August 7  “Operating Room (OR) Updates”  
Gene Peterson, MD- Chief Safety & Quality Officer, VCU  
Wil Zuelzer, MD- Chief, Perioperative Services Operations, VCU  
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:  
1) Identify OR expectations and updates for the VCU Health System.  
2) Understand the roles of faculty and residents within the VCU Health System OR.

August 14  “What Does it Take to Create an Effective Team?”  
Teresa J. Carter, EdD- Associate Dean for Professional Instruction & Faculty Development, VCU  
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:  
1) Describe the major factors that influence team performance.  
2) Understand the relationship between productivity and cohesiveness in a team.  
3) Identify specific areas of team performance to target for improvement.

August 21  “Role of Sphinogosine-1-phosphate (S1P) in Tumor Microenvironment & Cancer Progression”  
Kazuaki Takabe, MD, PhD- Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Surgery & Science; Associate Professor, Surgical Oncology, VCU  
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:  
1) Describe the benefit of a surgical resident performing research.  
2) Understand the hallmarks of cancer and the importance of tumor microenvironment in cancer.  
3) Describe the role of sphingosine-1-phosphate in tumor microenvironment and cancer progression.

August 28  “Anesthesia Myths”  
John Butterworth, IV, MD- Professor & Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, VCU  
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:  
1) Understand the limited evidentiary base for the use of cricoid pressure in patients who have not remained NPO before anesthesia.  
2) Understand the case report and consensus basis for national guidelines.  
3) Discuss the growing body of evidence showing general anesthesia’s causation of brain damage in infants and young children.

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