

## Lea Faraone, FULD Fellow Cohort II



Thoracic Epidural Impact on Postoperative Pain Control in Lung Transplant Patients is a quality improvement project implemented by the Anesthesia team on Zayed 8 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The goal of this particular project is to examine the impact of the thoracic epidural procedure on postoperative lung transplant patients' pain management, which was examined through their Quality of Recovery (QOR) and Visual Analog Scale (VAS) scores. Under Dr. Marie Hanna's mentorship I followed up on patients after bilateral lung transplants, looked at patient records and identified complications, participated in data collection, and furthered understanding of the impact of pain control on the quality of patient recovery.

I am currently a BSN candidate for December 2013. In May 2013 I graduated from Mount Saint Mary's University with a BS in Biology. I am currently one of the six articulation students that are enrolled in the 17-month accelerated nursing cohort, which means that I finished the requirements for a Biology degree in 3 years at Mount Saint Mary's and I completed my senior year at JHUSON. At Mount Saint Mary's I was able to work as a biology lab aid while attending school. After leaving Mount Saint Mary's I started working at Good Samaritan Hospital, where I have received the chance to work with human resources, supplemental staffing, and nurse recruitment.

Research has always been an important aspect in my life. I have been a strong advocate and fundraiser for cystic fibrosis research. I have also participated in research studies as a patient to not only further modern medicine, but also furthering quality and safety for others.

The Fuld program has advanced my strong devotion towards the importance of quality improvement and patient safety. I plan to take what I have learned about quality improvement and patient safety and apply my skills and knowledge to the care of pediatric patients. I will advocate for pediatric patients that would normally not have an advocate, in order to provide them with the best in quality and safe patient care.