
DAVID CARLBOM, MD



Dr. Carlbom is an Associate Professor of Medicine, Pulmonary Critical Care & Sleep Medicine at Harborview Medical Center within University of Washington. He is actively involved in leadership and teaching activities at the local, regional, and international level. He is a major resource for sepsis resuscitation and pre-ICU critical care expertise at UW Medicine. He lectures extensively to multiple different professionals and works systematically to identify and initiate rapid treatment of critically ill sepsis patients. Regionally, Dr. Carlbom participates in special programs to improve the care of critically ill patients, teaches at multiple venues and serves as a referral source for both questions and patient referrals regarding sepsis. His bias is “good people trying hard, of any educational level, can take great care of critically ill patients if they work as a team, communicate, and have compassion for humans.”

Dr. Carlbom has been the Conference Chair and Master of Ceremonies of the UW Medicine Sepsis Conference since its induction in 2012 and has hosted 7 progressively larger events since then. By leveraging relationships he built while teaching and working clinically, he recruited planning committee members throughout the WAMMI region, and grew the conference to its current state, the Pacific Northwest Sepsis Conference. In 2019 the conference hosted an international audience of more than 400 attendees and speakers in a two-day in-person event.



CATHERINE BENI, MD, PHD

Dr. Beni is a research fellow in T32 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Trauma and Burns under the guidance of Dr. Grant O'Keefe, MD, Professor in the Division of Trauma, Burn, and Critical Care Surgery at HMC. She is currently a General Surgery resident at the University of Washington. Dr. Beni has a unique background, having received her PhD in Applied Mathematics from Caltech prior to attending medical school at UCLA. Her research is focused on improving the precision of trauma resuscitation by using mathematical modeling to create intelligent decision-making tools and feedback-control algorithms for fluid resuscitation. She is also working on novel methods for the evaluation of volume status in critically ill patients. She ultimately intends to pursue a fellowship in trauma and critical care upon completion of residency.

ELIZABETH BRIDGES, PHD, RN, CCNS, FCCM, FAAN

Dr. Elizabeth Bridges is a professor of Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Informatics at University of Washington School of Nursing in Seattle and a clinical nurse researcher at University of Washington Medical Center. She has over 35 years of experience in critical care and is a retired colonel of the United States Air Force Nurse Corps. Her professional research focuses on the care of patients during long-distance military aeromedical evacuation and the integration of hemodynamics into the care of critically ill patients. She has published on various topics related to sepsis including qSOFA and noninvasive assessment of perfusion. Dr. Bridges is well known for her presentations on the integration of evidence into practice that includes multiple topics related to sepsis.





PETER G. BRINDLEY MD, FRCPC (CANADA), FRCP (LOND), FRCP (EDIN)

Dr. Brindley is a full-time Critical Care Doc at the University of Alberta Hospital who suspects nobody cares what is written in bios. Somehow, he became a Professor of Critical Care Medicine, Anesthesiology, and Medical Ethics, and has his name associated with over 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 25 book chapters, and 70 other articles, including regular (rather self-congratulatory) BMJ opinion pieces, and even a published poem. He has written one more book than he has read. Has bored the pants off audiences in 12 countries during approximately 500 invited presentations and 10 named lectures. He is convinced that happiness is about finding meaning and showing gratitude- he occasionally succeeds.

KYLE DANIELSON, MPH, MN, ARNP

Kyle Danielson is a flight nurse at Airlift Northwest who specializes in adult critical care and a primary care nurse practitioner at the University of Washington. Mr. Danielson has academic interests in the areas of resuscitation science and health systems research. He graduated from the University of Toronto where he completed the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Program and the Collaborative Program in Resuscitation Sciences. Prior to this he earned a Master of Public Health degree at Simon Fraser University.





LAURA EVANS, MD, MS

Dr. Evans is an associate professor of medicine at the University of Washington and the Medical Director of Critical Care at the University of Washington Medical Center. Her interests focus on patient safety and quality improvement, particularly sepsis as well as preparedness for high consequence infectious diseases.

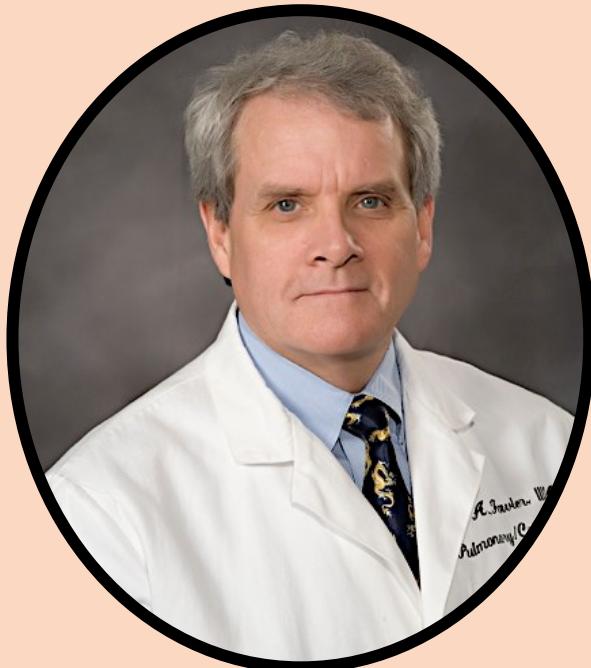
Dr. Evans earned her medical degree at the University of Michigan and did her residency in internal medicine at Columbia University. She completed pulmonary and critical care medicine fellowship training and earned a Master of Science in epidemiology at the University of Washington. She then joined the faculty of NYU and Bellevue Hospital in 2006. In her role there, she led the evacuation of the Bellevue Hospital intensive care units in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and was the clinical lead for New York City's only patient with Ebola. After 14 years in NYC, she returned to Seattle in 2019.

She joined the steering committee of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign in 2012 and is the current Surviving Sepsis Campaign guidelines co-chair. She also serves on the Council of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

REID WD FARRIS, MD MS

Dr. Reid Farris is an associate professor of pediatric critical care in the University of Washington Department of Pediatrics. He splits his clinical time between Seattle Children's and Harborview Medical Center. His academic interests in pediatric sepsis span the continuum of care and include: the regional delivery of high quality pediatric care in settings without pediatric intensivists, establishing and adhering to evidence based approaches to sepsis management in the ICU, and maximizing functional outcomes of pediatric sepsis survivors after their ICU admission.





ALPHA A. "BERRY" FOWLER, MD

Dr. Fowler is the William T. Thompson Professor of Medicine and the Chairman, Division of Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. He completed his training at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, the Medical College of Virginia, and the Virginia Commonwealth University.

His research interests include mechanisms of vascular inflammation and their impact on acute lung injury. He is the lead researcher on the CITRIS-ALI Randomized Clinical trial to examine the effect of Vitamin C in sepsis.

Dr. Fowler is also a gifted teacher who has won over 20 teaching awards and continues to train physicians in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Disease, and Critical Care Medicine.

RICK JANIK, BSN RN CEN CFRN

Rick is a registered nurse with nearly 25 years' experience caring for patients both at the bedside and during transport. His background includes work in a variety of emergency departments and almost 20 years as a critical care transport nurse for both a university-based and his current flight program, Lifemed Alaska in Juneau. He takes sepsis personally after sepsis contributed to the death of family members. His interests include resuscitation, rural medicine, and bridging gaps to ensure quaternary level care can be delivered even in the most remote setting. He is passionate about teaching excellence in patient care, and has presented for local, regional, state, and national conferences. Outside work, he can be found enjoying the water and mountains of Alaska with his wife and dog.





NICOLAS JOHNSON, MD

Dr. Nick Johnson is an emergency physician and intensivist. He received his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco and completed residency and chief residency in emergency medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He then completed fellowship in Critical Care Medicine at the University of Washington. He cares for patients in the emergency department and intensive care units at Harborview Medical Center.

Dr. Johnson studies cardiac arrest and early critical illness. He participates in trials examining the early treatment of ARDS and sepsis. He receives funding from the National Institutes of Health and Medic One Foundation. Additionally, he serves as the Associate Program Director for the Critical Care Medicine Fellowship, and has received numerous teaching awards.

KATHY LOFY, MD

Dr. Lofy has served as the State Health Officer and Chief Science Officer for the Washington State Department of Health since 2014 and has worked in the field of public health for almost 20 years. As the State Health Officer, her role includes providing medical and scientific guidance to the secretary of health and agency programs on a broad range of health issues including communicable disease control, chronic disease and injury prevention, emergency preparedness and environmental health threats. She currently chairs the agency's Vaccine Advisory Committee, co-leads the statewide Opioid Response Work Group and represents the department on the State Board of Health.





JOHN B. LYNCH, MD, MPH

Dr. John Lynch is an associate professor of Medicine in the Division of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is based at Harborview Medical Center, a Level-1 trauma and burn hospital serving the northwestern United States, and is the Medical Director of the hospital's Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) and Employee Health Programs. Dr. Lynch is also a co-director of the UW Tele-Antimicrobial Stewardship ECHO Program (UW TASP) which serves as a tele-mentoring and education program for critical access, rural and community hospitals throughout Washington State, Idaho, Oregon and Utah.

Dr. Lynch is active in teaching and training across the US and works closely with local departments of health and hospital associations on IPC, AS and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) activities. He also works with the UW International Training & Education Center for Health (I-TECH) on capacity building and assessment of infection prevention & control programs, antimicrobial stewardship and AMR in Kenya.

CAMERON MUIR, RN, CCRN

Cameron has worked as an acute care and critical care nurse for almost 20 years at the University of Washington Medical Center's Northwest Campus. He originally planned to pursue a career as a high school teacher so he completed a Bachelor's Degree in English but after working at a hospital one summer, he decided to go back to school to become a nurse. He has worked on the Special Care/Telemetry Unit and then as a Clinical Coordinator on the Medical Unit. He is currently working in the ICU, doing what he loves the most which is spending his days at the bedside working with critically ill patients.





MATTHEW NIEDNER, MD

Dr. Matthew Niedner received his medical degree at the University of Chicago, completed residency at UCSD, and finished a critical care fellowship at the San Diego Naval Medical Center and Rady Children's Hospital. He has been boarded in pediatrics, internal medicine, pediatric critical care, and hospice and palliative medicine. Dr. Niedner has been the longstanding Director of Quality and Safety in the PICU at Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan. His academic interests focus on operationalizing principles of healthcare quality and safety, and he has helped lead numerous multicenter QI collaborations, including the Children's Hospital Association's Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes (IPSO) collaboration among 50+ hospitals working to optimize care for children with sepsis in four service lines.

ITHAN D. PELTAN, MD, MSC

Dr. Peltan is an attending physician in the Intermountain Medical Center Shock Trauma Intensive Care Unit and Intermountain Telecritical Care. Dr. Peltan's research focuses on the early identification and management of critical illness, including methods to improve diagnosis and treatment of sepsis, respiratory failure, traumatic coagulopathy and cardiac arrest outside the ICU. He has additional expertise in bedside medical education, simulation training, and disaster response and recovery. Dr. Peltan is an adjunct assistant professor of medicine at the University of Utah.

Dr. Peltan earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He trained in internal medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital. While completing his fellowship training in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the University of Washington, Dr. Peltan also earned a Master's of Science in epidemiology.





HEATHER RATHOD, MSN RN CCRN

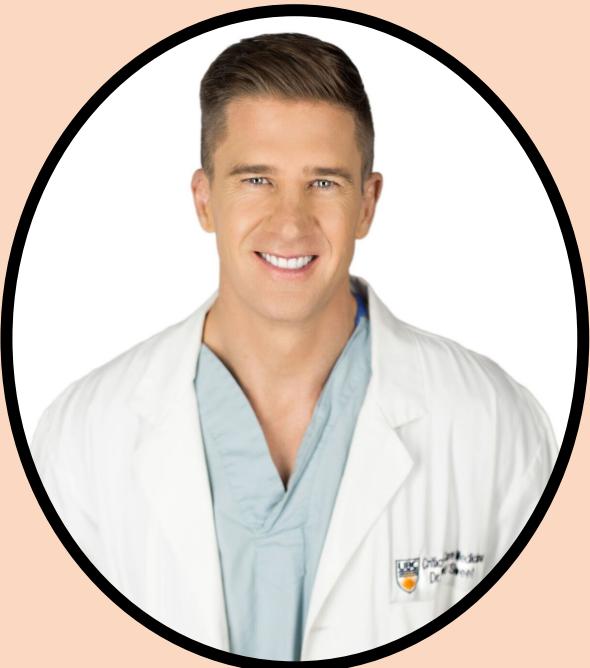
Heather Rathod, BSN, RN, MHL

Heather has been a nurse for 8 years. She always knew she wanted to be a nurse because her mom is a PACU nurse. She went into nursing school straight out of high school, at Lake Washington Institute of Technology and received her ADN. She then went on to complete her BSN at University of Washington Bothell Campus. She then earned her Master's in Health systems Leadership at Gonzaga University. She has worked on a med surg unit, an outpatient surgery center, PCU, and is currently an ICU nurse at University of Washington Medical Center Northwest Campus. She loves being an ICU nurse as she finds it rewarding and feels that her coworkers make every day better.

CODY STAUB, RN, CEN

Cody is an emergency nurse and Special Programs Coordinator at Kittitas Valley Healthcare in Ellensburg, Washington. His role includes coordinating the sepsis, trauma, stroke, and cardiac programs at KVH in addition to working as a charge nurse in the ED. He is active at the State and Regional level in various advisory councils and committees. He is also very active in the Emergency Nurses Association, serving on both State and National committees. In his free time, Cody loves to make, break, and build things and can often be found in his shop or at the local maker space.





DAVID SWEET, MD FRCP(C)

Dr. Sweet completed fellowship positions in emergency medicine and critical care medicine at the University of British Columbia. He is an attending in critical care medicine at Vancouver General Hospital, and is the Education Director for the ICU at Vancouver General Hospital. He is also the provincial clinical lead for sepsis quality improvement with the BC Patient Safety and Quality Council and the Chair of the British Columbia COVID19 Therapeutics Committee. In 2015, Dr. Sweet received the Global Sepsis Award for the recent advances in sepsis care in British Columbia.

SEAN R. TOWNSEND, MD

Dr. Townsend is vice president of quality & safety at California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) in San Francisco, California. He is also a clinical associate professor of medicine at University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Townsend is a practicing intensivist in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care at CPMC. Dr. Townsend led IHI's work on sepsis and he is a member of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC). Dr. Townsend serves as measure steward for CMS's national sepsis quality measure, SEP-1.





SYLVIA WONG, PHARMD

Sylvia Wong is a graduate of the UW School of Pharmacy and the UW Medicine Pharmacy Practice residency. She spent 12 years as a clinical pharmacist on the Medical ICU and Cardiology services at Harborview Medical Center, during which time she was involved in multiple evidence-based-practice initiatives as well as educational programs. Currently she is working at Kaiser Permanente, focused on programs to optimize cost-effectiveness and evidence-based practice.