

## **CVICU**

The Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (CVICU) at Vanderbilt is a 27-bed multidisciplinary ICU for cardiology, advanced heart failure, and cardiac surgery patients. The CVICU rotation for fellows entails supervision of residents in the care for critically ill cardiology patients working closely with the CVICU attending cardiologist. Complex management is provided including the use of invasive hemodynamic monitoring and mechanical cardiac support such as intra-aortic balloon pumps, Impella devices and Tandem Heart. The fellow on this rotation is responsible for rounding with the team, participating in patient management decisions, interpretation of diagnostic testing, performance and supervision of invasive procedures, and teaching the house staff assigned to this rotation. The fellows assigned to this rotation will follow only the cardiology patients within the CVICU. The CVICU is staffed 24 hours by two fellows with overlapping 13-hour shifts six days a week. The seventh day of the week is staffed by senior fellows rotating on other rotations.