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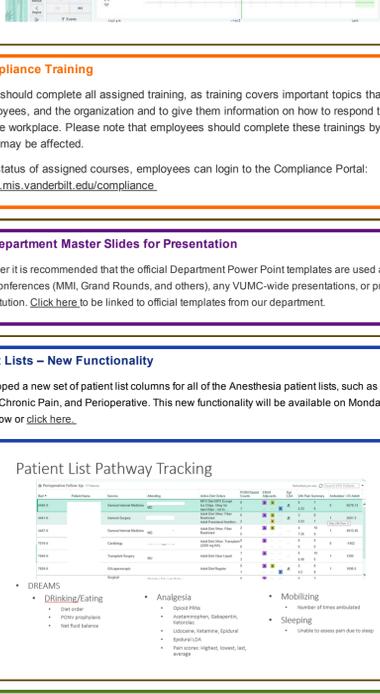


Security Levels Within e Star

A recent review by the medical center of provider security levels within e Star has generated a necessary change. Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists (SRNAs) are no longer able to prescribe orders in e Star. This has an impact operationally in obstetrics (orders for epidural infusions) and in the operating room (orders for blood transfusions). These orders will now need to be placed by either an attending anesthesiologist, CRNA, or resident.

Epic - Fixed Issue

Please be advised the C-Section button available for Anesthesia providers has been updated and the new Epic 2018 Upgrade Anesthesia Workspace will now be available. View images below.



Annual Compliance Training

All employees should complete all assigned training, as training covers important topics that protect them, patients, employees, and the organization and to give them information on how to respond to certain situations in the workplace. Please note that employees should complete these trainings by June 17 or their merit increase may be affected.

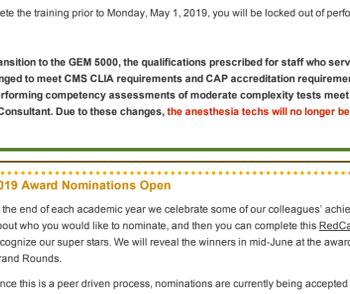
To review the status of assigned courses, employees can login to the Compliance Portal: https://webapp.mis.vanderbilt.edu/compliance

Reminder: Department Master Slides for Presentation

Please remember it is recommended that the official Department Power Point templates are used at our Departmental conferences (MMI, Grand Rounds, and others), any VUMC-wide presentations, or presentations outside the institution. Click here to be linked to official templates from our department.

eStar Patient Lists - New Functionality

We have developed a new set of patient list columns for all of the Anesthesia patient lists, such as Acute Pain/Regional, Chronic Pain, and Perioperative. This new functionality will be available on Monday, April 29, 2019. View image below or click here.



Perioperative: OR-TO-ICU Huddle Training

Attention All Clinical Perioperative Staff:

The institution is working toward revamping and updating all perioperative handover processes, including the OR-to-ICU Handoff process. There were several changes to the current process for all patients directly transferring to the ICU postoperatively - so we asked that all members complete the assigned learning modules prior to Monday, April 15, 2019. The new process rolled out on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Please direct any questions regarding this process to Sheena Weaver (sheena.weaver@vumc.org), or Tim Nunez (timothy.c.nunez@vumc.org).

To access the Learning Exchange please click on the link below or type it into your browser's address bar: https://learningexchange.vumc.org

The module is titled: Perioperative: OR-TO-ICU Huddle Training

Module Completion Due Date: Monday, April 15, 2019
New Huddle Process Roll Out: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

You will receive an email stating that you have completed the training once you have viewed the PowerPoint AND video. There is no post-test, and it is very easy to complete. We would like to ask that all Anesthesiology providers act as champions for this process - your compliance, leadership, and guidance for this will be so helpful for the success of this project.

Thank you for your help with improving the safety of our patient's care!

Sugammadex Dosing Reminder Emails

On Wednesday, April 17, 2019, we launched sugammadex dosing reminder emails. If you are on a case where more than 200mg of sugammadex has been given, and the patient's adjusted bodyweight is < 100kg, you will receive a gentle reminder of the guidelines for dosing sugammadex using adjusted body weight. If you have a clinical rationale for using a higher dosage of sugammadex, such as concern for residual neuromuscular blockade, simply add a comment to the sugammadex dose administration in the anesthesia record, which will prevent the email from being sent.

Feel free to contact your P&T Representatives for any further questions: Raj Gupta, MD, & Christina Hayhurst, MD.

Attention All Clinicians Certified to Perform ABG Sampling in the OR Area

Point of Care Testing will be deploying an upgraded GEM machine on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, and Thursday, May 2, 2019. There are a few significant differences. Because of these differences, all current users are required to complete a short training session. This is a two-step process:

Complete the GEM 500 Upgrade PowerPoint in the LMS Learning Exchange and print certificate of completion.

Perform the competency check-off with a designated POC staff member. You will need to provide the POC staff with your LMS certificate of completion.

If you do not complete the training prior to Monday, May 1, 2019, you will be locked out of performing blood gas testing.

**As part of the transition to the GEM 500, the qualifications and prescribers for staff who serve as designated trainers have changed to meet CMS CLIA requirements and CAP accreditation requirements. CLIA requires that individuals performing competency assessments of moderate complexity tests meet the requirements of a CLIA Technical Consultant. Due to these changes, the anesthesiology techs will no longer be able to train or renew clinicians.

2019 Award Nominations Open

At the end of each academic year we celebrate some of our colleagues' achievements. Think about who you would like to nominate, and then you can complete this RedCap survey by May 3 to recognize our super stars. We will reveal the winners in mid-June at the awards ceremony during Grand Rounds.

Below this is a peer driven process, nominations are currently being accepted for the awards listed below:

- CRNA Clinical Excellence Award - Junior: This award will be presented to a CRNA who is in his or her first two years of practice and has demonstrated excellence in the clinical arena through knowledge, skill, and attitude. In short, this awardee is a real rising star!
CRNA Clinical Excellence Award - Senior: Likewise, this award will be presented to the CRNA who is beyond two years of practice and who continually demonstrates formidable clinical acumen through knowledge, skill, and attitude. This awardee is a role model to the entire department
Anesthesia Tech of the Year Award: This award is presented to the anesthesia tech who always excels in service excellence and knowledge. This awardee is beyond dependable and always anticipates the needs of the providers by being "one step ahead" at all times. This person always strives to make the OR a better place, day in and day out.
SRNA of the Year Award: Awarded to a senior SRNA who will graduate in 2019 who has demonstrated strong work ethic, academic success, and clinical ability.

Tennessee Professional Privilege Tax Group Payment:

This is a reminder that the department will pay the Tennessee Professional Privilege Tax for all clinical faculty as part of the VUMC group payment. You will likely receive multiple reminders but please do not pay this separately. Please contact Betsy DeMarcus at 615-936-6059 or Elizabeth.j.demarcus@vumc.org if you have any questions.

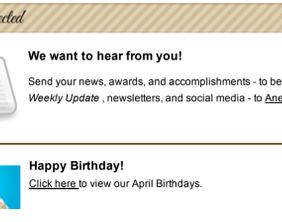
Review your CV for AAA Progra

In anticipation of the upcoming Academic Achievement Award (AAA) program in May, which will report on academic contributions from Monday, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, we are encouraging your review of your CV in the faculty portal. To access this portal, please visit https://ofa-web.app.vumc.org/FacultyPortal.

For those of you who know that May will be especially busy for you, now would be an opportune time to begin the process so that your information in the CV portal is updated by Friday, May 17.

Please reach out to Lexi Tiltor at alexandria.g.tiltor@vumc.org or 615-875-4581 if you have any questions.

Accepting Applications: Department Faculty Leadership Positions



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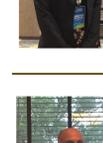
For more detailed information or any questions, please contact Jennifer Cook at jennifer.cook@vumc.org

Anesthesiology Education Conference Schedule

This Week: April 29-May 3

Next Week: May 6-10

Click here to view the most recent calendar for the 2019 academic year (Grand Rounds and Visiting Professor Seminars).



Grand Rounds/BH Robbins Lecture
May 3 | 6:30 a.m. | 214 Light Hall
"Cellular Senescence, Mitochondria and Lung Diseases: Aging at Birth?"
BH Robbins/Visiting Professor Seminar
May 2 | 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | 2301-A VUHH
"Massive Transfusions: Does it Need to Be a Bloodbath?"

Presented by YS. Prakash, MD, PhD
Professor of Anesthesiology and Physiology
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science
Chair, Department of Physiology & Biomedical Engineering
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

All are invited. Read more.

Additional CME Opportunities

12th Annual McCleery Lecture and Award: Friday, May 3 at 7 a.m. in 208 Light Hall

Click here to view flyer.

Flexner Discovery Lecture: Thursday, May 2 at 4 p.m. in 208 Light Hall

Presented by: Tony Hunter, PhD

Read more.

Flexner Discovery Lecture Series 2019 Schedule.



Click here to view flyer.

RESPECT @ WORK

Join us for a conversation about creating a respectful workplace culture at VUMC. This session provides education about: sexual harassment in healthcare, our complex climate of personal interactions at VUMC, processes and procedures in place to understand harassment, and how to respond appropriately if it happens.
Anesthesiology: Friday, May 17th at 6:30 a.m. in Light Hall 208



Employee Recognition: GEMs (Going the Extra Mile)

We want to recognize good work when we see it and encourage our colleagues to recommend our next GEM. Do you know someone who has made your day brighter or easier? Someone who has gone above and beyond? Please let us know the details so that we can recognize that person for a job well done.

Jen Jayaram would like to recognize Leah Parrish for excellent teamwork: Leah volunteered to take several extra shifts this month to help with staffing shortfalls, and was covering the Perioperative service so that others could attend and present at national conference last week.

Jenelle Grewell would like to recognize LaKeisha Horton : LaKeisha was a huge help when I had to go take pictures in the OR. She coordinated it, showed me where to go, helped me get scrubs, and generally took care of me. I do not think I could have done it without her help. LaKeisha always does everything with the upmost professionalism and a smile on her face.

Jenelle Grewell would like to recognize Jordan Patterson: I witnessed Jordan assisting two wheelchair bound patients into their vehicle. To take time out of his day to help patients exemplifies VUMC's Credo. He assisted with kindness and professionalism.

Please click here to submit a GEM recommendation.

Society for the Advancement of Transplant Anesthesia 3rd Annual Meeting

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in Montreal, Canada. Click here for more details and to register.

Stay Connected

We want to hear from you!
Send your news, awards, and accomplishments - to be shared in faculty and staff meetings, Weekly Update, newsletters, and social media - to Anesthesiology Communications.

Happy Birthday!
Click here to view our April Birthdays.

Department Achievements

Jen Jayaram, Periop Service Lead NP, and Chelsea Banks, Medical Student Research Intern, presenting on "The Effect of an ERAS program on Reducing Opioid Prescriptions at Discharge."

Pediatric Pain Management Symposium

On Thursday, April 25, 2019, several members of our department participated in the 2nd Annual Tennessee Pediatric Pain Management Symposium.

Last week, Matt McEvoy, MD, and Chris Hughes, MD, presented at the 2019 Annual Congress of Enhanced Recovery and Perioperative Medicine in Washington, DC.

Avinash Kumar's, MD, team of six students won the Arnold Award for Best Design in Biomedical Engineering 2019 as part of the Senior Design Day for the Vanderbilt School of Engineering. Kumar was the faculty mentor on the project.

The Arnold Award for Best Design in Biomedical Engineering 2019
Artificial Intelligence Based Burn Resuscitation
Jacob Ayers¹, Dominique Szymkiewicz^{1,2}, Hannah Kang¹, Nora Ward¹, Thomas Yates¹, Eric Yeats³
Department of Biomedical Engineering¹, Department of Neuroscience², Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering³
Advisors: Avinash B Kumar, MD, Matthew Walker III Ph.D

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StrategyShare2019

StrategyShare19 is set for Tuesday, June 18, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Langford Auditorium. The theme this year is "Design for Patients and Families." Click here for more information.

Weekly Update is now distributed on Tuesday. Please submit content by 6 p.m. Monday for each Tuesday issue. Submit questions/content to: Anesthesiology Communications

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