



November 19, 2019



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

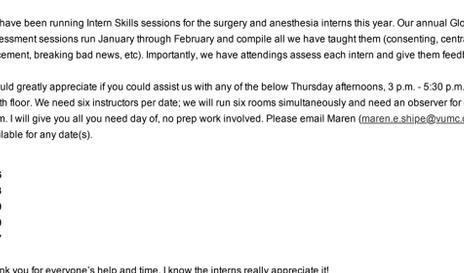
The hospital and OR Pharmacy are moving towards a standard ketamine concentration. You will begin to see 2mg/mL ketamine concentrations (500mg in 250 mL) from bags on the floor.

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

- Starting Wednesday, Nov. 20, the pediatric guidelines will have been moved to a new pediatric section.
A pediatric antibiotic dosing guideline has been added.
New guidance for managing and reporting blood transfusion reactions have 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

IIgem Training

Click here for information about IIgem 5000 training.

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/cdr. Click here for more information.

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 complete 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 dates(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.

Flu Station at CRNA Staff Meeting on November 20

Occupational Health will have a flu shot station for CRNAs. Occupational Health will be at the CRNA Staff Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20, starting at 6:15 a.m.

Grand Rounds

Friday, Nov. 22 | 6:30 a.m. | 208 Light Hall

"Gender Confirmation Surgery: Anesthesia, Surgical, and Ethical Considerations"

Presented by

Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH

Founding Director, Vanderbilt LGBTQ Program

Julian Winocour, MD

Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery

Department of Plastic Surgery

Ellen W. Clayton, MD, JD

Professor of Pediatrics

Rosalind E. Franklin Professor of Genetics and Health Policy

Professor of Law

Craig-Weaving Chair in Pediatrics

Co-founder, Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society

All are invited.

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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

Surgical Grand Rounds: Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 a.m. in 214 Light Hall

Topic: "Venous Thromboembolism and Management of Anticoagulation for Procedures"

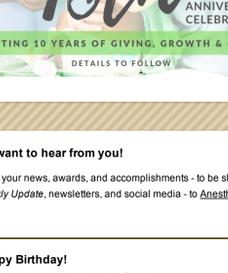
Presented by: Colleen Morton, MBBCh

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



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.

Doug Hester, MD, would like to recognize Natalie Brender: I just wanted to thank Natalie for her extra hard work in MCE. Besides the amazing clinical care and wonderful communications, she has adopted the MCE break room to keep clean and organized. It looks great and makes working here extra special!

Please click here to submit a GEM recommendation.

Community Service Opportunity

As we prepare for the holidays, I thought it would be nice to find a way to give to those in need. I recently learned about ShowerUp through the Nashville Predators when they collected travel-size toiletry items at a hockey game.

ShowerUp is a non-profit organization founded in 2016 that provides showers to some of the 10,000 homeless men, women and children in Nashville. Paul and Rhonda Schmitz started ShowerUp when they discovered that although there were resources available for the homeless in Nashville to help with food and clothing, there were very few places for them to shower. ShowerUp is working to change that - with the help of volunteers and through donations, they provide shower kits and other personal care items to those visiting the mobile showers.

I would like to invite you to join me by donating travel-size toiletries or clean, gently worn towels. For anyone interested in participating, you can drop off items at my office, 4623B TVC (in the MSA suite) from now until the week of Thanksgiving. They also have a wish list through Amazon and volunteer opportunities available on their website (www.showrup.org) if you are interested in knowing more.

You can donate individual items or assemble your own "shower kits," which can include:

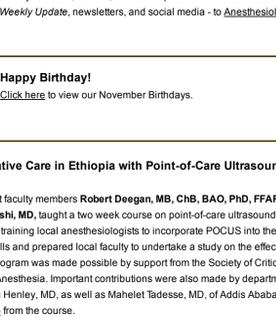
- Shampoo
Conditioner
Soap/body wash
Bath pouf/washcloth
Deodorant (razors are donated through a company)
Toothbrush & toothpaste

If you want to make a deluxe kit, you can add any of the following: feminine hygiene products

cotton swabs, non-alcohol mouthwash, lotion, comb/brush, feminine hygiene products

Feel free to bring back the hotel toiletries as you travel to conferences in the coming weeks.

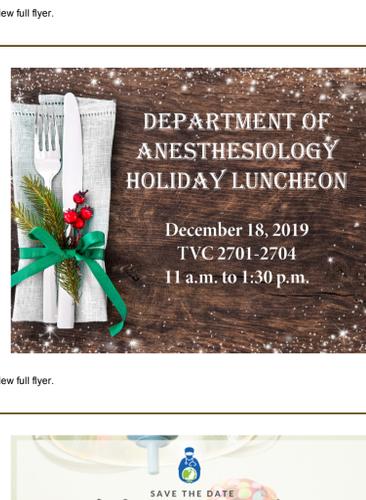
-Christi Gray



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Please RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 27

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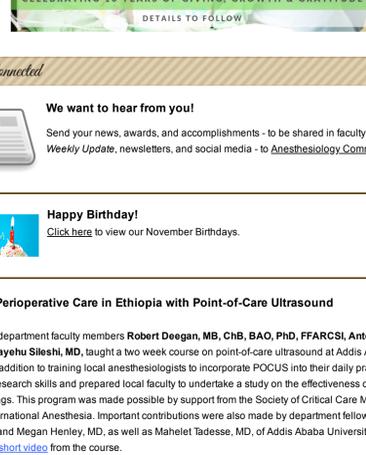
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Two drink tickets per guest. Cash bar.

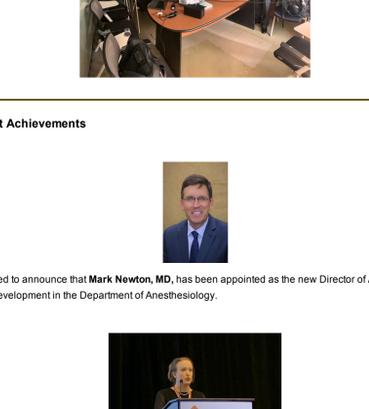
Parking Information: Self park at Kensington Garage \$14. Valet: \$20.

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Improving Perioperative Care in Ethiopia with Point-of-Care Ultrasound

This summer, department faculty members Robert Deagan, MB, ChB, BAO, PhD, FFARCSI, Antonio Hernandez, MD, and Bantayehu Sileshi, MD, taught a two week course on point-of-care ultrasound at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. In addition to training local anesthesiologists to incorporate POCUS into their daily practice, the course emphasized research skills and prepared local faculty to undertake a study on the effectiveness of POCUS in low-resource settings. This program was made possible by support from the Society of the Critical Care Medicine and Vanderbilt International Anesthesia. Important contributions were also made by department fellows Melissa Bellow, MD, and Megan Hanley, MD, as well as Mabelet Tadesse, MD, of Addis Ababa University. To learn more, check out this short video from the course.



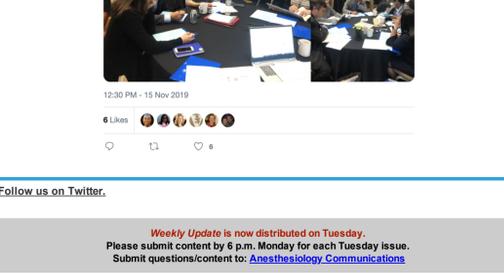
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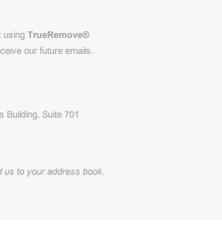
We are pleased to announce that Mark Newton, MD, has been appointed as the new Director of Anesthesia Global Health and Development in the Department of Anesthesiology.



Leslie Fowler, MEd, 2017-19 AAPAE President, gave the welcoming address at the annual AAPAE Meeting.



Brian Allen, MD, Jane Easdown, MD, and Leslie Fowler, MEd, conducted a session at Society for Education in Anesthesia.



Matt Kynes, MD, presented on ERAS for pediatric orthopedic surgery at the ERAS USA meeting in New Orleans. Matt did an outstanding job and represented VCH very well on the national level.

The Riess Lab represented the department well at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2019 meeting in Philadelphia over the weekend, with two oral presentations and four posters.

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