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NEWS

Quarterly highlights and information for the Perioperative and Surgical Services

PEOPLE



"Lots of Socks" for World Down Syndrome Day

On March 21, the Holding Room/PACU CSLs invited all faculty and staff of the 3rd floor to participate in "Lots Of Socks" for World Down Syndrome Day. The date for WSD, being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Participation means drawing awareness to advocating for the rights of people with Down Syndrome on a global scale. Learn more [HERE](#).

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT: Jessica Crowell (pictured above, center) is an amazing woman with the biggest heart! Jessica is part of Vanderbilt's inaugural Project SEARCH class which focuses on training young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for jobs in health care. Jessica has worked at Vanderbilt for 15 years, most of which have been in the VCH PACU. Jessica is an integral part of the PACU team and helps to keep things running

smoothly. Jessica is beloved by all on the 3rd floor, and that love is returned by Jessica tenfold. We in Periop are the lucky ones to work with such an amazing person!



Meet the Periop Shade Tree Trot Team: Worst Pace Scenario

Periop brought their A game to this year's fundraising 5k! Affectionately dubbed "Worst Pace Scenario," this team was able to raise \$690 for the cause! Learn more about the Shade Tree Clinic [HERE](#).



Awards and Recognition

Perioperative team members are continuously advancing in their chosen career path. Congratulations to the below-listed staff members on their advancements, wins, and achievements!

RN Advancements:

Haley Leonhard advanced to Certified Nurse of the Operating Room (CNOR)

Brittany Chambers obtained her Certified Pediatric Nurse Certification (CPNC)

Wins & Achievements:

Dr. Christopher Bonfield, MD awarded ASPN 2022 Early Investigator "seed grant" Award of \$20,000 for "Serum Biomarker Discovery of Early Brain

AmSECT Recognizes Pediatric Perfusion Program as Perfusion Center of Excellence with 2022 Pillar Award

"Thank you for supporting our team and for challenging us to look to improve our quality and be innovative. This award is a reflection of the positive influences each of you have had and continue to have on our team. While it is a recognition of perfusion excellence, I believe this is an award that our entire cardiac team has earned as we are only one piece of our great puzzle. Thank you for all you do to help us, help you, help our patients."

-Nicole M. Michaud, MS, CCP, LCP, CPBMT

\$1,000,000 Endowment Fund Awarded to Cleft/Craniofacial Program

"Dr. Rush and Dr. Balser have signed off on accepting a gift to our Cleft/Craniofacial program of \$1,000,000 for an endowed fund to be used for any and all programmatic needs! This is a transformative legacy gift and will mean so much to what we're able to accomplish as a Program for the families in TN and the region with cleft & craniofacial conditions. We've begun an amazing relationship with Delta Dental, thanks to all your passion and dedication for our kiddos and their families! Thank you all for helping us make this possible."

- Dr. Golinko, Dr. Phillips, and the entire Cleft & Craniofacial Team



Wellons Awarded Prestigious Cal Turner Chair Endowment

Dr. John (Jay) Wellons, III, MD, MSPH was awarded the Cal Turner Chair in Pediatric Neurosurgery during the Vanderbilt University Endowed Chair Investiture Ceremony in March.

(Above left) Dr. Wellons is awarded the endowed chair medal by Dr. David Raiford at the University-wide ceremony; (Above right) Dr. Wellons and Cal Turner, Jr.

American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) Presentations

Effectiveness of Role Designation in Responding to Pediatric Emergencies

Poster Presentation

Lauren Boston MSN, RN, PNP-PC, NPD-BC and Raven Stafford BSN, RN, CPN

Peace in the PACU

Poster and Podium Presentation

LeighAnn Chadwell MSN, RN, NE-BC



Welcome To The Team!

Anesthesia Techs:

Kaylie Sprinkel, Anesthesia Technician

Faith Hindman, Anesthesia Technician

Cleft & Craniofacial Team:

Rachael Herron, Administrative Patient Services Specialist

Gastroenterology:

Dr. Saeed Mohammad, MD, Medical Director for Pediatric Hepatology and Director of Pediatric Solid Organ Transplant

Andres Young, GI Procedure Scheduler

Addison Fitch, RN Circulator

Holding Room/PACU:

Christy Crockett, MD, Medical Director

OR:

John Lyons CST

Mary Margaret Abell, RN

Keeley Stooksbury, RN

Ophthalmology:

PATCH/Pain Clinic:

Clay Adams, MD, Medical Director

Pediatric Anesthesia Division:

Drew Franklin, MD, Anesthesiologist In Command

Carrie Menser, MD, Associate Chief of Staff

Now Hiring

The Complex/Surgical Epilepsy Program - Specialized Program Coordinator

Pediatric CVOR - Manager.

Central Sterile Processing Department - Director.

SERVICE

Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction Scores

Q2 2022 Perioperative Top Box scores noted below. Congratulations to all of the teams on delivering great patient care!

VCH OR: 88.21%

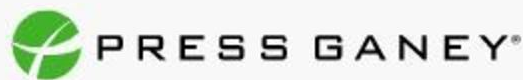
VCH Endo: 90.43%

VCH Cath: 93.23%

VCH Murfreesboro: 96.18%

Click [HERE](#) for comments from families and opportunities for improvement.

Thank you ALL for your continued dedication to our patients and families!



FINANCE

Supply Cost Reduction Program

EPSi Cost Accounting Team has developed a Supply Cost Tableau dashboard to measure and track performance to expense goal and change in year over year costs .

The Supply Cost workgroup team was created to oversee this workstream consisting of Finance, Perioperative Services, and Surgeon Leadership.

The team has identified 3 areas with opportunity for improvement:

- 1) Surgeon Preference Card Review
- 2) Reduce Supply Wastage
- 3) Utilization of CPT codes with greatest opportunity

If interested in going through a review of your Service's Supply Cost data and performance on the dashboard, please contact [Dr. John Pope](#) or [Jeremy Willis](#).

Attention: The information transmitted with any links is intended solely for VUMC faculty and staff and may contain confidential and/or privileged material.

Keep On Your Radar



Town Hall Meeting


Breakfast will start at 5:45am in the Boardroom


Meeting will be in the Theater from 6:15am-7:00am

Friday
May 6th
in the Monroe
Carell Jr. Children's
Hospital at
Vanderbilt Theater

Speakers:



Jeff Upperman, MD
Surgeon-in-Chief



Mark Newton, MD
Interim Vice Chair,
Pediatric Anesthesiology



Barb Shultz, MSN
Administrative Director

Healthcare Appreciation Dates to Know

January	January	January	February	February
12 National Pharmacist Day	23-29 CRNA Week	25 IV Nurse Day	3 Women Physician Day	18 National Caregivers Day
March	March	March	April	May
13-19 National Patient Safety Awareness Week	29-4 Anesthesia Technician Week	30 National Doctor's Day	27 Administrative Professionals' Day	6 National Nurses Day
May	May	May	September	September
6-12 National Nurses Week	9-15 National Hospital Week	15-23 EMS Week	12-18 Neonatal Nurses Week	18-24 National Surgical Technologists Week
October	October	October	October	October
3-7 Pediatric Nurse Week	2-8 Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week	6-12 National Physician's Assistant Week	9-15 Sterile Processing Week	12 Emergency Nurses Day
October	October	November	November	December
16-22 National Pharmacy Week	19 National Medical Assistant Day	13-19 National Nurse Practitioner Week	13-19 Perioperative Nurses Week	4-10 National Handwashing Awareness Week



[CLICK HERE](#) for links to more Healthcare Appreciation info & Resources

**The Office of the Surgeon-In-Chief Presents
A Leadership Development Opportunity:**

OSIC Book Club

IMPACT PLAYERS

**How to Take the Lead, Play
Bigger, and Multiply Your Impact**

**You are invited to join the discussion with
NY Times bestselling author Liz Wiseman**

May 26, 2022 @ 12pm

Leadership Development Opportunity:

The Quarterly OSIC Book Club comes to you via Zoom. On May 26, 2022 at 12pm, participants are invited to a discussion with New York Times bestselling author, Liz Wiseman! Our subject for this quarter is Impact Players: How to Take the Lead, Play Bigger, and Multiply Your Impact. Please click [HERE](#) to access book and resources.

2022 Culture Survey Opening Soon

Your voice was heard in 2021. Soon you will have another opportunity to provide feedback and guidance to a better workplace in 2022. Please take a moment to review the changes you helped to make:

- 2%-3% market increases across the board
- 2% annual pay raise
- No layoffs
- Flexible work arrangements
- Sick pay for COVID covered by VUMC
- Abundant incentive pay for late stays, OT, floating
- Improved communication - Huddles, Rounding, Town Halls, Newsletter, Website
- Leadership Visibility - Safety Rounds, Walks With Meg, Video SOTUs by Dr. Balsler
- Culture of family among staff - Friendly competitions, door decorating, Basketball Brackets, Christmas Decorating
- Periop Services has the highest retention rates in the Children's Hospital.

VUMC Culture Survey

Now is your chance to use your voice to share what is working well and what needs to be improved at VUMC. VUMC includes all entities that make up the organization, including those on campus and all Vanderbilt Health clinics and regional hospitals.

Follow survey news in MyVUMC and on the HR website.

Take the survey and encourage your coworkers to take it too!

Look for your email on May 3!

Save the Date!
May 3-17, 2022

your voice)))
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The graphic features a hand holding a smartphone displaying a survey interface with checkboxes. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a light blue and white color scheme.

Gentle Yoga For Employees

Find your calm with Heather Larson, Stephanie Slinger, and Lissa Wooten. Offering their certified yoga expertise, they are here to help you get centered. Bring your own mat, towel, and block (optional). Scan the barcode below to sign up.

Yoga Class



Open to faculty and staff
all yoga levels

WADLINGTON CONFERENCE ROOM
5:30A-6:15A

APRIL 28
MAY 10
MAY 24
JUNE 7
JUNE 21

SCAN BELOW TO SIGN UP



Innovation

OR Renovation Update

10 of the 16 existing operating rooms have been approved for renovation! Each of the ten rooms has been evaluated and prioritized based on the current state of the infrastructure, including HVAC, electrical, IT, and equipment/technology needs. The perioperative leadership team is working closely with the planning, design and construction teams, as well as the nursing, anesthesiology and surgical leaders, to ensure all aspects of the project are successful. *Design* of the new rooms should be complete in July 2022, with *permitting* and *purchasing* of equipment following soon thereafter. *Construction* is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2023. Please submit any questions or suggestions about the renovation to the Suggestion Box (at the bottom of this newsletter).

Suggestion Box

This newsletter is for you! We want to ensure you are updated on relevant information for pediatric surgical services and all things Children's Hospital. Please offer feedback by [clicking here](#) if you have suggestions, such as content additions and areas of focus. Your feedback will help us improve.



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