In critical care medicine, our primary goal is to keep patients alive. The final common pathway is oxygen delivery to the tissues. There are many elements that contribute to the pathway of oxygen delivery and determining which elements dominate can be difficult. When changes are made to the therapy of a patient or it is unclear if those changes cause actual improvement in the pathway, critical care physicians need to know if oxygen delivery is taking place adequately. Additionally, if a patient deteriorates, that change is not always obvious early in the deterioration. This talk will show how the use of Near InfraRed Spectroscopy enables critical care physicians to more objectively determine how well oxygen is being supplied to the tissues in critically ill patients.

TIME: 4:00-5:00 pm, Thursday, April 10th, 2014
Refreshments will be offered at 3:45 pm
PLACE: Corcoran Hall 101, GWU
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