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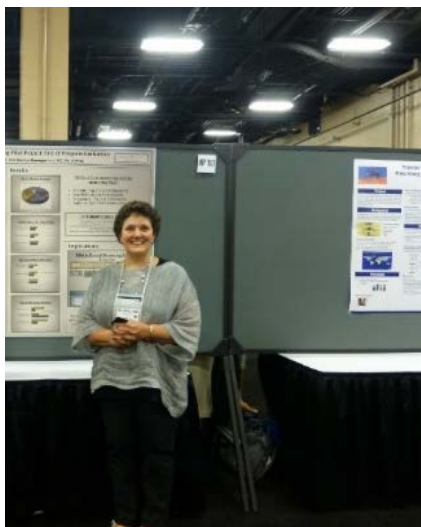
Wendy Araya, DNP, NNP-BC



Wendy Araya is the Lead NICU NNP for Children's Hospital and will focus on day to day operations for the nurse practitioners on the various in patient teams. She has many years of experience as well as a greater than 20 year history at Vanderbilt. She started her nursing career as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the Newborn Nursery in 1984. In 1990 while working as a LPN, Wendy obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Austin Peay State University. She worked in the Level II nursery at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas for 2 years before returning to Middle TN. Wendy has been employed in the Children's Hospital NICU since 1992. She served as both a staff nurse and NICU Assistant Manager prior to completing her Master's Degree in 1996 at Vanderbilt School of Nursing and transitioning to becoming a member of the NICU Nurse Practitioner Team. She most recently graduated in May of 2012 from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing with a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Wendy is a master at advanced procedures and has an interest in intubation as well as resuscitation. Her doctoral project focused on medicated intubations in the NICU and she serves as both a NRP and CPR Instructor.

Roxy Baumgartner, ANP-BC



Roxy has been at Vanderbilt University Medical Center as an APN for 32 years. She has been the inpatient urology nurse practitioner since 1992. She has also worked in the MICU (started the home ventilator program and helped start the lung transplant program), nutrition support, and neurology (collected clinical data in support of a stroke service). Since 2010, she has been the co-principal investigator for this mentoring project. She has presented our data at the 2013 Magnet conference; the 2013 biennial Sigma Theta Ta convention; and will present at the 2014 AANP conference.

<p>Elizabeth Card, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, CPAN, CCRP</p> 	<p>A practicing registered nurse since 1990, Elizabeth’s nursing background includes ICU, CVICU, PACU, holding room, pediatrics, transplant, and vascular case management. She completed her Masters of Science in Nursing in 2013 and is a board certified Family Nurse Practitioner. She holds specialty certifications in Peri-Anesthesia Nursing (CPAN) and Clinical Research Professional (CCRP). She has served as principle investigator, sub-investigator or research coordinator for more than 125 clinical research studies at Vanderbilt University Medical Center involving investigational drugs, devices, observational, or survey studies. Her research includes ongoing studies on pain, burnout, delirium or cognitive impairment. Presently, Elizabeth serves as the National Chair for the American Society of Peri-Anesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) Evidence Based Practice Committee and is a Joanna Briggs Institute Reviewer; she authors a quarterly Research and Evidence Based Practice column for “Breathline” for the American Society of Peri Anesthesia Nurses and for “The Eye-Opener” for the Tennessee Society of Peri-Anesthesia Nurses (TSPAN). She is an active member of ASPAN’s Research and Safety Committees, the Society of Clinical Research Associates, and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She has served as president, vice president and education chair for TSPAN and as Middle Tennessee Society for Peri-Anesthesia Nurses (MTSPAN) Education Chair. In 2014, Elizabeth was awarded a Joanna Briggs Educational Scholarship, 2013 she received an Education Grant from Middle Tennessee Advance Practice Nurses, 2012 she won the Vivien Thomas Award for Excellence in Clinical Research- an annual award presented by the Vanderbilt University Medical Center’s Office of Research. She has authored, co-authored and presented (abstracts, poster and podium presentations) on a variety of subjects from post-operative or emergence delirium, pain, healthcare worker burnout, the research process and professional nursing development at local, state, national and international conferences.</p>

Cherry Chassen, ACNP-BC

I started my Nursing career at a 220 bed community hospital in Oklahoma City. I had the great opportunity to work in both the MICU and the CCU with a wonderful group of nurses that mentored me. I then moved to Nashville to attend VUSN's Acute Care nurse practitioner program and graduated in 2003. I have worked as a nurse practitioner at VUMC since that time. I started as an NP in the Trauma Surgery Department and worked there for 7 years and was fortunate enough to have another great mentor during that time. I then took the opportunity to become an NP in the MICU when they started their Nurse Practitioner service. I am now working in the Emergency Department and love it. I love traveling, yoga and cooking for family and friends.

Susie Dengler, MSN, CCNR

**Brent Dunworth, CRNA, MSN,
MBA**



Brent Dunworth's new role as Associate Director for Advanced Practice at Vanderbilt brings together the Advanced Practice Providers in the perioperative environment from preoperative evaluation, intraoperative care, and postoperative management in an effort to provide safe and efficient patient care delivery.

Brent came to Vanderbilt in 2015 from Pittsburgh, where he was the Senior Director for Nurse Anesthesia at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. In that role he coordinated the anesthesia patient care delivery for 16 hospitals and over 450 CRNAs during a time of rapid clinical expansion and practice acquisition.

Brent has lectured nationally on a variety of topics in nurse anesthesia and has received numerous awards, among them, the Agatha Hodgins Award for Outstanding Nurse Anesthesia Student, the Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists' Didactic Instructor of the Year Award, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing's Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

Brent earned both his Master of Science in Nursing and his Bachelor of Science from the University of Pittsburgh, and earned his Master of Business Administration from Waynesburg University. Currently a Doctoral candidate at the University of Pittsburgh, Brent maintains clinical practice at Vanderbilt as well as faculty appointments in the Schools of Medicine and Nursing.

Heather Frankenfield, CRNA

I have been a registered nurse since 2003. My entire nursing career has been at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. I started as a trauma bedside nurse, and advanced through being a charge nurse to the trauma assistant manager. I decided to go back to CRNA School in November of 2006. I started my CRNA program in July of 2007. Throughout CRNA School I traveled to many different medical centers and attended classes regularly. During CRNA School I found that my calling was to be a pediatric nurse anesthetist. The joy that pediatric patients brought to my life was immeasurable. In January of 2010, I was hired by Vanderbilt University Medical Center to work as a Nurse Anesthetist at MCJCHV. I have since loved coming to work daily and value my colleagues. In April of 2014, I took the pediatric CRNA educator role, and now continuously work to improve our education endeavors throughout our department. I have been married for 8 years and have two dogs. In my time away from work I love to travel, practice yoga, spend time with my family and friends, group fitness, read, watch movies and eat delicious food.

Buffy Krauser-Lupear, CRNA



Buffy graduated from the University of Tennessee- Knoxville in 1989 with her BSN and worked briefly in an intermediate intensive care newborn nursery in Southwest Virginia. She began working at Vanderbilt in January 1990 as a staff RN in the Emergency Department. In August of 1992 she split her full time position between the ED and SICU. In August of 1993 she left Vanderbilt to attend Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA). Following graduation from MTSA in October of 1995, she worked for Anesthesia Medical Group in Nashville Tennessee as a staff CRNA. In April of 1996, she returned to VUMC as a staff CRNA. In the fall of 1996 she joined VUMC's Cardiothoracic Anesthesia division and served as Lead Cardiothoracic CRNA from January 2000 until December 2009. She accepted her current position as the Assistant Chief CRNA for Vanderbilt's Department of Anesthesia in December of 2009.

She is married and has two adorable puppies, and is currently working on her DNP

**Janet Myers, DNP, FNP/GNP-BC, CDE,
ADM-BC, NE-BC, CLNC**



Janet is the Director Professional Development of the Office of Advanced Practice VUMC. She graduated from Kansas University Medical Center with Bachelor's in Nursing and then obtained a Masters in Nursing Administration from Fort Hays State University (FHSU) with post masters certificates in the Family Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Education tracks. She was selected by the FHSU nursing faculty to receive the prestigious Leora B. Stroup Award which is awarded to a master's student who demonstrated outstanding clinical performance, community involvement, and academic achievement. She completed her Doctorate in Nursing Practice from the University of Southern Alabama in 2012. In addition to a diverse clinical background, she has served in nursing administrative roles in both the clinical and academic arenas. She relocated to Vanderbilt in January 2013 from southern California where she was instrumental in establishing the multidisciplinary chronic disease management team for a managed care company and creating the first NCQA certified, patient-centered medical home in Bakersfield, CA. Current board certifications include family and geriatric advanced practice, diabetic educator, advanced diabetes management, nursing administration, and legal nurse consultant. She is married and as 3 children (two of which live in Atlanta) and 5 fur grandbabies. Hobbies include stained glass, gardening, and interior design.

<p style="text-align: center;">Denise Sadler</p> 	<p>Denise Sadler has been a registered nurse since 1977. She obtained her family nurse practitioner certification in 2000. Denise began working as staff nurse in the nicu and worked within the area for >20 years. After completion of graduate studies she accepted a job in peri-operative service, after a few years in this role, there was opportunity for role as nurse practitioner in the PATCH clinic of children's. Denise joined the sedation service in 2009, and currently remains in the role. Denise has been a preceptor to staff nurses, and newly hired NP's. She also has been adjunct faculty(clinical instructor) at the following schools: Tennessee State University Fall Semester 2004/ Spring Semester 2006 Vanderbilt University Spring Semester 1997 Belmont University Fall Semester 1996 Denise is married has 2 daughters, and 1 granddaughter.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Briana Witherspoon, DNP, ACNP-BC</p> 	<p>Briana Witherspoon has been a registered nurse since 2007. She obtained her Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification in 2011, and completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2013. Briana has worked in the Neuro ICU since moving to Nashville in 2007. She began working as an ACNP with the Neuro ICU Critical Care team upon graduating in 2011. Briana is involved with multiple committees and projects but her passions are Neurocritical Care and Quality Improvement. Briana is married to her high school sweetheart and enjoys the outdoors, working out, and cooking.</p>

Michelle Terrell, MSN, CPNP-AC/PC

Michelle Terrell, MSN, APN, CPNP-AC/PC is the Assistant Director of advanced practice for Pediatric Acute and Critical Care at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. She leads advanced practice nurses (APNs) in the acute and critical care setting, coordinating delivery of high quality, safe and efficient care.

Michelle is a board-certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in both primary and acute care and has practiced in the pediatric critical care setting for more than 13 years as a pediatric nurse practitioner. Leadership and advanced practice program development has been the focus of her career. Mentoring and growing new nurse practitioners is the heart of her work. Terrell served as the Tennessee Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) President from July 2012-July 2013. She serves as a member of the APN Committee of the Tennessee Nurses Association.

She received the 2015 VUMC APN of the Year Award and the Innovative Practice in Nursing Award in 2005.

Terrell's research includes validating a tool for diagnosing children greater than 5 years old with delirium in the critical setting and recently in validating a delirium diagnosis tool for preschool age children. Service on the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit Quality team, collaborating to improve quality of care in the PCICU.

She has served as the VUMC Advanced Practice Standards Committee Chair since 2009. Focusing on standardizing Advance Practice Protocols to meet regulatory guidelines, to be evidenced based and to be in conjunction with privileges of the nurse practitioner.