



March 10, 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 for any initial guidance related to COVID-19 questions. Visit www.vumc.org/coronavirus to access a direct link. -Warren S. Sandberg, MD, PhD

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The following materials from Dr. Jagasia and Dr. Sandberg are what have been created so far to address the potential COVID-19 infection in our clinics and hospital. It is imperative you read these documents AND pay attention to the daily version of MyVUMC, which will have the very latest updates related to Coronavirus Disease 2019. The daily issues of MyVUMC will run until they are no longer needed.

Sequence for Putting On and Removing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): The type of PPE used will vary based on the level of precautions required, such as standard and contact, droplet or airborne infection isolation precautions. The procedure for putting on and removing PPE should be tailored to the specific type of PPE. [Click here](#) to learn how to safely put on and remove PPE, such as gown, mask or respirator, goggles or face shield, and gloves.

Understanding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a virus that causes a respiratory illness. Symptoms can range from mild to severe respiratory illness. Several cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the United States. Scientists are actively researching the disease. [Click here](#) to learn the symptoms, possible complications, diagnosis, treatment, risk, and prevention of COVID-19, as well as what to do if you are diagnosed and when you should call your healthcare provider. For the latest updates, please visit the [CDC website](#).

COVID Guidance for Ambulatory Clinics: If a patient enters an ambulatory clinic with respiratory symptoms, certain steps and guidelines should be followed. [Click here](#) to learn the steps for handling patients with respiratory symptoms, precautions for staff, and the guidelines to follow if, after assessment by the MD/NP, the patient is suspected of COVID-19.

COVID Guidance for Emergency Departments: If a patient enters an emergency department with respiratory symptoms, certain steps and guidelines should be followed. [Click here](#) to learn the steps for handling patients with respiratory symptoms (including patients with no concerning vital abnormalities and patients with high risk symptoms), the guidelines to follow if, after provider assessment, the patient is suspected of COVID-19, and the aerosol generating procedures for the known/suspected COVID-19 patient. Tips on re-use of goggles and face shields are also provided.

COVID Guidance for Inpatient Areas: If a patient enters an inpatient area with respiratory symptoms, certain steps and guidelines should be followed. [Click here](#) to learn the steps for handling patients with respiratory symptoms, guidelines to follow if, after provider assessment, the patient is suspected of COVID-19, and the aerosol generating procedures for the known/suspected COVID-19 patient. Tips on re-use of goggles and face shields are also provided.

Eye Protection Required: Certain rooms will require eye protection such as goggles or a face shield. [Click here](#) to view the sign that will be posted and steps to take when planning to perform an aerosol-generating procedure.

What You Should Do to Protect Others if You Have or May Have Coronavirus (COVID-19): Stay home unless you need medical care, clean your hands often, regularly clean surfaces you touch, cover your face when you cough or sneeze, separate yourself from others in your home, don't share household items, and wear a facemask when around other people. [Click here](#) to learn more.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE: Isolation Precautions for Aerosol Generating Procedures in a Known or Suspected COVID or Influenza Patient: The purpose of these isolation precautions when performing an aerosol generating procedure is to prevent the transmission of COVID or influenza and provide guidance for staff caring for patients with known or potential COVID or influenza in the inpatient setting. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Faculty Travel Advisory

Many of you have asked for guidance regarding travel in the context of the emerging coronavirus outbreak. This situation is evolving and conflicting advisory information may be difficult to assess with confidence. Please be advised that VUMC's current stance is not to prohibit/restrict travel by VUMC-employed faculty but to ask that faculty members exercise individual best judgment in deciding whether to travel. It is advisable in forming this judgment to weigh carefully several important considerations. Among these are:

- Do the proposed plans include travel through or to areas of documented coronavirus cases?
- What is the perceived likelihood that circumstances would develop to delay or prevent scheduled return from the travel destination?
- What would be the consequences of mandated quarantine?
- If one were to become ill while away, would there be access to satisfactory medical care or opportunity for evacuation to a location where care could be provided?
- What expenses would be incurred by an undesired event while traveling?

Please be aware that the circumstances and facts related to coronavirus are fluid and evolving quickly. Because of this, VUMC's stance on faculty travel is subject to change as warranted.

For those desiring a concise, informative and authoritative review of coronavirus and recent events, Dr. Mark Denison provided this to the Department of Medicine Grand Rounds. His presentation is available by logging in with your VUNet ID and password to the Learning Exchange at <https://learningexchange.vumc.org/#/dashboard>. Once you have logged in, copy and paste this URL to access his talk: <https://learningexchange.vumc.org/#/online-courses/44ee44b-1251425e-a198-ca640849326c>.

Please know that further updates to this faculty travel advisory will be provided as indicated.

-David S. Raiford, MD

Ultrasound Update

We recently received new Mindray ultrasounds in the main OR, periop, and VSC. Placing a Tegaderm directly to probe surface interferes with the probe functionality, creating fuzzy, dampened images and drop out. We are recommending that you either:

- 1) Apply a small bead of gel to the probe before placing a Tegaderm
- 2) Use a probe cover with gel inside

This is a change to our current practice, but would actually bring us in line with current industry standards. We are going to evaluate some alternative probe covers to be used for basic blocks, but until then please use the probe coverage as above, at least for the Mindray ultrasounds, ideally for all ultrasound use.

-Merrick Miles, MD

Call for Poster Presenters at Annual Research Symposium

The Department of Anesthesiology will be hosting its Annual Research Symposium on Friday, May 1, 2020, in the Student Life Center.

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 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and will continue to be on display during the day. This will be followed by the oral presentations. Posters and oral presentations will be judged and, at the end of the symposium, prizes will be awarded for the best poster and the best oral presentation.

Please email Misty Ball at misty.ball@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 is allowed!

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

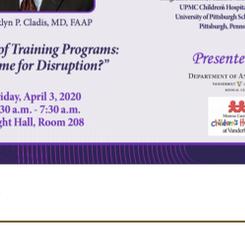
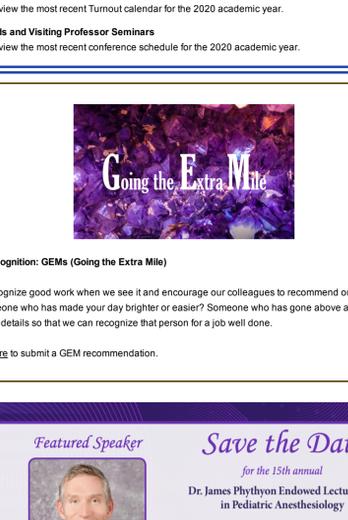
-Pratik Pandharipande, MD, MSCI, Ed Sherwood, MD, PhD

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Visual Abstracts Editors

Anesthesiology seeks additional Associate Editors from the current Associate Editorial Board or recommendations for individuals to work with the current Visual Abstracts Editors to distill content and provide art guidance in creating visual abstracts for original research articles. The individual should be an anesthesiologist with an interest in visual content/graphic display of complex concepts. Ability to work within monthly deadlines is essential. Please send statement of interest along with a current CV to [Anesthesiology Digital Communications Director Vicki Tedeschi](mailto:Anesthesiology.Digital.Communications@vumc.org).



Attention: VMG Faculty Members

You may receive an IRS 1099-MISC form reporting an amount for Other income in the tax year 2019. The VUMC tax office has also sent a letter and other information to your home address notifying you of the steps to take. You should forward that information to your tax advisor as needed and retain in your files. If you received the original IRS 1099-MISC form but did not receive the instructions from VUMC, please reach out to Betsy DeMarcus at (615) 936-6059 or gliczabeth.j.demarcus@vumc.org

New Role: Supplies and Equipment Committee Chair

Faculty who are interested in the role of Supplies and Equipment Committee Chair are invited to apply for the position by contacting Dr. Rice at mark.j.rice@vumc.org.

Anesthesiology Faculty Affairs Office: Annual Faculty Review Process

The Anesthesiology Faculty Affairs Office sincerely invites your response to the Annual Faculty Review process. Please send your thoughts and opinions about the recognition and recommendations you received through your letter and meeting.

Catherine Clark will be visiting each division to solicit input. Additional feedback is earnestly requested and can be sent to: catherine.clark@vumc.org, matt.welings@vumc.org, or erika.gambschlag@vumc.org

SurveyVitals - Scores and Alerts

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

Contact [Clark Weber](mailto:Clark.Weber@vumc.org) 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 learn the certification requirement, please select a date below that works with your schedule and register at: <https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=7FY9TCLFJ>

Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, March 27, 2020
- Saturday, April 18, 2020
- Friday, May 22, 2020
- Saturday, June 20, 2020
- Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020
- Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020
- 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](mailto:Beverly.Fletcher@vumc.org).

Mental Health and Wellness Summit

Dear Vanderbilt Basic Sciences Community,

Please save the date, **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**, for the upcoming **Mental Health and Wellness Summit** sponsored by the Basic Sciences in Light Hall (room 110A). At this day-long event we are hosting Dr. Sharon Milgram, Director of the Office of Intramural Training and Education at the NIH. Sharon is nationally known for her innovative programming to support graduate students and postdocs at NIH, and you will find her to be an entertaining lecturer on wellness in the academic setting. Sharon will make two presentations: one for faculty and staff (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) entitled "Promoting the Mental Health and Well-Being of Biomedical Trainees", and a second (12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.) for students and postdocs: "Becoming a Resilient Scientist".

There will also be presentations on resources for mental health and wellness at Vanderbilt/VUMC, and breakout sessions in the afternoon for discussion and sharing of ideas and suggestions. Details of the Summit schedule will be released shortly. All students, postdocs, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Sincerely,

Linda Sealy, Ph.D.

Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion of the Vanderbilt University Basic Sciences, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

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Grand Rounds
March 13 | 6:30 a.m. | 214 Light Hall
"Design for Emergencies: How design can improve human performance during emergency situations"

Visiting Professor Seminar
March 12 | 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | 2301-A VUH
"A Better Design to Your Work Environment"

Presented by
Yuval Bitan, PhD
Senior Lecturer, Department of Industrial Engineering & Management
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Be'er-Sheva, Israel
Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

All are invited. [Read more](#)

Additional CME Opportunities

*****CANCELLED*** Flexner Discovery Lecture:** March 12 at 4 p.m. in 208 Light Hall
Allan D. Bass Endowed Lecture Series
Topic: *Close Encounters: Intimate Relationship Relationships Between GPCR Signaling Events and Neurotransmitter Transports*
Presented by: **Susan Amara, PhD**
[Read more](#)

Surgical Grand Rounds: Friday, March 13 at 7 a.m. in 208 Light Hall
Presented by: **Don Nakayama, MD, MBA**
[Read more](#)

Flexner Discovery Lecture: March 26 at 4 p.m. in 208 Light Hall
Topic: *Helicobacter, Hedgehog and Gastric Cancer*
Presented by: **Juanita Merchant, MD, PhD**
[Read more](#)
[Click here](#) to view the Spring 2020 Flexner Discovery Lecture Series schedule.

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.

Save the Date for the 15th annual Dr. James Phythou Endowed Lectureship in Pediatric Anesthesiology. Featuring Speaker Franklyn P. Cladis, MD, FAAP. Presented by Department of Anesthesiology at Vanderbilt. "Future of Training Programs: Is It Time for Disruption?" Friday, April 3, 2020, 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m., Light Hall, Room 208.

Vanderbilt International Anesthesia invites you to join us in

CELEBRATING 10 years OF GIVING & GRATITUDE. Cocktails, dinner, musical entertainment, live & silent auctions. 14TENN 1410 51st Ave N Nashville, TN 37209. May 1st 2020 6:30 - 10:00 pm. Featuring a special performance by iconic Nashville singer-songwriters! Presented by RENASANT PRIVATE CLIENT.

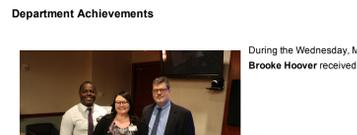
Call for Donations

Vanderbilt International Anesthesia is seeking donations to be auctioned at the VIA 10th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser on Friday, May 1. If you are interested in donating an item or experience to the auction to help VIA fulfill its mission of providing anesthesia care & training in underserved countries, please contact VIA Program Manager [Claire Posey](mailto:Claire.Posey@vumc.org).

SAVE THE DATE DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY presents the 16th annual Research Symposium Friday, May 1, 2020 Vanderbilt University Student Life Center



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Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Manitoba
Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Manitoba
Director, Center Academic Fellowship Program, University of Manitoba
Adjunct Professor, Anesthesiology, Duke University



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

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@vumc.org.

Happy Birthday!

[Click here](#) to view our March Birthdays

New Hires: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists



Shawn Miers



Shannon Laika



Mark Hughes
Project Manager

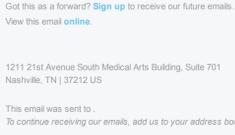


Betsy Merritt
Project Manager



Sharae Shipp
Associate Project Manager

Department Achievements



During the Wednesday, March 4, 2020, staff meeting, **Brooke Hoover** received the Departmental Credo Award.

Press Coverage and Publications

[Click here](#) to view photos from the 2020 Dr. Bradley E. Smith Endowed Lectureship on Medical Professionalism. [Click here](#) to view recent Publications.

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Rise & Shine YOGA 0530-0615. Wallington Conference Room A (2nd floor) Children's Hospital. JANUARY 23, FEBRUARY 29, MARCH 6, MARCH 19. Licensed instruction. No Experience necessary. Free of Charge. Classes led by: Lissa Wooten & Heather Frankenfield.

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