



University of Pittsburgh
School of Pharmacy

Residents' Roar

FALL 2015

University of Pittsburgh PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program



Residency Class of 2015-16



Pitt Community Pharmacy Resident Alumni, Faculty and Partners
at the 2015 Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA) Mid-Year Conference

Our PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program is proudly in its 10th year of existence, and We have had 20 graduates to date – how time flies! Our mission “to train a highly motivated pharmacist to provide comprehensive medication management through interprofessional, team-based care and to be a leader of innovation in community pharmacy practice,” is evidenced by the positions that our graduates now hold. Each of our graduates has transitioned to positions where they are leading, teaching, and providing advanced patient care in communities throughout our nation.

Our graduates tell our story the best: 13 graduates are in direct patient care roles in community pharmacy practice, family medicine, psychiatry and managed care; and 7 graduates are community-focused faculty at 5 schools of pharmacy in 4 different states. Collectively, they have received 10 state and national awards for their work, and published 12 peer-reviewed publications for the research they conducted during their residency year. The numbers only tell part of their story – importantly, they are role models for students and their colleagues, while continuing to give back to our profession.

The number of partnerships with community pharmacies affiliated with our residency program has grown too. We began with one residency position with Rite Aid Pharmacy in 2006, and we currently have four positions for the 2016-17 residency year with Rite Aid Pharmacy, Giant Eagle Pharmacy, Gatti Pharmacy (Indiana, Pa.), and Asti's Pharmacy (Mt. Lebanon, Pa.) In fact, each of these sites currently has one of

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? RESIDENCY CLASS OF 2014-2015

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy

Emily Chan

Assistant Professor > Touro University
California College of Pharmacy

Ashley Higbea

Ambulatory Care Assistant Professor >
Texas Tech University Health Sciences
Center, School of Pharmacy

Lucas Hill

Clinical Assistant Professor >
University of Texas at Austin

Sarah Rindfuss

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist -
Ambulatory Care > West Penn
Hospital

Cardiology Pharmacy

Nathan Verlinden

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist -
Cardiology > Allegheny General
Hospital

Community Pharmacy

Brandon Antinopoulos

Pharmacy Manager > Hometown
Apothecary Drugs (New Brighton, Pa.)

Gale Garmong

Clinical Pharmacist > Klingensmith's
Pharmacy, Ford City, PA

Christine Jordan

Clinical Coordinator > Giant Eagle
Pharmacy (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

Kyle McCormick

Clinical Pharmacist > Gatti Pharmacy
and RxHealth Connect (Indiana, Pa.)

Critical Care Pharmacy

Amanda (Johnson) Korenoski

Managing Director > Pittsburgh
Poison Center, and Assistant Professor
> University of Pittsburgh School of
Pharmacy

Ryan Rivosecchi

Critical Care Unit-Based Pharmacist >
UPMC Presbyterian

Geriatric Pharmacy

Teresa Breslin

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy
Practice > Manchester University
College of Pharmacy

Infectious Diseases

Deanna Buehrle

Clinical Pharmacist - Infectious
Diseases > Department of Medicine,
UPMC Presbyterian

Managed Care Pharmacy

Eric Emerson

Clinical Pharmacist > Independence
Blue Cross (Philadelphia, Pa.)

William Wilberg

Pharmacy Manager > Shopko
Pharmacy (Stevens Point, Wisconsin)

Medication Safety Management

John Cadwalader

Pharmacy Supervisor > UPMC
Presbyterian

Oncology Pharmacy

Anand Shah

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist -
Oncology > The Ohio State University
Comprehensive Cancer Center

Pharmacy

Ayesha Ather

PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Resident
> University of Maryland School of
Pharmacy

Maxwell Brown

PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident >
UPMC Shadyside

Ashley Campbell

PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident >
UPMC St. Margaret

Anne Countway

PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Resident >
Monroe Carell Jr Children's Hospital of
Vanderbilt (Nashville, Tenn.)

Justin Delic

PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
> University Hospitals, Case Medical
Center (Cleveland, Ohio)

R. Christopher Durigan

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Resident >
UPMC St. Margaret

Alice Gahbauer

Assistant Professor > University of
Charleston

Emily Graham

PGY2 Hematology/Oncology Resident
> Allegheny General Hospital

Stephen Henderson

Clinical Pharmacist > UPMC Hamot

Matthew Joseph

PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident >
UPMC St. Margaret

Hollins Kitts

ICU Clinical Pharmacist > New
Hanover Regional Medical Center
(Wilmington, N.C.)

Pamela Lyons

Pharmacist > UPMC Mercy

Rachel Marini

PGY2 Infectious Diseases Resident >
UPMC Presbyterian

Cody Moore

Postdoctoral Research Fellow - Solid
Organ Transplantation > University of
Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy

Miral Patel

Clinical Staff Pharmacist > Nanticoke
Memorial Hospital (Seaford, Del.)

Nicole Payette

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Resident >
UPMC St. Margaret

Katherine Roberts

PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
> Barnes-Jewish Hospital (St. Louis,
Mo.)

Angela Shick

Staff Pharmacist > Saint Vincent
Hospital (Erie, Pa.)

Vivian Tang

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Resident >
UPMC Presbyterian

Dan (Tina) Tran

PGY2 Global Health Pharmacy
Resident > Purdue University

Gregory Trietley

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Resident >
UPMC St. Margaret

Anh Vu

PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant Resident
> UPMC Presbyterian

Cory Weaver

PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
> UPMC Presbyterian

Megan Zielke

PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
> University Hospitals, Case Medical
Center (Cleveland, Ohio)

Psychiatry Pharmacy

G. Lucy Wilkening

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy
Practice > The University of the
Incarnate Word Feik School of
Pharmacy

Transplant Pharmacy

Alicia Lichvar

Clinical Transplant Research Fellow >
University of Cincinnati

Underserved Care/ Global Health Pharmacy

Rebecca Cope

Assistant Professor >
Touro College of Pharmacy

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY RESIDENT ALUMNI

Please see our website for a list of recent publications by current and former residents:
<http://www.pages.pharmacy.pitt.edu/publications/category/publication/residents-roar/>
Please contact us if we are missing any of your recent publications.

MEET THE RESIDENTS (2015-2016)



Ferealem (Fray) Assefa, PharmD
PGY2 Underserved Care/Global Health Pharmacy Resident
University of Pittsburgh

Fray was born in Ethiopia and moved to Northern Virginia in 2002. She received her PharmD from Wingate University School of Pharmacy in 2014, and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital. Her areas of interest include working with underserved populations, and raising awareness about HIV/AIDS. Following residency, Fray plans to obtain a faculty position that will allow her to facilitate global health experience to students and residents.



Anna Bondar, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Anna is from Cleveland, Ohio, and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2015. Her professional interests include primary care, global health, and caring for underserved patients. Next year, Anna will complete a PGY2 in ambulatory care at UPMC St. Margaret. Outside of work Anna enjoys salsa dancing, traveling, and visiting family in Cleveland and Washington D.C.



Emily Brown, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy

Emily is originally from Dayton, Ohio, and received her PharmD from the Ohio Northern University Raabe College of Pharmacy in May 2015. Her professional interests include infectious disease, critical care and HIV management. After completing a PGY1 residency, she hopes to pursue a PGY2 in one of these areas. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys baking, doing Zumba, and cheering on her Ohio sports teams.



Maxwell Brown, PharmD
PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside

Max received his PharmD from Northeastern University in 2014, and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian in June. After his PGY2, he plans to practice in an academic medical center affiliated with a school of pharmacy to further his clinical and academic interests. In his spare time, Max enjoys reading, finding new restaurants to try out, and spending time with his friends and family.



Ashley Campbell, PharmD
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Ashley received her PharmD from the University of North Carolina in 2014 and bachelor's degree in chemistry from Elon University. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret and is continuing as a PGY2 geriatric pharmacy resident and faculty development fellow. Her areas of interest include geriatrics, psychiatry, and interprofessional education. She ultimately hopes to couple her passions for teaching and clinical pharmacy in a faculty position.



Hua (Sherry) Chen, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Sherry is from Baltimore, Md., and graduated from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2015. Her current professional interests include cardiology and infectious diseases. Following completion of her PGY1, she plans to complete a PGY2 specialty residency in one of these areas. Outside of pharmacy, Sherry enjoys working on arts and crafts projects, visiting Pittsburgh museums, and watching sci-fi movies.



Xinwei (Nancy) Chen, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Hamot

Nancy is from Troy, Mich., and received her PharmD in 2015 from the University of Michigan. Upon completion of her PGY1 residency, Nancy plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in infectious diseases or become a staff pharmacist in an academic medical center. During her free time, Nancy enjoys playing strategic board games with her friends and family, traveling to new places, and finding good eats.



Nicole Durie, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Nicole is from Doylestown, Pa., and received her PharmD in 2015 from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. Her current areas of interest include critical care and cardiology. Following completion of her PGY1 residency, Nicole plans to pursue a PGY2 in one of the above areas of interest. In her spare time, Nicole enjoys hiking, spending time with family and friends, and traveling.



R. Chris Durigan, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Chris is from Cranston, R.I., and received his PharmD from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 2014. He completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret in June. His professional interests include chronic disease state management, and working as part of an interdisciplinary team. He hopes to pursue a clinical faculty position. He also enjoys going to concerts, traveling, and rooting for New England sports teams.



Nicole Farabaugh, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy

Nicole is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received her PharmD in 2015 from West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.V. Her professional interests include oncology, with a specific interest in pediatric oncology, and pharmacy management. After completing a PGY1 residency, she hopes to pursue a PGY2 residency in oncology. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, running outdoors, and traveling.



Maria Felton, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Maria is from Davidsville, Pa., and received her PharmD in 2015 from the University of Pittsburgh. Following completion of her PGY1 year, she will continue at St. Margaret for a PGY2 in geriatrics. She has a strong passion for geriatrics, oncology in an ambulatory care setting, and academia. She enjoys trying new restaurants, spending time with family and friends, and watching Pittsburgh sports teams.



Arlene Gao, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Arlene received her PharmD from University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2015. Her professional interests include oncology and internal medicine. Arlene hopes to ultimately pursue a clinical faculty position that will provide opportunities to mentor future pharmacists and challenge her to continue growing as a practitioner. In her free time, Arlene enjoys reading, watching crime shows, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

MEET THE RESIDENTS (2015-2016)



Shannon Giddens, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
Children's Hospital of
Pittsburgh of UPMC

Shannon is originally from Atlanta, Ga., and received her PharmD from

Mercer University in 2015. Her current area of interest is pediatrics, with a specific interest in pediatric solid organ transplant. After completing a PGY1 at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Shannon hopes to pursue a PGY2 in pediatrics. In her spare time, she enjoys running, baking, and trying new restaurants.



Nicholas Giruzzi, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Nick is from Rochester, N.Y., and received his PharmD from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health

Sciences in 2015. His professional interests include family medicine and working with interdisciplinary teams. Next year, he will complete a PGY2 in ambulatory care at UPMC St. Margaret. He enjoys spending time with friends and family, being active, watching sports and going to concerts.



Kristin Hart, PharmD
PGY1 Community Pharmacy
Resident
School of Pharmacy in
collaboration with Rite Aid

Kristin is from Rochester, N.Y., and received her PharmD from the University at Buffalo in 2015 and Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from SUNY Geneseo in 2011. Her current areas of interest include quality improvement and ambulatory care within community pharmacy, geriatrics, government affairs, and advocacy for the profession. In her spare time, Kristin enjoys trying new local restaurants, traveling, and attending advocacy events.



Ronald Heisel, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside

Ronald is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2015.

His professional interests include oncology, critical care, and emergency medicine. He plans to pursue a clinical position in one of these areas and precept both students and residents. In his spare time, Ronald enjoys running, weightlifting, spending time with friends and family, and is an avid fan of the Steelers and Penguins.



Carlo Iasella, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Carlo is from Allison Park, Pa., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School

of Pharmacy in 2015. His professional interests include solid organ transplant, infectious disease, and outcomes research. Carlo plans on pursuing PGY2 and/or fellowship training following the completion of his PGY1 year. In his free time, Carlo enjoys watching the Penguins, Pirates, and Steelers, playing hockey, and reading.



Joy Jakubek, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy

Joy is from Canfield, Ohio, and received her PharmD from Duquesne University Mylan School

of Pharmacy in 2015. Her areas of interest include critical care, emergency medicine, and palliative care. She hopes to one day balance clinical pharmacy practice with a faculty position at a college of pharmacy. Outside of pharmacy, Joy enjoys traveling, trying out new restaurants and spending time with her dog Riley.



Matthew Joseph, PharmD
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy
Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Matthew received his BS in biology from the University of

Pittsburgh in 2010, followed by his PharmD in 2014. His professional interests include transitions of care, medication safety, and chronic disease state management in the geriatric population. Last year, Matthew completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret. In his free time, Matthew enjoys spending time with his family, playing sports, and cheering on the Pitt Panthers.



Kristen Knoph, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Kristen is from Massapequa, N.Y., and received her PharmD from the University of Rhode Island.

Her interest areas are internal medicine, transitions of care, and academia. After completing her PGY1, Kristen plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in internal medicine. In her spare time, she enjoys running, biking, and exploring Pittsburgh.



Lauren Kohley, PharmD
PGY2 Psychiatry Pharmacy
Resident
Western Psychiatric Institute
and Clinic of UPMC

Lauren attended Mercyhurst

University for her undergraduate studies and received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology in 2011. She received her PharmD from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2014, and continued on to complete a PGY1 residency at Millcreek Community Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania. There she cultivated a passion for psychiatry, leading her to pursue the PGY2 position at WPIC.



Nathan Lamberton, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Nathan is from Mooers Forks, N.Y., and received his PharmD from the Albany College of Pharmacy

and Health Sciences in May of 2015. His professional interests include chronic disease state management, weight loss management and interprofessional collaboration. Outside of residency, Nate enjoys working out, reading up on nutrition and exercise science, and playing hockey!



Namita Mainthia, PharmD
PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy
Resident
UPMC Health Plan

Namita is from Atlanta, Ga., and received her PharmD from

Northeastern University School of Pharmacy in May 2015. Her areas of interest include formulary management and drug information. Following completion of her PGY1 residency, she hopes to pursue a career as a clinical pharmacist in within a managed care organization. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, travelling, and dancing.



Rachel Marini, PharmD
PGY2 Infectious Diseases
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Rachel is originally from the Pittsburgh area and received her

PharmD from Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy in May 2014. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Mercy in 2015. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys baking, running, volleyball, and watching Steeler and Penguin games.

MEET THE RESIDENTS (2015-2016)



Katrina Mayr, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside

Katrina received her PharmD from the University of California, San Francisco in 2015 and her bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of California, Davis. Her professional interests include psychiatric pharmacy, infectious diseases, and education. Katrina plans to pursue a clinical faculty position where she can combine her passions for education and patient care. Katrina enjoys exploring through whitewater kayaking, hiking, traveling, and dancing.



Seth McCleary, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Hamot

Seth is from Knox, Pa., and received his PharmD in 2015 from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pa. His current areas of interest include infectious diseases and antibiotic stewardship. After his PGY1 residency, Seth plans to begin working as a clinical pharmacist in an academic hospital so he may help precept the next generation of pharmacists. Seth enjoys golfing, reading, and cheering for the Pittsburgh sports teams.



Susan Miller, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Hamot

Susan received her PharmD from Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy. Her areas of interest include cardiology, infectious disease, and internal medicine. She hopes to pursue a PGY2 residency in one of these areas and eventually practice as a clinical specialist. In her free time she enjoys spending time with family and friends, and watching Pittsburgh sports.



Ashley Modany, PharmD
PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Ashley is originally from Brookville, Pa. She received her PharmD from Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy and completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at Allegheny General Hospital. Ashley's practice interests include heart failure, pulmonary arterial hypertension and acute coronary syndromes. After her PGY2, Ashley would like to pursue a position as a cardiology clinical pharmacy specialist at a large medical teaching institution.



James Montgomery, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

James received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2014. He completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy and Community Care of North Carolina. His practice interests include primary care, behavioral health, and academia. In his spare time, he enjoys playing soccer, singing, and spending time with friends and family.



Danfeng (Daphne) Ni, PharmD
PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Resident
CVS Caremark

Daphne is from Detroit, Mich., and received her PharmD from Wayne State University in 2015. Her areas of interests include specialty medications, Medicare D, and formulary management. After residency training, she plans to pursue a clinical pharmacist position at a health plan or PBM. Outside of work, she enjoys running, traveling, attending basketball games, and spending time with family.



Nicole Nierste, PharmD
PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident
School of Pharmacy in collaboration with Gatti Pharmacy

Nicole is from Zionsville, Ind., and received her PharmD from Purdue University in 2015. Her professional interests include community outreach, direct patient education, and empowering the underserved. She plans to pursue a PGY2 in ambulatory care in hopes of achieving a career in ambulatory care. Her interests include participating in global health trips, cooking, exercising, and hanging out with family and friends.



Nicole Payette, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Nicole is from Howell, N.J., and received her PharmD from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 2014. Her professional areas of interest include chronic disease state management, smoking cessation, and interprofessional education. Last year, Nicole completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret. She enjoys spending time with her family, Syracuse basketball, Eagle's football, and baking.



Bethany R Shoulders, PharmD
PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Bethany is from Maryville, Tenn., and received her PharmD degree from the University of Tennessee in May 2014. She completed her PGY1 at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. As a new Pittsburgh resident she enjoys exploring the city, running and biking the parks and trails, eating the local food specialties, and even cheering on the local sports teams.



Nicholas Skezas, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC McKeesport

Nicholas is from White Oak, Pa., and received his PharmD with a concentration in acute care from Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy in 2015. His professional interests include critical care, pediatrics, and pharmacy management. He hopes to complete a PGY2 residency, and then be a clinical pharmacy specialist. In his free time, he enjoys staying physically active and spending time with his friends and family.



Sydney Springer, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Sydney is from Middletown, R.I., and received her PharmD from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 2015. Upon completion of her PGY1, she will continue at UPMC St. Margaret as a PGY2 in geriatric pharmacy. Her current professional interests include geriatric pharmacotherapy, complementary and alternative medicine, and academia. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoyed reading, knitting and crocheting, and biking around the city!



Kyle Strnad, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Kyle is from Yardley, Pa., and received his PharmD in 2015 from the Thomas Jefferson University School of Pharmacy. His professional interests include critical care and emergency medicine. Upon completion of his residency, Kyle intends to pursue a PGY2 residency within these specialty areas. In his spare time, Kyle enjoys sports, exploring new places, and hanging out with family, friends, and his chocolate lab, Sadie.

MEET THE RESIDENTS (2015-2016)



Alexa Szalc, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy

Alexa is originally from Perryopolis, Pa. She received her PharmD in 2015 from the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy. Her professional interests include nephrology, internal medicine, oncology, and academia. She plans to obtain a PGY2 specializing in one of these areas. Alexa loves ice hockey and is an avid Pittsburgh Penguins fan. She also enjoys ice cream, roller coasters, and spending time with family and friends.



Vivian Tang, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Vivian is from San Francisco, Calif. She received her PharmD from Oregon State University in 2014 and her bachelor's degree in biology from University of California, Davis. She completed her PGY1 at UPMC Shadyside. Her professional interests include family medicine, teaching, and research. She hopes to attain a shared clinical and teaching position at a large, academic medical center. She enjoys trail running, stand-up comedy, and photography.



Rebecca Tokarski, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
Magee-Womens Hospital of
UPMC

Rebecca is from Allison Park, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2015. Her professional goals include obtaining a clinical position involved with precepting. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, indulging in reality TV and eating Mexican food.



Gregory Trietley, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Greg is from Buffalo, N.Y., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2014. He completed his PGY1 residency at UPMC St. Margaret. His professional interests include academia and research with a focus on common disease states, including diabetes and hypertension. After residency, Greg plans to pursue a clinical position with opportunities to precept learners, complete research and contribute to literature.



Evan Venturella, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy

Evan is from Pittsburgh where he studied chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh before receiving his PharmD from Jefferson School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pa. His clinical areas of interest include infectious diseases and emergency medicine. Evan plans to complete a PGY2 in infectious diseases.



Anh Vu, PharmD
PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Anh is from Broomfield, Colo., and received her PharmD from the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2014. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian in 2015. Her professional interests include solid organ transplant, immunology, infectious diseases, and clinical research. Following completion of her residency training, she plans to pursue a clinical specialist position at an academic medical center.



Cory Weaver, PharmD
PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy
Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Cory is from Grafton, W.Va., and received her PharmD with an area of emphasis in research from West Virginia University in 2014. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian. Her professional interests include critical care, research, academia, and pharmacy management. After completion of her PGY2 residency, she plans to pursue a joint faculty or clinical position at a large academic medical center.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

Jenny Bacci ('12) completed her community pharmacy research fellowship and is now an assistant professor at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy in collaboration with Kelley-Ross Pharmacy. Her focus is on innovation and implementation of patient care within community practice.

Kristin Bohnenberger ('13) completed her fellowship and is now the ED pharmacist at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Chelsea (Harrison) Bombatch ('14) completed her PGY2 residency and is now a clinical pharmacist at Washington Health System.

Derek Bremmer ('14) completed his PGY2 residency and is now a clinical pharmacist in infectious diseases and antimicrobial stewardship at West Penn Hospital.

Jeffrey Brewer ('00) was appointed Director of Professional Affairs at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Brandon Conforti ('10, '11) recently relocated with CVS Health and is now a senior advisor of patient safety in Woonsocket, R.I.

Jim Coons ('03) presented "Bivalirudin versus Heparin during Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: Review of the Recent Literature" at the ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy in October 2015.

Stephen J. Davis ('09, '10), a pharmacy operations manager at Texas Children's Hospital, recently received the 2015 Pharmacy Leadership Award from the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists (TSHP). This prestigious award recognizes a pharmacist who demonstrates leadership and vision in advancing the practice and profession of pharmacy and improving patient care.

Christina (Schober) DeRemer ('03, '04) received the 2015 Outstanding Pharmacy Practitioner Award from Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the 2015 Outstanding Committee Chair for Education Committee from Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists, and the Golden Pen Award from Georgia Regents Health System.

Amy (Calabrese) Donihi ('99) was selected as a 2015 recipient of the Richard L. Simmons Speak Up for Patient Safety Award at UPMC for her work to improve the glycemic management and safety of people with diabetes or newly recognized hyperglycemia in the hospital setting during the past 15+ years.

Hany Edward ('11, '12) was promoted to Branch Chief, Regulatory Business Process Management in the Office of Pharmaceutical Quality at the FDA.

Shara Elrod ('09, '10) was appointed Director of Ambulatory and Community Practice in the Office of Experiential Education at the University of North Texas System College of Pharmacy.

Matthew Felbinger ('11) is now a clinical pharmacist in the emergency department at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Erika Felix-Getzik ('04) was selected as the MCPHS University, School of Pharmacy-Boston, Pharmacy Practice Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015. She was also chosen to serve on the advisory board for the APhA Cardiovascular Certification Program

Lauren Goldberg ('11) is now a senior clinical advisor for CVS Health.

Gen Hale ('14) completed her PGY2 residency and is now assistant professor at Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Ashley Hedges ('14) is a PGY2 critical care pharmacy resident at the University of Utah Hospital and Clinics.

Bernadette Heron ('97) was awarded the Ruth Davies Flaherty Service Award 2015 from the Lambda Kappa Sigma Tau Alum Chapter from Duquesne University.

Maho Hibino ('12) was awarded Preceptor of the Year by the 2014 residency class at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. She recently moved to the North Carolina and is now a clinical oncology pharmacist at the Wake Forest Baptist Health Comprehensive Cancer Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Priscilla Ko ('14) completed her PGY2 residency, and is now manager of corporate contributions at Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation.

Asma Lat ('08) recently moved from New York City to San Francisco. She is now an infectious diseases medical science liaison at Theravance Biopharma, Inc.

Jeffrey Little ('09, '10) was sworn in as president of the Kansas Council of Health-Systems Pharmacy in April.

Erin Lopata ('09) was recently promoted to manager of clinical pharmacy at UPMC Health Plan. She is also the new Residency Program Director for the PGY1 managed care pharmacy residency at UPMC Health Plan.

Adam MacLasco ('14) completed his PGY2 residency, and he is now a clinical pharmacy specialist in emergency medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center.

Erin Mathis ('14) completed her PGY2 residency and is now a clinical pharmacy specialist in mental health at the Richmond VAMC and clinical assistant professor at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Michelle McCarthy ('95) was recognized by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Drug Information PRN with the 2015 Distinguished Drug Information Practitioner Award. Also, the PGY1 pharmacy residency program that she directs at the University of Virginia Health System was selected by ASHP Foundation as a recipient of a 2015-16 Residency Expansion Grant.

Melissa (Somma) McGivney ('99) was awarded the 2015 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award at the University of Pittsburgh.

Ian McGrane ('12) was the Therapeutic Case Report Award Winner and an Original Research Award Finalist at the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) 2015 annual meeting.

Stephanie Harriman McGrath ('08) was recognized by the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy Alumni Society Board as a 2015 Rising Star at the RxTravaganza Gala 2015.

Emanuel Nites ('14) completed his PGY2 residency, and is now a clinical pharmacy specialist in the emergency department at HonorHealth Osborn Medical Center in Scottsdale Ariz.

Landre Okusanya ('03) moved from Buffalo N.Y. last year to Silver Spring, Md. He is currently a clinical pharmacology reviewer at the FDA in the Office of Clinical Pharmacology (DCPV).

Emily Polischuk ('12) is now a clinical staff pharmacist at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

Mary Riedy ('14) completed her PGY2 residency, and is now a member of the ICU pharmacy team, rounding in the medical intensive care unit at a Boston Children's Hospital.

Giavanna Russo-Alvarez ('12) will be the PGY2 ambulatory care residency program director starting 2016-2017 at the Cleveland Clinic.

Mike Shullo ('98) was an invited chair for a research session entitled Kinetics, Coagulation, and Cardiology - Pharmacy of MCS and Transplant at the 35th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) in Nice, France in April 2015. He also presented his research at that meeting.

Pamela (Havrilla) Smithburger ('08, '09) was awarded the 2015 Lambda Kappa Sigma Advisor Award which recognizes one faculty advisor each year for their outstanding service and dedication to their local chapter.

Aaron Steffenhagen ('02) was elected ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Executive Committee Director-at-Large for 2015-2018. He won the ASHP Research and Education Foundation Innovation in Pharmacy Practice Literature Award in December 2014.

Robert Tunney ('14) completed his PGY2 residency, and is now clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Campbell University School of Pharmacy and a clinical pharmacy specialist at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, N.C.

Arian Whitman ('14) completed her PGY2, and is now a clinical assistant professor at Western New England University in Springfield, MA. Her clinical site is at the UMass Memorial Ambulatory Care Center where she works on the oral chemotherapy counseling service.

Christopher Wisniewski ('08) was recently promoted to associate professor at South Carolina College of Pharmacy, Medical University of South Carolina campus.

Newly Wed:

Nicole Ansani ('99) and *Don Smith* on August 30, 2014

Brandon Conforti ('10, '11) and *Melissa MacIntosh* on June 27, 2015

Hany Edward ('11, '12) and *Brittany Mikhail* on September 12, 2015

Chelsea Harrison ('14) and *Zack Bombatch* on August 22, 2015

Asma Lat ('08) and *Asif Chaudhry* on January 18, 2014

Jay Martello ('09) and *Elizabeth Iannone* on May 30, 2015

Celeste Sejnowski ('13) and *Steven Wise* on November 3, 2015

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our community pharmacy residency graduates as a preceptor! The pharmacy teams, preceptors, and staff at these community sites have created an extended family for our residents. In addition, faculty and preceptors at UPMC St. Margaret and the Grace Lamsam Program for the Underserved have been consistent teachers and mentors for our residents for all of the 10 past years. Together, all of these individuals further extend their support to University of Pittsburgh pharmacy students through their involvement with the Community Leadership Innovation and Practice Workshops offered each spring semester to our second year students. They also serve to support numerous research projects conducted by students enrolled in Pitt's Community Leadership Innovation and Practice Area of Concentration.

What brings us all together is the passion to make a difference in the communities we serve. We will be hosting our Community Residency Alumni gathering at the APhA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Md., in March 2016. Hope you will join us there or stop back to PittPharmacy, meet our current residents and students, and share your story.

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2016 APhA Annual Meeting

March 4-7, 2016

Pennsylvania Reception at APhA

Saturday, March 5th, 6:15-7:45pm
at the Hilton, Baltimore, MD

2015 ASHP Midyear Meeting

New Orleans, LA
December 6-10, 2015

UPMC and University of Pittsburgh Alumni and Friends Reception

Monday, December 7
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Marriott New Orleans Downtown
Convention Center

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