MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN:
NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR APPOINTED FOR ART

*SCOTT T. REEVES, MD, MBA

Dear Anesthesia Family,

As you are aware, Dr. Fred Guidry has requested that we start the transition process of him stepping down as ART Medical Director. The department was very blessed to have four very capable applicants. After extensive discussion with members of the department, the appropriate service line leaders, Susan Harvey, Karen Weaver and Pat Cawley, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Carlee Clark will assume the role of ART Medical Director effective October 1st. Dr. Guidry has graciously agreed to serve as an advisor when needed.

Dr. Clark is originally from West Virginia where she obtained her bachelor's degree from Miami University and then received her medical degree from Ohio State University. Her Anesthesiology residency and critical care fellowship were both completed at Columbia University/New York Presbyterian Hospital where she also served as Chief Resident. After four years in the Big Apple, Carlee moved to Charleston to join the faculty in MUSC's department of Anesthesia and Perioperative Medicine. For the past two years Dr. Clark has been active in the operating rooms and Medical-Surgical Intensive Care Unit at the Ashley River Tower. She has taken over the role of CA0 and CA1 didactic program coordinator, is co-director of the Tanzania project/resident rotation, developed and coordinates the Interdisciplinary Critical Care Grand rounds and has played an active role in developing and updating the Perioperative Antibiotic Guidelines.

I know she looks forward to the challenge of being the new ART Medical Director. Please welcome her to this important role.
Congratulations to Dr. Laura Roberts for her recent publication in *Anesthesia Analgesia*.

**Airway Management of Tetanus After the Haitian Earthquake: New Aspects of Old Observations**

Paul G. Firth, MBChB, * James B. Solomon, MD, † Laura L. Roberts, MD, †
and Todd D. Gleeson, MD§

Two men developed severe tetanus after the 2010 Haitian earthquake. They were admitted to the United States Naval Ship Comfort, a hospital ship sent to provide humanitarian relief. Severe maseter and intercostal muscle spasm impaired airway access and ventilation. Propofol and sevoflurane relieved the tetany, allowing airway control and ventilation without intubation or neuromuscular blocking drugs during wound debridement. Presynaptic impairment of inhibitory neurotransmitter release by tetanosapmin toxin is countered by enhancement of spinal cord postsynaptic inhibitory receptor activity by general anesthetics. Avoidance of tracheal intubation and mechanical ventilation during anesthesia may be desirable in the settings of limited resources in which tetanus usually presents. (Anesth Analg 2011;113:545-7)

Congratulations to Drs. Jeff Borchardt and Scott Reeves for their recently accepted study to the North American Spine Society.

Jeffrey Borchardt, PhD

Scott T. Reeves, MD, MBA

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August 26, 2011

Jeffrey J. Borckardt, PhD
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Dear Dr. Borckardt:

It is my pleasure to inform you that your research project, *Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS) in the Management of Acute Post-Spine Surgery Pain: A Prospective Randomized Controlled Trial*, has been selected as the recipient of a North American Spine Society (NASS) 2011 Clinical Research Grant Award in the amount of $35,075.00 for funding of one year. The quality of the invited research grant applications this year was very high and you should be commended for your efforts.
The annual joint societies meeting was held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina September 16-19. Our faculty were very active with Matt McEvoy lecturing on Management of Perioperative Emergencies: Teams and Tools; Sylvia Wilson taught an Ultrasound Guided Regional Workshop over two days. Matt McEvoy, Carlee Clark, Larry Field, Cory Furse and Horst Rieke taught simulation workshops on Perioperative Emergencies; Anesthesia Crisis Resource Management and ACLS Recertification. It is the department’s goal for the department to continue to grow its presence at this meeting.

In addition to high quality education, it was a great opportunity to hear about the US budget deficit reconciliation process from congressman Andy Harris, MD, the future of healthcare reform from Jon Oberlander, PhD and the future ASA president, Jerry Cohen, MD. The CA1 residents were also active with Parker Gaddy becoming the resident representative to the SCSA executive committee.
NC/SC Meeting Update: Anesthesiology 2011: Our Specialty, Our Future

CA1 Resident Kam Wong and Dr. Cory Furse
CA1 Robert Harvey and Dr. Carlee Clark
CA1 Resident Jarret Todd and Dr. Horst Rieke
CA1 Resident Parker Gaddy and Dr. Larry Field
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CA1 Residents Robert Harvey and Mark Henry who volunteered as the SP
OuTPATIENT SATISFACTION SCORING UPDATE

All of our operating rooms continue to have high patient satisfaction scores. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work!

MEET THE FACULTY

Amanda Redding, MD

A native South Carolinian, Amanda attended medical school at MUSC before heading to the Midwest to bear the cold in Chicago for anesthesia residency at RUSH University Medical Center. Although those were three of her best years (Go Cubs, Blackhawks, and Bears! And what a culinary and cultural experience!), a warm southern spring couldn’t sound better to both her and her husband, John.

Nashville, TN welcomed them back to the south where she completed a pediatric anesthesia fellowship at Vanderbilt University’s Monroe Carrell Jr. Children’s Hospital. Who knew that it would still snow 5 times that winter, so somewhere more southern was still on the agenda! Happy to land in Charleston for their next stop (a more permanent one, as moving is no fun!). Amanda, John, and their Vizsla Jeny are looking forward to plenty of time at the beach, outside running and riding bikes, as well as eating their way through all the great Charleston restaurants. Amanda is also very excited about being a part of the pediatric anesthesia team.
Administrative Update: New Attending Tools
By: Brenda Dorman, MBA

Over the past year, we have been creating new and exciting tools in the department to help reduce documentation issues, streamline processes, and improve efficiencies. Our latest addition to this collection is the Attending Tools program on our intranet.

In this tool box is the Call Team Hours reporting program which allows for after hours self-reporting for those gaps in time after 5pm or on weekends that may not be captured by Anesthesia Manager. This program streamlines the way hours are reported at the end of each month thereby reducing the opportunity for errors.

Additionally, we have recently added a Missing Documentation program to our kit. This program allows attendings to check their own cases to ensure that all required documentation is complete. This tool was added to enhance our current process of pushing emails out to providers who have missing documentation. Now, in addition to receiving email reminders, one can go online and pull the same information at a time more convenient for you.

Only one login is needed for the Attending Tools site making it easier and quicker to access.

A resident/CRNA version of the Missing Documentation program will also be rolled out soon.

We continue to look for ways to make life easier and more efficient for us all. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, we would love to hear them.

ATTENDING TOOLS

[Log In]

Missing Documentation  Call Team Hours  Documentation Help  About

LOG IN

Please enter your username and password. Register if you don't have an account.

Account Information

Username: 
Password: 

[ ] Keep me logged in

Log In
In accordance with recent SCIP (Surgical Care Improvement Project) updates and hospital wide regulations in the use of fluoroquinolones, we have recently updated our perioperative antibiotic guidelines. We contacted all of the surgical departments and the Infectious Disease department aided us in expanding the guidelines and making better selections based on current practice and bacteria susceptibilities at MUSC. The major change is the removal of ciprofloxacin as an option for patients with a severe life threatening beta-lactam allergy. This mostly affects the GU and General surgery procedures, so look for those changes. With all of the updates, the document is now quite long, so instead of wallpapering the operating room with it, we have placed them on all of the desktops in holding and in the operating rooms at the Main and ART. Rutledge tower has a truncated version that will also be placed on the computers.

The Icon looks like a syringe, so keep your eyes peeled for it. In addition, we have been able to get most of the surgical services to update their practice partner orders or preprinted order forms to incorporate the new guidelines and appropriate weight based dosing. We have also tried to make it easier for everyone to identify the CMS tracked procedures by using an asterisk to label them. Please continue to inquire about PCN allergies in your patients, and only administer an alternative regimen if the allergy is life threatening. I encourage you to explore the new guidelines and become more familiar with them. I will be discussing antibiotics and going over the new guidelines in detail at the Departmental Grand Rounds on Tuesday, October 4th, so come with questions.

To access the updated perioperative antibiotic guidelines please click on the following links:

- [https://www.musc.edu/cce/ORDFRMS/pdf/periop_antibiotic_guidelines_outpatient.pdf](https://www.musc.edu/cce/ORDFRMS/pdf/periop_antibiotic_guidelines_outpatient.pdf)

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ARTHUR (RICK) SMITH, 10 YEARS AT MUSC!**

Arthur (Rick) Smith, MD—Pain Management Clinic
What do you like about working at MUSC?
I like the diversity and the utilization of so many different talents. I have a tremendous pride in being a part of such a cutting edge facility that has been recognized not only locally, but also nationally and even internationally.

What is your job/specialty?
I am one of the Administrative Assistants in the department. I was the first one as a matter of fact among the current staff. I don’t have any one particular specialty to speak of. You know jack of all trades and master of none? That’s me.

Outside of work, what do you enjoy doing?
Outside of work, when I am not a fulltime college student, I enjoy reading, watching movies, or catching up on all of the shows that I enjoy that are recorded on my DVR that I’d missed due to studying and spending as much quality time as possible with my 15 year old daughter.

What is your favorite restaurant?
My favorite restaurant would have to be The Crab House. They make a She Crab soup that’s to die for. Coming from a family that owns a seafood business, you grow up enjoying what the sea has to offer. That is with the exception of squid, octopus, snails, clams, mussels, or crawfish. Otherwise, I love seafood.

What is your favorite book/movie?
My favorite book is titled “Don’t Block the Blessings” by Patti LaBelle. It’s an inspiring story of her life and what she’s endured. I especially like the story she tells about the recording of That’s What Friends are For and how Dionne Warwick wanted her to ‘tone’ down her voice. Ms. LaBelle said that she was hurt by the statement and the attitude that was displayed because she said that God gave her that voice to sing and whenever she’s given the opportunity to do so, she’s going to do it as loudly as she can to bring glory to Him. I’ve found that she’s so right when she says that by knocking someone for the gift(s) they’ve been given, that the knocker is trying to block the blessings that are in store for not only the person their knocking, but for themselves as well. If there was encouragement instead of jealousy, maybe the knocker’s life and career would’ve followed a different path than it did.

As far as a favorite movie goes, I don’t have one to speak of. I love all movies. There are many that I enjoy watching repeatedly, so much so that I can walk in while it’s playing and know what’s going on and what took place prior to that particular scene. Let’s put it this way, if there was ever a chance that I made it onto a game show that asked for the different movie production houses images to be identified, I could do it within the first 5 seconds of the movie starting.

Anything else about you that you would like to share?
Nothing else at this time other than my anticipated graduation date for my current degree will be the fall of 2012.
At college campuses across the country, online social networks have become a way for students to stay connected with people and boost friendships. Unfortunately, the information that students, staff and campus departments post can be seen by others.

Darlene Shaw, Ph.D., Associate Provost for Education and Student Life, helped initiate these new guidelines to help colleges and students use social networking tools more effectively.

The guidelines were prepared under the guidance of university leadership and a campus-wide committee to address issues and provide a quick reference to students, according to Chris Pelic, M.D., Associate Dean of Students, College of Medicine, and committee chairman.

The top priority was to make students aware of these types of tools—Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, etc. They also made available relevant guidelines and resources to help students.

Transparency

Be transparent about your identity and relationship to MUSC.

Identify yourself as an MUSC student only when appropriate; provide a disclaimer that helps distinguish your views from those of MUSC;

While there might be reasons to register using your MUSC e-mail address, consider changing to your personal e-mail address to avoid the misperception that your views represent the views of MUSC.

Judgment

• You can be sued for libel or slander.
• Membership in some groups may reflect negatively on you.
• Be conscious of potentially inappropriate images being posted of you.
• Be thoughtful of the content of your wall posts and status updates.

Professionalism

• Adhere to professional standards of conduct, including compliance with all applicable MUSC and medical center policies. Off-campus and off-duty, you still represent MUSC and your profession.
• Patients, families, faculty, future employers, and the media routinely “troll” sites.
• Maintain professional boundaries with patients and their families.
• Do not post anything about a patient (de-identified or not).
• Obtain written consent before posting copyrighted material.
• Social networking should not interfere with your professional duties or academic obligations.

Personal privacy, safety

• Read the site’s Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.
• Restric access to your personal information and remember to update your privacy settings periodically.
• Consider maximum privacy settings at least initially and beware sites often change their policies without notifying you.
• Scams and identity theft exist so do not post detailed personal information.
• Report any threat of violence.

Computer security

• Be aware of computer security risks. Social networking sites are frequently targeted by cyber criminals.
• Do not use any university or medical center computer that handles sensitive data or supports critical functions to access social networking Web sites or personal e-mail accounts without permission.
• Never use your MUSC password on personal e-mail accounts or social networking sites.
• When in doubt, contact the University Compliance Office at:
http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/uco.

The MUSC Student Guidelines to Electronic Communications and Social Networking is located at:
LOWCOUNTRY HEART WALK: A BAKE SALE AND HOTDOG LUNCHEON

The 2011 Lowcountry Heart Walk was held on Saturday, September 17. In an effort to raise money for this walk, Anesthesia staff members held a bake sale and a hotdog sale. The team effort from the staff members resulted in raising $943 for Team Anesthesia! Other donations from individuals brought the total donation amount of Team Anesthesia to $1,227. A special thanks is in order to all members of the department of Anesthesia who donated and participated in this year’s Lowcountry Heart Walk fundraising events! Pictured below are some of the staff members participating in the fundraising events.

Contributing Staff Members: Brenda Dorman, Donna Hoffman, Tammie Matusik, Kim Crisp, Karen James, Peggy Edgerton, Leslie Fowler, Rhonda Haynes, Beth Gladden, David Chandler, Michael McEvoy, Andria Brown, Kim Warren
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSC Benefits Open Enrollment**
For all department employees who carry insurance via the State Insurance Plan, provided by MUSC (not UMA or VAMC), open enrollment begins on October 1, 2011 and ends on October 31, 2011. Those employees are encouraged to read the 2011 Insurance Advantage, which can help you learn about plan changes, premium increases and benefit updates for the 2012 plan year.

Employees can make changes to their insurance benefits through “My Benefits”, the website administered by the Employee Insurance Program, a division of the SC Budget and Control Board.

**All plan changes will be effective January 1, 2012.**

The following changes can be made during open enrollment:

- Change health insurance plan (i.e.: Standard to CIGNA)
- Add/drop health or dental for yourself or dependents
- Add/drop Dental Plus
- Add/drop the State Vision Plan
- Enroll/increase up to $50,000 of optional life insurance, in $10,000 increments, without medical evidence of good health*
- Decrease/cancel optional or dependent life insurance
- Enroll/re-enroll in Medical Spending or Dependent Care Accounts

To view more information regarding Open Enrollment, please visit the following website: [http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/hrm/benefits](http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/hrm/benefits)

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**Faculty Retreat**

The department of Anesthesia will be holding the 2011 Faculty Retreat on **November 19, 2011**, in **Room 125 of the Thurmond/Gazes Research Building**. At the retreat, faculty will be setting the direction that the department should take over the next five years. Specific areas to be discussed include:

- Clinical care
- Education
- Research
- Faculty development
- Finances
GRAND ROUNDS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

“Perioperative Antibiotic Update”
October 4, 2011
Carlee Clark, MD
Medical University of South Carolina

“Noninvasive hemodynamic monitors in the ICU
(TEE vs Flotrac etc.)”
October 11, 2011
Horst Rieke, MD
Medical University of South Carolina

“M&M”
October 18, 2011
Susan Harvey, MD
Medical University of South Carolina

Guest Lecture
October 25, 2011
Robert N. Sladen, MD
Columbia University School of Medicine
I HUNG THE MOON

Don’t forget to nominate your co-workers for going ‘Beyond the Call of Duty’. I hung the Moon slips are available at the 3rd floor front desk, and may be turned in to Rhonda or Kim. Thanks so much!!

Jason Taylor, MD: For ensuring Patient Safety.

Special Recognition is due to Marc Lynes for “going the extra mile.” Marc was nominated for an Applause Award by the MUHA OR staff.

Faculty Retreat, Saturday, November 19
Thurmond/Gazes Research Building, Room 125

Holiday Party, Friday, December 2, 2011,
Cottage on the Creek ***NEW LOCATION!!

Help lost guests find their way by walking them to their destination when needed.

We Would Love to Hear From You!

If you have ideas or would like to contribute to Sleepy Times, the deadline for the November edition will be October 24, 2011.