the work that the applicant proposes to undertake, the applicant's ability to carry out the proposed research, and the applicant's potential for a productive career in the sciences. Pew considers only applications from candidates who are nominated by their institutions. Pew will not accept applications directly from individuals.

The program is distributed in the Pew Biomedical Scholars Program, but candidates may apply to both internal competitions.

Eligibility:

- Must have faculty or biomedical scientists, medicine, or a related field
- As of Sept. 1, 2021, must not have held appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, Research Assistant Professor, or Instructor for more than three years. Candidates who have held appointments as Professor or Associate Professor are ineligible for consideration.
- Must not have been appointed on a tenure-track position at any institution prior to June 14, 2017, whether or not the appointment was accepted.
- Must not have received more than two years of postdoctoral training and must not have started postdoctoral training before June 14, 2017. Individuals who have been temporarily suspended to accept the COVID-related lab shutdowns and research slowdowns are encouraged to contact Pew Program Director scholars@pewtrusts.org to discuss their circumstances.
- Must not have received a tenure-track or equivalent position at the time of or prior to selection for the award. Candidates who have received a non-tenure-track position are eligible to apply and to receive the award.
- Must not have received more than two previous awards from the Pew Scholars Program.
- Must not have received a previous award from any Pew-supported program.

Scope of Research:

- Strong proposals with innovative particularly mature and presenting opportunities to take fundamental biomedical research. Information on research areas is based on biomedical principles that are long-standing and have the potential to lead to significant advances in human health.
- Pew encourages applications from candidates whose research is not traditionally supported by the National Institutes of Health or other federal agencies. Candidates whose research is supported by NIH are ineligible for consideration. Pew does not support clinical research. Pew does not support "bench-to-bedside" research projects that are focused on the development of therapeutics.
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Internal Application Process:

Anyone interested in being considered as Vanderbilt's nominee must submit the following via a single PDF to LSS@vanderbilt.edu by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 4:

- Brief research plan (not exceeding nominee's length of page max)
- Curriculum vitae (not exceeding nominee's length of page)
- NIH Biosketch or abbreviated CV (not exceeding 5 pages)

Any questions about this opportunity or the LSS process may be directed to LSS@vanderbilt.edu.

VUMC Equity Diversity & Inclusion - February 2021 - Black History Month

Click [here](#) to view flyer.

Sunnyhollow - Scones and Mochi

There is a Sunnyhollow bag that is not now available on Uber Eats and Instacart.

Click [here](#) to view scones and mochi flyer. For more information, please email sunnyhollow@vanderbilt.edu

Click [here](#) to view scones and mochi flyer in Spanish.

Click [here](#) to view Flyer. Flyer here are available in Hindi & Gujarati.

EDUCATION RESOURCES

NEW: Dr. Bradley S. Smith Endowed Lectureship on Medical Professionalism

Friday, February 19, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom
Dr. Bradley S. Smith Endowed Lectureship in Medical Education
https://vumc.zoom.us/j/97115274975?pwd=RTJ1cmpwRTVCcmpwRTVCcmpwRTVCc