We received exciting news this month that Dr. Lynette Mark, our CRNA Physician Liaison, was awarded a STAAR award for her project, *Comparison of the educational effectiveness of DAARC, a video game-blended e-learning system, and traditional written materials: A pilot study.* This is a collaboration between JHU ACCM and the New Haven Veteran’s Health Administration. This study looks at difficult airway education comparing the effectiveness of video gaming versus traditional written materials. The results will enable us to determine if the blended gaming educational program, Difficult Airway Algorithm and Rescue Cricothyrotomy (DAARC), is inferior, equivalent or superior to written material in effecting improvement in experienced airway management providers.

The Stimulating and Advancing ACCM Research (STAAR) awards aim to allocate departmental investment funds that promote the career and program development of its faculty and staff. Awards are administered through a comprehensive, peer-reviewed process to support innovative research proposals.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the engagement of our CRNA Division. CRNAs will get exposure to the DAARC program and spend time in the simulation center fine tuning our difficult airway skills. In addition, we can earn free CEUs. If you are interested in taking a lead in this study, please contact Dr. Mark.
Service Star Awarded to Megan McAuliffe, DNP(c), MSN, CRNA

Megan McAuliffe received a Service Star Award for her extra special effort to deliver the highest quality service possible. She was nominated by a patient that she cared for in Endoscopy. The 92 y/o patient was scheduled for a bronchoscopy who had a complicated cardiac history. The patient states, “Megan alleviated much of my anxiety with her approach, introduction of self, acknowledgement of my heart history and explanation of how the team planned to proceed. At the end of the procedure, my heart did its thing and I received two shocks! Afterwards, I was taken to CCU where I received consummate care. Megan made her way to see me while I was in the CCU. She was able to shed some light on what happened and I appreciated the clarity. The level of Megan’s caring and concern is to be commended. My heartfelt THANKS to Megan!”

Congrats to Megan for receiving this honor and for making her patient’s experience the best it could be. You make us all very proud!

Communication within ACT

We all understand the importance of communication when working in an Anesthesia Care Team. In areas like Endoscopy, JHOC, Wilmer we have a high degree of autonomy to keep the workflow efficient. Please discuss the anesthesia plan with your attending before taking the patient to the OR. Also, the Attending needs to know about important changes in the case (i.e. hypertension >200, large blood loss needing blood transfusion, vasopressor drips, etc). It’s better to send a text/page/call when in doubt than no communication. Thanks!
Advanced Practice Advisory Council Updates

Congrats to Kristen Lang, DNP, CRNA and Jennifer Pease Moreno, MSNA, CRNA for being selected to represent CRNAs on the Advanced Practice Advisory Council! This group provides a forum for discussion of matters related to APPs. Activities include sharing expertise on topics such as credentialing, regulatory issues, scope of practice, competency evaluation, communicating issues related to professional and clinical needs, and representing Advanced Practice Providers across institutional forums. Check out the website at https://intranet.insidehopkinsmedicine.org/apac

Kristen earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh in 2002. In 2006, Kristen completed a Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Nurse Anesthesia and in 2014 obtained her Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice, all from the University of Pittsburgh. Kristen joined our Hopkins team in 2011.

Jennifer is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where she earned her bachelor of science in nursing. In 2003, Jennifer graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a master of science in nurse anesthesia. She joined ACCM at John Hopkins in 2008.

Annual CRNA Summer Pool Party

Mark your calendars for August 3, 2019! RSVP information coming soon. See you there!

Check us out on Twitter! @HopkinsCRNA Send us pictures highlighting our strengths from the ORs, Control Centers, social events, projects, and other activities. Don’t forget to follow!
Introducing our Division’s NEWEST Committee: The MWR Committee

The Morale, Wellness, and Recreation (MWR) Committee was created to serve as a barometer of how our CRNAs are doing and to implement initiatives to improve our overall morale. Our goal is to determine what our CRNAs need and how we can best provide for them. Some examples of how we hope to improve our daily happiness include notes of gratitude and recognition, spontaneous treats, and planning group events and outings. Our dedicated committee members include Darolyn Milburn, Lizzie Horn, Maggy Diaz, and Sarah Rollison. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions are welcome and appreciated!

N95 Fit Testing

Thursday, July 18, 2019
7am-10:30am
Benson Library (Zayed 6206)
All Staff are required by OSHA to be fit tested annually.

What’s URFO? Know your Responsibilities

An Unintentional Retained Foreign Object (URFO) was the most frequent sentinel event reported to the Joint Commission in 2015. There is a policy PAT096 you can read however the bottom line is keep the patient asleep until it is resolved. Clear communication is necessary with the circulating nurse, the surgeon, and your attending. If x-ray is needed, the surgeon will receive the report from the Radiology attending and then close the wound.