

May 26, 2020



**IMPORTANT: COVID-19 UPDATE ON WEBSITE**

Every VUMC website has a blue pop-up or banner with links to the most up-to-date COVID-19 management guidance. It is changing daily.

Faculty, staff, and trainees should refer to that website ([www.vumc.org/coronavirus](http://www.vumc.org/coronavirus)) for guidance related to COVID-19 questions.

-Warren S. Sandberg, MD, PhD

**ScrubEx Machines**

Starting today, Perioperative Services will be receiving new ScrubEx machines.

[Click here](#) for a PDF explaining the timeline and implementation process.

[Click here](#) for a video demonstrating how to use the new machines.

**Sign off on IRB Applications**

It's exciting to have clinical research back on line.

As we move forward, all requests to sign off on IRB applications should be forwarded to [Ed Sherwood, MD, PhD](#), or [David McIlroy, MB.BS., MD, MClinEpi, FANZCA](#).

This is important because:

1. It allows us to track departmental studies for Pillar Goals reporting.
2. It assures that the protocol has been reviewed and any problems addressed prior to IRB review.

Thank you for helping us with this request.

-Edward Sherwood, MD, PhD

**HI-RISE Clinic Medical Director Position**

The position of Medical Director of the HI-RISE Preoperative Optimization Clinic is open. If you are interested in applying for this position, please email Matthew McEvoy, MD ([matthew.d.mcevoy@vumc.org](mailto:matthew.d.mcevoy@vumc.org)). We would like to thank Dr. Ryan Smith for his excellent service in this role over the past year.

**VUMC Culture Survey**

Please be on the lookout for VUMC's 2020 Culture Survey. The survey will open in June, and I urge everyone to participate. Your ideas do count and can make a difference. The first step is speaking up and letting us know what is on your mind.

[Click here](#) for more information.

-Paul St. Jacques, MD

**Attention Faculty and Staff: Look alike bags - QuVa phenylephrine and norepinephrine**

Early on as we were planning for the COVID-19 pandemic, we made the decision to procure some additional products from QuVa, and norepinephrine standard infusions was one of those items.

- The infusions came in last week and were put into circulation throughout the Omnicells.
- Nicole Ryan raised a concern regarding the look-alike nature of the product packaging in comparison to the phenylephrine infusions. This is similar to what we see with the syringes.
- Please see [link here](#) and exercise hyper-vigilance in reading the name of these infusions and utilizing barcode scanning wherever possible.

**VUMC Safety Measures**



[Click here](#) to download an image to add to your email signature.

**Attention Faculty and Staff: Patient Masks**

Surgery patients are issued a mask with screening when they arrive at VUMC.

Inpatients arrive at the Holding Rooms with a mask in place.

All patients wear their masks to the OR.

Please save these masks for when they come to the PACU. We do not have enough masks to issue them a new one. Patients must have mask on when they leave the PACU to go home or to an inpatient unit.

-Diane L. Johnson, MSN, RN, NE-BC

**Attention Clinical Faculty: Teaching Evaluations Available for Review in New Innovations**

Evaluations completed by residents/fellows are available for your review in New Innovations.

[Click here](#) to access the Vanderbilt New Innovations log in home page.

**CLARITY**

Whether your manuscript has been rejected or you are submitting your paper for the first time, it's important to [find the journal that is the best fit for your research story](#). [SPI-Hub](#) lets you search by keyword to find candidates tailored to your submission. You can then easily compare the journals' policies, metrics, and more.

You can find this and other helpful resources on the [new CLARITY website](#).

**Take What You Need \*\*\*Additional Resources\*\*\***

Be sure to visit the Wellness Resource Library and "Take What You Need" menu for resources related to Connection, Calm, Services, Gratitude, Laughter, Music, Activity, Nutrition, and Sleep. **Note that 7 additional resources recently became available in the categories of Music, Activity, Nutrition, and Services (Counseling).** We strive to keep the webpage fresh by adding some new offerings every few weeks. If you have a wellness resource that you would like to contribute, please submit it [here](#). Thank you!

-Faculty-Staff Wellness Support Team

**SurveyVitals - Scores and Alerts**

[Click here](#) to view scores and alerts in SurveyVitals.

Contact [Clark Weber](#) if you have any questions or trouble logging in.

**Upcoming MOCA® Courses for 2020**

**CME Credit and Patient Safety Credit**

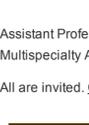
Successful completion of this CME activity enables the participant to earn up to 7.5 CME credits. **This activity is eligible for Patient Safety Credit. All Patient Safety credit is awarded by American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA).** If any faculty member needs to meet the certification requirement, please select a date below that works with your schedule and register at: <https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=7FY9TCLJ>

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020
- Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020

The total discounted cost is \$1,525. If any questions, please contact Beverly Fletcher at (615) 936-2454 or email [Beverly Fletcher](#).

**Grand Rounds**



May 29 | 6:30 a.m. | via Zoom  
<https://zoom.us/j/97343700484?pwd=UmhtM2FOREFVVGdvcGVhYWWE2SUjYzdz09>  
Topic: "Employing Processed EEG to Inform Clinical Decision Making in Anesthesiology"

Presented by  
**James Blair, DO**

Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology  
Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology

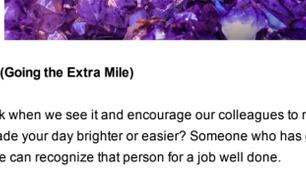
All are invited. [Click here](#) to view full flyer.

**Anesthesiology Education Conference Schedule**

[Click here](#) to view the most recent Turnout calendar for the 2020 academic year.

**Grand Rounds and Visiting Professor Seminars**

[Click here](#) to view the most recent conference schedule for the 2020 academic year.



**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.

Please [click here](#) to submit a GEM recommendation.

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**We want to hear from you!**

Send your news, awards, and accomplishments - to be shared in [NEWS](#) and staff meetings, *Weekly Update*, newsletters, and social media - to [Anesthesiology Communications](#).



**Happy Birthday!**

- [Click here to view our May Birthdays](#)
- [Click here to view our June Birthdays](#)

**Department Achievements**



Congratulations to **Leslie Fowler, MEd**, on the publication of "[Development and Implementation of a Nonclinical Professional Development Rotation](#)" in *A&A Practice*.



**Christina Boncyk, MD**, received a FAER Mentored Research Training Grant for her project "The Impact of Increased Prescribing on ICU Survivors."



**Kimberly Rengel, MD**, received a seed grant from the Center for Musculoskeletal Research, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, for her study assessing skeletal muscle weakness in critically ill patients.

**Press Coverage and Publications**

[Click here](#) to view the new **Recent Publications**



**Message from Dr. Camila Walters**

I have been invited to edit a special issue on pediatric anesthesia for the journal *Children*. The deadline for manuscript submission is October, and I would like to invite my VUMC colleagues to submit to the journal. The special issue website is: [https://www.mdpi.com/journal/children/special\\_issues/Pediatric\\_Anesthesia](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/children/special_issues/Pediatric_Anesthesia). Thank you!

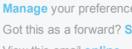
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