



March 31, 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 (www.vumc.org/coronavirus) for any initial guidance related to COVID-19 questions.

-Warren S. Sandberg, MD, PhD

Childcare Support During Outbreak

Reminder: VUMC employees have access to back-up care through Care.com

More info here: <https://www.vumc.org/coronavirus/latest-news/back-child-care-available-through-carecom>

New: VUMC to offer employees temporary backup school-age care

More info here: <https://www.vumc.org/coronavirus/latest-news/vumc-offer-employees-temporary-backup-school-age-care>

Wyndy—Another Option for Back-up Child Care: If you are in need of one-day backup childcare, Wyndy can help. Wyndy is a babysitting app that serves more than 18,000 families in 22 cities. *Please note: Wyndy is not subsidized by VUMC.* [Click here to get started.](#) Type in your phone number to receive a text message to download the Wyndy app. **If you need to book a Wyndy sitter for multiple, consecutive days, you can do so by following the instructions for how to book one sitter for multiple days on the wyndy.com/vumc landing page.** When you post a job, you will select an hourly rate you'd like to pay for the job. For more information about Wyndy pricing, [click here.](#)

Vanderbilt Physician Parent Group (VPPG): Currently, VPPG is conducting a **survey for those interested in sharing childcare resources.** Click on the link below to open the survey in your web browser:

[VPPG Childcare Needs Survey](#)

If the link does not work, try copying the link into your web browser: <https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=YCJH4YF99N>

The Vanderbilt Physician Parent Group exists for mutual support and can be joined at any time. If you or someone you know would like **to be added to our group** email list, please have them email rachel.apple@vumc.org

Controlled Substance CDRs

Controlled substance CDRs were changed to comply with industry standards. [Click here](#) to view presentation outlining the changes. As we run out of old CDRs, you will see the new CDRs take their place.

-Medication Safety Task Force

Pharmacy QI Project

[Click here](#) for information on the Auxiliary Label Project. Please provide feedback by filling out this short REDCap survey: [link here](#).

Message Regarding Clinical Research

In view of current concerns about the continued spread of COVID-19, and to ensure alignment with escalating measures at VUMC and around much of the country and to protect the safety of our research staff and investigators, specific action related to clinical research activities within the department is required.

Effective immediately, all new recruitment of participants into clinical trials conducted using PCRI and departmental resources is suspended until further notice. For patients already enrolled in existing clinical studies, any ongoing aspect of the research that involves person-to-person contact between the patient and personnel not directly involved with the clinical care of that patient is also suspended.

We will be continually re-evaluating risks and guidelines provided by VUMC and government officials to determine when to reinstate clinical research in the department. Research using informatics platforms and other resources that do not require face-to-face interaction with subjects as well as analysis of data from completed clinical studies is not impacted.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this period of uncertainty.

-Ed Sherwood, MD, PhD, David McIlroy, MB.BS., MD, MClinEpi, FANZCA

NEW FEATURE! - VPEC Feedback

You can now use the Quality Capture App feature to provide constructive feedback on VPEC evaluations, both for those who have been assessed in VPEC and those who should have been assessed but were not. We also highly encourage positive feedback, so that we can continue to provide the excellence you and the patients deserve:

The screenshot shows a 'Quick Event Reporting' form. At the top, there are several checkboxes for different event types: Airway obstruction, Equipment/Device Failure or Malfunction, Bradycardia, Hemodynamic Instability, Case Delay, Possible Grateful Patient, Difficult Intubation, and VPEC Feedback. The 'VPEC Feedback' checkbox is highlighted with a red box. Below this is a table with three columns: 'Select', 'Select Category', and 'Description'. The first row in the table has 'VPEC Feedback' in the 'Select' column, 'Administration' in the 'Select Category' column, and a detailed description of the feedback feature in the 'Description' column.

Select	Select Category	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> VPEC Feedback	Administration	Constructive feedback regarding: the quality of the patient's VPEC preoperative assessment; the thoroughness of the pre-populated fields; and the usefulness of medical records obtained. In addition, patients who should have been seen at VPEC but were not should be noted. Positive feedback regarding excellent assessments and good catches are also strongly encouraged

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

COVID-19 Work/Life Connections Resource Update

[Click here](#) for information on teleconsultation offerings from Work/Life Connection-EAP ConnectCARE.

Departmental Support in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak

The Department is grateful for the excellent response by clinicians and nonclinical staff to the hardships introduced by the incredibly stressful circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 crisis. A support team is actively working to produce and provide you with resources for your well-being during this season of chronic stress. More information will be coming soon.

In the meantime, VUMC is providing support through ConnectCare.

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Pratik Pandharipande: pratik.pandharipande@vumc.org

Matt Weinger: matt.weinger@vumc.org

Update: 2020 Dr. James Phythyon Endowed Lectureship in Pediatric Anesthesiology Postponed

Update: VIA 10th Anniversary Event Postponed

[Click here](#) for more information.

Update: 2020 Research Symposium Postponed

CLARITY - Attention Faculty: Editorial Assistance?

Given the current situation, at least until we see the surge, some of you may have a bit more academic time on your hands. It may be a good time to catch up on some writing.

Please be advised that Yvonne Poindexter and Martha Tanner, our Departmental editors, as part of our CLARITY initiative, are currently available for accepting new projects. They can assist with manuscript refinement, revision, and submission. They can also provide guidance on using iThenticate (plagiarism-detection software) and EndNote (citation management software). To request help with preparing your manuscript for submission, please use our new editorial support request form, [available here](#).

In addition, if you are thinking of writing a grant, feel free to contact Dr. Pandharipande or Dr. Weinger to discuss your ideas or to review your draft Specific Aims.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Matt Weinger](#).

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.

SurveyVitals - Scores and Alerts

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

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=7FYY9TCFLJ>

Upcoming Dates:

~~Friday, March 27, 2020 CANCELLED~~

~~Saturday, April 18, 2020 CANCELLED~~

Friday, May 22, 2020

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Saturday, July 18, 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](#).



Grand Rounds

Friday, April 3 | 6:30 a.m. | <https://zoom.us/j/942753272>

"Critical Care Update for the Non-Intensivist in the Era of COVID"

Presented by:

Nathan Ashby, MD

Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology

Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine, Multispeciality Adult Anesthesiology

[Click here to view flier.](#)

Additional CME Opportunities

Psychiatry Grand Rounds: Thursday, April 2, at 8 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Stephan Heckers

Topic: Mental Health During a Pandemic

Livestream link: <https://mediasite.app.vumc.org/Mediasite/Play/fd221e1935074b3ca7311810cf1755821d?catalog=79cb0e3886804776b227e6833ba5648321>

[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.

Christopher Canlas, MD, would like to recognize Jane Brock, DO: *Dr. Brock has earned the GEM for prolonged excellence in her 12 years where she has dutifully served as Cool Springs Surgery Center Medical Director. Since 2008, she has seen the center prosper as evidenced by record-setting volumes every year. In 2009, CSSC won the prestigious Symbion's "ASC of the Year." From 2009-2013, CSSC was routinely in the top 10 percent of Symbion's ASCs thus winning the Symbion President's Award. Ownership switched to Surgery Partners which doesn't give annual rewards. If they did, CSSC would undoubtedly continue to garner accolades.*

Under her leadership, CSSC skillfully provided anesthesia to a range of sick patients, from the ASA 4 patient for outpatient colonoscopy to the ASA 1 pediatric patient for tonsillectomy. The efficient center expanded services to include spinal cord stimulator placement as well as the addition of a second GI procedural room. Despite increasingly sick patients in a fast-paced setting, patient safety was always maintained as evidenced by a very low hospital admission rate. Also, CSSC had four Joint Commission Surveys - two with zero citations, two with minimal citations. Her clinical success led to Vanderbilt obtaining the exclusive anesthesia contract for a private practice facility - Plastic Surgery Center of Brentwood in 2019.

Academically, she was an early participant in the SAMBA Clinical Outcomes Registry (SCOR) database. She manually collected data on thousands of patients. Her research led to several posters and publications showing how CSSC had one of the highest ASA 3/4 percentages in the country. She also showed that patients undergoing long cases greater than eight hours could still be discharged home safely from a free standing ASC. Her publications were recognized at the national level by presenting at the 2019 annual spring Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia Meeting.

We will certainly miss Dr. Brock's clinical excellence and leadership as she embarks on new endeavors.

Best wishes and thank you for your service, Dr. Brock!

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!

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

Department Achievements



Vanderbilt University Medical Center has been awarded the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) Center of Excellence Award. Congratulations, team!



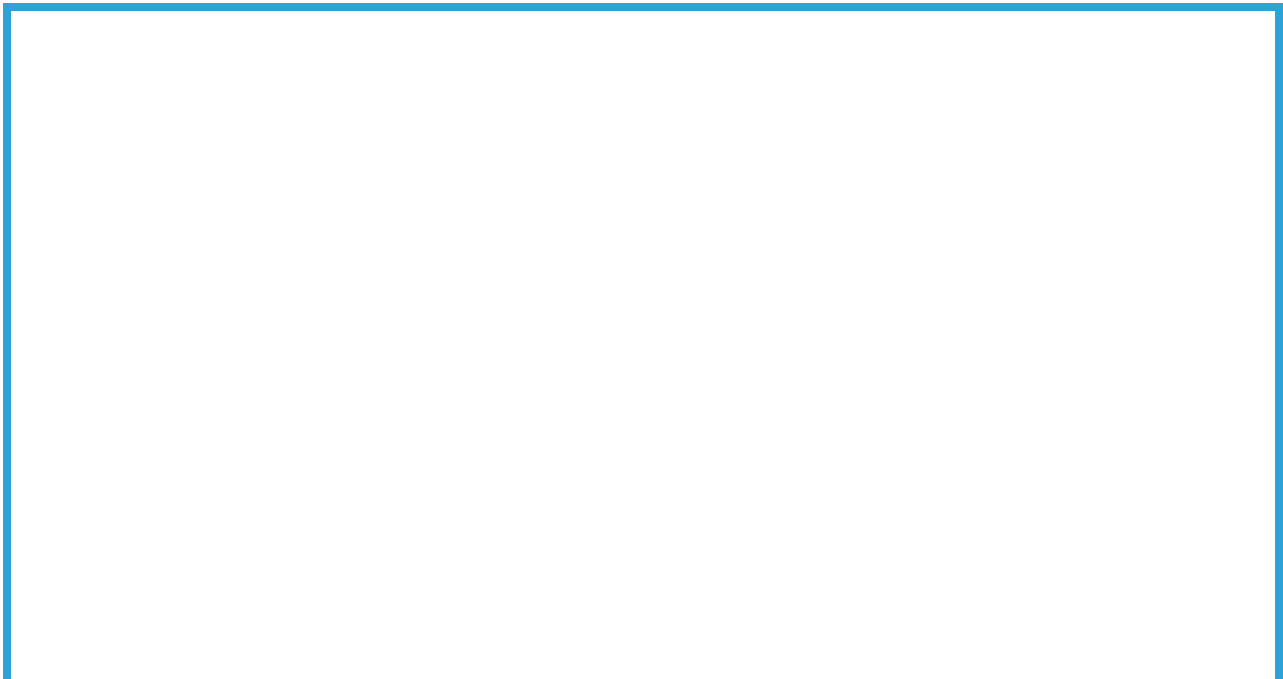
Naeem Patil, MBBS, PhD, received the Vanderbilt Faculty Scholars Award for his grant *"Targeting mitochondrial quality control to improve host immunity during sepsis."*

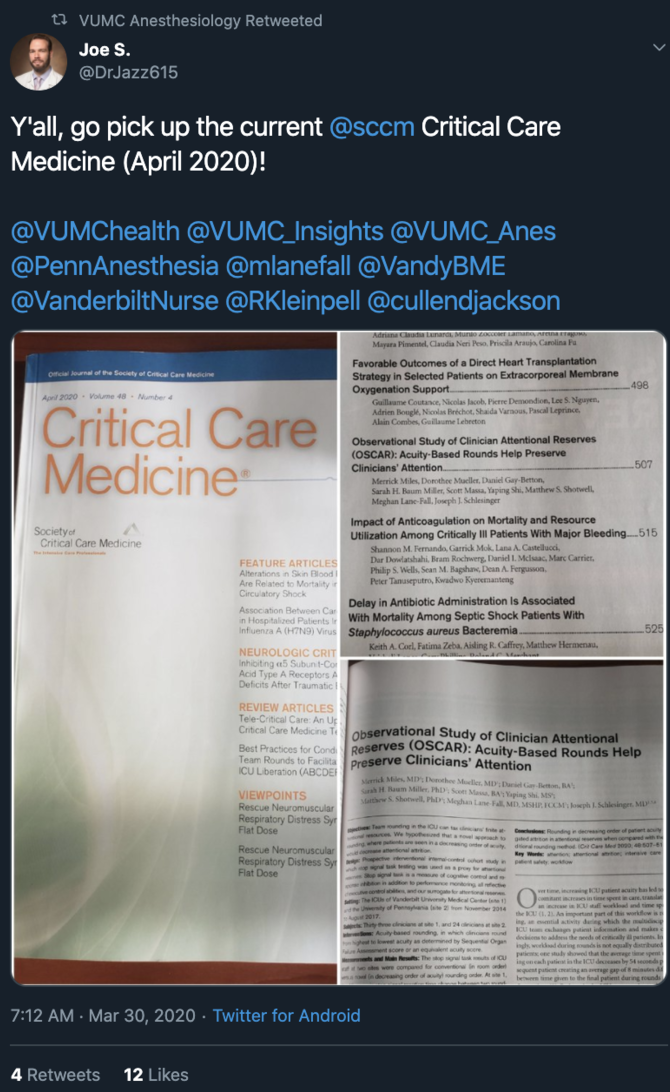
Abinaya Ramakrishnan, a Vanderbilt undergraduate student doing research with Miklos Kertai, MD, PhD, has been named a Goldwater Scholar.

Press Coverage and Publications

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