



February 20, 2019



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Accepting Applications: Department Faculty Leadership Positions

Information regarding the search for the Department of Anesthesiology Vice Chair and Ambulatory Division Chief. Includes details on the search process, application requirements, and contact information for Elma Alkalic.

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Christopher Canlas, MD, acting as interim Ambulatory Division Chief

- Actively recruiting for an Ambulatory Division Chief, search firm hired to assist

For more detailed information or any questions, please contact Elma Alkalic

Early Career Task Force

Your divisions have selected your representatives for the upcoming term of the Early Career Task Force. Please engage with these individuals so that they can be best equipped to identify the issues that most affect your work life and have the best input to find solutions to difficult problems.

- Ambulatory Anesthesiology: Vikram Bansal, MD
Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine: Bret Alvis, MD, Christina Hayhurst, MD
Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology: Bantayehu Sileshi, MD
Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology: Loren Smith, MD, PhD, Michael Singleton, MD
Neuroanesthesiology: Lane Crawford, MD
Obstetric Anesthesiology: Laura Sorabella, MD
Pain Medicine: Jenna Walters, MD
Pediatric Anesthesiology: Carrie Menser, MD, Rodrigo Lobet, MD
Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesiology: Genevieve Staudt, MD

Attention all 2019 AUA, IARS, SOCCA Annual Meetings Participants!

Supply your information by Friday, March 8, 2019 at 4 p.m. to be included in the department's 'AUA, IARS, and SOCCA Meetings Guide.'

Please click here to view the current list of AUA, IARS, and SOCCA presentations/events and verify the accuracy for inclusion in our departmental AUA, IARS, and SOCCA Meetings Guide.

If you are involved at the AUA, IARS, and SOCCA meetings and your name/level is not listed or needs to be corrected, please email Jenelle Grewell. Be sure to specify the 'Session Type' (e.g., IARS Panel).

New Changes Coming to eStar Anesthesia

Haiku: We are developing a "Preop Checklist" anesthesia report to help with handoff from holding room to OR. We have created a "Handoff to Receiving Nurse" anesthesia report to help with handoff from OR to PACU.

Macros: We have set up our adult perioperative consult service cases to automatically pull in the "Adult ERAS" macro for appropriate cases.

-Jonathan Wanderer, MD, MPhil

Labeling Confusion Vulnerability

Labeling confusion vulnerability per the most recent ISMP action agenda. We carry these vials, per pharmacy procurement.

The peel-off label has per mL strength and, per ISMP, should be used in a way that doesn't cover the total strength per total volume information on the vial.



Figure 1. Both vials contain 50 mg of rocuronium in 5 mL. The red peel-off label (right) stating 10 mg/mL led to the mistaken belief that only 10 mg was in the 5 mL vial.

Attention All Clinical Personnel: Personalized Lead Aprons

We'd like to give clinical personnel the opportunity to order a personalized lead apron. Dennis Farmer will be available to take your measurements and fabric selection in February. Please respond to Harrison Johnson if you would like to have a personalized lead apron so we will have an idea of the number of people he will be seeing.

- Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please note: If you have already received a protective lead garment, you may only receive a new one if your protective lead shows excessive wear and tear and/or your protective lead does not pass annual inspection.

Equipment that is lost or damaged due to misuse will not be replaced by the Department.

The measuring will take approximately five minutes - you will also need to let Dennis know what fabric you prefer. Click here to review the fabrics that are available.

If you cannot be available on those dates, you can submit your own measurements and fabric selection to Harrison Johnson and he will coordinate the ordering. Click here for measuring guidelines.

For all questions pertaining to lead apron orders, please contact Harrison Johnson.

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

Evaluations completed by residents/fellows (July 1, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018) are available for your review in New Innovations.

Click here to access the Vanderbilt New Innovations log in home page.

Attention All General Surgery and Anesthesiology Faculty

We have been running Intern Skills sessions for the surgery and anesthesiology interns. Our yearly global assessment sessions run after the New Year and compile all we have taught them (central line, breaking bad news, etc).

I would greatly appreciate it if you could assist with any of the sessions listed below, Thursday afternoons from 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at CELA on the 4th floor. We will need five to six instructors per date; we will run six rooms simultaneously, and we need an observer for each room.

Feb. 21:
Feb. 28:
*March 7: Remediation: will fill later on case by case basis if applicable

Vent Sessions:

I also would appreciate anyone willing to teach vent sessions on Thursday, March 7, 2019 (if not needed for remediation), Thursday, March 21, 2019, and Thursday, March 28, 2019. There is flexibility with dates. There is a vent PowerPoint presentation that has been passed down. Anesthesiology attendings have historically given this lecture, but we are happy to have anyone who is interested.

Thank you for everyone's help (most importantly your time), and I know the interns really appreciate it.

-Katie Riera, MD, and Maren Shippe, MD

Summer Student Research Projects

Investigators should submit their research protocols to the PCRI via http://j.mp/2Ck8x63 by Wednesday, April 3, 2019. The deadline applies to protocols that need IRB approval prior to summer student arrival.

Please contact Teresa Tumbo should you have any questions.

VIA Call to Auction

We need your help! Do you have an exciting hobby you would like to share with your colleagues? Do you have any items you have collected during your travels to donate for a good cause? We are in need of both experiences and items to offer at auction during the annual Vanderbilt International Anesthesia fundraiser.

Contact David Roberts, MD, Sarada Eleswarpu, MD, or Simon Martin, MD.

Anesthesiology Education Conference Schedule

This Week: February 18-22
Next Week: February 25-March 1

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



Grand Rounds
Friday, Feb. 22 | 6:30 a.m. | 214 Light Hall
'Antibiotic Stewardship in the OR'

Presented by Britany Raymond, MD
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Director of Undergraduate Medical Education
Department of Anesthesiology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
All are invited. Read more.

Additional CME Opportunities

Surgery Grand Rounds: Friday, Feb. 22 at 7 a.m. in 208 Light Hall
Topic: Heart Transplantation in the 21st Century
Presented by: Ashish S. Shah, MD
Read more.

Flexner Discovery Lecture Series 2019 Schedule

World Health Week 2019 poster featuring speakers like MAMTA SWARDROP, MD, FACS and BANTAYEHU SILESHI, MD. Includes dates from February 25 to March 1, 2019.

Click here to see flyer.



Dave Mail
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Celebrate Sessions

During three sessions on Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8, 2019, Vanderbilt University Medical Center is hosting a special employee appreciation event - Celebrate the Difference We Make Every Day.

Click here to register.

2019 TSA Annual Meeting poster for Saturday, Feb. 23 - Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 at Hilton Downtown Nashville. Includes general sessions on Saturday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, Feb. 24.

Featured Speaker Save the Date for the 14th annual Dr. James Phython Endowed Lectureship in Pediatric Anesthesiology. Featuring Speaker Randall Flick, MD, MPH.

SAVE THE DATE 04 06 19 Vanderbilt International Anesthesia Annual Fundraiser. 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm at Dyer Observatory.

Department of Anesthesiology presents the 15th annual Research Symposium Save the Date. Friday, May 3, 2019 at Vanderbilt University Student Life Center.

Going the Extra Mile Employee Recognition: GEMs (Going the Extra Mile). Jenelle Grewell would like to recognize Jennifer Cook.

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 February Birthdays

Department Achievements

Jonathan Wanderer, MD, MPhil, has been asked to serve as the Vice Chair of the Anesthesia Quality Institute Data Definitions Committee.

Andrew Franklin, MD, MBA, has been appointed to a three year term as Secretary of the Pediatric ERAS Society.

Please welcome and congratulate Jordan Miller, CRNA, as he will assume the role of Senior Quality and Patient Advisor in the Department of Anesthesiology.

Press Coverage and Publications

AMA presents government service award to Tennessee senator, American Medical Association, February 13, 2019. View images from the event below.

Tweet of the Week

Tweet from @VUMC_Anesth: Chris Canlas, MD, has been named the interim Ambulatory Division Chief. #VUMChealth #anesthesiology #leadership @ambulatory

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