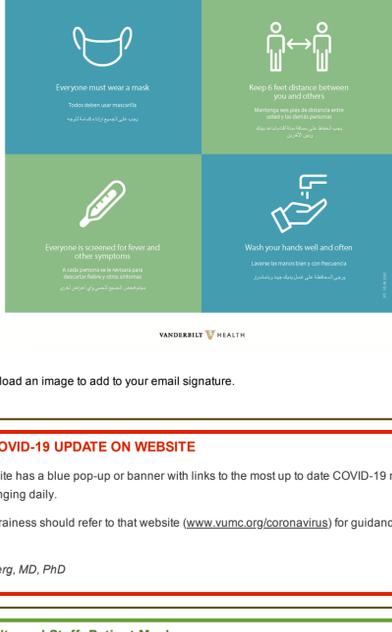




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VUMC Safety Measures



[Click here](#) to download an image to add to your email signature.

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) for guidance related to COVID-19 questions.

-Warren S. Sandberg, MD, PhD

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:

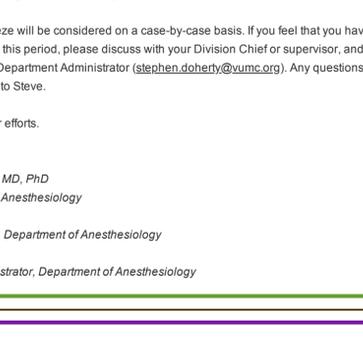
Studies that involve subjects presenting for surgical, interventional or diagnostic procedures and are entirely executed by clinical faculty, housestaff and fellows and do not involve research coordinators or other clinical research personnel may resume immediately.

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 Open Tempo 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.j.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). 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

COVID-19 Funding Alert

NIH Administrative Supplements: If you have an active NIH grant, you may be eligible to apply for an expedited administrative supplement to support COVID-19 research. For details regarding this and other COVID-19-related funding changes, [click here](#).

For an exhaustive list of other funding opportunities related to the pandemic, [see this list compiled by Edge for Scholars](#).

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

The Department website now includes features from the Faculty and Staff COVID Support Team. 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. If you have a resource related to one of these categories that you would like to contribute, submit it [here](#).

-Faculty/Staff Wellness Support Team

CV Updates for the AAA Program

In anticipation of the upcoming Academic Achievement Award (AAA) program, which will report on academic contributions from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, we are encouraging you to review and update your CV in the faculty portal. To access this portal, please visit <https://ofa-web.app.vumc.org/FacultyPortal>.

If you may like to receive a pre-populated AAA form as well as the past, please ensure your CV is updated by **Friday, May 15**. Data will be exported into AAA applications immediately after this date.

Please reach out to Lexi Titor at alexandria.g.titor@vumc.org if you have any questions.

Turnout Calendar for AAA

Please make sure to have all of your educational lectures through April 30th that are eligible for AAA points in Turnout by **Friday, May 15**.

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

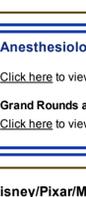
Successful completion of this CME activity enables the participant to earn up to 7.5 CME credits. **This activity is eligible for Patient Safety Credit. All Patient Safety credit is awarded by American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA).** If any faculty member needs to meet the certification requirement, please select a date below that works with your schedule and register at <https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=7FY9TCLJ>

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.



Grand Rounds

May 15 | 6:30 a.m. | via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96589926948?pwd=cUwvSXZmVDQybH4aEY4cStlQ3E4Zz09>

Topic: "Modeling for Surgical Case Volume in the COVID Era and Beyond"

Presented by

Vikram Tiwari, PhD

Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Biomedical Informatics Research

Senior Director, Surgical Business Analytics

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

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Disney/Pixar/Marvel/Star Wars Themed Virtual Happy Hour

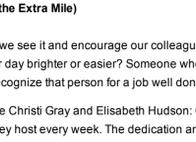
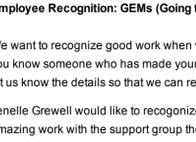
Are you a Disney, Pixar, and/or Marvel fan? Whether you enjoy the extensive selection of Disney/Pixar/Marvel movies or love traveling to their parks, join us this Thursday evening at 5pm for a Disney/Pixar/Marvel themed Happy Hour! Come dressed as your favorite superhero or Disney character, or come as you are. All are welcome!

When: Thursday, May 14, at 5 p.m.

Where: <https://zoom.us/j/991310750337?pwd=cUwvSXZmVDQybH4aEY4cStlQ3E4Zz09>

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Hosted by: Elisabeth Hudson and Lindsay Dickson



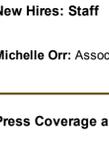
Employee Recognition: GEMs (Going the Extra Mile)

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.

Jenelle Grewell would like to recognize Christi Gray and Elisabeth Hudson: Christ and Elisabeth have done such amazing work with the support group they host every week. The dedication and work they have put into it has been very beneficial and helpful. I look forward to the meetings every week!

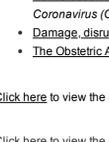
Please [click here](#) to submit a GEM recommendation.

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

New Hires: Faculty



Amanda Toye, MD
Pain Medicine

New Hires: Staff

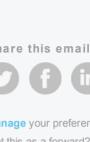
Michelle Orr: Associate Program Manager

Press Coverage and Publications

- VUMC uses computerized mannequins to teach proper technique for caring for COVID patients. *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information for Employees and Patients*, April 13, 2020
- Damage, disruption, delirium. *VUMC Reporter*, April 20, 2020
- The Obstetric Anesthesiology Division was designated as a COE by SOAP. *Department Blog*, May 6, 2020

[Click here](#) to view the Spring 2020 issue of the Department Newsletter, *Anesthesia Monitor*.

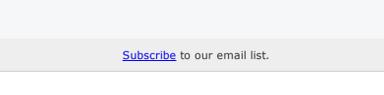
[Click here](#) to view the new Recent Publications



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/PClinic_Anesthesia. Thank you!

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