March 17, 2020

IMPORTANT: COVID-19 UPDATE ON WEBSITE

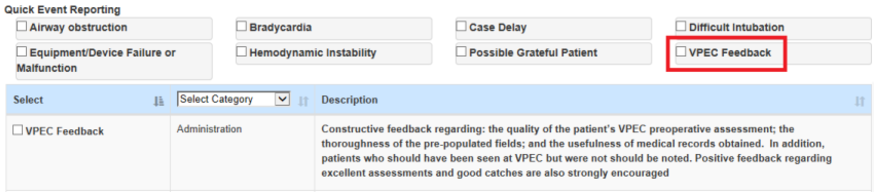
Every VUMC website has a blue pop-up or banner with links to the most up to date COVID-19 management guidance. It is changing daily.

Faculty, staff, and trainess should refer to that website (www.vumc.org/coronavirus/) for any initial guidance related to COVID-19 questions.

-Warren S. Sandberg, MD, PhD

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:



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

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Update: VIA 10th Anniversary Event Postponed

Click here for more information.

Update: 2020 Research Symposium Postponed

CME Funds Alert!

Business Travel has been banned until further notice due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic.

First, this may cause some people an issue in that they will now have a challenge spending their CME funds before the funds expire on June, 30, 2020. To handle that problem, Department Leadership has decided to allow the rollover of CME fund balances into FY21. Yea!

Second, there will be a couple of issues concerning refunds of reimbursed expenses, like conference fees and airline tickets.

1. **Conference fees:** If you have been reimbursed and then you are issued a credit onto your personal credit card by the conference, you will need to write a personal check to VUMC and give it to your administrative assistant. Your AA will then debit your CME fund and give the check to Ms. Rosalia Gaudino for deposit.
2. **Airline tickets:** The most likely thing the airline will do is give you a ticket/credit to be used in the future. The department's expectation is that you will use the ticket for business travel, once the travel restrictions are lifted. In the event that you get a credit made to a personal credit card, see number 1.

If some other circumstance comes up, please contact me at 6-3780, or send me an email at mark.l.stevens@vumc.org, and I will find out how to handle it.

Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.

-Mark L. Stevens

Childcare Support During Outbreak

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

Currently, they are conducting a survey for those interested in sharing childcare resources. You may open the survey in your web browser by clicking the link below:
VPPG Childcare Needs Survey
If the link does not work, trying copying the link into your web browser: https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=YCJH4YF99N

Also, remember that 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

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.

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

CLARITY

Is your manuscript or grant nearly ready for submission? A CLARITY editor can help ensure your writing is precise and error-free. We can also check for compliance with style or formatting requirements. Use our new Editorial Support Request form to seek assistance. For more information, contact Yvonne Poindexter or Martha Tanner.

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.

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.

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=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.

Additional CME Opportunities

CANCELLED **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.

Ode to Additional Pay People

By Mark Stevens

An email you get, 'bout your pay,
with info you use, it's safe to say.
This month a **WARNING,** 'tis inserted,
which seems to me, quite subversive.
In every way it's extraneous,
and though it appears kind of heinous,
you may ignore it & go on making hay!

And if it should cause you to weep,
I'm sorry for your hurt, however deep.
Know this, I am watchful 'o your pay,
and I wish you a wonderful day.
Good luck in all that you do,
and watch out for that virus . . . achoo!

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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.

Christina Boncyk, MD, would like to recogonize **Andrew Reese, MD,** and **Brad Koss, CRNA**: Compassionate, reassuring, and thoughtful care of a very difficult patient who presented to the OR. This patient had severe

anxiety/PTSD and required much counseling and assurance to agree to go back to surgery. His excellent care team helped him throughout the perioperative period and really made a huge difference not only in this patient's immediate surgical needs, but in his mental preparation for future procedures. Thank you!

Louise Alexander, MD, would like to recogonize **Christie Crotts, CRNA**: Christie Crotts absolutely went above and beyond in caring for a patient with suspicion of COVID-19 who visited the VCH ORs this week! She was knowledgeable on current policies, recommendations, and showed incredible ownership in the midst of equipping herself and the staff with appropriate protection and education as to proper donning and duffing. Additionally, she autonomously acquired most of the key protective anesthetic components that happened to be in locations unknown to many others. She also managed to do all the above with calmness, confidence, clarity, and humor, which was especially appreciated. The team was elevated, the patient was extraordinarily cared for, and it was actually a gift to partner with her in my first case with COVID-19 precautions! Patients and staff are in good hands no doubt when she is around!

Please click here to submit a GEM recommendation.

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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.

Happy Birthday!

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