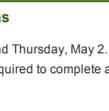


April 9, 2019



**Attention All Clinicians Certified to Perform ABG Sampling in the OR Areas**

Point of Care Testing will be deploying an upgraded GEM machine on Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2. There are a few significant differences. Because of these differences, all current users are required to complete a short training session. This is a 2-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, you will be locked out of performing blood gas testing.

**\*\*As part of the transition to the GEM 5000, the prescribed qualifications of 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 anesthesia techs will no longer be able to train or renew clinicians!**

Training schedule:  
**When: Monday, April 8 – Friday, April 12**  
**Where: Around the corner from VOR 39 (near steps leading to 4th floor)**  
**Times: 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Review your CV for AAA Program**

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 Tittor at [alexandria.g.tittor@vumc.org](mailto:alexandria.g.tittor@vumc.org) or 615-875-4581 if you have any questions.

**Attention Anesthesiology Clinicians: IV Set Changes**

These changes will be in effect beginning April 15, 2019. [Click here](#) to view.

**New Tennessee Chronic Pain Guidelines**

[Click here](#) to view the newest version of the guidelines.

**Equipment Costs**

We are spending on average \$143,000 per year on repair costs for our equipment. This dollar amount reflects repairs that are above and beyond what our manufacturer service contracts cover.

Due to these escalating repair costs for endoscopy/video scopes, a QA of airway equipment (Storz, Olympus, McGrath Mac, AMBU VivaSight) will now require a joint check of equipment between the anesthesia provider and the anesthesia tech prior to and immediately following use of these items. The goal is to reduce damage to the equipment, thereby eliminating downtime for costly repairs, which will increase the availability of equipment when needed. This process will be implemented throughout the entire periop arena and is not limited to just the anesthesia department.

**Accepting Applications: Department Faculty Leadership Positions**

**CPS Director**

The Comprehensive Pain Service Director will lead the operations of a growing and dynamic regional multidisciplinary program with a focus on chronic pain, cancer pain, sedation, and complex palliative medical and interventional care. The Director provides administrative oversight and strategic direction and represents the Department to the Vanderbilt Pain Medicine Division. The Service Chief is responsible for recruiting and supervising consultants at our two patient populations admitted to the hospital and maintaining ongoing long-term follow-up.

For more information or questions, please contact Elma Alukic or [elma.alukic@vumc.org](mailto:elma.alukic@vumc.org)

**\*\* Division Chief Positions: Ambulatory and MSA Divisions \*\***

The Division Chief in the Department of Anesthesiology work under the direction of the Executive Vice Chair and Chair to support the clinical, educational, research, innovation and the financial success of the Department. Each Division Chief is an advocate for his or her division and for the Department as a whole. Thus, the successful Division Chief supports administrative decisions of the Department's Leadership and consensus decisions made at division director meetings while advocating for the best interests of the individual faculty.

<p><b>Ambulatory Division Chief</b></p> <p><b>Specific duties include, but are not limited to:</b></p> <p><b>Clinical Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scheduling of Division clinical operations and managing individual faculty clinical operations, on-site time, and academic, pre-administrative time with each faculty approved faculty clinical commitment, while balancing the overall commitment of the Division and Department.</li> </ul> <p><b>Faculty Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This faculty opens the faculty "pipeline" from initial recruiting, being successful in recruiting, mentoring, and promoting to achieving a middle change in career decisions, retention, clinical teaching, and research, CME opportunities and counseling on all aspects of this vital function.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other faculty resources for faculty with interests in research, providing encouragement, mentoring, networking, and referrals to appropriate resources.</li> </ul> <p><b>Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance, Scheduling, Monthly Division Meetings, Recruitment &amp; Retention, Division Institutional Problem Resolutions, Budget Compliance with Division's, Billing and medical documentation processes, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in medical subspecialty rotations development and encourage excellence in resident education.</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend VUMC strategic two year ambulatory plan in the next four years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other lines report to the Quality Improvement/Patient Review Process of the Department.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other duties as assigned by the Executive Vice Chair and Chair.</b></p>	<p><b>MSA Division Chief</b></p> <p><b>Specific duties include, but are not limited to:</b></p> <p><b>Scholarship Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with the Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs to determine faculty manpower need.</li> <li>Participate in recruiting efforts for maintaining Division faculty.</li> <li>Work with the Assistant Division Chief to keep the manpower spreadsheet up to date, regarding both current and supply.</li> <li>Work with the Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs to determine search to recruit faculty scheduling.</li> </ul> <p><b>Academic Work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor faculty and promote their academic achievement. Identify areas of opportunity for faculty to advance their careers both in and outside of the Division.</li> <li>Approve commitment for faculty of meeting expenses and other expenses.</li> </ul> <p><b>HR Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate faculty regarding professional issues and deals with the Executive Vice Chair to solve any professional issues.</li> <li>Advocate for each faculty member's clinical competence and suggest FPPM when indicated.</li> <li>Coordinate faculty on managing clinical balance issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend the Associate DC to ensure a proper orientation to VUMC and MSA.</li> <li>Attend the Associate DC set and run the agenda at monthly MSA Division Case Conference.</li> <li>Work with the Associate DC in running the monthly MSA Division Case Conference.</li> <li>Participate in the weekly Division Chief meetings. At certain times, you may be the chair of this meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other duties as assigned by the Executive Vice Chair and Chair.</b></p>
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For more detailed information or any questions, please contact [Elma Alukic](mailto:Elma Alukic)

**Anesthesiology Education Conference Schedule**

This Week: [April 8-12](#)  
 Next Week: [April 15-19](#)

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

**Grand Rounds**

**Friday, April 12 | 6:30 a.m. | 214 Light Hall**  
**"Damage Control Surgery and Massive Transfusion Protocols"**

Presented by  
**Clayne Benson, MD**  
 Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine  
 Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Division  
 Director, ECMO Transport Service  
 Department of Anesthesiology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

and  
**Timothy Nunez, MD, MMHC, FACS**  
 Associate Professor of Surgery, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine  
 Division of Trauma, Emergency Surgery & Surgical Critical Care  
 Department of Surgery, Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
 Assistant Chief of Surgery, Tennessee Valley Veterans Affairs Medical Center

All are invited. [Read more](#)

**Additional CME Opportunities**

[Flexner Discovery Lecture Series 2019 Schedule](#)

**DaveTalk**

[Click here](#) to read the latest issue of DaveTalk: The Perioperative Services VUMC Perioperative Quarterly Newsletter.

**2019 Shade Tree Trot**

Join our Department & Dr. Ed Sherwood And come run the 2019 Shade Tree Trot! It is a timed 5k race.  
 Date: Saturday, April 20, 2019  
 Time and Location: 9 a.m. on Vanderbilt's Campus

Proceeds benefit the student-run Shade Tree Medical Clinic

Sign up HERE: <https://shadetreerun.org/archives/events/shade-tree-trot>

1. Once you go to the main page, select "register"
2. Select "sign up now"
3. Choose "join a team"
4. From pull down, select "Anesthesia Dream Team"
5. For discount code, enter "STTEAM2019"
6. Under "College Affiliation," select "Robinson"

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY  
 VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
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presents the 15th annual  
**Research Symposium**  
 Save the Date

**Featured Speaker**  
 Y.S. Prakash, MD, PhD  
 Professor of Anesthesiology and Physiology  
 Chief, Department of Physiology & Biomedical Engineering  
 Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

**Friday, May 3, 2019**  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Student Life Center

[Click here](#) to view fier.

**Resesearch Symposium Poster Submissions**

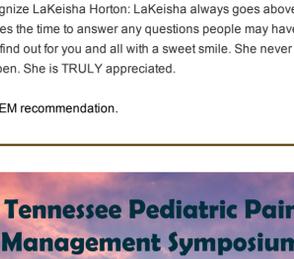
Dear Colleagues,

We are seeking clinicians and researchers who would like to present their clinical, translational, or basic science research in the form of a SCIENTIFIC POSTER in a friendly and engaging environment. We will start with one poster per person to give all an opportunity.

The "official" poster presentations will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. at the Student Life Center and will continue to be held during the day. Presenters will have about three minutes to present their work to the judges, followed by time for questions. This will be followed by the oral presentations from 9.30 a.m. to about 2 p.m. Posters and presentations will be judged, and the best poster and oral presentation will be awarded a prize at the end of the symposium!

Please email Misty White at [misty.n.white@vumc.org](mailto:misty.n.white@vumc.org) if you would like to present your poster. Given that this is a local event, work you have recently presented elsewhere or are planning to present at a meeting etc. are all allowed.

We look forward to a great Research Symposium and display of the diversity of work going on in the Department.



**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.

Sonja Carter would like to recognize LaKeisha Horton: LaKeisha always goes above and beyond to help anyone when they are in need. She takes the time to answer any questions people may have and if she doesn't know the answer she makes the effort to find out for you and all with a sweet smile. She never complains and lets everyone know that her door is always open. She is TRULY appreciated.

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

**Tennessee Pediatric Pain Management Symposium**

6pm to 9pm on April 25, 2019  
 at Maggiano's Little Italy  
 3106 West End Ave, Nashville, TN

Earn 3.0 AMA PRA Category 1 including 2 hours of controlled substance prescribing CME Credits.  
 Hosted by the Department of Anesthesiology at Vanderbilt and the Cumberland Pediatric Foundations.  
 Hosted Organized by Dr. Andrew Franklin  
 Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/tennessee-pediatric-pain-management-symposium-tickets-5493802223>

**Tennessee Pediatric Pain Management Symposium**  
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Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019  
 Place: Maggiano's Little Italy, 3106 West End Ave, Nashville

You can earn 3.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. [Register here](#)

[Click here](#) to view full fier.

**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 [AnesthesiologyCommunications](mailto:AnesthesiologyCommunications).

**Happy Birthday!**

[Click here](#) to view our April Birthdays.

**Department Achievements**

**Donna Kenney, MS, CRNA**, has been promoted to Lead CRNA in the Division of Ambulatory Anesthesiology. Donna completed her graduate studies in 2003 and has been a member of the Vanderbilt team since 2009. During her time at Vanderbilt she has served in many roles throughout both the MSA and Ambulatory Divisions, including C1 and MCE Float. Donna is currently completing her Doctoral studies in nurse anesthesia at Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia. Her leadership vision should carry the Ambulatory Division well into the future.

We give special recognition and thanks to Jordan Miller, MS, CRNA, who has served as the Lead CRNA in the past three years. His visionary contributions have kept pace with rapidly changing times. Jordan will be able to mentor Donna in her new role as he focuses on our quality assurance functions within the department.

**Press Coverage and Publications**

[Recent Publications](#)

**Tweet of the Week**

**Weekly Update is now distributed on Tuesday.**  
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