

# Q4 CHILDREN'S PERIOPERATIVE NEWSLETTER



## Hey, How are you?

A message from leadership



## Why are we here?

Why are we here? Do you ever ask yourself that question? We see patient after patient, day after day. We keep our heads down, get through the day, and go home. I have been guilty of that many times. But yesterday I walked by a family all arm in arm, crying and listening to a song about a soldier who had died. It was obvious that they had just lost a loved one.

I stopped and asked myself "Why was I here?" When you walk by the waiting rooms do you think about the families in there and wonder if you helped their loved one today, or worse, were unable to? Do you look at their faces and see their tears? Do you feel their pain? On good days you can see success, smiles, the tears of joy. On bad days, do you share their sadness?

Why are we here? It is not the university, or the dogwoods, or the stone walls, or the doctors, or the technology. It's not the shoes for our children or the food on our tables. We are here to offer hope. Hope for a cure, hope for a few more days with our loved ones, hope for a normal life. This hospital is as it was meant to be, the hospital for the people of North Carolina. A place of healing, a place for caring. It is the hospital with a soul.

Shared by Jasper Ruiz on behalf of his predecessor, Marshall Cox

With deepest gratitude:  
Your COR Leadership Team,  
Monica, Dr. Elton, and Dr. Pittenger



Brittany Payne Jan 3

Jessica Nadolski Dec 20

Stacey Ferguson Jan 4

Sarah Wilder Jan 20

Malleaka Miller Dec 14

Jennifer Johnson Feb 23

Walter Stevens Jan 26

Marie Julien Dec 11

Randall Parks Dec 29

Caitlyn Culbreth Jan 13



Kimberly Jones Dec 28

Brian Lunsford Feb 9

Allison Blum Feb 25

Shannon Bailey-Hill Feb 15

Erin Bennard Feb 6

Carlos Fernandez Jan 5

Casey Sawyer Dec 15

Cherry Basco Dec 24

Stacy Lambert Dec 10

Shirley Dominguez Garcia Dec 17

Hannah Bossen Jan 3

Joshua Wilhelmi Dec 22

Molly Benaim Jan 2

Heidy Rim Feb 5

Alexis Fearington Feb 1

Jennifer Johnson Dec 1

Carmen Cross Dec 26

Randall Parks Dec 29

Julia York Feb 15

Gabrielle Christos Feb 5

Elie-Andre Obas Feb 6

Patricia Osei-Asante Feb 21



Shannen Haviland Feb 5

Tiera Brown Dec 13

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Jodelyn Salazar Feb 12

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Miriam Ferraro Feb 6

Kayla Etheridge Jan 9





# Welcome & Congratulations



Please welcome  
Peggy P. McNaull, MD  
Dr. McNaull has been named UNC Health's  
next System Chief Medical and Quality  
Officer.



## Welcome

We welcome  
Dr. Frank Kern  
this December as a  
peds cardiac  
anesthesia faculty  
member!

## Congratulations

Dr. Priscilla  
DaSilva  
transitioned  
from the role of  
Fellow to  
Attending this  
October!



## Exciting changes to the peds anesthesia team



Dr. Adam Suchar - Interim Division Chief, Pediatric Anesthesia  
Dr. Sara Pittenger - Medical Director for Children's Anesthesia, UNC Medical  
Center and Vice Chair for Clinical Integration in the Department of  
Pediatrics  
Dr. Tracy Wester - taking over from Dr Chetta Lupa as the Pediatric  
Anesthesia Fellowship Program Director  
Dr. Chetta Lupa - elected to the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia Board of  
Directors



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# PERIOPERATIVE SPOTLIGHT



This quarter join us as we get to know Children's  
Perioperative Patient Services Manager III -  
Jasper Ruiz, PSMIII

**What have you found more helpful than you ever imagined it could be?**

I love my daughters, but my youngest helps me proofread my work. And she is very gracious when she corrects me. Her inheritance is secured !

**Who have you met only one time that left a huge impression on you?**

When I was training to be an ICU nurse, I met a patient who left a huge impression, and I realized I needed to go back to the OR. He was in his 50s and diagnosed with an aggressive form of Cancer. As he was telling his life story, as another human, I was drawn to the reality of death and dying. I realized that I could not do this regularly as a Nurse.

**If you could change the length of each day to make it perfect for you, how many hours would it be?**

More hours during the weekends, plus one day off in the middle of the week. The rest of the days are negotiable depending on what I am doing. I am not sure if it is perfect but it sounds awesome!

**Do you have any secret hobbies?**

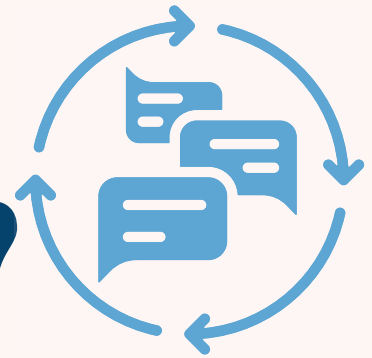
It is not a secret anymore... I love doing anything related to planting/gardening. Being an OR Nurse, I do not think it is right to say this, but I love my hands getting into the muck and dirt.

**What's your plan for surviving a zombie invasion?**

Near Costco for sustenance and near Bass Pro for defense.



# WHAT ARE OUR PATIENTS SAYING?



*“Everyone was amazing. I was especially thankful for the nurse Joel who helped after my son's procedure.”*

*“Our surgical visit was amazing. Dr. Vergun, the orthopedic surgeon supporting her, the anesthesiologist, the nurse anesthetist, nursing staff and recovery nurse at the pediatric surgery center were all great.”*

*“Well, what can I say the truth I am very grateful to all the staff because since they gave the appointment until the procedure was carried out they were always aware of my son thank god for having those people And this is the second experience that I have lived there and they are always very nice thank you for everything and always keep it up never change”*

*“The nurse in the recovery room was very kind and compassionate taking great care of my daughter.”*

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# CHILDREN'S PERIOPERATIVE FUN OVER THE MONTHS



Pictures from various  
Holiday and staff  
appreciation events  
teammates enjoyed  
throughout the  
Children's Hospital  
this fall.