

November 26, 2019



Attention Faculty & Staff: 60cc Syringe

BD will be discontinuing manufacturing of their 60cc syringe. We will be transitioning to the 50cc syringe, so please be aware that there will be a mix of both 50cc and 60cc syringes in the carts as we make this transition.

Professionalism Corner: Digits are Forever

We are all aware that we should never post any patient's protected health information (PHI) on social media or transmit PHI via non-secure mechanisms such as texting or traditional pagers. But what about non-PHI comments or criticisms regarding patient events? The best practice here is to remember that in the digital world, what you say can and will be used against you. Everything you say or do online is likely to be stored forever, even if you delete it. This is true even in a private text message, the contents of which will be discoverable in the event of litigation. So refrain from jousting online, not just in the medical record.

Professionalism Corner: Digital Footprints

In a motor vehicle accident, your cell phone records may be subpoenaed to assist investigators in determining if you were distracted at the time of the incident. Did you know the same can happen during a patient care event? Any digital activity around the time of the event such as text messages, email, web sites visited may be logged and discoverable during an investigation or litigation. Please keep your digital activity professional while engaged in patient care.

Blood Bank Upgrade on Sunday, Dec. 8

On Sunday, Dec. 8, our Soft Blood Bank software will receive a much-needed upgrade. The upgrade will replace software that is 10+ years old, and will bring several benefits, including:

- Simplified administration process for blood products (including enhanced reading of barcodes and administration module)
Faster delivery of blood products
Elimination of need for manual workarounds

To prepare for the upgrade, we are:

- Finalizing training materials for providers, nurses and other clinical users who order and administer blood products
Finalizing and delivering training for Blood Bank employees
Preparing for and communicating about a necessary downtime of approximately 10 hours
Presenting at appropriate meetings to generate awareness and understanding

The upgrade will necessitate a downtime of approximately 10 hours, and we are working with on-call resources to ensure we are prepared for downtime. We anticipate training materials to be complete in mid-November.

Starting later this week, we will begin executing on our larger-scale communication plan, which will help promote awareness of the upgrade and hopefully generate excitement about the coming improvements.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: Flu Immunization Compliance

All faculty and staff must be compliant with immunizations, including flu, by Monday, Dec. 2.

Please visit the Occupational Health Clinic (OHC) located in Medical Arts Building, Suite 640. Services are provided free of charge and no appointment is necessary for immunizations from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., or go to an event near you. Click here for a list of events. Visit the Ways to Become Compliant web page for more information and additional ways for team members to comply with VUMC's policy.

If on Tuesday, Dec. 3, you are not compliant, staff will be placed out on unpaid leave and faculty will lose access to systems.

Ketamine Changes Coming to the OR

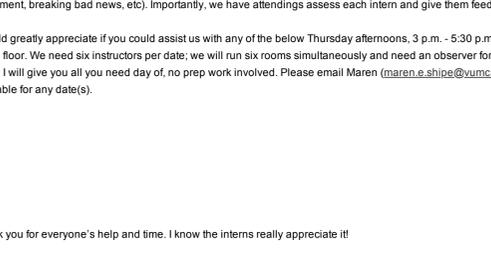
The hospital and OR Pharmacy are moving towards a standard ketamine concentration. You will begin to see 2mg/mL ketamine concentrations (500mg in 250 mL) from bags on the floor.

Ketamine bags made for the OR will change at a later date and more information will be sent before these changes are made!

-Medication Safety Task Force

Updates to eStar Intraoperative Guidelines / I-Care Guidelines

- As of Wednesday, Nov. 20, the pediatric guidelines are in a new pediatric section.
A pediatric antibiotic dosing guideline has been added.
New guidance for managing and reporting blood transfusion reactions has been added.



Attention Faculty, Residents & Fellows: TN Licensure CME Requirements

For prescribing controlled substances, faculty members do not need to complete two hours of CME in narcotic use for their license.

Click here to view General CME Requirements

Click here to view FAQ for General CME Requirements

-Mark Rice, MD

The Communicable Disease Response Team (CDRT) is Looking for New Members

Interested in Joining?

What is the CDRT?

- Team of trained staff who provide specialized care to patients with suspected or confirmed communicable diseases (i.e., Ebola, MERS, SARs)

Who is a part of the CDRT?

Volunteer RNs and Paramedics from the Adult and Pediatric Emergency Departments and Intensive Care Units, as well as physician leaders from Infectious Disease, Anesthesiology & Trauma

Why is this team required?

This team was formed in part of VUMC's response to the Ebola crisis in 2014. Patient and staff safety is a priority for optimal care of this patient population and advanced specialized training is required.

Where does this team care for this patient population?

A specialized unit, known as the Communicable Disease Response Unit (CDRU), is part of the Clinical Research Center (CRC) on the 2nd floor of Medical Center North.

How do you get involved?

- If you desire to be a part of the CDRT, we encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your unit leadership and complete the Volunteer Application located at www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/cdrn.

Click here for more information.

All General Surgery and Anesthesia Faculty

We have been running Intern Skills sessions for the surgery and anesthesia interns this year. Our annual Global Assessment sessions run January through February and compile all we have taught them (consenting, central line placement, breaking bad news, etc). Importantly, we have attendings assess each intern and give them feedback.

I would greatly appreciate if you could assist us with any of the below Thursday afternoons, 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., CELA fourth floor. We need six instructors per date; we will run six rooms simultaneously and need an observer for each room. I will give you all you need day of, no prep work involved. Please email Maren (maren.e.shipe@vumc.org) if available for any date(s).

- 1/9
1/16
1/23
1/30
2/20
2/27

Thank you for everyone's help and time. I know the interns really appreciate it!

-Maren Shipe, MD, and Mina Nordness, MD

SurveyVitals - Scores and Alerts

Click here to view scores and alerts in SurveyVitals.

Contact Harrison Johnson if you have any questions or trouble logging in.

Please disregard the email asking you to submit your survey results to a QCDR for MIPS.

Anesthesiology Education Conference Schedule

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

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Additional CME Opportunities

M&M Quarterly Conference: Friday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 a.m. in Langford Auditorium

Topic: "Management of Pregnant Patients for Non-Obstetric Surgery"

Presented by: J Newton, MD, PhD, FACOG, Jeanette Bauchat, MD, MS, and Shannon White, RN, MSN, NE-BC

All are invited. Read more



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Immediately following Grand Rounds



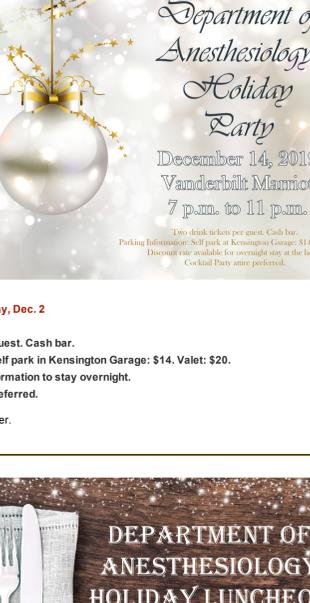
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Employee Recognition: GEMs (Going the Extra Mile)

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.

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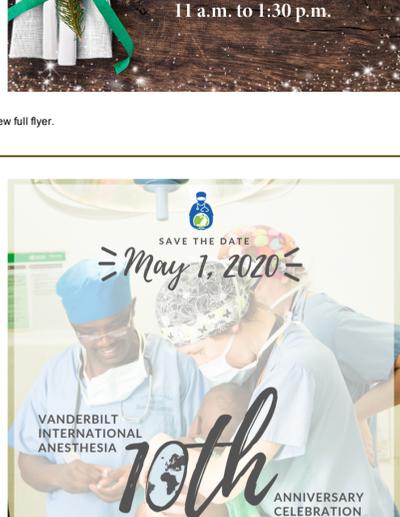
Two drink tickets per guest. Cash bar.

Parking Information: Self park in Kensington Garage: \$14. Valet: \$20.

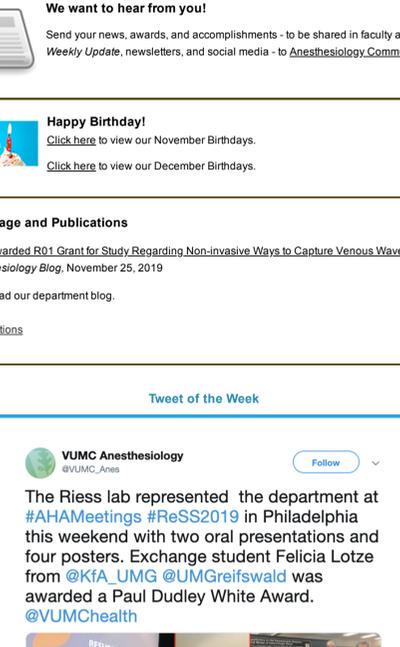
Click here for hotel information to stay overnight.

Cocktail Party attire preferred.

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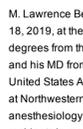


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Click here to view our December Birthdays.

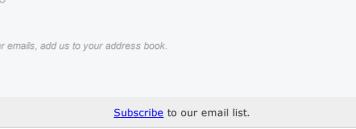
Press Coverage and Publications

- Alvis Awarded R01 Grant for Study Regarding Non-Invasive Ways to Capture Venous Waveforms. Anesthesiology Blog, November 25, 2019

Click here to read our department blog.

Recent Publications

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Dr. M. Lawrence Berman Obituary

M. Lawrence Berman, PhD, MD, Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology, passed away suddenly on Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, at the age of 90. He was born in Stamford, CT on July 13, 1929. Dr. Berman received his BS and MS degrees from the University of Connecticut in 1951 and 1954, his PhD from the University of Washington in 1956, and his MD from the University of North Carolina in 1964. Before medical school, he served as a Captain in the United States Air Force. Following appointments as assistant professor and associate professor of anesthesiology at Northwestern Medical School, he began his career at Vanderbilt University in 1974 as a professor in anesthesiology and associate professor of pharmacology. Besides pharmacologic research training countless residents in most anesthetic subspecialties, his most lasting contribution to Vanderbilt was joining forces with Dr. Steve Hyman to establish the Division of Neuroanesthesiology and the Neuro Intensive Care Unit. Dr. Berman retired from Vanderbilt in 1999. In retirement, he continued his lifelong love of learning, was a devoted Tar Heels fan, treated his wife like a queen, loved his family, and charmed everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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