Past Phythyon Lectureship Speakers

2015 C. Dean Kurth, MD, Director of the Department of Anesthesia, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Professor of Anesthesia and Pediatrics, University of Cincinnati School of Medicine, Cincinnati, Ohio

2014 Lena Sun, MD, E.M. Papper Professor of Pediatric Anesthesiology, Professor of Anesthesiology & Pediatrics, Vice Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, Chief of Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology, Columbia University Medical Center

2013 Randall Wetzel, MD, Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine, Children's Hospital Los Angeles

2012 Peter Marhofer, MD, Director of Paediatric Anesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Professor, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Department of Anaesthesia, General Intensive Care Medicine and Pain Control, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

2011 Dean Andropoulos, MD, MHCM, Chief of Anesthesiology, Texas Children's Hospital, Professor, Anesthesiology and Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine

2010 Shobha Malviya, MD, Director of Pediatric Anesthesia Research & Professor of Anesthesiology, University of Michigan Health System

2009 Philip Morgan, MD, Professor of Anesthesiology, Director of Research, Center for Developmental Therapeutics, University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital

2008 Francis X. McGowan, MD, Professor of Anesthesia (Pediatrics), Chief of the Division of Cardiac Anesthesia, Director of Anesthesia and Critical Care Medicine Research Laboratory, Children's Hospital Boston

2007 Peter Davis, MD, Professor of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Anesthesiologist-in-Chief, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

2006 Myron Yaster, MD, Richard J. Traystman Distinguished Professor of Pediatric Anesthesia, Critical Care Medicine & Pain Management, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
The National Anesthesia Incident Reporting System

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Dr. James Phythyon

Dr. James Phythyon was a faculty member in the Vanderbilt Department of Anesthesiology and a founding member of the Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology.

Remarkably, anesthesiology was not his first medical specialty. He completed his anesthesiology residency at Vanderbilt after having already had a successful 15-year career as a pathologist. After his residency, Dr. Phythyon joined the VUMC staff and is credited with helping establish Pediatric Anesthesiology as a separate departmental division.

In addition to being a notable physician, he was also a well-versed WWI scholar and a gifted linguist. He earned a master’s degree in Russian, which he spoke fluently (in addition to French, Italian, and Serbian). His family, widow Marlin and daughters Mary Neal, Liz, and Sarah, join his Vanderbilt colleagues to honor his legacy with this distinguished lectureship established in his name.

Thank you for your support of this important educational initiative, which will continue to build and strengthen the Children’s Anesthesiology and Perioperative Programs at Vanderbilt.

About the Speaker:

Dr. Guffey received his medical degree from University of Michigan Medical School (Ann Arbor) and completed his residency in anesthesiology at University of California in San Francisco. Thereafter he completed a fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology at University of Colorado (Children’s Hospital Colorado) in Denver, where he joined the faculty in 2010. He is currently a student in University of Minnesota’s Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) program and expects to complete his degree in January 2018.

Patrick Guffey is a pediatric and obstetric anesthesiologist and an assistant professor at the University of Colorado. He is associate clinical director of University of Colorado’s Anesthesiology Department. He also serves as an associate chief medical information officer at Children’s Hospital Colorado and is board certified in clinical informatics. For the Anesthesiology Department at Children’s Hospital Colorado he serves as chair of the Epic IT committee, as well as chair of the clinical operations team. Dr. Guffey is a member of several professional organizations, including American Society of Anesthesiologists, Society for Pediatric Anesthesia, American Association of Clinical Directors, and Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). He currently serves as president-elect of the Colorado chapter of HIMSS.

Dr. Guffey has received numerous honors, awards, and special recognitions. Most recently (October 2015), he was selected to accept the American Hospital Association Quest for Quality Prize on behalf of the medical staff of Children’s Hospital Colorado for his work in improving the quality of care that patients receive there.

Dr. Guffey is the committee chair and medical director of the Anesthesia Quality Institute’s national Anesthesia Incident Reporting System. His research includes quality improvement, informatics, and transitioning to highly reliable operations in healthcare.