As a means of celebrating our progress and excitement in the Anesthesiology Office of Education, this issue of Awakenings will profile our departmental educational programs. The Department is now in the midst of the resident recruiting season, and the quality of the candidates we have seen is unprecedented. Given our success in the resident match over the past two years, we have now reduced the number of medical students we interview to only 80 (from more than 120 last year). These interviewees all have the finest possible credentials from the leading institutions in the nation (and yes, I question whether I could have qualified for an interview!). The increasing quality of our residency classes is igniting the intellectual atmosphere within the Department, bolstering and expanding our subspecialty fellowship programs, and allowing us to realize our goal of populating the national anesthesiology leadership with Vanderbilt Anesthesiology graduates. In the year 2010, we anticipate that Vanderbilt trainees will occupy distinguished positions across the country, as Chiefs of Divisions, Directors of Residency Education, and as Chairs and Vice-Chairs of a number of major Departments.

Over the last 12 months we have experienced a critical period in our evolution as an educational program, culminating in a 3-day ACGME site visit and national accreditation process in July 2002. The Department spent a year in serious preparation for this landmark event and took ample time to evaluate its entire educational enterprise, identifying strengths and correcting weaknesses. In November we were notified by the ACGME that the Department had received a full five-year accreditation for its residency and fellowship programs, the longest period of renewal awarded to U.S. postgraduate medical training programs. This lengthy accreditation period places us on the “honor roll” among the highest-caliber training programs in the U.S. We owe a dept of gratitude to Jane Easdown, M.D., and her dedicated staff in the Office of Residency Education, who spent months in preparation for the site visit. We also owe our thanks to the Vanderbilt Anesthesiology residents and fellows for articulating their strong support and enthusiasm for our educational programs during the site visit. Finally, we thank our faculty for their willingness to provide copious documentation on their extensive teaching efforts and commitments, as well as for their flexibility and participation during important periods of the site visit.

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Over the coming year, the under the leadership of Dr. John Barwise, Director of Residency Education, and Adele Franzblau Kleinrock, J.D, our newly recruited Administrative Director of the Office of Education, the Department will continue to make exciting and creative advances in its educational programs, with a view to distinguishing the Vanderbilt educational experience from the many quality programs across the country. Our vision involves serious attention to the “core competencies,” recently articulated by the ACGME, and now required in the training of residents in all medical specialties. In the future, we must do more than boast our superiority on the basis of anecdote and reputation; rather, we are called to supply real data in support of our educational process. We are heavily focused on the identification of clear mechanisms to measure the performance of our educational programs in broad areas that include not only clinical skills and knowledge, but ethical values, the quality of the physician-patient and physician-staff interaction, and ongoing practice-based learning.

As a department, we find ourselves superbly positioned to set a new standard in clinical education program development within and outside Vanderbilt Medical Center, aided by our longstanding efforts to develop a comprehensive Perioperative Information Management System (VPIMS). As highlighted in our last issue of Awakenings, VPIMS now permeates nearly all elements of the Vanderbilt perioperative enterprise and experience, and integration of VPIMS with our educational programs is allowing us to identify novel, real-time approaches to evaluating teaching and learning performance.

As evidence of our emerging leadership in Anesthesiology Education, Dr. Michael Richardson, Associate Professor and Chief of our Multispecialty Anesthesiology Division, will be giving a keynote address for the Educational Advisory Board Program at the Association of University Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting in May 2003, where he will educate the Anesthesiology academic leadership on integrating the ACGME core competencies into residency and fellow educational programs. We look forward to having increasing numbers of our faculty reach this kind of national attention as Clinician Educators, as they push back the frontiers of perioperative education in their distinctive clinical focus areas. As a Department, our goal is ambitious but achievable: to be identified as the benchmark Center of Excellence in Anesthesiology Education by 2005!

All the Best,

Jeff Balser, M.D., Ph.D.
Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology
Associate Dean, Physician-Scientist Development
The James Tayloe Gwathmey Professor of Anesthesiology & Pharmacology
Here is what we are doing to achieve our goal of being a center for excellence in Anesthesiology Education:

**Accreditation**

In recognition of the exceptional quality of our residents, fellows, and their educational programs, the ACGME granted a five-year accreditation for the residency program and for the fellowships in Critical Care and Pediatric Anesthesiology.

**Recruiting**

Our recruitment program is managed by Dr. Jane Easdown, Associate Director of Educational Affairs. Jane has been highly successful in recruiting outstanding residents. Requirements for interviewees have substantially increased and resident candidate selection criteria have become more rigorous.

**Dr. Jane Easdown**

**Dr. John Barwise**

**Resident Teaching**

Didactic education and evaluations are being expanded within the individual rotations. Residents entering a rotation know that on each day a pre-selected topic will be discussed in the OR. Approximately 30 topics per rotation will be focus topics for a multiple choice question examination at the end of the rotation. In the main OR, preoperative rounds have been initiated at the early hour of 0615-0645. This is a pre-OR discussion of the resident's cases for the day, focusing on key didactic areas. The initial CA-1 rotations will also be expanded to 2 months in order to give them exposure to a more comprehensive curriculum.

Studies by VUMC Anesthesiology are showing that effective and comprehensive preoperative evaluation improves patient safety and OR timeliness. As such, our residents participate in a pre-operative rotation in VPEC (Vanderbilt Preoperative Evaluation Center) to enhance their knowledge base in pre-operative evaluation and testing. The residents include these experiences in their presentations at small group sessions and at the Mortality & Morbidity and Clinical Case Conferences on Friday mornings.

**VEKA**

VEKA is a web-based system of teaching materials, including references for rotations, protocols for case management, and multiple choice questions to evaluate knowledge acquisition. Lectures will also be placed on the VEKA system to make didactic materials continuously accessible to our residents.
LIVE PERFORMANCE COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS (LPCA’s)

We have a new format for teaching resident skills in the operating rooms. This consists of a packet of 17 LPCA’s, which guide the resident through some of the most common tasks to master in the first month of anesthesia. The LPCA’s teach the resident the step-by-step sequence of events that need to be followed to complete tasks. These include machine setup, drugs for the case, and airway management. The advantages of this system are multiple. The LPCA’s ensure that all residents receive the same skill sets as they commence their anesthesia career. The level of testing is uniform so that the resident’s assessment is unbiased.

Clinical Scientist Track

The Clinical Scientist track is an expanding component of the residency program. Its goal is to foster an academic spirit in the department. As faculty identify residents with interest in research, they counsel the resident on a host of physician scientist training opportunities offered jointly through the Department and the School of Medicine. Dr. Mias Pretorius is one of Vanderbilt’s first graduates. Dr. Pretorius completed his Masters degree in Clinical Research in July 2001. His mentor was Dr. Nancy Brown from the Department of Medicine. His research focused on genetic factors in antihypertensive drug therapy. Mias was recently awarded a highly prestigious Veterans Administration career development grant, supporting his work on genetics and hypertension.

Dr. Mias Pretorius
Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology

Medical Student Teaching

The attendings at the Veterans Administration Hospital (VAH) have enthusiastically and successfully managed medical student teaching. The 3rd year medical student program is very popular and is an excellent introductory course for Anesthesiology. Medical student education will remain at the VAH under the leadership of Dr. Ram Pai and plans are unfolding with Associate Dean Bonnie Miller, to allow a far greater percentage of Vanderbilt University medical students, perhaps 100%, to participate in this rotation. At the same time, we have expanded the 4th year clerkship under the leadership of Dr. Clark Galbraith and this rotation will be housed in the VUMC operating rooms. These teaching opportunities are a vital link to the medical school and are a prime opportunity for attracting Vanderbilt medical students to our residency program.

Dr. Clark Galbraith
Assistant Medical Director, The Vanderbilt Clinic
Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology

Dr. Ram Pai
Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology
Congratulations to members of the class of 2002 who sat for the written boards in July. They all passed!

Dr. Balser has utilized the Medical Center Clinician and Clinician Educator promotion tracks as a framework for faculty development.

On the Clinician Educator track, there is a clear track to promotion through the educational mission. We will be studying methods and doing groundbreaking work on resident education through “master” faculty educators. These faculty will work toward national recognition in Anesthesiology Education.

The Medical Center Clinician track will emphasize bedside teaching, excellence in clinical service, and leadership in clinical services organization within the Department.

Faculty on the Clinician Scientist or Research Scientist tracks will focus on developing nationally and internationally recognized basic clinical research programs.
ASA ALUMNI RECEPTION

Chef, sculpture

Drs. Jeff Balser (Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, VUMC) & Charles Beattie (former Chairman, VUMC)

Band

Paula and Dr. Michael Vega (1995); Dr. Vishwajit Brahmbhatt (1996)

Dr. Jennifer Pietenpol; Julie Lewis; John Kunysz, (President & CEO, Intelligent Healthcare InformaTx, INC.); Melinda Balser; Dr. Ellen Lockhart (Asst. Prof., VUMC)

Dr. Neil Feinglass (1983)

Drs. Howard Weil (1989); Ed Lee (1993); Knox Kerr (1992); Ed Fraifeld

Drs. Getta Wusadev; Jim Ramsey (1977, Adjunct Instructor, VUMC)

Dr. Julie Hudson
(Asst. Prof. & Dir. of Development & Legislative Affairs, VUMC)

Drs. Getta Wusadev (Asst. Prof., VAMC); Jay Kambham (1979, Adjunct Prof., VUMC); Krishna Joseph; Vijay Makrandi (1982, Asst. Prof., VAMC)

Dr. Ed (1991) & Joan Fraifeld; Dr. Bradley Smith (Prof., former Chair, VUMC); Dr. Geoffrey Berry (retired VUMC faculty)
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Dr. & Mrs. Howard Weil (1989)

Dr. Jeff & Melinda Balser

Dr. Geoffrey & Elizabeth Berry

Drs. Vijay Makrandi; Krishna Joseph

Linda & Steve Blanks (Chief CRNA)

Dr. Robert (1994) & Viveka Ycaza; Dr. Michael Vega & Paula

Drs. Robert Ycaza (1994); Knox Kerr (1992); & Jeff Balser

Dr. John McCreary (2003); Dr. Matt (2003) & Amy Roberts

Drs. Knox Kerr (1992); Garry Walker (1992; Asst. Prof., VUMC); Ellen Lockhart

Dr. Jay Deshpande
(Div. Dir., Ped Critical Care and Anesthesia, VUMC)

Dr. Ulysses (1991) & Stephanie Tandoc

Group
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Drs. Jennifer Pietenpol (Assoc. Prof. Biochem) & Mike Higgins (Assoc. Prof. & Vice Chair of Adult Periop. Services, VUMC)

Drs. Jeff Balser; Julie Hudson; Alice Altstatt & daughter, Sissy

Jason & Andrea Whitman (Asst. to the Chair)

Dr. Cindy Liu McCreary (2003)

Ann Loffi (Former Admin. Asst., Office of Education)

Dr. Vishwajit Brahmbhatt (1996); Dr. Robert (1996) & Elizabeth Benson; Dr. Garry Walker (1992); Dr. Jim Ramsey (1977)

Drs. Bradley Smith; Dr. Robert (1994) & Viveka Ycaza

Dr. Neal Goldberg (1989), left


Drs. Eswara Botta (1994); Jay Kambam (1979); Ed Lee (1993)

Drs. Geeta Wasudev; Krishna Joseph; Vijay Makrandi
Another component of our educational program is the fellowship program. Meet our fellows...

**PAIN FELLOWS**

All Pain Fellows are currently working on a weekly lecture series for pain board preparation and clinical education. This comprehensive lecture series will involve all major topics in pain medicine and therapeutic intervention. The fellows are also involved in publications with Ok Yung Chung, MD, MBA.

**Dr. Rajan Gupta**  
Clinical Pain Fellow  
Department of Anesthesiology  
Division, Pain Control Center

Rajan Gupta graduated from B.J. Medical College in India and then came to the United States in 1996 to further pursue his career. While preparing for the USMLE Board Exams he wrote a review book in psychiatry. He has always had an interest in pain management. This interest and other influences led him to pursue a career in pain management. He completed a residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation prior to starting the pain fellowship. His goal is to successfully relieve pain with interventional and non-interventional techniques. He is married to Mini, a family practitioner, and their daughter Meera was born in April, 2002. Dr. Gupta enjoys working with the wonderful staff at the pain center and helping pain patients. In the near future, he plans to live close to his family and practice pain management.

**Dr. Edwin Hyde**  
Clinical Pain Fellow  
Department of Anesthesiology  
Division, Pain Control Center

Edwin Hyde was born July 5, 1932. He is married to Joy Mosteller Hyde. He graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine in 1961 and is also a Board Certified Anesthesiologist. Following a 3-year anesthesia residency and fellowship he began a private practice of anesthesia in July of 1965. He soon began specializing in OB anesthesia in New Orleans and in 1970 started exclusive practice of OB/GYN/Acute Pain in Englewood, Colorado. His retirement lasted from April 1995 until November 1998 during which time he and his wife bought, renovated, and sold old houses. After 420 hours study of allergy, muscular skeletal, and autonomic nervous system related pain he began a part time chronic pain practice. He has been a Chronic Pain Fellow at Vanderbilt University Medical Center since May 1, 2002. Future plans for Dr. Hyde include a chronic pain practice for hospice patients.

**Dr. Pickens (Trey) Patterson, III**  
Clinical Pain Fellow  
Department of Anesthesiology  
Division, Pain Control Center

Pickens Patterson, III grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. Upon graduating from high School, he attended the United States Naval Academy for one year, thereafter entering Hampton University as a biology pre-med major. After obtaining a B.A. in biology, Pickens went on to the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia and graduated in 1998 with his medical degree. He completed his residency at Vanderbilt University in June of 2002. Pickens chose to then do a fellowship in pain management with hopes of enjoying long-term patient relationships and to relieve suffering. He plans to one day relocate to the Atlanta area and join a group practice, which combines general anesthesia and pain management.
CRITICAL CARE FELLOWS

Dr. Arna Banerjee
Critical Care Fellow
Vanderbilt Department of Anesthesiology
Division, Critical Care

Arna Banerjee graduated from N.R.S. Medical College in India and then came to the United States in 1995 to join her family. While preparing for the USMLE Board Exams she worked on clinical trials in rheumatoid arthritis as well basic research in reproductive biology. In 1998 she joined the Department of Anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center as a resident. During this time she developed an interest in Critical Care Medicine and decided to pursue a fellowship in Critical Care. Dr. Banerjee is married to Saptarshi Biswas, a general surgeon. Upon completion of her fellowship she plans to join the faculty at Vanderbilt and VAH and divide her time between the ICU’s and the operating rooms.

Dr. Jill Erin Donovan
Critical Care Fellow
Vanderbilt Department of Anesthesiology
Division, Critical Care

Jill Erin Donovan grew up in Albany, New York. She attended Cornell University, where she double majored in biology and English. She then spent one year as a high school science teacher at Miss Porter’s school in Connecticut. Her next four years were spent in New York City where she attended Cornell University Medical College. Heading south to Vanderbilt for residency, Jill had initially undertaken three years of general surgery training, followed by two years in a surgical oncology laboratory with Dr. Daniel Beauchamp. She has now enthusiastically decided to change pursuits, specifically to train in anesthesiology, with interests in critical care and cardiac anesthesia. After spending this year as one of the anesthesia critical care fellows, Jill will begin her CA-1 year on July 1st, 2003.

Jill’s fiancé, Christopher Scarfone, Ph.D. is a physicist, and Assistant Professor in Radiation Oncology and Radiology here at Vanderbilt. Their interests include movies, theater, literature, music, time in their new home with their two cats, and trips to either New York or Nevada to spend time with family.

Dr. William Goldsmith
Critical Care Fellow
Vanderbilt Department of Anesthesiology
Division, Critical Care

William W. Goldsmith will be completing a fellowship in Critical Care Medicine from January to December 2003. Dr. Goldsmith obtained his medical degree at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1998. He subsequently completed his training in Anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in June 2002 where he served as Chief Resident. Following completion of residency training, he has worked within the Department of Anesthesiology as a staff anesthesiologist.

Dr. Goldsmith is a native of Evansville, Indiana where he attended the University of Evansville receiving a B.S. in Biology in 1993. His wife Karen is both a nurse and homemaker and they have four boys.
CARDBAC FELLOWS

Dr. Richard Evans
Cardiothoracic Fellow
Vanderbilt Department of Anesthesiology
Division, Cardiac

Rick Evans studied Biology at the University of Utah and subsequently attended medical school in Washington, DC at George Washington University. Rick is married to Emily Hattwick who is a chief resident in the Department of Orthopedics at Vanderbilt. They met in med school. Rick and Emily both completed an internship in General Surgery at Vanderbilt and then dove in on opposite sides of the "blood brain barrier." While Emily toiled on in the surgical arts, Rick wisely chose Anesthesiology. After residency, Rick began a fellowship in Cardiothoracic Anesthesia. He has enjoyed learning more about managing cardiac patients and is particularly interested in echocardiography. Rick plans to take both the anesthesia oral boards and the perioperative echo boards in April of 2003. After fellowship, Rick, Emily, dog and 2 cats will move to San Francisco where Rick will be joining the faculty at UCSF; Emily will be completing a fellowship in hand surgery. They are excited about the adventures to come.

Dr. Alan Dean
Cardiothoracic Fellow
Vanderbilt Department of Anesthesiology
Division, Cardiac

Alan Dean received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. He obtained his medical degree from Vanderbilt University, as well as his residency training. Alan completed a fellowship in Cardiothoracic Anesthesia at Vanderbilt and is moving to West Virginia with his wife and two children to join a private practice in anesthesia.

COMING SOON...
An educational opportunity for you!
CME

We will begin offering category I credit with each issue of “Awakenings.” Each edition will include a timely topic, references, and questions authored by Vanderbilt Department of Anesthesiology Faculty.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former faculty member, Charles W. Quimby, M.D., Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, Vanderbilt Department of Anesthesiology from 1974-1991, died from congestive heart failure at Vanderbilt Hospital on June 28, 2002 after a protracted illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Quimby family during this time of loss.

Dr. John D’Alessio is now the Director of the Acute Pain Service. The service is providing expanded regional anesthesia capabilities in the main OR.

Dr. Annemarie Thompson is the new Director of the Vanderbilt Preoperative Evaluation Center (VPEC). The center is now providing expanded service to the majority of VUMC surgical patients.

Dr. Paul St. Jacques is now the Associate Director of Perioperative Informatics. Paul is also the winner of the “name the newsletter” contest. “Awakenings” it is!

Dr. Ben Johnson was recently elected President-Elect of the Southern Pain Society (SPS). The SPS is the largest chapter of the American Pain Society.

Dr. Ben Johnson passed the World Institute of Pain Practice examination held in Budapest in September.

Drs. Ben Johnson and Stephen Bruehl presented lectures at the Southern Pain Society’s symposium in the Bahamas, October 17-21. Dr. Johnson’s topic was “Economic Implications of Interventional Pain Management” and Dr. Bruehl’s topic was an update on Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.

Dr. Stephen Hays’ name was misprinted in our last issue. Dr. Hays is an Assistant Professor in our Pediatric Division. We apologize for the error.

Dr. Brian Donahue presented his recent work on perioperative genomics and blood loss during heart surgery at the Association of Cardiac Anesthesiologists meeting in October 2002.

The TSA meeting was held on February 8 in Nashville. Dr. Jay Deshpande presented a PALS Update. Dr. Mike Higgins’ topic was “The Use of Information Technology to Cross the Quality Chasm” and Dr. Ira Landsman presented, “Cricoid Pressure in Children.”

Dr. Mias Pretorius had a recent publication in the American Heart Association journal “Hypertension” and presented “ACE Inhibition Increases Human Vascular t-PA Release Through Endogenous Bradykinin” at the Council for High Blood Pressure in Orlando, FL in September, 2002.

Beverly Fletcher is the newest addition to the Office of Education and Alumni Affairs. She will serve as Program Coordinator along with Michelle Williams under the leadership of Adele Franzblau Kleinrock. Beverly comes to us with a wealth of experience, most recently as Manager of Client Services for Bernard Hodes Group, an advertising agency specializing in human resource communications.
We mourn the loss of our alumnus and former faculty member, Dr. James Phytython. He died on May 10, 2002 of chronic pulmonary disease. Many of you remember him as an exceptional clinician and teacher in our department, but he did not begin his career as an anesthesiologist.

Doctor Phytython received his MD from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He then completed his residency in Pathology at Vanderbilt University Medical School. He was awarded a National Foundation Fellowship to study tissue culture at NYU after which he practiced pathology at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. After practicing for 15 years, he elected to once again enter residency at Vanderbilt, this time in anesthesiology. After completing residency, he remained on the staff as an attending until his retirement as Associate Professor in 1993.

Much of his career at Vanderbilt was spent in the operating room as a pediatric cardiac anesthesiologist. He spent a sabbatical at the Great Ormand Street Hospital for Children in England. Prior to retirement, Dr. Phytython also helped establish and foster the pediatric anesthesia program at Vanderbilt through his active clinical and teaching efforts.

Colleagues described Dr. Phytython as an excellent teacher, a caring physician, and a mentor from whom young doctors learned “not just my craft but how to conduct myself.”

Doctor Phytython also earned a Master’s degree in Russian studies at Vanderbilt University. He loved Russian culture and was fluent in Russian. After retirement, he and his wife, Marlin, made several journeys to Russia.

Besides traveling to England each year, Dr. Phytython loved to read and engaged in lifelong learning. His wife describes him as a person with towering intellect who needed to keep learning and accumulating new information. Their journey together was a lovely and full one.

We extend our condolences to Mrs. Marlin Phytython, their three daughters, Mary Neal Meador, Marlin Elizabeth Donner and Sarah Reed Miller, and their grandchildren. We in the Vanderbilt Anesthesiology Department also extend our gratitude to Dr. Phytython’s family for being able to share the life of such a remarkable person and mentor.
Ray Alvarez (Class of 1995) came by Vanderbilt in September to say, “hello.” He is shown with his wife, Patti, and their daughters, Andrea and Alyssa.

Dr. Leo Rodriguez (Class of 2000 - former Chief Resident) is holding Alexander and his wife, Margarita Zingg, is holding Nicholas.

Roderick Josip Pluscec born August 8, 2002.

Parents; Davor (Class of 1999 pictured) and Chris Pluscec.

Mrs. Martha Bennett resides in Montgomery, Alabama. She writes that Dr. Willard D. Bennett (1939) died on January 11, 2002.

Dr. Robert and Lisa Benson reside in Odessa, Florida. Robert finished his pain fellowship in February 2002 and loves his new job.

Dr. Geoffrey (former faculty member) and Elizabeth Berry reside in Nashville. He states that he is enjoying retirement.

Dr. Vishwajit Brahmbhatt (1996) resides and practices in Richmond, Indiana. His group is recruiting.

Dr. Charles Cannon, Jr. (1974) is retired and resides in Nashville.

Dr. Marion A. (1958) and Miriam L. Carnes reside in St. Petersburg, Florida. Marion is Emeritus Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of California at Davis Medical School.

Dr. R. Andrew (1992) and Angela Crone reside in Memphis, Tennessee where Andy is a partner in Medical Anesthesia Group, P.A.

Dr. Lee (1986) and Anne Marie Davis reside in Atlanta, Georgia, where he is an anesthesiologist at Northside Hospital, Atlanta. Lee completed a cardiac fellowship in 1987. He is completing his 12th year of practice at Northside Hospital.

Dr. John (1984) and Natasha Erpenbach reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dr. Paul J. (Med. School VUMC, 1958) and Shirley Fatum reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He completed his training at the Mayo Clinic in 1961. Paul practices part-time in the Department of Anesthesiology at Spectrum Health (Butterworth Campus) in Grand Rapids.

Dr. Neil (Med. School VUMC, 1983) and Mary Beth Feinglass reside in Jacksonville, Florida. Neil is Consultant and Chief Cardiac Anesthesiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. He also is the lead physician for hospital automation at the Mayo Clinic. Neil completed a CV Anesthesia Fellowship at the University of Florida in 1988.

Dr. Eduardo (1991) and Joan Fraifeld reside in Danville, Virginia, where Eddy is Medical Director of the Danville Pain Referral Center and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Danville Regional Medical Center.

Dr. John J. Franks (1985) resides in Nashville, Tennessee. He is Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.


Dr. Edward E. (1991) and Connie Hockaday reside in Jackson, Tennessee where he practices with The Jackson Clinic, P.A.

Dr. Steve Hyman (former faculty and resident program director) is attending Belmont University to get his Masters in Music Performance. Dr. Hyman plays the piano and gives recitals frequently around Nashville.

Dr. Mary and Steve Fischer are proud parents of triplets born August 31, 2002.
Silvio and Sheila Sitarich brought Baby Emma Elizabeth by for a visit on October 22. Emma was born September 26. She was 7lb. 8oz.

Dr. Kevin Clarkson (former faculty) is Medical Director of the ICU at the University College Hospital, Galway, Ireland. He enjoys boating with his family.

Kevin, Deirdre, Christopher, and Michael Clarkson

Dr. Silvio Sitarich (2001)

Alumni Updates

Dr. Ken (1988) and Cam Joel reside in Alpharetta, Georgia. Ken is Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology at North Fulton Regional Hospital and Medical Director at the Pain Center of North Fulton Regional Hospital. He completed a pain fellowship in 1989. Ken and Cam have four wonderful children.

Dr. Krishna Joseph resides in Great Falls, Virginia. She has 3 children (2 boys and 1 girl) and a 2-year-old grandson. She will resume her practice soon.


Dr. Evelyn Lindenthaler and Jeff Thomas reside in Edmonds, Washington, where she is an anesthesiologist at Seattle Surgery Center. Evelyn completed her first two years of residency at Vanderbilt and finished at Virginia Mason in Seattle in 1993.

Dr. Sheng K. Lin (1987) resides in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, where he is a staff anesthesiologist

Dr. Joanne Lovell Linn (1953) resides in Nashville. She is Anesthesiology Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Vijay R. (1982) and S.K. Makrandi reside in Nashville, Tennessee, where Vijay is a staff anesthesiologist here at VAMC.

Dr. John B. (Med. School VUMC, 1966) and Gail Neeld reside in Atlanta, Georgia, where he is Chair of Anesthesiology at Northside Hospital. John is a past president of the ASA (1999).

Dr. Pradeep Nalla (2000) completed his Pain Fellowship at Emory and is in private practice at Newton General in Covington, GA.

Dr. Ronald (1984) and Anne Orrell reside in Towson, Maryland where he is a staff anesthesiologist at Franklin Square Hospital Center. He is the former Director of Obstetrical Anesthesia.

Drs. Steven L. Outly (1989) and Elsa Hernandez-Outly reside in Glenview, Illinois. Steven is Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at Rush Medical College.

Dr. William Dennis Rogers (1987) resides in Nashville, Tennessee and practices at St. Thomas Hospital.


Dr. Marion L. Smith (1954) resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Robert Stowe (1990) resides in San Antonio, Texas, where he is Staff Psychiatrist for Health Care Services, San Antonio. After practicing as an anesthesiologist for 5 years, Robert entered residency in psychiatry. He completed this training in 1999 and then completed a one-year fellowship in addiction psychiatry.

Dr. Samuel K. (1982) and Grace H. Yu reside in Birmingham, Alabama where he is a staff anesthesiologist at Riverview Regional Medical Center and Gadsden Regional Medical Center. Samuel also completed a Cardiovascular Anesthesiology Fellowship at Vanderbilt in 1983.

Dr. Michael Vega (1995) has recently opened a new practice in Ashland, Kentucky. He has two sons.


Dr. Kevin (1977) and Lor-Kim Woolley reside in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he is in private practice.
Wishing you & yours
a happy and safe 2003!

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