

May 19, 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.

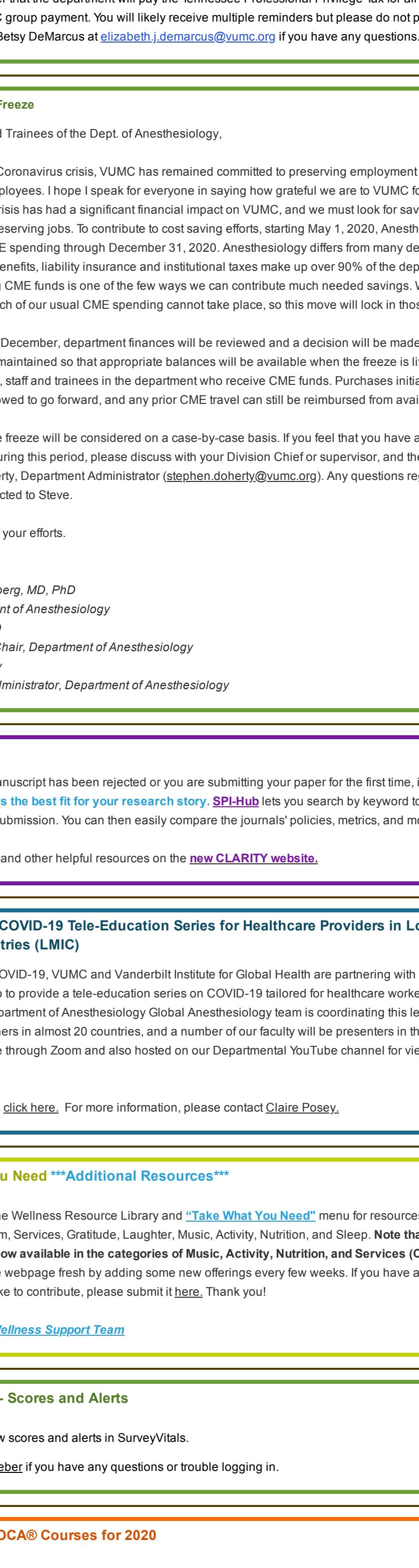
-Warren S. Sandberg, MD, PhD

### 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 this week and were put into circulation throughout the Omnicells on Wednesday.
- 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



### 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.

### RANDOM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WASTE TO BE SAMPLED

The random testing of controlled substance waste syringes will resume this month in all areas.

### Revised Policy on Clinical Research in the Department of Anesthesiology

As elective surgery is coming back on line at VUMC, we are working to reopen clinical research studies in the Department.

As of Friday, May 1, the following policy is in place:

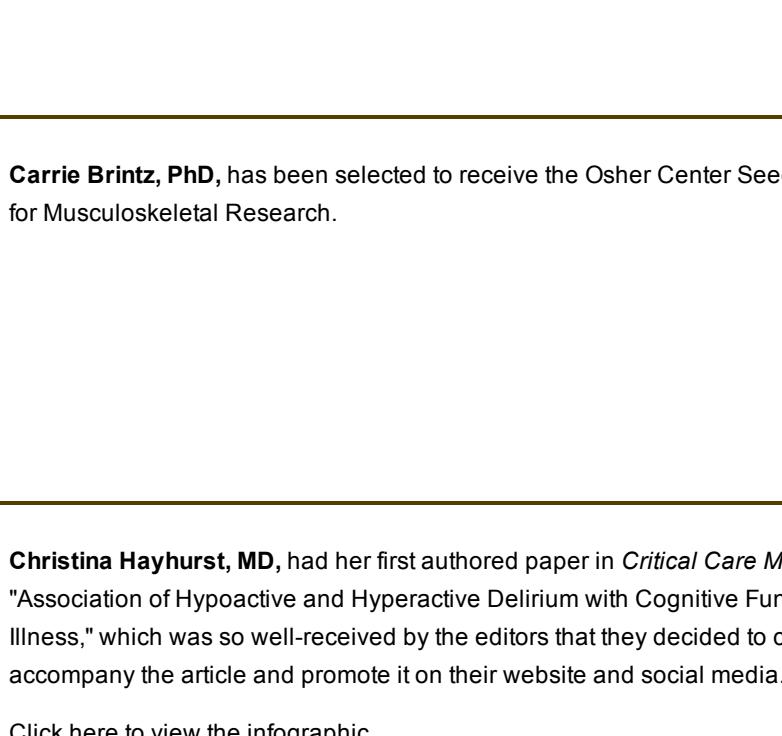
Studies that involve subjects presenting for surgical, interventional or diagnostic procedures and are entirely executed by clinical faculty, housestaff and fellows and do not involve research coordinators or other clinical research personnel may resume immediately.

Studies involving research coordinators and other research personnel will resume later based on VUMC's return to work plan for non-clinical personnel.

-Warren Sandberg, MD, PhD, Ed Sherwood, MD, PhD, Mark Rice, MD, David McIlroy, MB.BS., MD, MClinEpi, FANZCA, Deb Craven, MSN, MMHC

### New Haiku Feature: Push Notifications for Your Schedule

As of Wednesday, May 6, if you are a Haiku user, you receive notification of your upcoming clinical roles when the OpenTempo scheduled is published. To see your assigned cases, use the Haiku schedule activity or the 'My Cases - tomorrow' status board.



### 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 [elizabeth.demarcus@vumc.org](mailto:elizabeth.demarcus@vumc.org) if you have any questions.

### CME Spending Freeze

Faculty, Staff and Trainees of the Dept. of Anesthesiology,

Throughout the Coronavirus crisis, VUMC has remained committed to preserving employment and compensation for all VUMC employees. I hope I speak for everyone in saying how grateful we are to VUMC for taking this approach. The crisis has had a significant financial impact on VUMC, and we must look for savings in order to keep the priority on preserving jobs. To contribute to cost saving efforts, starting May 1, 2020, Anesthesiology is placing a freeze on all CME spending through December 31, 2020. Anesthesiology differs from many departments in that salaries, fringe benefits, liability insurance and institutional taxes make up over 90% of the department annual budget. Freezing CME funds is one of the few ways we can contribute much needed savings. With the VUMC travel ban in place, much of our usual CME spending cannot take place, so this move will lock in those savings.

As we approach December, department finances will be reviewed and a decision will be made on what to do next. Records will be maintained so that appropriate balances will be available when the freeze is lifted. The freeze will impact all faculty, staff and trainees in the department who receive CME funds. Purchases initiated prior to May 1, 2020, will be allowed to go forward, and any prior CME travel can still be reimbursed from available balances.

Exceptions to the freeze will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If you feel that you have an extraordinary need for CME funds during this period, please discuss with your Division Chief or supervisor, and then send your request to Stephen Doherty, Department Administrator ([stephen.doherty@vumc.org](mailto:stephen.doherty@vumc.org)). Any questions regarding the freeze may also be directed to Steve.

Thank you for all your efforts.

Sincerely,

Warren S. Sandberg, MD, PhD

Chair, Department of Anesthesiology

Mark J. Rice, MD

Executive Vice Chair, Department of Anesthesiology

Stephen Doherty

Departmental Administrator, Department of Anesthesiology

### 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](#). [SPHub](#) 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](#).

### Announcing COVID-19 Tele-Education Series for Healthcare Providers in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC)

In response to COVID-19, VUMC and Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health are partnering with Assist International and Project Echo to provide a tele-education series on COVID-19 tailored for healthcare workers in low-resource settings. The Department of Anesthesiology Global Anesthesiology team is coordinating this lecture series with their global partners in almost 20 countries, and a number of our faculty will be presenters in this series. These will be broadcast live through Zoom and also hosted on our Departmental YouTube channel for viewing after the live event.

For more details, [click here](#). For more information, please contact Claire Posey.

### 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 are now 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=7FY9TCFLJ>

#### 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](#).



#### MMI Conference

May 22 | 6:30 a.m. | via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/97428594276?pwd=b09aTkjai82RGVwNFRR1JrRmJWdz09>

Topic: "Acute Post-Operative Complications After Spinal Surgery"

Presented by

Avinash Kumar, MD, FCCP, FCCM

Professor of Anesthesiology and Neurology

Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

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.

Laura Sorabelli, MD, would like to recognize Bekka Geldbart, MD. Bekka prevented a non-English speaking patient from undergoing a non-reversible procedure during a surgery by recognizing a misundstanding between the way the woman perceived the procedure's consent and the way it was being interpreted to her. Bekka was able to make this good catch because of her awesome Spanish skills. Bekka is always advocating for her patients and going above and beyond for them. She is kind and compassionate. She is also engaged and vigilant in the operating room - two qualities we highly value in anesthesia. I always love working with Dr. Geldbart.

Thank you for all your efforts.

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### 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 May birthdays

### Department Achievements

Congratulations to the Chief Residents for AY 2020-2021, Kyle Hamm, MD, Atish Patel, MD, and Amy Zhang, MD.



### thank you

2019-20 CHIEFS Lucy Brunner, Bennett Roman, Katie Williams

welcome 2020-21 CHIEFS

I also would like to thank the outgoing Chiefs, Lucy Brunner, MD, Bennett Roman, MD, and Katie Williams, DO, who have fulfilled their roles with exceptional commitment, above and beyond, to our program and our department as a whole. They have without fail exhibited true leadership in a time of crisis and defined themselves by their actions, to both their credit and VUMC's. It has truly been my honor to have served with each of them on our team and recognize that our program's advancement throughout this year is wholly reflective of their extraordinary efforts.

- Brian J. Gelfand, MD



As a part of our Nursing Week Celebration, the ERAS team received the Nursing Team Award. Congratulations to the ERAS team for their amazing contributions to VUMC and our patients!



### 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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