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Patients and Colleagues Are Raving About These 10 Team Members

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Each quarter, Uteam Members of the Month from the Medical Center, School of Medicine, and University of Virginia Physicians Group (UPG) are recognized for outstanding service to UVA Health and their commitment to our ASPIRE core values: Accountability, Stewardship, Professionalism, Integrity, Respect, and Excellence.

Below are the honorees for October, November, and December 2020. Click a name to read the corresponding nomination (and leave a comment below to thank the honorees for their dedication to our patients and each other!). Congratulations team!

MEDICAL CENTER

- October 2020: John Hunter
- November 2020: Robert Cardell
- December 2020: Joseph Di Peppe

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

- October 2020: Miranda West
- December 2020: L. Diane Sullivan

UPG

- October 2020: Denise McKee
- November 2020: Mary Voelmle, Elyse Marriner, Demetris Louderback, and Donna Bryant

Medical Center



Miranda West, Clinical Research Manager, Emergency Department
October Uteam Member of the Month

"Miranda has been invaluable in setting up and conducting the ACTT1 trial of remdesivir for patients with COVID-19 at UVA. Among the many examples of her leadership and service on this trial:

- "She has very patiently taught me and **Dr. Taison Bell**, the PIs on the trial, exactly how to go about conducting clinical research. We would seriously be at a complete loss without her.
- "She recruited and led a whole team of CRCs to handle almost every aspect of conducting the study.
- "She led our team through a surprise site monitor visit with less than 24 hours' notice, and deeply impressed the monitor with how well UVA has been conducting this research. Due to a technical problem giving the monitor remote Epic access, she led the monitor through every Epic screen he needed to review the source documents – a process that took all day.
- "She has built a close rapport with all of the floor nurses of the patients participating in the study and led them through a somewhat complicated procedure with patience and clarity.
- "She has volunteered to consult with three other clinical study teams beginning research on COVID-19 patients at UVA in order to make sure their projects would get up and running as quickly as possible.
- "For one of our participants who was discharged to a SNF, she drove 1.5 hours each way to collect study data and labs.

"This is a very important study that has already changed the management of COVID-19, and UVA could not have participated without Miranda's amazing work. I've been endlessly impressed with her professionalism, knowledge, and patience. She is deeply committed to ensuring the safety of our patients and making sure the data we're collecting is of the highest quality. It's a privilege to work with her."
