



# SLEEPY TIMES

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

-SCOTT REEVES, MD, MBA

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Wow 2008 is here. Ashley River Tower is scheduled to open in a month. This will be an exciting and challenging time for the University and our department. In order to be ready, more structure has been added to the department by the creation of an organization chart and the clear defining of our leadership team duties. Our People Pillar Committee and faculty input were expanded upon by the Executive Committee to develop these important documents which can be viewed on our web site. By providing a clearer reporting structure and delineation of duties, the department will be better prepared for our current and future expansion.



## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

-BRENDA DORMAN, MBA

*New Year Resolution* . . . as we begin another year it is good to reflect on where we have been and look forward to where we are going. Many exciting things happened last year, the face of the department has changed considerably – new faculty and staff, addition of the newsletter, improvements to the website, etc – and there is still more to come. With the opening of ART and the relocation of faculty and staff, there will need to be changes in the distribution of the administrative support teams. During January we will be reviewing the current assignments and making needed adjustments. Our resolution for 2008 is to provide the best service possible to each and every one of you and to help make the transition to the new facility as smooth as possible.

Happy New Year,  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIR OF EDUCATION

-LATHA HEBBAR, MD, FRCA

As we move into 2008 I would like wish all of you all 新年好, *Bonnie Annee, Nuovo Anno Felice, Naya Saal Mubharak* . . . Happy New Year!! The planned educational activities for 2008 are spectacular. We have some national and international experts in their respective fields addressing our Grand Round series. The resident Journal Club for January will be a novelty - we will be bowling and discussing anesthesia! The educational corner is also busy along with the Chief residents anticipating and planning for the move to ART. I am sure that the energy and versatility that each one of us brings to this department will make it possible to find our way around obstacles and adapt to a new environment with ease.



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Messages from the Departmental leaders*
- *Departmental Information*
- *Endowed Chair*
- *Excellence*

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## ASHLEY RIVER TOWER (ART)

Practitioner Open House

Sunday, January 6, 2008

1:00-4:00pm

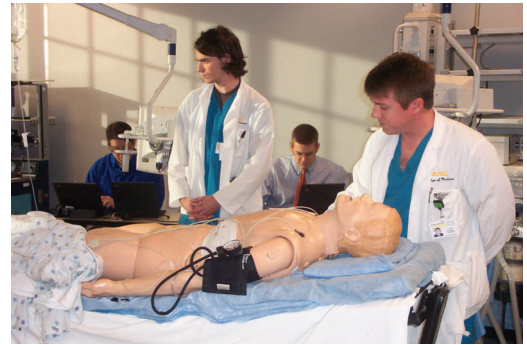
Come and see first hand our new facility

## MESSAGE FROM THE SIMULATOR LAB



Matt McEvoy, MD

Intern 101 will be a new course offered during the Spring 2008 semester to senior medical students at MUSC. The goal is to provide them with a rotation that can practically prepare them for being an intern. One of the major course offerings within that program will be "Intern 101: Approach to the Unstable Patient," which is a real-time human simulation course directed by Dr. Matt McEvoy. This course has been developed, implemented, and validated over the past 9 months. It is currently taught to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students on their Anesthesia Rotation. The course involves a web-based curriculum that is studied prior to the simulation sessions, a didactic review session, real-time simulation scenarios involving the assessment and treatment of unstable patients (ie. new onset atrial fibrillation, ventricular tachycardia, acute COPD exacerbation),



and video debriefing sessions.

At the end of the course, students can list, define, and diagnose common unstable and/or life-threatening cardiac, pulmonary, and neurologic states. Students are expected to explain the difference between different disease states and solve clinical scenarios involving unstable patients in an in-hospital/emergency room setting. Moreover, the student is expected to be competent at assessing the hemodynamic, respiratory, and neurologic status (physical exam) of the unstable patient and perform basic, life-saving skills, such as starting an intravenous line, performing basic airway management, and giving appropriate ACLS support.

Dr. McEvoy has developed this course under the mentorship of Dr. John Schaefer, Director of the MUSC Simulation Center and Professor of Anesthesiology at MUSC. This course will be offered in subsequent years in the new MUSC Simulation Center.

Dr. McEvoy will be presenting data from research generated in this course at the 2008 International Meeting on Simulation and Healthcare in January 2008.

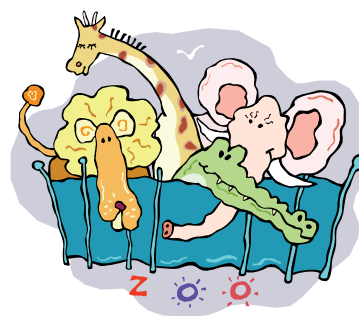
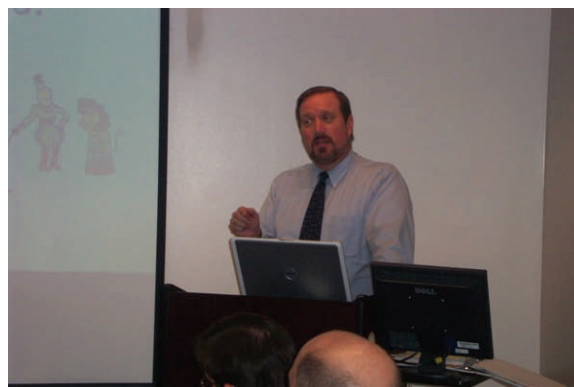


## IT'S A ZOO RETREAT

The Executive Committee has been very busy over the past two months with the finalization of the departmental organizational chart and leadership duties documents. The Executive Committee has also attended two retreats to expand our leadership skills. The first was the College of Medicine's Leadership Development Institute on Performance. This retreat occurred on December 7, 2007. The second retreat was lead by Dr. Randy Douglas of Workplace Peace and was entitled



*Office Zoo.* Held on December 13, 2007, this course was attended by the Executive Committee, chief CRNAs and our new residency coordinator. Substantial communication tools were described and will be incorporated into our communication "toolbox."



## FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

Please welcome Dr. Iain C. Sanderson, M.Sc, FRCA, to our Department. Dr. Sanderson has been recruited to MUSC as the Endowed Chair of Medical Informatics in the Center of Health Care Quality and also serves as the new Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) for the state-wide health sciences collaborative. Dr. Sanderson comes to us from Duke University, where he served in the Department of Anesthesiology for nearly 15 years. Once he has settled into his new role, you will be seeing him in the OR on a part-time basis. Dr. Sanderson is married and has three children. We look forward to working with Dr. Sanderson on such projects as PICIS.



Iain Sanderson, M.Sc

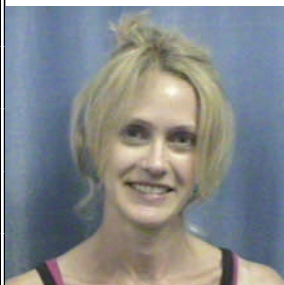
## ADMINISTRATIVE HIGHLIGHT

Regina has been with the Anesthesia Department for almost 9 years where she's had the pleasure of meeting and working with some very extraordinary people. During this time, she has assisted numerous doctors while being the scheduling guru. Regina is also preparing for her move to ART, and is looking forward to assisting the department in the new hospital. She is looking forward to heading back to school in January to increase her knowledge so that she can be a more productive member of the administrative staff. Regina has an 11 year old daughter that she enjoys nothing more than spending time with. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting and reading. We know that Regina will take great care of the departmental faculty moving to ART. She will miss all of her beloved faculty members in the University Hospital and at Rutledge Tower.



Regina Backman

## AMBULATORY ANESTHESIA NEWS



Jean Day, CRNA

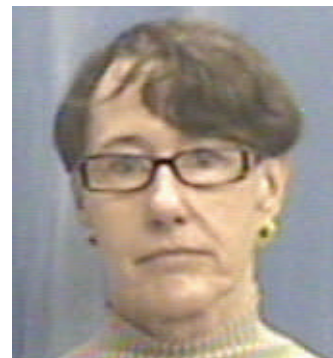
December has come and gone as fast as we can say it out loud! Rutledge Tower anesthesia is continuing to see change on the horizon. OR 8 is officially up and running and it is so roomy! Hard to believe this space once hosted the famous Friday feast lunches that we came to be known for! Construction has also commenced on PC 1 and PC 2, combining the space into one large new and improved area soon to be named OR 9. We hosted a final farewell to Linda Dancy in the Storm Eye Institute reception hall. It was a huge success and thank you to everyone who attended and made this event happen. We are sad to say that Evelyn Clark has officially retired as of the last week in December. Evelyn and her wonderful aura she always projected will be sorely missed. Rumor has it that she will be perfecting her garden and catching up on missed travel adventures. May everyone have a blessed and prosperous new year and may we all keep at least one of our new year resolutions!

-Jean Day

## Please Welcome

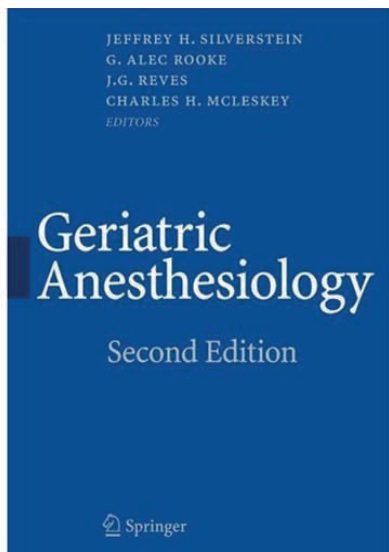


Christine Coe, CRNA



Michelle Rosecrans, CRNA

## PUBLICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT



Several members of the Department recently contributed to a new book. They are:

Editor J.G. Reves, MD  
 MUSC contributing authors:  
 James H. Abernathy III, MD  
 Gary R. Haynes, MD  
 Matthew D. McEvoy, MD  
 Tamas A. Szabo, MD  
 R. David Warters, MD



## TECHS CORNER

We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season! The end of 2007 brought success for the techs as Paul Dancy passed his A.S.A.T.T. certification and is our newest Certified Anesthesia Technician. Joy Mitchell and Brittany Hunyadi both passed their advanced cardiac life support classes. In 2008, we are continuing our efforts to have the entire staff as certified techs. When we succeed, we will be the first health care system to have a completely certified staff. We look forward to 2008 with the implementation of PICIS, a new hospital, and support for all. Thank you to all that have helped with our many successes. As always, "the techs are in your corner."

-Jim



Jim Braunsdorf

## MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE ANESTHETISTS

When Jodi Weber, asked me to write this article for the Sleepy Times, the first thing that I thought of was the character in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* who was given the gift of foresight via the ghost of Christmas yet to come. In that story, the future reflected Scrooge's current behaviors and attitudes. Fortunately, Scrooge was able to change and adapt, avoiding the looming darkness.

We, in the anesthesia department, have been given the same gift for the holidays this year. While we prepare for the impending changes, maintaining positive attitudes and behaving in proactive ways, our future becomes the antithesis of darkness.

These are just a few of the many tasks in the works...

- With the help of Brenda Dorman and Carl Kennedy, we will be bringing our Orientation Manual to the Anesthesia website
- Many of our staff members are actively participating in projects and committees which address the 2007 and 2008 National Patient Safety Goals

Leadership roles in education and organization are being filled by enthusiastic and energetic staff members

We are excited about the Christmas yet to come, because we know that it is within our power to make it another merry one. Bring it on 2008!



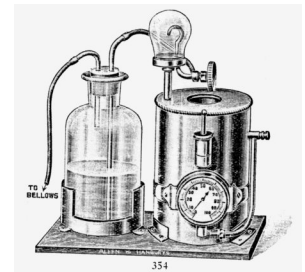
Laurie Uebelhoer, CRNA

## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

It is a pleasure to bring you multiple changes to our technology infrastructure. Changes to the intranet include a completely new format, as well as a completely new infrastructure. It is this foundation that will further our ability to grow and provide the information that is needed.

Please take some time to look around the new intranet site, and provide any feedback for future development. Other developments on the way include WebCT interactive learning applications and redundancy in our scheduling operations.

We look forward to discussing these exciting updates in the coming months as we grow and expand our services.



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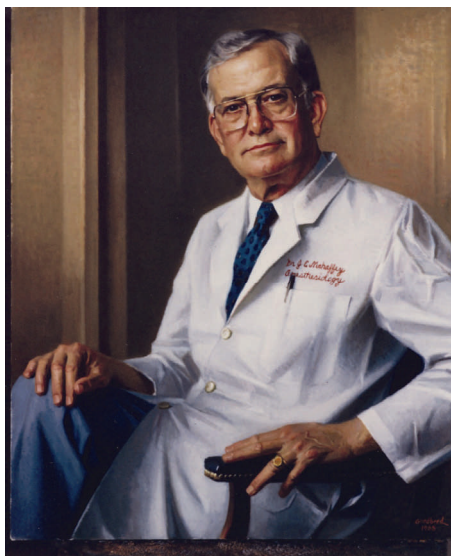
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### Future Events

Grand Rounds 01/08  
*(Interventional Cardiology)*  
 Education Committee 01/08 3:00pm  
 Grand Rounds 01/15  
*(M&M)*  
 Executive Committee 1/15 4:00pm  
 Grand Rounds 1/22  
*(OB Anesthesia-Oral Boards)*  
 Faculty Meeting 1/22 4:00pm  
 Grand Rounds 1/29  
*(Practice Management-Insurance)*  
 Research Committee 1/29 6:30am  
 Dean State of the College 1/29 5:00pm



John E. Mahaffey, M.D.



### Standards of Behavior

We, as part of MUSC, are committed to providing EXCELLENCE in patient care, teaching and research in an environment that is RESPECTFUL of others, ADAPTIVE to change, and ACCOUNTABLE for outcomes.

Individually, we pledge to practice these standards of behavior for the benefit of our colleagues and betterment of MUSC.

The following standard of behavior is important as a whole. This standard of behavior falls under EXCELLENCE, and is something that each of us should focus on to ensure that the Excellence program continues.



Please read the following as the identified standard.

"I will do my part to ensure that goals set forth by MUSC Excellence program are achieved."

## THE JOHN E. MAHAFFEY, M.D. ENDOWED CHAIR

The celebration banquet of Dr. Mahaffey's life and accomplishments has been finalized to occur on March 9, 2008 at the Old Exchange Building on Broad Street. Reservation forms will be available shortly. Many alumni and past faculty will be planning to attend and are carefully considering what they can contribute to push us over our goal of a million dollar endowment.

—Scott Reeves, MD, MBA

Established in 1949, the Medical University of South Carolina's Department of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine is today considered one of the most desirable and sought-after anesthesiology training programs in the country. Much of the department's reputation has come through the vision and leadership of John E. Mahaffey, M.D., its chairman for almost 35 years.

A 1954 graduate of the Medical College of South Carolina, Dr. Mahaffey returned to MUSC in 1958 as instructor of anesthesiology, and one year later was named acting chairman. In 1964 he was appointed professor and chairman of anesthesiology.

During his tenure as chairman, Dr. Mahaffey led the department through a period of growth, both in size and stature. In addition to expanding the anesthesiology program at MUSC, Dr. Mahaffey advanced the field through his service as the president of the South Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists and on the board of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, as well as several state and national committees of scientific and educational organizations.

In recognition of his contributions to the field of anesthesiology and to promote continued growth, MUSC and Dr. Mahaffey's colleagues would now like to recognize him with the highest award a university can bestow upon a faculty member: An endowed chair, named in his honor. Please visit [www.musc.edu/anesthesia](http://www.musc.edu/anesthesia) for more information