

Welcome New Premier Surgical Employees!



Michelle Augustine, Office Manager, Cleveland



Lacy Lotter, RN, Vascular & Vein Center



Allison Myles, Parkwest



Riley Richey, CMA, Cleveland

Denton Named PSA Business Development Director

Premier Surgical welcomes **Business Development Director Angie Denton**. She has 18 years of experience in the Knoxville area healthcare market serving in business development and marketing roles for Tennova Healthcare and St. Mary's Medical Center.

Angie's duties include increasing referral volumes by building relationships with referring offices in the Knoxville and Cleveland, TN areas. Welcome, Angie!



Welcome Dr. Antiporda!

General surgeon, Dr. Michael Antiporda, has joined the **Premier Surgical Fort Sanders office**. Dr. Antiporda comes to Knoxville from GI Surgical Specialists in Fort Myers, Florida. He earned his medical degree at Ohio State University and completed his surgical residency at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Antiporda completed a fellowship in advanced gastrointestinal and minimally invasive surgery at Providence Portland Medical Center in Oregon.

He has a special focus in treating foregut and acid reflux patients. Welcome to Knoxville, Dr. Antiporda!



Get SOCIAL with Premier Surgical



CEO Corner

Dear Physicians & Staff,

I am proud to pause and reflect on what a great team we have here at Premier Surgical. No doubt the COVID-19 crisis has been the most difficult time in any of our careers, coming upon us suddenly and with a severity that none of us could have expected.

Each of our physicians, managers and employees have stepped up to the challenge before us to keep the engine running, caring for our patients, caring for each other and supporting our mission.

For that, I am thankful and humbled by your tenacity and dedication.

Thank you,
Kevin



Jessica Czarnecki with Silk Road Medical congratulations to **Premier Vascular Surgeon Dr. Afshin Skibba** and Fort Sanders Regional for being named a TCAR Center of Excellence. The TransCarotid Artery Revascularization procedure helps prevent stroke in high risk surgi-

In the News

Premier Vascular Lab Earns IAC Accreditation

The **Premier Surgical Associates Vascular Laboratory** on Papermill Drive has been granted a three-year term of accreditation by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in Vascular Testing in the area(s) of Visceral Vascular Testing, Peripheral Arterial Testing, Peripheral Venous Testing, and Extracranial Cerebrovascular Testing. This latest accreditation awarded to the Premier Vascular Lab demonstrates the facility's ongoing commitment to providing quality patient care in vascular testing. Kudos!



Premier Surgical is proud to have been a part of the Healthcare Knoxville Habitat for Humanity Build this Fall. **COO Steve Cruze** presented the Majambere Family many years of happiness in their new home!



Recognizing Service



Joyce Retires After 40 Decades of Service

Congratulations to **Cleveland Practice Administrator Joyce Jones, CPC, CMPE**, on her retirement. She managed the physicians and staff of Surgical Associates of Cleveland Tennessee, now Premier Surgical Cleveland, since 1980.

The staff and physicians of Premier Cleveland honored Joyce with a luncheon and have dedicated a tree on the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway in her honor.

Joyce and her husband, Bob, have three children and two grandchildren. She plans to paint her house, work in her yard and travel. Godspeed, Joyce!



Rebekah Allen, RN, of PW marks her 15th anniversary with PSA with COO Steve Cruze.



Vascular Ultrasound Tech Kim Johnston and CEO Kevin Burris celebrate her 15 years of service with PSA.



Dr. Rob Williams and COO Steve Cruze commend **Sarah Grimes, RN**, for 15 years with Premier Surgical and New Life Center for Bariatric Surgery.



Surgery Director Randy Smith and CEO Kevin Burris congratulate **Surgery Tech Kim Russell** for 5 years of service.

CAPTAIN COMPLIANCE

Captain Compliance and the CDC say: "WASH YOUR HANDS!"



**Spreading germs is OUT.
Handwashing is IN!**



Handwashing is one of the most important things we can do to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

www.cdc.gov/handwashing

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KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

Knowing Your Numbers is an important part of your preventative health care. Make it a *healthy habit* to keep track of key markers of your heart health like your blood pressure, cholesterol, triglycerides, blood sugar and body mass index. Keeping those

numbers in a healthy range can greatly improve your and reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke.

Also, don't skip preventative screenings like a mammogram or colonoscopy. As our Premier Surgical Physicians always preach: EARLY DETECTION is the key! Be PRO-active about your health.



GO365 PROGRAM

Kudos to these 14 PSA employees who completed their annual GO365 Biometric Screening by March 31st: **Lisa Bellah, Cindy Anderson, Sarah Grimes, Kimberly O'Neal Wilson, Donna Bruce, Fred Sliger, Cris Caldwell, Linda Hawley, Lori Harvey, Ashley Davis, Paula Jett, Charlie Burris, Dawn Amato and Allix Bullock.** These staff members earned an extra 525 points!

Upcoming Go365 Challenges:

Go365 Silver Challenge

Premier Surgical Go365 members who achieve SILVER status by June 30th will receive 500 Go Bucks to spend in the online Go365 Mall. Go for the SILVER!

Go365 3rd Quarter POLO SHIRT Challenge

Encourage your office mates to STEP UP and win big with the 3rd quarter GO365 Polo Shirt Challenge! The Premier Surgical office that racks up the *largest total number of steps* with the *highest percentage of participation* between July and September 2020 earns a Premier Surgical logo polo shirt for each participating employee! Put on your walking shoes!

Premier Surgical Photo Finishes

New Additions to the Premier Family



Dr. Joe Thurman of Premier Fort Sanders and wife Jennifer are celebrating the adoption of son, Levi. Little Levi was born in April and weighed 5 pounds, 12 oz. 3-year old Davis (left) is excited to be a Big Brother. Congratulations!



Sophia Seever of Parkwest and her husband Sean are celebrating the birth of their first child, Liam Baker. Liam was born January 6th and weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz. Kudos!

