

# Anesthesiology

at Weill Cornell Medical College

## Weill Cornell Anesthesiology Announces New Leadership Position in Preoperative and Postoperative Quality Care

**Natalia Ivascu, MD, is new Medical Director of the Postanesthesia Care Unit (PACU) and Preadmission Testing (PAT)**

**March 14, 2014**

The Department of Anesthesiology is pleased to announce the appointment of **Natalia Ivascu, MD**, as Medical Director of the Postanesthesia Care Unit (PACU) and Preadmission Testing (PAT). This new position, reporting to Ralph Slepian MD, Director of Perioperative Medicine, will oversee our expanded involvement in delivering quality, evidenced base preoperative and postoperative medical care to surgical patients. This will include a greater presence in the PACU's with a focus on improving patient safety and the perioperative experience with a dedicated team of physicians trained in anesthesiology and critical care.



Dr. Ivascu received her undergraduate degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology from the University of Michigan, and her medical degree from Wayne State University, School of Medicine. She completed her Anesthesiology residency and Cardiac Anesthesiology fellowship at New York Presbyterian – Weill Cornell and Critical Care fellowship at New York Presbyterian – Columbia University.

Dr. Ivascu can be reached at [nib9009@med.cornell.edu](mailto:nib9009@med.cornell.edu) or 212-746-3352.

Please join me in welcoming her to this exciting new position.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Hugh C. Hemmings, Jr.". The signature is stylized and cursive.

**Hugh C. Hemmings, Jr, MD, PhD, FRCA**  
Joseph F. Artusio, Jr. Professor and Chair  
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### **ABOUT WEILL CORNELL ANESTHESIOLOGY**

Founded in 1947, the Weill Cornell Department of Anesthesiology is committed to innovation in

perioperative clinical care to maximize quality and efficiency in anesthesia, pain and critical care, along with discovery and translation of novel therapies and healthcare delivery models in a thriving academic environment. The Department is home to over 75 faculty with expertise in numerous anesthesia subspecialties and holding leadership positions in the major national and international societies and journals. Our anesthesia care team includes 50 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who provide outstanding care in more than 60 anesthetizing locations throughout the medical center and affiliate institutions. Weill Cornell Anesthesiology's education program is highlighted by our highly-regarded residency program with positions for 78 physicians in training, including interns and residents. The Department offers ACGME-approved fellowships in Pain Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, and Obstetric Anesthesia, and additional fellowships in Thoracic Anesthesia, Neuroanesthesia, and Regional Anesthesia. We also have a competitive Van Poznak Research Scholarship to foster the development of physician-scientists during residency training. For more information, please visit [weillcornellanesthesiology.org](http://weillcornellanesthesiology.org).

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