Department of Anesthesiology
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Weekly Update

March 2, 2021

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New Position Annoucement: Associate Medical Director of Faculty Recruitment

The Department of Anesthesiology is introducing a position for Associate Medical Director of Faculty Recruitment to support the ongoing growth of the department. One of the critical missions of the Department is to recruit faculty with expertise and passion for patient care, research and education. The faculty member who assumes this role will report to and closely work with Dr. Kelly Mishra, Medical Director of Faculty Recruitment, and with Dr. Rice to augment our recruitment efforts by interacting with recruits and acting as an additional source of input in the hiring process. Applicants from under-represented groups are encouraged to apply.

Please contact **Dr. Mark Rice** or **Dr. Kelly Mishra** if you are interested in learning more about this position.

Medical Director of Physician Workforce Deployment

The Medical Director of Physician Workforce Deployment for the Department of Anesthesiology candidate will work collaboratively with key stakeholders in ensuring adequate physician staffing of all clinical sites. The ideal candidate should have the ability to multitask and be organized, impartial, and transparent. The Medical Director of Physician Workforce Deployment must accept a share of fiduciary responsibility to use faculty effort wisely and in service of the entire departmental mission.

The specific duties of the Medical Director of Physician Workforce Deployment are to:

- Work directly with VC for Clinical Affairs and designated schedulers for all divisions to create the monthly faculty clinical schedule
- Work with VCH and VOR AICs to allocate physician staffing resources for the next day's clinical schedule
- Ensure each faculty member is meeting their annual clinical commitment and monthly call requirements
- Attend monthly OR staffing meeting to address departmental staffing deficits
- Attend monthly manpower meeting
- Evaluate anesthesiology workforce assignments as departmental manpower and clinical staffing needs change

Please contact **Amy Roberston** for more information.

Reminder - Perioperative Phentermine (or Phentermine/Topiramate) Use

Phentermine is one of the most commonly used weight loss medications that is still approved by the FDA, and it is very commonly used in our weight loss and plastic surgery patient populations. As a sympathomimetic amine, it stimulates the release of norepinephrine and epinephrine, which in turn causes appetite suppression. Chronic use, unfortunately, can cause catecholamine depletion. In the perioperative setting this can result in profound vasopressor-resistant hypotension in conjunction with anesthetics. The half-life for phentermine is reported to be ~24 hours, although there can be significant variability. Due to a paucity of quality evidence specifically delineating hold parameters, and in order to promote patient safety, the recommendation from VPEC and Hi-RiSE clinic for the perioperative period is:

Recommendation: *Hold Phentermine for at least seven days before surgery.*

Please consider this recommendation on day of surgery and review with your patients, as not all patients are seen in one of our preoperative clinics. This will also be reinforced with Surgical Services.

COVID-19 Exposure, Infection, and Return-to-Work FAQs

Click here to view updated guidance.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

VUMC is planning for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. All employees interested in the vaccine MUST register. **Enroll here for the COVID-19 Vaccine.**

For more information about the VUMC vaccine roll out plan and FAQs, check out these resources: **VUMC COVID-19 Workforce Vaccination Plan**

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs

GOT A COVID QUESTION?

Submit it here: **REDCap Link**

COVID Clinical Resources - Bookmark Us!

Department of Anesthesiology COVID Educational Materials

VUMC Coronavirus Information

IMPORTANT: COVID-19 UPDATED 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 trainess should refer to that website **(www.vumc.org/coronavirus)** for guidance related to COVID-19 questions.

-Warren S. Sandberg, MD, PhD

CLINICAL INFORMATION

UPDATED: ATTENTION All attendings, CRNAs, Residents, Fellows and SRNAs

This week you will receive an email invitation to a REDCap survey titled **"ASPIRE Quality Improvement Program."** The ASPIRE Task Force values your thoughts and comments so please take a few minutes to complete the questions. **Thank you to the 219 people that have already responded.** We would really like to increase our response rate and need your help.

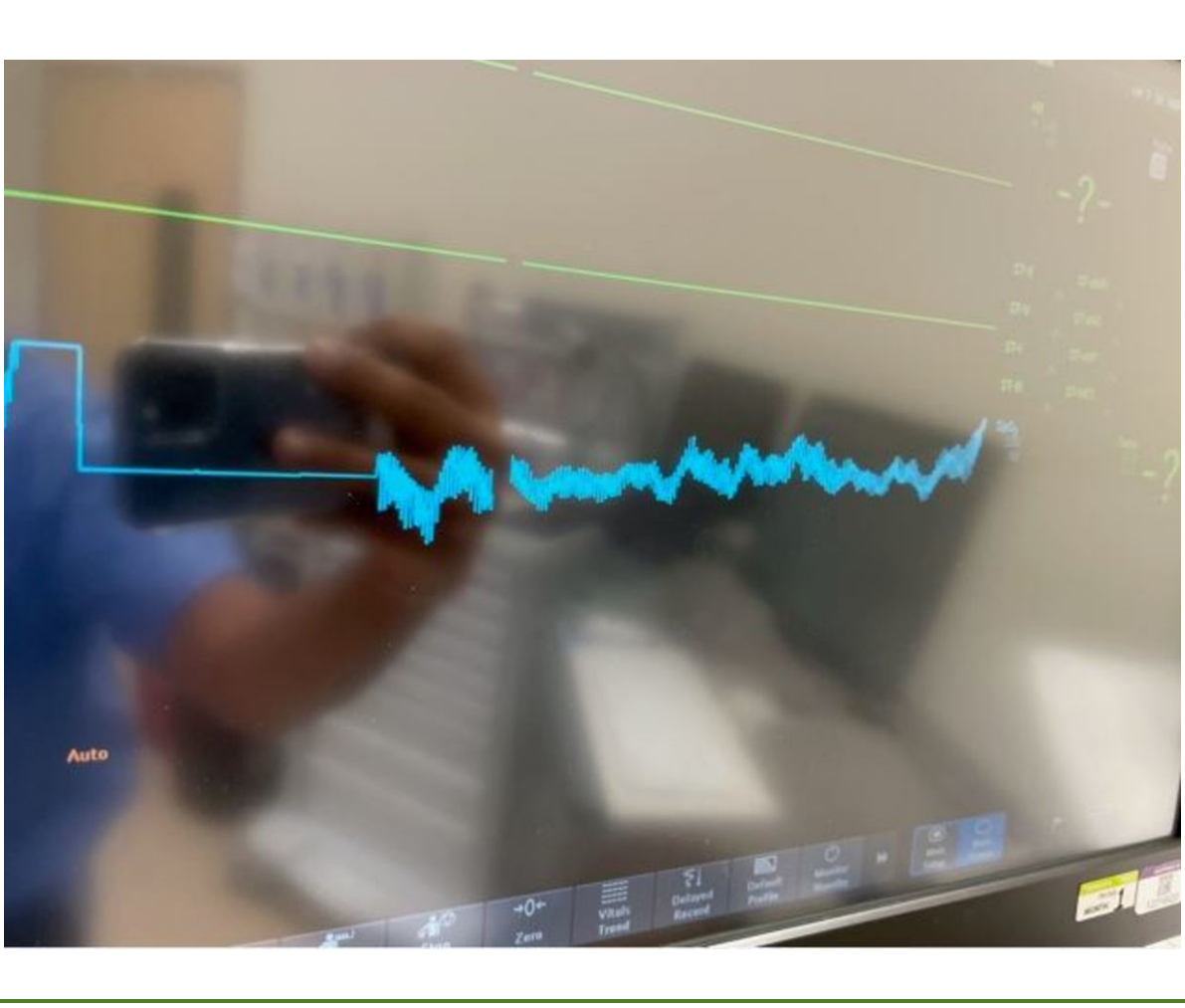
The **ASPIRE Quality Improvement Program** and **departmental education** that will be provided create a valuable opportunity for care improvement through ongoing education, individualized feedback each month, and availability of an interactive departmental dashboard.

New LEF OR Lights

Recently we've become aware that some of the new LED OR lights create a light interference with the Nellcor pulse oximeters that looks like electrical interference but rather is optical interference. We have noticed this interference mostly in the new operating rooms at Belle Meade. However, some of the newly renovated ORs at the main hospital also have these new LED OR lights even though they haven't demonstrated as significant an interference pattern (VOR 2, 3, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 31, 32, 33; and MCE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9). Any newly renovated or constructed ORs moving forward will also have these lights and may cause this problem.

When the OR lights are shining on or near the pulse oximeter, there is a high frequency (about 60 Hz) signal that is overlaid onto the normal pulse ox signal and makes the oxygen saturation unreadable. This overlying high frequency signal's amplitude is directly related to the light's distance from the pulse oximeter. The solution to this problem is extremely simple. Point the overhead light away from the sensor and/or cover the pulse oximeter with a blanket, towel, or other opaque material. Please see the picture below for an example of the interference pattern. The OR light company (Stryker), the pulse oximeter manufacturer (Nellcor), and the Phillips monitor representatives have been notified about this issue.

Thank you,
Rajnish Gupta, MD
QMMI representative
Medical Director, Vanderbilt Health Belle Meade



SOP Periop Management: Patients with Implanted Stimulator Devices

Click here to view guidelines.

ACD-A Distribution Change

Starting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, for those patients on CRRT therapy or ECMO in the operating rooms, the ACD-A solution (anticoagulant citrate dextrose - formula A) will be available only from the Main OR Omnicell and NOT the supply room. Hemodialysis solutions are defined as "high alert medications" by the Institute of Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) and so ACD-A solution will be handled by Pharmacy moving forward.

Click here to learn more.

-Medication Safety Task Force, Raj Gupta, MD

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 view.

CME that Counts for MOC - Confirming Your Profile is Setup for MOCA Part 2 Credit

The Education Office has received a number of questions about obtaining CME credit and setting up your VUMC CME profile. This note will walk you through checking your CloudCME account to ensure your profile is set up to receive MOCA Part II and Part II Patient Safety credit for any qualifying event you attend at VUMC. Setting up your account for MOCA Part II credit is fast and easy. Most of all, it's convenient and the VUMC CME office reports your credits automatically each quarter to the ABMS and ABA.

You can find **instructions for setting up your account through this link**. You can also access our CloudCME website **here**.

Unfortunately, they are not able to report MOCA Part II credit retroactively, so it is important to get your profile set up as soon as possible. The earlier your profile is set up, the more MOCA Part II credits you can earn toward your ongoing certification. If you have already been earning MOCA Part II credit, you're all set and there's nothing more for you to do. **Of note, you do have to complete the post-event survey to get MOCA Part II Patient Safety credit.**

If you have any questions or issues setting up your account, please feel free to reach out to **Allen Cantrell** in the CME Office or **Brooke Hoover** in the Education Office. They are happy to help and want to make this as beneficial and seamless as possible.

OPPORTUNITIES, RESOURCES & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Update Concur Profile

New banking regulations require Concur users to update profiles. Going forward Concur will be using a third-party payment processing partner to facilitate direct deposits.

Log into Concur (link below)
Click on profile (upper right corner)
Then profile settings
On the left side, under expense settings, select bank information

You will need to enter your home address (if it is not already there)
Check the box that allows the new provider to deposit your reimbursement

https://sso.service.vumc.org/idp/startSSO.ping?PartnerSpId=concur_vumc

Please contact **Harrison Johnson** if you have any questions.

Please Consider Joining the TN Medical Association (TMA)

The Tennessee Medical Association is a nonprofit advocacy organization representing Tennessee physicians. Its mission is to improve the quality of medical practice for physicians and the quality of healthcare for patients by influencing policies, laws, and rules that affect healthcare delivery in Tennessee.

Membership in the TMA and participating in its meetings can provide opportunities to meet influential Institutional leaders and those of other health care systems in TN, and thus serve one's own career advancement. The Department is seeking interested faculty and would be happy to nominate you for membership. Please email **Pratik Pandharipande** if you would like to be nominated.

Call for ANESTHESIOLOGY 2021 Submissions

Be a part of ASA's annual meeting this year and submit your work for potential inclusion.

- Scientific Abstract – *due Monday, April 5*
- Scientific and Educational Exhibit – *due Monday, April 5*
- Medically Challenging Case – *due Monday, May 24*
- Quality Improvement Project – *due Monday, May 24*

Click here for more information.

Medical Director of Vanderbilt Outpatient Surgery at FEL Position

The Medical Director serves as a liaison between the surgical team, nursing, and anesthesia to deliver safe, efficient patient care for a variety of plastic and cosmetic surgery procedures. Responsibilities include (1) coordination with VPEC for appropriate patient selection and pre-anesthetic workflow, (2) management of daily workflows to maximize efficiency and patient safety, (3) development and facilitation of the expansion of extended recovery services to qualified patients for indicated surgical procedures, and (4) implementation of pertinent ERAS pathways. The Medical Director position is a great opportunity to make an impact on the excellent care delivered at VUMC.

Please contact **Mark Rice** or **Amy Robertson** for more information.

Global Assessment Recruitment

To all general surgery and anesthesia faculty,

We (Mina Nordness and Laura Rausch) have been running Intern Skills sessions for the surgery and anesthesia interns this year. We have had some delays given COVID, but are still hoping to move forward with our annual Global Assessment sessions starting next month. These sessions compile all we have taught them (consenting, central line placement, breaking bad news, etc). The role of the attending in the session is to watch the interns go through the entire consent, line placement (on a box trainer), and breaking bad news with a standardized patient, giving them individualized feedback.

I would greatly appreciate if you could assist us with any of the below **Thursday afternoons (and one Wednesday afternoon), 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**, CELA 4th 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** (mina.nordness@vumc.org) if available for any date(s). If you are available, I will send you a calendar invitation to confirm.

Thursday, March 4
Thursday, March 11
Thursday, March 18
Thursday, April 1
Wednesday, April 7
Thursday, April 8

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

-Mina & Laura

VUMC Limited Submission Opportunity - 2022 Pew Biomedical Scholars Program

VUMC: *These instructions are for VUMC investigators. VU investigators should apply through* ***InfoReady*** *and address any questions to* ***VU-LSO@vanderbilt.edu.***

Applications due Thursday, March 4.

VUMC may nominate **one candidate** for the **Pew Charitable Trusts' 2022 Pew Biomedical Scholars Award.** The award supports Assistant Professors of outstanding promise in **science relevant to human health**. The award provides **$300,000 in flexible support**—$75,000 per year for a four-year period. Not more than 8 percent of the total award may be allocated for overhead costs.

Strong proposals will incorporate particularly creative and pioneering approaches. Candidates whose work is based on biomedical principles, but brings in concepts and theories from more diverse fields, are encouraged to apply. Risk-taking is encouraged. Successful applications should not look like typical R01 grant applications with incremental research steps and safe hypotheses supported by existing data.

Selection of candidates will be based on a detailed description of the work that the applicant proposes to undertake, evaluations of the candidate's performance, and notable past accomplishments, including honors, awards, and publications. The Committee gives considerable weight to evidence that the candidate is a successful independent investigator and has published significant work.

This program is distinct from the Pew-Stewart Scholars Program, but candidates may apply to both internal competitions.

Eligibility:

- Must have doctorate in biomedical sciences, medicine, or a related field
- As of Sept. 1, 2021, must hold full-time appointments at the rank of Assistant Professor. (Appointments such as Research Assistant Professor, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor Research Track, Visiting Professor, or Instructor are not eligible. Associate Professors are not eligible.)
- Must not have been appointed as an assistant professor at any institution prior to June 14, 2017, whether or not such an appointment was on a tenure track.
  - Time spent in clinical internships, residencies, in work toward board certification, or on parental leave does not count as part of this three-year limit. Candidates who took parental leave should indicate this in their internal application.
  - Please note that eligibility criteria have been temporarily expanded to account for COVID-related lab shutdowns and research disruptions. Please direct any questions to the program office at **scholarsapp@pewtrusts.org.**
- It is expected that Pew scholars will spend at least 80 percent of their time in work or activities related to the accomplishment of their overall research goals (which are not restricted to the specific aims proposed for this award).
- The selected candidate may not be nominated more than two times in total, regardless of institution.
- Funding from the NIH, other government sources, and project grants from nonprofit associations do not pose a conflict with the Pew Scholars program.

Scope of Research:

- Strong proposals will incorporate particularly creative and pioneering approaches to basic, translational, and applied biomedical research. Candidates whose work is based on biomedical principles but who bring in concepts and theories from more diverse fields are encouraged to apply.
- Ideas with the potential to produce an unusually high impact are encouraged.
- For examples of Pew scholar projects, a directory of past scholars can be found **here**, including previous Vanderbilt awardees (John Karijolich '18, Lauren Parker Jackson '16; Ethan Lee '04; David Cortez '03).
- Projects that are solely clinical research are not within the scope of Pew-funded research.
- See the **program details** for more information.

Internal Application Process:

Anyone interested in being considered as Vanderbilt's nominee must submit the following (in a single PDF) to **LSO@vanderbilt.edu** by **5 p.m. on Thursday, March 4**:

1. **Brief research plan including summary budget (2 page max);**
2. **Letter of support from department chair/center director;**
3. **NIH Biosketch or abbreviated CV (5 page max)**

Submissions should reference **"PEW BIOMEDICAL SCHOLARS"** in the subject line of the email.

Following the internal review, the nominee's name will be submitted to the Pew Charitable Trusts by Monday, May 17, 2021, and complete application will be due Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Any questions about this opportunity or the LSO process may be directed to **LSO@vanderbilt.edu.**

Vanderbilt-Wide Limited Submission Opportunity - 2022 Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research Program

Vanderbilt (VU + VUMC): *This is a joint competition for VU and VUMC investigators. All investigators should follow these instructions.*

Applications due Thursday, March 4.

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center may nominate one candidate for the Pew Charitable Trusts' **2022 Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research Program**. This program supports **Assistant Professors** of outstanding promise in science relevant to the advancement of a cure for cancer. The award provides **$300,000 in flexible support**—$75,000 per year for a four-year period. Not more than 8 percent of the total award may be allocated for overhead costs.

Candidates should demonstrate outstanding promise as contributors in science relevant to the field of cancer. Strong proposals will incorporate particularly **creative and pioneering approaches to basic, translational, and applied cancer research**. Candidates whose work is based on biomedical principles but who bring in concepts and theories from more diverse fields are encouraged to apply. This program does not fund clinical trials research.

Ideas with the potential to produce an unusually high impact are encouraged. Selection of the successful candidates will be based on a detailed description of the work that the applicant proposes to undertake, evaluations of the candidate's performance, and notable past accomplishments, including honors, awards, and publications. In evaluating the candidates, the Committee gives considerable weight to evidence that the candidate is a successful independent investigator and has published significant work.

This program is distinct from the Pew Biomedical Scholars Program, but candidates may apply to both internal competitions.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Candidates must have been awarded a doctorate in a field related to biomedical sciences or medicine.
- As of Thursday, September 9, 2021, candidates must hold full-time appointments at the rank of Assistant Professor. (Appointments such as Research Assistant Professor, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor Research Track, Visiting Professor, or Instructor are not eligible. Associate Professors are not eligible.)
- Must *not* have been appointed as an assistant professor at any institution prior to June 14, 2017, whether or not such an appointment was on a tenure track. Time spent in clinical internships, residencies, in work toward board certification, or on parental leave does not count as part of this three-year limit. (Candidates who took parental leave should note this on their internal application to make their eligibility clear.)
  - Please note that eligibility criteria have been temporarily expanded to account for COVID-related lab shutdowns and research disruptions. Please direct any questions to the program office at **Pew-Stewart@pewtrusts.org**.
- Qualified candidates should be conducting creative, interdisciplinary, basic, or translational cancer research. Projects that are solely clinical research are not within the scope of Pew-funded research.
- The selected candidate may not be nominated more than two times in total, regardless of institution.
- Funding from the NIH, other government sources, and project grants from non-profit associations do not pose a conflict.

Internal Application Process:

Anyone interested in being considered as Vanderbilt's nominee must submit the following (in a single PDF) to **LSO@vanderbilt.edu** by **5 p.m. on Thursday, March 4:**

1. Brief research plan including summary budget (2 page max);
2. Letter of support from department chair/center director;
3. NIH Biosketch or abbreviated CV (5 page max)

Submissions should reference **"PEW-STEWART SCHOLARS"** in the subject line of the email.

Following the internal review, the nominee's name will be submitted to the Pew Charitable Trusts by May 17 and complete application will be due Thursday, September 9, 2021.

Any questions about this opportunity or the LSO process may be directed to **LSO@vanderbilt.edu.**

SurveyVitals - Scores and Alerts

There is a SurveyVitals app that it is now available on both iPhone and Android.

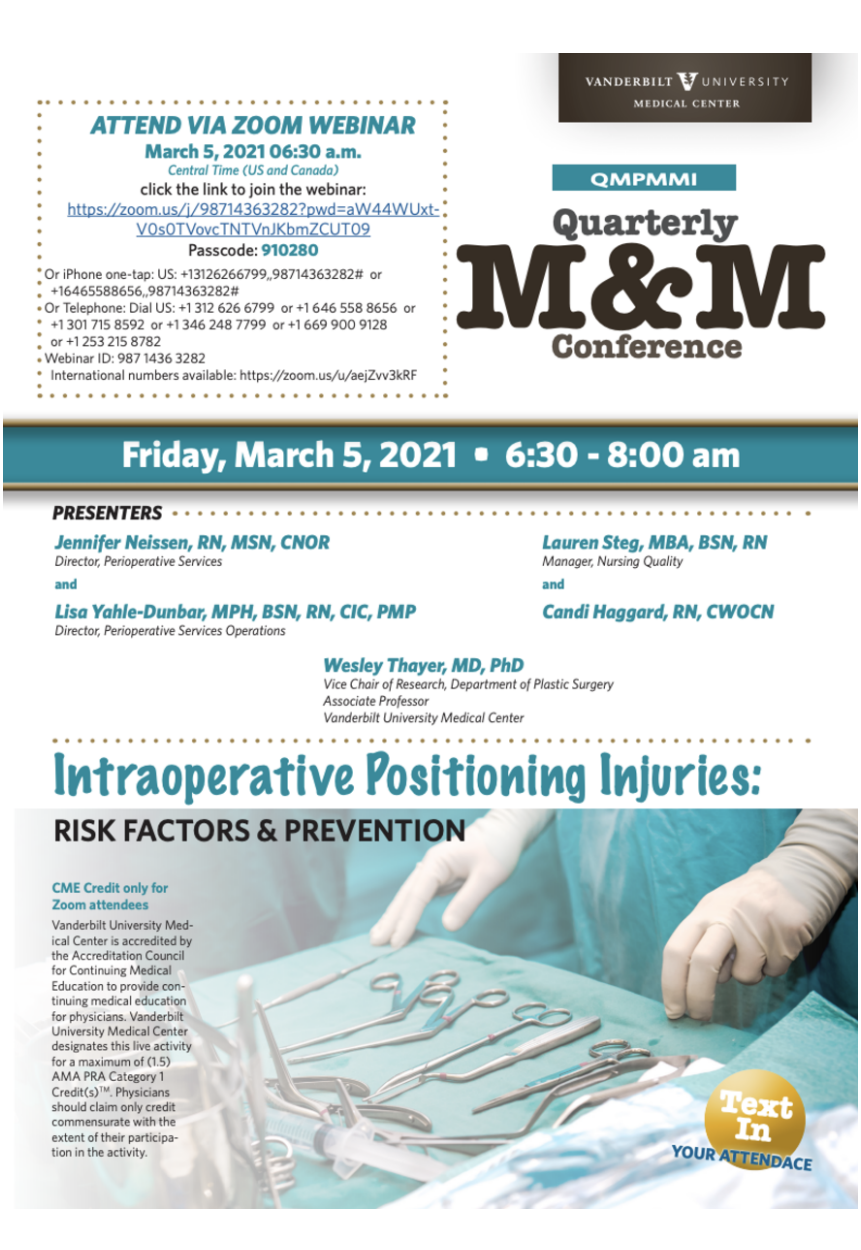
Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.surveyvitals.android.production
iOS: https://apps.apple.com/us/app/surveyvitals/id1528553163

Click here to view scores and alerts in SurveyVitals.

Contact **Clark Weber** if you have any questions or trouble logging in.

EDUCATION RESOURCES

NEW: Quarterly M&M Conference



ATTEND VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
March 5, 2021 06:30 a.m.
Central Time (US and Canada)
click the link to join the webinar:
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Passcode: 910280
Or iPhone one-tap: US: +13126266799,,98714363282# or +16465588656,,98714363282#
Or Telephone: Dial US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782
Webinar ID: 987 1436 3282
International numbers available: https://zoom.us/u/aejZvv3kRF

Vanderbilt University Medical Center
QMPMMI
Quarterly M&M Conference

Friday, March 5, 2021 • 6:30 - 8:00 am

PRESENTERS
Jennifer Neissen, RN, MSN, CNOR
Director, Perioperative Services
and
Lisa Yahle-Dunbar, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC, PMP
Director, Perioperative Services Operations
Lauren Steg, MBA, BSN, RN
Manager, Nursing Quality
and
Candi Haggard, RN, CWOCN
Wesley Thayer, MD, PhD
Vice Chair of Research, Department of Plastic Surgery
Associate Professor
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Intraoperative Positioning Injuries:
RISK FACTORS & PREVENTION

CME Credit only for Zoom attendees
Vanderbilt University Medical Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Vanderbilt University Medical Center designates this live activity for a maximum of (1.5) AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Friday, March 5 | 6:30 a.m. 8 a.m. | via Zoom
"Intraoperative Positioning Injuries: Risk Factors & Prevention"

Zoom Info:
https://zoom.us/j/98714363282?pwd=aW44WUxt-V0s0TVovcTNTVnJKbmZCUT09

Meeting ID: 987 1436 3282
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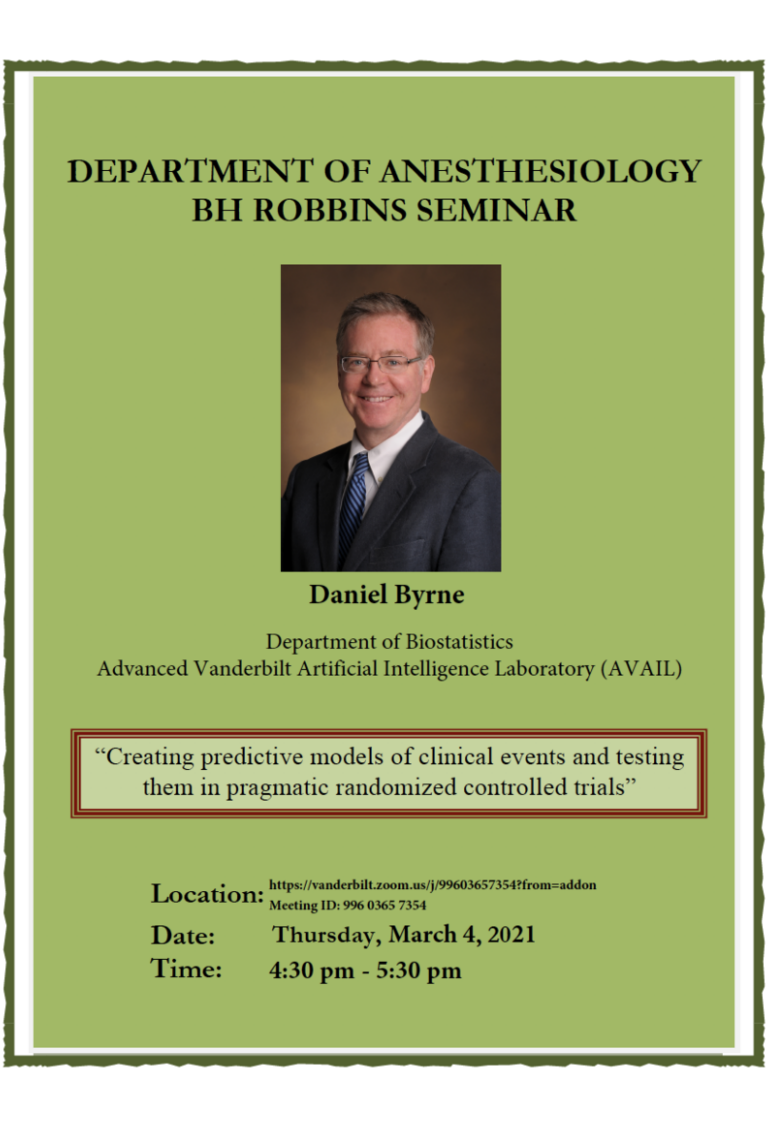
BH Robbins Scholar Seminar



DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY
BH ROBBINS SEMINAR

Daniel Byrne
Department of Biostatistics
Advanced Vanderbilt Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (AVAIL)

"Creating predictive models of clinical events and testing them in pragmatic randomized controlled trials"

Location: https://vanderbilt.zoom.us/j/99603657354?from=addon
Meeting ID: 996 0365 7354
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021
Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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All are invited. **Click here** to view full flyer.

UPDATED: Anesthesiology Education Conference Schedule

Click here to view the most recent Turnout calendar.

Grand Rounds and Visiting Professor Seminars
Click here to view the most recent conference schedule.

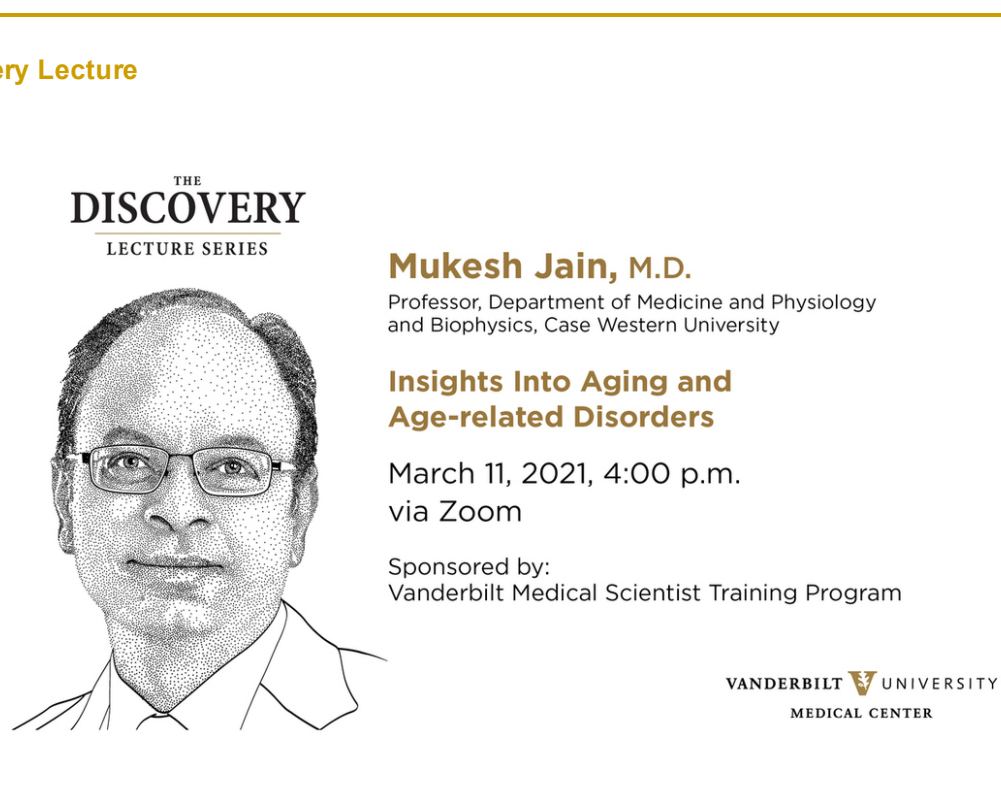
AVAIL Predictive Models Workshop

On Wednesday, March 10, the Advanced Vanderbilt Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (AVAIL) Predictive Models Workshop will start. The AVAIL Predictive Models Workshop is for all department members interested in designing and completing a project using these tools and other interested individuals. The Workshop will meet Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., on Zoom, starting on Wednesday, March 10, for 10 weeks. See description below. Please sign up here: **https://redcap.link/d05txrpc**.

Would you like to use Artificial Intelligence to predict clinical events and then study the impact of these predictions on patient care? Wouldn't you want to know real time which patients have a high likelihood of developing AKI, a pressure injury, PONV, a rapid response team notification, early death? Or you may be interested in a predictive model that can identify undiagnosed conditions, such as heparin induced thrombocytopenia or multiple myeloma, to catch conditions upstream. The models can also be used to predict which patients may have an abnormal lab value that is currently unordered and actionable. What is a problem, disease, or patient information in your patient population that you want to predict so you can intervene?! Dan Byrne, senior associate in the Department of Biostatistics is leading a Short Course/Workshop specifically for our Department to teach us to build predictive models, validate them, embed them into Epic, and assess if they improve health outcomes in randomized controlled trials. These sessions will also teach how to write and publish papers and how to write a fundable NIH grant related to predictive models. This is a fantastic opportunity to design, complete, and publish a research project with hands-on mentorship/guidance from an expert in these methods.

Click here for more information.

Discovery Lecture



THE DISCOVERY LECTURE SERIES

Mukesh Jain, M.D.
Professor, Department of Medicine and Physiology and Biophysics, Case Western University

Insights Into Aging and Age-related Disorders

March 11, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Sponsored by:
Vanderbilt Medical Scientist Training Program

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

All participants must register for the lecture using the link listed below.

https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=XPT44FMJTX

Click here to view full flyer.

NEW: 16th Annual Research Symposium

SAVE THE DATE
Department of Anesthesiology
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
presents the 16th annual
Research Symposium
Friday, May 7, 2021
via Zoom

Featured Speaker
Hilary P. Grocott, MD
Editor-in-Chief
Canadian Journal of Anesthesia
Professor
Department of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine
University of Manitoba
Professor
Department of Surgery
University of Manitoba
Director
Cardiac Anesthesia Fellowship Program
University of Manitoba
Adjunct Professor
Anesthesiology
Duke University

Click here to view full flyer.

Attention Faculty, Fellows, Residents: Echo Conference

Every week on Monday, until June 28, 2021 | 6:10 a.m. | via Zoom

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

- Weekly: **https://zoom.us/meeting/tJIucOGhrDwrEt2Kqbvi2dnTscEf6E-9Yzii/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCurTwiE9aSsRGORowAA4_CWfPzpmZcj7cPtw7nFSkBZg3CJeFnNORaXYHp**

Zoom Meeting Info:
https://zoom.us/j/96378927189?pwd=UXBNcUVpeEEveDk0c2x5QmZNcTBmZz09

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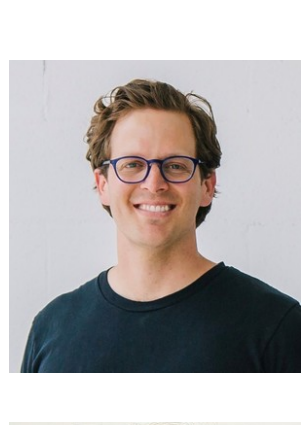
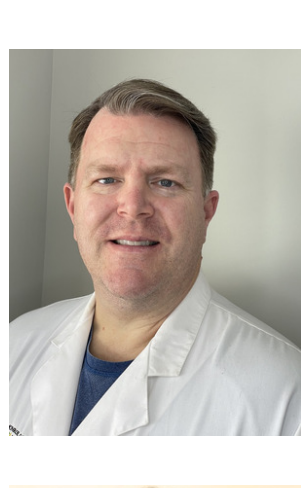
New Hires



Tyler Leverich
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Jessica Oldham
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Chad Pritts, MD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology



Chris Reid
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

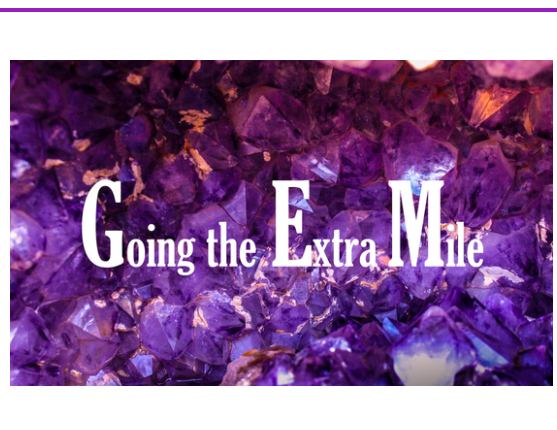
Makenzie Ruberto
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Anesthesiology Walking Club

The Department of Anesthesiology has approved the initiation of a Department Walking Club.

This will be a fun and safe way to stay connected with colleagues, active and accountable for staying healthy. This club will be hosted via Zoom to continue our practice of social distancing, and details such as the days and times will be determined based on the availability of those interested. If you are looking for a way to stay active and connected, this will be an excellent opportunity to do so. Please contact **Joseph Teamer** if you are interested or have questions.

We look forward to hearing from everyone interested. Thank you.



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.

Happy Birthday!

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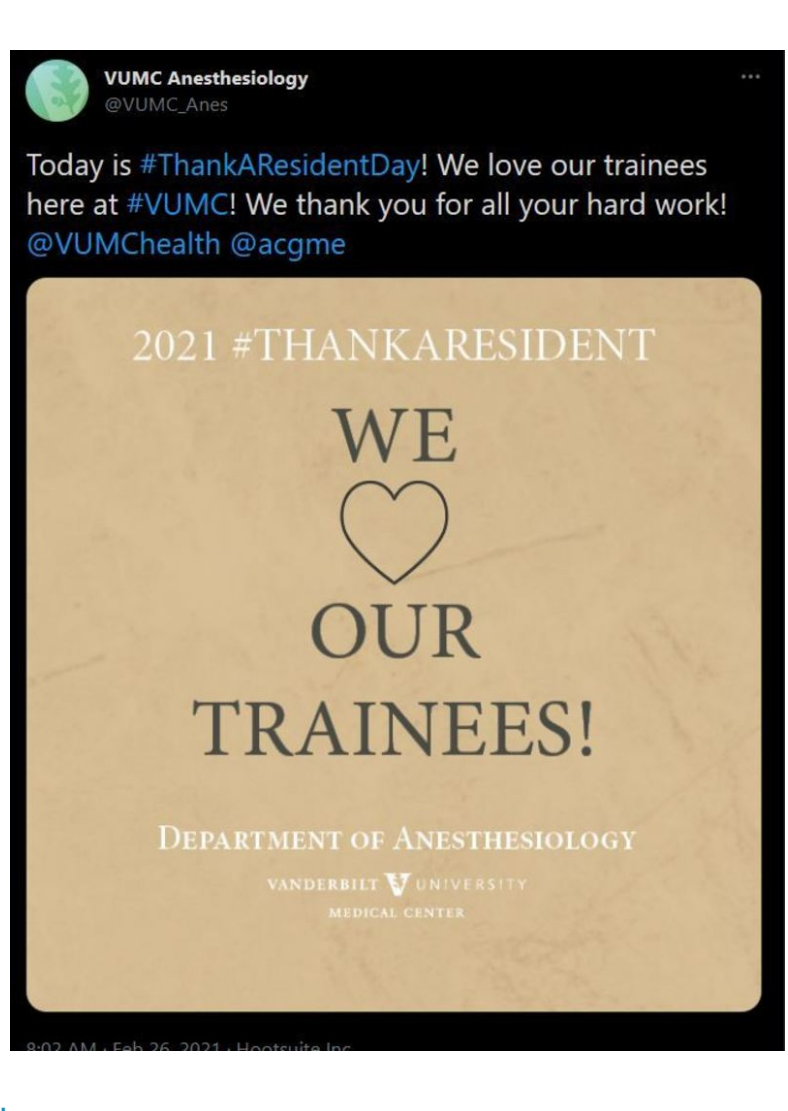
Click here to view our March Birthdays.

UPDATED: Tweet of the Week



VUMC Anesthesiology
@VUMC_Anes

Today is #ThankAResidentDay! We love our trainees here at #VUMC! We thank you for all your hard work! @VUMChealth @acgme

2021 #THANKARESIDENT
WE ♡ OUR TRAINEES!
Department of Anesthesiology
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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.**

Weekly Update **is now distributed on Tuesday.**
Please submit content by 6 p.m. Monday for each Tuesday issue.
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