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Faculty-Physician Wellbeing Committee Relunched

In October 2017, the Faculty Vitality & Physician Wellbeing Committee was re-constituted with a renewed focus on the healthy professional work-life needs of physicians and faculty.

The committee has embraced a new charter to guide its activities. The committee is jointly sponsored by the Dean of the Medical School and the Chief Medical Officer of Carilion Clinic. Membership is comprised of representatives of each of the VTCSOM/CC Clinical Departments; the VTCSOM Office of Faculty Affairs, and departments of Basic Sciences and Interprofessionalism; and representatives from the Carilion Clinic ACP Council, the Housestaff Leadership, Carilion Wellness, and the Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC).

The intention is that members will serve as representatives of their respective groups, to solicit input from those groups, and will regularly report back to them regarding the work of the committee. For example, at its recent monthly meeting, committee member Dr. Elvis Pagan, Internal Medicine, reported on a few of the steps that they have taken in Internal Medicine to address physician wellbeing.:

- Encouraging the use of Dragon in EPIC
- Increased department socializing
- Increased encouragement for physicians to be involved with teaching within the Residency Program in order to re-engage with the educational process and the love of learning
- A recent increase in the number of department ACPs from one to four

We thank the members listed below for their service in this important work and we thank you for your commitment to healthcare. We welcome your input as we seek to support, network, and collaborate in order to serve our institutions' wellbeing initiatives. If you have ideas or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the committee members with your thoughts.

Christie Wills, MPA

Faculty Vitality & Physician Wellbeing Committee

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“The only way to do great work is to love what you do.”

-Steve Jobs



Dean's Corner

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The opening of Carilion's new Center for Simulation, Research and Patient Safety earlier this month was a major success story for a project that has been a long time coming. The center, with its 12,000 square feet of training and simulation space conveniently located near Dr. Pepper Park across the street from VTC, replaces the 900 square foot sim lab that was in the basement of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

VTC SOM, along with a number of other groups, will utilize the center to further develop clinical competence, self-confidence, and experience in interprofessional collaboration. Specifically, our students will practice basic clinical skills in internal medicine, surgery, family medicine, emergency medical, pediatrics, and interprofessionalism.

If you haven't seen the new facility, I encourage you to arrange a visit. The center features impressive state-of-the-art simulation areas for ICU, OR, trauma, and mother/baby-pediatric scenarios as well as a large skills lab. Center Manager Misty Flinchum said, "There isn't anything we can't simulate!"

I wish to thank Dan Harrington, vice dean, and David Musick, associate dean for faculty affairs, for their participation in the planning of the center and congratulate them and all of those involved in the project for a job extremely well done.

[Learn more about the new center here.](#)

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