**Tracy Baxter, MSN, CRNA**

Tracy Baxter is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist working at the University of Washington Medical Center since 2010.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

The patient comes first.

*Personal Interests*

Time with his family.

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**Erin Bazemore, MSN, CRNA**

Erin Bazemore has been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center since 2014. She provides care to all patients requiring anesthesia services, utilizing a variety of techniques. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Nursing at Seattle Pacific University before obtaining critical care experience in the Trauma ICU at Harborview Medical Center. She obtained her graduate degree at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

It is my priority to develop a trusting relationship with each patient and help alleviate anxiety. Together we will devise an anesthetic plan that will meet the goals of the patient while keeping them as safe as possible.

*Personal Interests*

Spending time with family, traveling, hiking, anything outdoors, and photography.

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**Melissa Bennett, MSN, CRNA**

Melissa Bennett earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington and her master’s degree in Anesthesia from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, where she graduated with high honors. She has been an anesthesia staff member at the University of Washington Medical Center since 2005.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

I believe in providing patients with the safest, most effective anesthetic possible. I respect the great responsibility of patient care and treat each patient as I would want myself or someone in my family to be treated.

*Personal Interests*

Power vinyasa yoga, ballet, and horseback riding.

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**Bethany Brasier, MSN, CRNA**

Bethany Harvey utilizes various anesthetic techniques to deliver safe anesthesia to all patients. She earned a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. She then joined the US Army and worked as an RN for over 4 years both stateside and overseas. Next, she worked as a Trauma ICU nurse at Harborview Medical Center. Bethany then went on to earn a master’s degree in Nurse Anesthesia from OHSU in Portland, Oregon.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

Bethany believes in the importance of a trusting and open relationship with her patients and family members regarding the anesthetic plan and ensures she answers all questions in order to alleviate fear and anxiety. She believes it is important to collaborate with the patient as much as possible and allow them the opportunity to make decisions regarding their experience.
**Personal Interests**
Cooking, reading, traveling, boating, and skiing.

**Brandon Brumage, MHS, CRNA**
Brandon Brumage graduated from Excela Health School of Anesthesia/St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA in 2015 with a Master in Health Science Degree. He then moved to Chicago where he worked at Northwestern Memorial Hospital for three years as a CRNA before moving to Seattle in 2019 and joining UWMC. Prior to his graduate education, Brandon received his bachelor's degree in Nursing from West Virginia University. He also has a bachelor’s degree in Advertising from West Virginia University.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
I strive to provide the highest quality care for patients and their families. I try to treat everyone as if they were my own family.

**Personal Interests**
Golfing, playing basketball, running, exploring the outdoors, and traveling.

**Nicole Brumage, MHS, CRNA**
Nicole Brumage graduated from Excela Health School of Anesthesia/St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania in 2015 with a Master in Heath Science Degree. Upon graduation, Nicole moved to Chicago where she worked at Northwestern Memorial Hospital for three years as a CRNA. In 2019, Nicole relocated to Seattle where she joined UWMC. Prior to her graduate education, Nicole received a bachelor’s degree in Nursing from West Virginia University.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
I strive to provide excellent patient care. Patient safety is of utmost importance to me.

**Personal Interests**
Hiking, running, traveling, and photography.

**Brian Buchanan, MSN, CRNA**
Brian Buchanan joined the University of Washington as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in 2005. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Kansas. He attended Rush University for his Anesthesia training where he earned his Master of Science in Nursing. He has been the Chief CRNA at the University of Washington since January 2014.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
My goal is to provide the safest and most effective anesthesia to meet the needs of the patient and surgeon. I strive for proficiency and serve as a patient advocate under all circumstances. My ultimate objective is to see that each patient is treated like a family member.

**Personal Interests**
Family adventures, hiking, camping, fishing, and endurance events.

**Katherine Buchanan, MSN, CRNA**
Katherine Buchanan is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center whose clinical interests include neuroanesthesia.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
Caring for patients is a team approach. My goal is to use my training in anesthesia and my background in critical care nursing to provide safe and comforting care to surgical patients.

**Personal Interests**
Family adventures, exploring the outdoors, camping, and cooking.
**Callie Bush, MSN, CRNA**

Callie Bush is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at University of Washington Medical Center. She graduated from Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia in Nashville in 2018 and is excited to begin her career at such an incredible facility.  

**Patient Care Philosophy**

Callie believes in providing patient care that is high quality, evidence-based, and safe. She advocates for her patient’s best interests and is truly honored to make a career out of caring for others each day.  

**Personal Interests**

Callie enjoys running, hiking, skiing, reading, watching Auburn football, traveling, and spending time with her husband and pets.

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**Katherine Clark, MSN, CRNA**

Katherine Clark is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center, Harborview, and SCCA. Clark strives for patient satisfaction through safe anesthesia care. She received her anesthesia education at Texas Wesleyan University.

**Patient Care Philosophy**

What excites her is to make patients’ experiences as comfortable as possible. By using best practices and research, she is able to improve on current practices to ensure a high quality experience.  

**Personal Interests**

In her free time Clark enjoys SoulCycle, Orange Theory, bicycling, hiking and playing with her daughter.

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**Devon Connor, MSN, CRNA**

Devon Connor joined the University of Washington Medical Center Anesthesia Services in 2016. He earned his undergraduate degree from the Florida State University in 2003. He completed his anesthesia training and received a Master in Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh School of Anesthesia in 2010.

**Patient Care Philosophy**

Provide safe, vigilant anesthetic care to each patient.

**Personal Interests**

New experiences, family, and friends

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**Lang Conteh, MSN, CRNA**

Lang Conteh has been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center since July 2014. Lang completed his Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Washington in 2008. He then worked as a Registered Nurse in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at the Seattle VA Puget Sound Health Care System for 3 years. Lang moved to Pittsburgh where he completed his anesthesia training and earned his Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia at the University of Pittsburgh in 2014. After, he came back to Seattle and joined the University of Washington Medical Center Anesthesia Department.

**Patient Care Philosophy**

Having surgery can be stressful for many patients. My role as an anesthesia provider is to make the surgical experience less stressful for the patients and their families by providing a high standard, safe, and individualized patient centered care through various anesthesia techniques.  

**Personal Interests**

Running, spending time with family and friends, and volunteering for organizations that provide care to people in underserved areas (such as rural, remote, and the forgotten places of the world).
Michele Dostal, MSN, CRNA
Michele moved to Seattle from Chicago in 2008 and has been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at University of Washington Medical Center since then. She earned her Master Degree in Nursing, specializing in anesthesia from Rush University in Chicago in 2003. Her prior experience includes working at Northwestern Memorial Hospital as a Nurse Anesthetist from 2003-2008 and in the Medical Intensive Care Unit from 1999-2003.

Patient Care Philosophy
I treat my patients as if they were my own family member. I feel most satisfied when I see my patients resting comfortably after their surgery. I love what I do for a living, and I believe it shows in the way that I care for my patients.

Personal Interests
Hiking, skiing, running, cooking, eating out at new restaurants, and spending time with my 2 sons.

Frida Fenger, DNP, CRNA
Frida Fenger earned her Bachelor Degree in Nursing from Walla Walla University and worked in the ICU, ER, and Neonatal ICU for 3 years. She then pursued her anesthesia training at Florida International University where she graduated with a Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2017.

Patient Care Philosophy
Each patient deserves to be provided with the highest level of safe and effective care while maintaining open compassionate communication.

Personal Interests
Spending time with family and friends, exploring new cities, and anything outdoors.

Allison Flexner, MSN, CRNA
Allison Flexner has been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist since 2006. She came to the University at Washington Medical Center in 2010 after working at several hospitals on the east coast including Roswell Park Cancer Institute and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Allison earned her Bachelor Degree in Nursing as well as her Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia at the University at Buffalo.

Patient Care Philosophy
As a nurse anesthetist and someone who has personally lost close friends and family to cancer, I take a special interest in caring for those with cancer. My goal is to make every patient I care for feel safe and comfortable before, during and after their procedure.

Personal Interests
Running, hiking, and spending time with my family.

Kimberly Giltner, MSN, CRNA
Kimberly graduated with her Bachelor Degree in Nursing in 2007 and worked in the following Intensive Care Units as a nurse: surgical, medical, cardiac, and trauma. She received her Master Degree in Biology/Anesthesia in 2014 from Central Connecticut State University. After, Kimberly worked in Portland, OR as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for over 3 years before coming to the University of Washington Medical Center in 2018.

Patient Care Philosophy
Surgery can be a stressful experience. I want my patients to feel comfortable, safe, and included. I strive to provide vigilant and comprehensive care that is tailored to each individual and their needs.

Personal Interests
Hiking, backpacking, kayaking, travel, and searching for the ultimate homemade mac & cheese recipe.
**Yuan Goodis, MSN, CRNA**

Yuan Goodis is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist who provides a variety of anesthesia services at the University of Washington Medical Center. She completed her Master of Nursing Science specializing in Nurse Anesthesia at Villanova University. She worked as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at York Hospital in Pennsylvania for 3 years before joining the anesthesia department at the University of Washington Medical Center. She is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

**Patient Care Philosophy**

My goal is to always provide the safest anesthesia possible with a patient-centered approach.

**Personal Interests**

Gardening, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

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**Josh Hall, MSN, CRNA**

Josh Hall received his master’s degree from the university of South Florida in Tampa in 2018. Prior to entering school, Josh worked as an RN in the trauma/neurosurgical ICU at Tampa General Hospital. He joined the anesthesia team at UW Medical Center in 2019.

**Patient Care Philosophy**

I strive to provide safe, effective, and evidence-based anesthesia that is tailored to each patient and their specific needs.

**Personal Interests**

I enjoy anything outdoors especially hiking with my dogs and snowboarding.

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**Jared Hughes, MSN, CRNA**

Jared Hughes came to the University of Washington Medical Center as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in 2016. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2000 from the Medical College of Georgia and worked as an RN before pursing anesthesia. He received his anesthesia training from Florida Gulf Coast University where he graduated with his Master of Science in Nursing in 2006. He worked as a CRNA in Asheville, North Carolina for 9 years before moving to Seattle and joining the UWMC team.

**Patient Care Philosophy**

To provide safe care and remain vigilant at all times.

**Personal Interests**

Traveling, exploring new cities, trying new restaurants, and hiking with his dog.

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**Bree Jones, MSN, CRNA**

Bree Jones joined the University of Washington Medical Center as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in 2016. She began her career as a Registered Nurse gaining experience through many hospitals across the country. She worked at Northwestern Medical Center in Chicago, Christ Advocate Hospital in Chicago, St. Anthony’s Hospital in Denver, University of Colorado Hospital, and worked as a flight nurse for Flight For Life Colorado. She received her anesthesia training from Southern Illinois University.

**Patient Care Philosophy**

I believe that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness, compassion, and respect. I strive to develop a relationship with my patients and work hard to earn their trust. I chose to practice at University of Washington Medical Center because I value working in collaboration with other healthcare professionals to provide safe, high quality, patient-centered care.

**Personal Interests**

Traveling, music, spending quality time with family and friends, and exploring the great outdoors.
**Thanh Kato, MSN, CRNA**

Thanh Kato joined UWMc in 2015 after graduating from Gonzaga University’s CRNA program. She grew up in Portland and moved to Seattle in 2009. Thanh worked in a Cardiac ICU prior to becoming a CRNA.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

Provide care as you would like to receive it.

*Personal Interest*

Music, baking, camping, and spending time with family.

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**Nitya Kaushik, MSN, CRNA**

Nitya Kaushik graduated with a master’s degree in Nurse Anesthesia from Texas Wesleyan University in 2013. She started at the University of Washington Medical Center in 2014 as a CRNA. Prior to pursuing a graduate degree, she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in biology with a research emphasis on Sick Cell Anemia. She then earned a bachelor’s degree in Nursing from Texas Woman’s University.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

I provide my patients and their families the highest degree of compassion, dignity, and respect. I provide excellent quality anesthesia that is safe and state of the art. I use nationally recognized best practice methods that emphasize patient comfort, healing, pain control, prevention of nausea/vomiting, and early discharge. I strive to uphold the highest level of professional and ethical standards. Every patient requiring an anesthetic has different physiologic and pharmacologic needs and I work with the patient and their surgeons to ensure these needs are met.

*Personal Interests*

I love enjoying my free time with my family, hiking with my dogs, traveling, cooking, and volunteering. I am very eager to learn about new cultures.

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**Lance Kennedy, DNP, CRNA**

Lance Kennedy moved to Seattle and began his career with the University of Washington Medical Center in May 2016. He is a professional with diverse professional and life experience. After nearly a decade falling from tall buildings as a professional stuntman, he began his nursing career in Mississippi in 2009. After having served as a Cardiac Care Charge Nurse, he began his anesthesia training at the University of Southern Mississippi where he graduated with his Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2015.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

Life is unpredictable and full of a myriad of emotions, especially when surgical intervention is necessary. It is my deepest desire to offer exceptional and personalized care to patients and to truly treat them as I would want myself and loved ones treated in their most vulnerable moments.

*Personal Interests*

Anything outdoors, camping, hiking, kayaking, snowboarding, volunteering at his local church, and spending time with his wife and son.

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**Jennifer Koukoumidis, MSN, CRNA**

Jennifer Koukoumidis has been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center since 2009. She earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of Utah Nursing School. She than worked in a Cardiothoracic ICU for 3 years before earning her graduate degree from the University of Southern California. Jennifer provides anesthetics to patients for a wide variety of surgical procedures.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

I enjoy being able to make my patients comfortable and decrease their pain during a stressful time in their life.

*Personal Interests*

Traveling, cooking, reading, and spending time with family and friends.
Daniel Langille, MSN, CRNA
Daniel Langille provides all facets of anesthesia care to the University of Washington Medical Center's diverse patient population. He earned his Master of Science in Nursing degree in 2005 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Wake Forest University. He has been a member of the University of Washington Medical Center department of anesthesia since 2005.

Patient Care Philosophy
I enjoy providing anesthesia to our complex patient population. It can be very challenging and rewarding to see these patients return to their everyday life.

Personal Interests
Spending time with my family, camping, and playing hockey.

Quynh Le, MSN, CRNA
Quynh Le has been a Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center since 2010. Quynh earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Washington. She then completed her Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia Degree from Oregon Health & Science University.

Patient Care Philosophy
My goal is to deliver the best anesthetic care tailored to the specific needs of each patient.

Personal Interests
Hiking, bicycling, gardening, cooking, and traveling.

Kevin Ligad, MS, CRNA
Kevin Ligad is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center. He received his undergraduate BSN training at the University of Central Florida in 2011 and worked 5 years as an RN in Level 1 Trauma Critical Care at Orlando Regional Medical Center. In 2019, he earned his Master of Science in Anesthesiology degree from Barry University in Florida and joined the UW Anesthesia team.

Patient Care Philosophy
To cater each anesthetic care plan to individual patient needs and conditions, while maintaining patient autonomy, respect, and well-being.

Personal Interests
Kevin enjoys spending time with his partner and dog, traveling, exploring the outdoors/water, dining, reading fiction novels, live music/shows, and staying active.

Elisabeth Markus, MSN, CRNA
Elisabeth Markus earned her bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of California at Berkeley and then completed an undergraduate nursing program before obtaining her critical care experience in a Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit. After, she obtained a Master of Science in Nursing from Samuel Merritt University in 2016.

Patient Care Philosophy
I believe that my anesthetic approach to each patient should be tailored to that patient as a complex individual. I am thrilled to provide my patients with a listening ear, a thoughtful and safe anesthetic plan, and an educated understanding of the care I will provide. I strive to treat my patients as I would my own family.

Personal Interests
Camping, adventure travel, hiking, and spending time with family and dog.
Emily Matheson, DNP, CRNA
Emily Matheson began working at the University of Washington Medical Center as a Registered Nurse in the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit in 2010 after completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Georgetown University. In 2017, she received her Doctor of Nursing Practice at Rush University in Chicago and became a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. She rejoined the team at UWMC in 2018. She takes care of a variety of patients during all types of surgery.

Patient Care Philosophy
Provide the highest quality of care to patients as safely as possible, while respecting the patient’s desires and individual needs.

Personal Interests
Yoga, traveling, cooking, and eating.

David McCann, MSN, CRNA
David McCann is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist who joined the anesthesia team at the University of Washington Medical Center in 2016. He graduated from Case Western Reserve/Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 2000 with a Master of Science in Nursing. Over the past 16 years, he has worked in all practice settings including large metropolitan hospitals and small, rural hospitals. He spent approximately 12 years as an independent practitioner at a CRNA only practice in a rural hospital setting. Throughout his career as a CRNA, he has worked as an independent contractor as well covering all types of practices and hospitals throughout Ohio. Prior to becoming a CRNA, he worked as critical care float in the Cleveland, Ohio metropolitan area. Additionally, David serves as an active member of the US Army Reserves and served in Afghanistan in 2003.

Personal Interests
Family, motorcycle riding, scuba diving, fishing, and hunting.

Christine McGrann, MSN, CRNA
Ms. McGrann is proud to have been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist practicing at the University of Washington Medical Center since 2012. She provides anesthesia for challenging patient populations undergoing a wide variety of surgical interventions, caring for the patient throughout the perioperative process and ensuring comfort and satisfaction.

Patient Care Philosophy
I value helping people through a stressful event in their life, such as surgery or a procedure, by providing a listening ear, education on all aspects of anesthesia, support to family, and most importantly, delivering safe, competent and individualized care while under my watchful eye.

Personal Interests
Beekeeping, gardening, and spending time with my nieces and nephew.

David Morris, MSN, CRNA
David Morris joined the University of Washington Medical Center as a CRNA in August of 2015. David went to Purdue University and attained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1998. Upon relocation to Seattle, he took a job as a nurse on SNE at the University of Washington Medical Center. David then went to Harborview Medical Center to work in the Trauma ICU. In 2006 David relocated to Pittsburgh to attend the Nurse Anesthesia program at the University of Pittsburgh. Upon graduation he resettled back in Seattle while working as a CRNA at Providence Hospital in Everett.

Patient Care Philosophy
Treating the whole patient is key to every successful anesthetic. Treating both the physical and emotional well-being of each individual while keeping constant vigilance is what I strive for with each anesthetic I provide.

Personal Interests
When not working, David is busy helping raise his two kids: Guthrie and Hattie.
Trang Nguyen, MSN, CRNA
Trang Nguyen obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Washington State University in 2009. She worked as a Registered Nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma for 2 years then in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at the Seattle VA Puget Sound Health Care System for over 4 years. She moved to Arizona to pursue her Master of Nurse Anesthesia Degree from Midwestern University and graduated in 2018. She came back to Seattle and joined the University of Washington Anesthesia Department as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in 2018.

Patient Care Philosophy
My goal is to provide the safest and most effective anesthesia based on each patient's specific needs.

Personal Interests
Spending time with family, eating, hiking, and traveling.

Judy Pham, MSN, CRNA
Judy Pham joined the University of Washington Medical Center Anesthesia Services in 2015. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas in 2008. She worked in the Texas Medical Center before pursuing a career in anesthesia. She completed her anesthesia training and received a master's degree in Nursing from Florida International University in 2014.

Patient Care Philosophy
Providing safe and effective patient care.

Personal Interests
Philanthropy, being active, traveling, and exploring different cultures.

James Pillard, MSN, CRNA
James Pillard is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center. He graduated with his bachelor’s degree in Nursing from Oregon Health & Science University in 2012 and worked there in the CVICU. James obtained his master’s degree in Anesthesia from the Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia/California State University, Fullerton in 2017. He then went on to practice in Memphis, TN before relocating back to the Pacific Northwest.

Patient Care Philosophy
James enjoys teaching and caring for the diverse patient populations at UWMC. He believes all patients should be treated with the utmost respect and emphasizes patient autonomy. He strives to provide the highest and safest level of care to his patients and wants them all to feel as if they are family.

Personal Interests
In his free time James can be found cycling, hiking, and exploring everything the Pacific Northwest has to offer with his wife and dog.

Jeudiel Puente, MSN, CRNA
Mr. Puente has been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center since 2004. Mr. Puente earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Loma Linda University in 1996. He received his Master of Science in Nursing from Cal State Fullerton in conjunction with Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia in 2001. He started his career at Fontana Kaiser Permanente.

Patient Care Philosophy
I enjoy easing the anxiety and worry of patients through interpersonal care. I am the patient’s strongest advocate after the patient is under anesthesia. I use my experience and research to choose the best sequence of medications and assessments to optimize the perioperative experience. What excites me is to hear from my patients, “When are we going to start?” after the procedure is completed. This tells me that their anxiety has been lessened and they are safely on the road to recovery.

Personal Interests
Outdoor activities, cooking with two daughters and wife, racquetball, and golf.
**Liana Richey, MSN, CRNA**
Liana Richey joined UW Anesthesia Services in 2014. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington in 2005. She completed her anesthesia training and received a Master Degree in Nursing from California State University Fullerton/Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia in 2014.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
Providing safe, vigilant anesthetic care to each patient.

**Personal Interests**
Spending time with her husband and son, cooking, exploring the Pacific Northwest, running, enjoying friends and family, and supporting all things Husky.

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**Amber Ross, MSN, CRNA**
Amber Ross has been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the UW Medical Center since 2006. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Seattle Pacific University and her master’s degree from Old Dominion University in 2005.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
I love the team approach to care practiced at UWMC and feel privileged to be part of this institution. I strive to provide patient-centered care while administering safe, effective anesthesia.

**Personal Interests**
Family, faith, travel, and spending time outdoors.

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**Alyse Ruark, MSN, CRNA**
Alyse received her undergraduate nursing degree from Duquesne University. After, she worked in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Allegheny General Hospital before receiving her graduate degree. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with her Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia in 2018.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
I treat each patient the way I would want my family to be cared for.

**Personal Interests**
Traveling, hiking, backpacking, cooking, and reading.

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**Sarah Ryan, MSN, CRNA**
Sarah Ryan is a native of Vancouver, Washington who graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2018 with her Master of Science in Nursing with an Anesthesia focus.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
She strives to provide high quality, compassionate, patient-centered care with every anesthetic.

**Personal Interests**
Sarah enjoys running, hiking, and exploring Seattle's food scene in her spare time.

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**Shen Shen, DNP-A, CRNA**
Shen Shen started at the University of Washington Medical Center in 2018. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2008 and earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice in Anesthesia at Texas Christian University in 2014.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
My goal is to provide safe and effective anesthesia to fit the individual needs of each patient. I strive to advocate for my patients to the best of my abilities while they are anesthetized. I treat my patients with respect and how I would like my loved ones to be treated.

**Personal Interests**
Spending time with family and friends, traveling, hiking, baking, and trying new restaurants.
**Renee Sliker, MSN, CRNA**

Renee Sliker earned a Master of Science in Anesthesia from the University of Michigan in 2007 and practiced at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago for 5 years prior to coming to the University of Washington Medical Center in 2012.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
I strive to provide safe, individualized, evidence-based anesthesia and believe all patients deserve to be treated with compassion.

**Personal Interests**
Swimming, hiking, traveling, and spending time with family.

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**Elizabeth Stanton, MSN, CRNA**

Elizabeth (Libby) Stanton earned her bachelor’s degree in Nursing at the University of Michigan. Upon graduation she was Commissioned in the US Navy, and completed Critical Care Nursing tours in San Diego, Guam, and Afghanistan. She exited the Navy as a Lieutenant and obtained her graduate degree at Duke University.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
To care for all patients as if they are family.

**Personal Interests**
Hiking and backpacking, live music, travel, and cooking.

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**Marie Stiefvater, DNAP, CRNA**

Marie earned her Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice from Gonzaga University and relocated to the beautiful city of Seattle. She is originally from Portland, Oregon where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Portland and worked in a Cardiac ICU before becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
Marie believes that each of her patients deserves the most up-to-date medical care available that is tailored to the individual's specific needs. She also strives to offer her patients an anesthetic plan that optimizes comfort with non-opioid adjuncts in addition to traditional pain management options.

**Personal Interests**
In her free time, Marie enjoys most outdoor activities including hiking, camping, paddle boarding, and spending time with friends and family.

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**Michael Superfisky, MSN, CRNA**

Michael Superfisky obtained his master's degree in Anesthesia from Michigan State University (Go Green!), where he also holds bachelor’s degrees in Nursing and Human Biology. Michael is thrilled to have the opportunity to practice as a CRNA where he began his career as an RN back in 2007. Before returning to the Midwest for anesthesia school, Michael worked in Cardiothoracic ICUs at UWMC and UCLA.

**Patient Care Philosophy**
To strive to provide the safest and most effective care that is appropriate for each and every patient at UWMC.

**Personal Interests**
Bicycle touring, backpacking, skiing, traveling, listening to music, and reading.
**Thomas Swenson, MSN, CRNA**

Thomas Swenson worked at the University of Washington Medical Center as an ICU nurse before beginning his graduate studies in Anesthesia at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. Thomas considers himself fortunate to return as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Thomas has been a professional anesthesia staff member at the University of Washington Medical Center since March 2016. His clinical interests include multimodal opioid-sparing analgesia and regional anesthesia.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

Thomas is passionate about providing excellent patient care and believes communication and collaboration between the anesthesia team, surgical team, and patient are integral components to every anesthetic case.

*Personal Interests*

Spending time with family and friends, traveling, and being outdoors.

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**David Terrault, MS, CRNA**

Before receiving his Master of Science at Mount Marty College, David Terrault was an ICU nurse for 5 years in Reno, Nevada.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

Treat every patient like I would want my family member treated.

*Personal Interests*

Hiking and reading.

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**Jovan Trent, DNP, CRNA**

Jovan Trent started his nursing career in the Cardiac Critical Care Unit at the University of Washington Medical Center. Later, he attended Virginia Commonwealth University where he received a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia and eventually his doctorate. Jovan has a passion for obstetrics, pediatrics, and regional anesthesia.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

Every patient deserves the highest quality care possible.

*Personal Interests*

In his free time he enjoys hiking, skiing, karaoke, and trivia.

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**Jeff Vavra, MSN, CRNA**

Jeff Vavra received his bachelor's degree from Seattle University in 1985. He then earned his master's degree in Anesthesia from the University of Missouri in 1991. He worked at Valley Medical Center from 1991-1996 and worked in private practice from 1996-2015. He has been a part of the anesthesia team at the University of Washington Medical Center since 2015.

*Patient Care Philosophy*

I believe every patient deserves the highest quality care possible.

*Personal Interests*

Hiking and golf.
**Dorota Ward, MSN, CRNA**
Dorota Ward graduated from Columbia University in New York with a master’s degree in Anesthesia in 2005. She received clinical training at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and from Columbia University Medical Center. Dorota Ward joined the Department of Anesthesiology at University of Washington Medical Center in 2005. She practices all aspects of anesthesia for a wide variety of surgical cases.  
*Patient Care Philosophy*
My goal is to provide safe, compassionate and high quality anesthesia care that is tailored to each patient’s needs.  
*Personal Interests*
Spending family time with my husband and three children, travel, swimming, diving and hiking.

**John Wiederspan, DNP, CRNA**
John Wiederspan graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in Nursing from Augustana College in 2006. He then went on to receive his anesthesia training at University of Minnesota, graduating with a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia. He has been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Washington Medical Center since 2016.  
*Patient Care Philosophy*
To provide high quality and safe anesthesia care to all persons. Treat others the way one would like to be treated.  
*Personal Interests*
Exploring the outdoors via skis, hiking, and backpacking.

**Gail Wiener, MSN, CRNA**
Ms. Wiener has clinical interests in all types of procedures, including bariatric anesthesia and anesthesia for general surgery, with an emphasis on physiology and acid base balance in these cases.  
*Patient Care Philosophy*
The patient is the center of focus.  
*Personal Interests*
Volunteering for nonprofits, Big Sisters organization, aerobics, theater, and travel.