Alumni who have not been to Oakland recently will not believe the changes! The bridge from the 3rd floor of the Falk Medical Building on Fifth Avenue to UPMC Presbyterian has been demolished along with Children’s Hospital buildings. Some of the recent additions within the first floor area of UPMC Presbyterian (at the top of the escalators) include a PNC Bank branch, a Starbucks, and Presby Prescription Shop (PPS).

PPS opened in February 2014 and fills prescriptions for hospital patients prior to discharge as well as prescriptions for UPMC employees. Prescriptions for patients unable to visit the pharmacy before leaving the hospital are delivered to the bedside by pharmacy associates. These associates collect credit card or cash payments, and they offer patients the opportunity for patient counseling with a PPS pharmacist via a novel method of live video chat using tablet computers.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? RESIDENCY CLASS OF 2015-2016

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy
R. Chris Durigan
Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist
> Thundermist Health Center > Woonsocket, R.I.

James Montgomery
Primary Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist > Cleveland Clinic > Cleveland, Ohio

Nicole Payette
Family Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Specialist > The Medical Group of Christiana > Wilmington, Del.

Vivian Tang
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist (Ambulatory Care) > Providence Medical Group > Portland, Ore.

Gregory Trietley
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist > Center for Diabetes and Endocrine Health > Allegheny Health Network > Pittsburgh, Pa.

Cardiology Pharmacy
Ashley Modany
Advanced Practice Simulation Fellow > VA Medical Center > Pittsburgh, Pa.

Community Pharmacy
Kristin Hart
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident > UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Nicole Nierste
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident > St. Vincent Health > Indianapolis, Ind.

Critical Care Pharmacy
Bethany Shoulders
Clinical Assistant Professor > University of Florida College of Pharmacy > Gainesville, Fla.

Cory Weaver
Unit Based Clinical Pharmacist, Critical Care > UPMC Presbyterian

Geriatric Pharmacy
Ashley Campbell
Assistant Professor > University of Arizona College of Pharmacy > Tucson, Ariz.

Matthew Joseph
Geriatric Clinical Pharmacist > UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

Infectious Diseases
Rachel Marini
Unit-based clinical pharmacist, Infectious Diseases > UPMC Presbyterian

Managed Care Pharmacy
Namita Mainthia
Clinical Advisor > CVS Caremark

Danfeng (Daphne) Ni
Clinical Advisor > CVS Caremark > Dayton, Ohio

Oncology Pharmacy
Maxwell Brown
Clinical Pharmacy Manager, Bone Marrow & Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation > New York Presbyterian/Weill-Cornell Medical Center > New York, N.Y.

Pharmacy
Anna Bondar
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident > UPMC St. Margaret

Emily Brown
PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident > Akron General Medical Center > Akron, Ohio

Hua (Sherry) Chen
PGY2 Cardiology Resident > Mayo Clinic > Rochester, Minn.

Nicole Durie
PGY2 Cardiology Resident > UPMC Presbyterian

Nicole Farabaugh
Patient Care Surgery Pharmacist > Nationwide Children's Hospital > Columbus, Ohio

Maria Felton
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident > UPMC St. Margaret

Ronald Heisel
Pharmacist > UPMC Shadyside

Carlo Iasella
Clinical Trials and Outcomes Research (CORE) Fellowship > University of Pittsburgh

Joy Jakubek
Pharmacist > West Penn Hospital

Kristen Knoph
PGY2 Pharmacotherapy Resident > Mayo Clinic > Rochester, Minn.

Nathan Lambert
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident > UPMC St. Margaret

Katrina Mayr
Clinical Pharmacist, Transitions of Care > Billings Clinic > Billings, Mont.

Seth McCleary
Clinical Pharmacist > Geisinger Medical Center > Danville, Pa.

Susan Miller
Clinical Pharmacist > Mount Nittany Medical Center > State College, Pa.

Nicholas Skezas
Pharmacist > UPMC Presbyterian

Sydney Springer
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident > UPMC St. Margaret

Kyle Strnad
PGY2 Critical Care Resident > UPMC Presbyterian

Alexa Szelc
Pharmacist > Monongahela Valley Hospital > Monongahela, Pa.

Rebecca Tokarski
Clinical Pharmacist > Chartwell Home Infusion > Pittsburgh, Pa.

Evon Venturella
Staff Pharmacist > Accredo Health Group > Wexford, Pa.

Psychiatry Pharmacy
Lauren Kohley
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Psychiatry and Emergency Medicine > Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital

Transplant Pharmacy
Anh Vu
Clinical Pharmacist > The University of Kansas Hospital > Kansas City, Kan.

Underserved Care/Global Health Pharmacy
Ferealem (Fray) Assefa
Clinical/Staff pharmacist > Carilion Clinic > Roanoke, Va.

Recent Publications by Resident Alumni:
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MEET THE RESIDENTS (2016-2017)

Jessica Anderson, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian
Jessica is from Spartanburg, S.C. She received a Bachelor’s of Science in Biology and Business Administration from Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., and received her PharmD from Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY1 residency at Saint Vincent Hospital in Erie, Pa. Her clinical areas of interest include diabetes, heart failure and COPD. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys antiquing, interior design, and cooking.

Megan Bookser, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
Mage-Womens Hospital of UPMC
Megan is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received her PharmD from Ohio Northern University in 2016. Her professional interests include ambulatory care, family medicine, and teaching. In the future, she would like to obtain a position centered on patient education and precepting students. Outside of pharmacy, Megan loves to spend time with family and friends, cook, and cheer on all of the Pittsburgh sports teams.

Seohyun (Claudia) Choi, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy
Seohyun (Claudia) received her PharmD from The Ohio State University in 2016 and bachelor’s degree in human biology from Michigan State University. Her areas of interest include critical care and inpatient rehabilitation. She plans to complete a PGY2 in critical care and pursue her career goal as a clinical pharmacist. She enjoys spinning exercises, pilates and mountain hikes.

Gina Ayers, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St Margaret
Gina is from Winchester, Virginia. She received her PharmD from Shenandoah University and bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Mary Washington. Upon completing her PGY1 residency, she will continue at St. Margaret as a PGY2 in geriatrics. Her current professional interests include geriatrics, chronic disease state management, patient education, and interprofessional education. Other interests include spending time with friends and family and hiking.

Gregory Bresin, PharmD
PGY1 Managed Care
Pharmacy Resident
CVS Caremark
Greg is from Rochester, N.Y., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2016. His professional interests include Clinical Account Management, Clinical Program Development and teaching. After residency Greg plans to pursue a career as a clinical pharmacist at a health plan or PBM and be affiliated with a university. His interest include cooking, playing sports, and spending time with friends and family.

Ardis Copenhaver, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St Margaret
Ardis is originally from Lexington, Kentucky and received her PharmD from the Medical University of South Carolina. Her areas of interest include family medicine, transitions of care, and interprofessional education. Following her residency, she plans to pursue a clinical position in family medicine practice and academia. In her spare time, Ardis enjoys spending time with friends and family, running, hiking, and playing tennis.

Sheeva Blackman, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside
Sheeva is from Miami, Florida, and received her PharmD from Nova Southeastern University in 2016. Her professional interests include primary care, global health, and caring for underserved patients. After completion of her PGY1 residency, she plans to pursue a PGY2 in ambulatory care. Outside of work Sheeva enjoys traveling, hiking, photography and discovering good places to eat.

Megan Carr, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St Margaret
Megan is from Overland Park, Kansas, and received her PharmD from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy in 2016. Her professional interests include geriatric care, interprofessional collaboration, health literacy and cognitive function. Next year, she will complete a PGY2 in geriatrics at UPMC St. Margaret. Outside of pharmacy, Megan enjoys baking, trying new restaurants, and traveling.

Julia Dawson, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
Julia is a graduate of Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy, Class of 2016. She graduated with a concentration in pediatrics and is currently the Post-Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) Pharmacy Resident at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. She plans to pursue a PGY2 in a specialized area of pediatrics, achieve pediatric pharmacy specialty certification, and work as a clinical pharmacist in a pediatric hospital.

Anna Bondar, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St Margaret
Anna is from Cleveland, Ohio, and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2015. She completed her PGY1 residency at UPMC St. Margaret. Her professional interests include primary care, global health, and caring for underserved patients. Next year, Anna hopes to work in the outpatient setting, teaching residents and students and taking care of patients. Outside of work Anna enjoys yoga and traveling.

Sherry Chen, PharmD
PGY2 Cardiology
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian
Sherry is from Baltimore, Md., and graduated from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2015. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian and has stayed for a PGY2 in cardiology. Her current professional interests include anticoagulation and advanced therapies for heart failure. Outside of pharmacy, Sherry enjoys working on craft projects, exploring Pittsburgh museums, and watching sci-fi movies.

Moses Demehin, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian
Moses is from Baltimore, Md., and received his PharmD from University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2016. His professional areas of interest include immunology, infectious diseases, and solid organ transplantation. After completing his residency, Moses plans to complete a PGY2 residency in one of these specialties. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys traveling, sampling different cuisines, listening to live music and playing the piano.
MEET THE RESIDENTS (2016-2017)

Nicole Durie, PharmD
PGY2 Cardiology
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian
Nicole is from Doylestown, Pa., and received her PharmD in 2015 from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian last year. Her areas of interest include critical care and cardiology. In her spare time, Nicole enjoys hiking, spending time with family and friends, and traveling.

Arlene Gao, PharmD
PGY2 Oncology
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside
Arlene received her PharmD from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian. Her professional interests in oncology include hematologic malignancies and supportive care management. Arlene hopes to pursue a clinical oncology position that also allows her to mentor future pharmacists. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Mahalia Harrell, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC McKeensport
Mahalia is originally from St. Louis, Mo. She received a BS in Biochemistry-Biotechnology in 2012 and her PharmD in 2016 from the University of Missouri. Her career interests include ambulatory care, pharmacy administration, professional organizational involvement, mentoring future student pharmacists and improving care in the medically underserved. In her spare time she enjoys watching baseball, trying new recipes and spending time with family and friends.

April Elling, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Hamot
April is from Mahaffey, Pa. She received a Bachelor’s of Science in Cell Biology and Biochemistry from Bucknell University, and her PharmD from LECOM School of Pharmacy in 2016. Her interests include ambulatory care, oncology, and pediatrics. April plans to either find a clinical position or complete a PGY2 residency in one of these specialties. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with family, reading, watching movies and fishing.

Natalie Giron, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian
Natalie is originally from Naples, Fl., and received her PharmD from Mercer University in 2016. Her current professional interests include oncology, academia, and infectious diseases. After completing a PGY1 at UPMC Presbyterian she hopes to pursue a PGY2 specialty residency. In her spare time, Natalie enjoys spending time with her family and her dogs, traveling, adventuring, watching and quoting good and bad movies, and reading.

Kristin Hart, PharmD
PGY2 Geriatric
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside
Kristin is from Rochester, N.Y. She received her BS in Biology from SUNY Geneseo followed by her PharmD from University at Buffalo in 2015. She completed her PGY1 community pharmacy residency at University of Pittsburgh and Rite Aid. Her interests include quality improvement and ambulatory care within community pharmacy, geriatrics, government affairs, and advocacy for the profession. Kristin enjoys trying new restaurants, traveling, and attending advocacy events.

Emily Linville Fargo, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St Margaret
Emily received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2016 and a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from the College of Wooster. Next year, she will continue at St. Margaret as a PGY2 specializing in ambulatory care. Her current professional interests include family medicine, chronic disease state management, and working with an interdisciplinary team. She enjoys traveling, being outdoors, playing tennis, and spending time with family.

Nicholas Giruzzi, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St Margaret
Nick received his PharmD from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2015. He completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret and is continuing as a PGY2 in ambulatory care. His professional interests include chronic disease state management and patient education. His goal is to pursue a position as an outpatient clinical pharmacist. He enjoys going to concerts, watching sports and staying active.

Karen Hoang, PharmD
PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident
School of Pharmacy in collaboration with Rite Aid
Karen is from Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2016. Her current professional interests include clinical community, managed care, and ambulatory care. Following completion of her PGY1, she plans to pursue a career in one of these areas. Outside of pharmacy, Karen enjoys trying new restaurants, traveling, and musicals.

Maria Felton, PharmD
PGY2 Geriatric
Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St Margaret
Maria is from Davidsville, Pa., and received her PharmD in 2015 from the University of Pittsburgh. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret and is continuing at St. Margaret for a PGY2 in geriatrics. She ultimately hopes to combine her passion for teaching and patient care in an academic setting. She enjoys trying new restaurants, spending time with family and friends, and watching Pittsburgh sports teams.

Alana Grabigel, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside
Alana is from Sharpsville, Pa., and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2016. Her professional interests include oncology, ambulatory care and education. In her future, Alana hopes to complete a PGY2 in one of these areas and ultimately pursue a clinical position at a medical teaching institution. Outside of pharmacy, Alana enjoys yoga, dancing, trying new restaurants and spending time with friends and family.

Cassius Hudson, Jr, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian
Cassius is from Toledo, Ohio, and received his PharmD from the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2016. His current professional interests include critical care, cardiology, and internal medicine. After completing his residency, Cassius plans to pursue a PGY2 residency within one of these specialty areas. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys working out, trying new restaurants, and spending time with friends and family.
MEET THE RESIDENTS (2016-2017)

Anna Jamil, PharmD
PGY2 Underserved/Global Health Pharmacy Resident
University of Pittsburgh
Anna was born in Pakistan and raised in Mississauga, Ontario. She received her PharmD from Rutgers University in 2015 and completed her PGY1 Residency at Plainview Hospital in Long Island, N.Y. Her areas of interest include primary care, global health and academia. She hopes to attain a clinical faculty appointment in conjunction with a practice site that will allow her to care for the underserved.

Jonathan Kovac, PharmD
PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident
School of Pharmacy in collaboration with Giant Eagle
Jonathan, who is from McMurray, Pa., graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy this past April. Upon completion of his PGY1 residency training, Jonathan plans to continue to provide clinical services and act as a student preceptor by pursuing a career as a community-based clinical pharmacist.

Nathan Lamberton, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St Margaret
Nate received his PharmD from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2015, and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret in 2016. Upon completion of his PGY2 residency, Nate hopes to obtain a clinical pharmacist position within a rural, primary care setting with teaching and precepting opportunities.

Sadaf Mahmood, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Hamot
Sadaf is from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy in 2014. Her professional interests include critical care, infectious diseases, and emergency medicine pharmacy. She hopes to pursue a career in clinical pharmacy with both clinical and teaching responsibilities. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, cooking, photography, and spending time with family and friends.

Sheheryar Muhammad, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy
Sheheryar is from Gaithersburg, Md. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from University of Maryland, College Park in 2012, and his PharmD from University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2016. His professional interests include cardiology, psychiatry, and academia. In his spare time, Sheheryar enjoys attending independent film screenings, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Ryan Steiner, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy
Ryan is from Wilmington, Del., and received his PharmD from Temple University School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pa. His professional areas of interest include internal medicine and infectious diseases. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys sports and spending time with family and friends.

Tanya Mumau, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Hamot
Tanya is from Conneaut Lake, Pa. She received her PharmD from the Mylan School of Pharmacy at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her professional interests are critical care and post-transplant management. After completion of her PGY1 residency at UPMC Hamot, Tanya hopes to pursue a critical care position that also allows her to precept future pharmacists.

Kyle Strnad, PharmD
PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian
Kyle is originally from Yardley, Pa. He received his PharmD in 2015 from Thomas Jefferson University and completed his PGY1 at UPMC Presbyterian in 2016. He is excited to stay in Pittsburgh to continue his training, and ultimately hopes to secure a critical care clinical or faculty position in an academic institution. For fun, Kyle enjoys sports, exploring restaurants, and spending time with family and friends.

Adrienne Szymkowiak, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian
Adrienne is from Greensburg, Pa., and received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy in 2016. Her professional interests include critical care, cardiology, and patient safety. After her PGY1 year, she plans to complete a PGY2 in critical care and pursue a shared clinical and teaching position. Adrienne enjoys the outdoors and spending time with family and friends.

Sydney Springer, PharmD
PGY2 Geriatric 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. She completed her PGY1 residency at UPMC St. Margaret and is continuing her training at St. Margaret with a PGY2 in geriatrics. Her professional interests include geriatric pharmacotherapy, complementary and alternative medicine, and academia. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys reading, crocheting, and biking around the city.

Khusbu Thaker, PharmD
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian
Khusbu is from Galloway, N.J., and received her Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Stockton University, followed by her PharmD from MCPHS University in 2015. She completed a PGY1 residency at Hunterdon Medical Center. Her areas of interest include academia, primary care, and women's health. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, travelling, exploring new places, and reading books.
Neil Turco, PharmD  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St Margaret  
Neil is from Kittanning, Pa., and earned his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2016. His professional interests include family medicine, interprofessional education, and transitions of care. Next year, he will complete a PGY2 in ambulatory care at UPMC St. Margaret. Outside of pharmacy, Neil enjoys hiking, working out, reading classical literature, and automotive engineering.

Hanna Welch, PharmD  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian  
Originally from Huntsville, Ala., Hanna earned her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and French at University of Alabama in 2011, then spent a year teaching English to high school students France. She received her PharmD from the University of Michigan in 2016. Her professional interests include ambulatory care, infectious diseases, global health, and teaching. Hanna spends her free time cooking, shopping at farmers markets, biking, and contra dancing.

William Wilson, PharmD  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy  
Will is from Lehman, Pa., and received his PharmD in 2016 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. His current interests are infectious diseases and internal medicine. Following completion of his PGY1 year, Will plans to complete a PGY2 in infectious diseases. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with friends and family, as well as attending concerts and sporting events.

Olya Witkowski, PharmD  
PGY2 Solid Organ Transplantation Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian  
Olya is from Park Ridge, Ill., and received her BS in Pharmacology/Toxicology followed by her PharmD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2015. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at the University of Chicago Medicine. Her professional interests include solid organ transplant, immunology, and infectious diseases. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, outdoor activities, eating, taking her dog for a walk, and spending time with family and friends.

Ting-Ting Wu, PharmD  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian  
Ting-Ting received her PharmD from University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in 2016. Her areas of interest include solid organ transplant and clinical research. After completing her PGY1 residency, she plans to pursue a PGY2 residency or fellowship in transplantation. Outside of pharmacy, Ting-Ting enjoys traveling, live music, and outdoor activities.
Brandon Antinopoulos ('15) was presented with the Distinguished Young Pharmacist award during the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA) 2016 Annual Conference in September. Also, Brandon was recently installed as president of the Allegheny County Pharmacists Association (ACPA).

Ayesha Ather ('15) completed her PGY2 residency and took a position as a cardiothoracic surgery pharmacist at the University of Kentucky HealthCare.

Jeff Brewer ('00) was recognized as a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FASHP) this summer.

John Cadwalader ('13,'14,'15) was promoted to manager of pharmacy operations for the UPMC Presbyterian inpatient pharmacy.

Anne Countway ('15) completed her PGY2 residency and took a position as a pediatric emergency department clinical pharmacist at Akron Children’s Hospital in Ohio.

Justin Delic ('15) completed his PGY2 residency and is now assistant professor specializing in critical care at the University of the Sciences Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Christina (Schober) DeReimer ('02, '04) was recognized as a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FASHP) this summer. She is currently serving as chair for the education steering committee in the ASHP Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners.

Amy (Calabrese) Donahie ('99) was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Pharmacy (FCCP) in October 2016.

Timothy George ('05, '06) and Lauren (Veltry) George ('06) are back in Pittsburgh. Tim is an oncology clinical pharmacist at UPMC Shadyside, and Lauren is currently working as a pharmacist at West Penn Hospital.

Suzanna Gim ('05) was promoted to director of international affairs at the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy at Long Island University.

Patrick Gleason ('94) was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy in April 2016.

Justine (Shuller) Gortney ('00) was promoted to associate clinical professor this past August. She is currently the director of assessment for the pharmacy division at Wayne State.

Emily Graham ('15) completed her PGY2 residency and is now an oncology clinical pharmacy specialist with Alleighen Health Network.

Genevieve Hale ('14) received two research grants from Nova Southeastern University for research projects titled “An evaluation of practitioners’ preference of stroke risk in nonvalvular atrial fibrillation: CHA2DS2-VASc versus CHADS2” and “Improving quality of life and cardiovascular health and wellness of elderly patients in South Florida.”

Amy Haver ('14) started a new position as a geriatric clinical pharmacist at UPMC St. Margaret in December 2015.

Ashley Hedges ('14) completed her PGY2 residency and took a full time critical care pharmacist position at the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ashley Holzworth-Nash ('10) was promoted to senior clinical account executive at Express Scripts. She and her husband have moved back to Pittsburgh!

Matthew Jenkins ('10,'11) is now director of inpatient pharmacy services at University of Virginia Health System.

Meredith Jernigan ('11,'12) is now clinical pharmacist for infectious diseases and cystic fibrosis at University of Virginia Health System.

Jessica (Saunders) Jones ('13) was promoted to program manager of PBM clinical strategy this summer at Evolent Health in Atlanta, Ga.

Lauren (Fields) Jonkman ('07, '08) received the 2016 Chancellor’s Distinguished Public Service Award at the University of Pittsburgh.

Paul Juang ('04) was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM) in February 2016. He was also named a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FASHP) this summer.

Nadia Kudla ('14) was promoted to clinical pharmacy specialist at Forbes Regional Hospital in Monroeville, Pa.

Kyle McCormick ('15) was recently installed as president-elect of the Allegheny County Pharmacists Association (ACPA).

Ian McGrane ('12) is now assistant professor of pharmacy practice at the Skaggs School of Pharmacy of the University of Montana.

Christine (Jordan) Moore ('15) was recently installed as secretary of the Allegheny County Pharmacists Association (ACPA).

Christine (Fisher) Owens ('11) and Nick Owens ('10,'11) have re-located to Philadelphia. Nick is now an assistant professor of clinical pharmacy at University of the Sciences Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Katie Roberts ('15) completed her PGY2, and is now a clinical pharmacy specialist in the medical ICU at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

Heather (Kudis) Sakey ('05) was selected to participate in the 2016 class of the Practice Change Leaders program. Ten leaders across the nation were selected to participate in this prestigious fourteen month program. Heather received $45,000 toward completing a project aimed at implementing a new geriatric service line or aging program.

Kate Sisco ('13) left her position working in critical care at Johns Hopkins to begin work with Médecins sans frontières (Doctors Without Borders) as a field pharmacist. She departed on her first mission to South Sudan in November.

Elaine (Mebel) Strauss ('11,'12) relocated from Pittsburgh to Boston and is now pharmacy operations manager for compounding services at Massachusetts General Hospital. In this role, she oversees several inpatient compounding areas and ensures the safety and quality of all compounded products. She is also involved in preparing for the upcoming Massachusetts state and USP 797 and 800 compounding regulation updates.

Johanna Thompson ('13) is now an advanced clinical pharmacist specializing in in primary care at Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, UT.

Tina Tran ('15) completed her PGY2 residency training in global pharmacy last year with Purdue University School of Pharmacy, and is now a global health fellow with Purdue.

Mike Voziak ('03) completed his 3-year term serving on the Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) Board of Directors, most recently serving as the Past-President. For the 2016-2017 term, he is serving as the Chair of the HOPA Health Policy Committee.

Kristin (Zerumsky) Watson ('04,'05) has a new administrative role as vice chair for clinical services in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

Celeste (Sejnowski) Wise ('13) obtained a new position as ED clinical pharmacist at Southwest General Health Center in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

Kathy Woodburn, department administrator at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics as well as UPMC/Pitt pharmacy residency program coordinator for 16 years, retired on March 31, 2016.

Eric Wright ('99) is now director and senior investigator at the Center for Pharmacy Innovation and Outcomes Research at Geisinger Health System.

Dan Yarabinec ('13) is back in Pittsburgh and working as an inpatient clinical pharmacist for the family medicine service at UPMC Shadyside.

Megan Zielke ('15) completed her PGY2 residency and accepted a critical care specialist position at Penn Presbyterian in Philadelphia, Pa.

Newly Wed:

Christine Fisher ('11) and Nick Owens ('10,'11) on June 6, 2016.

Pamela Gradisek ('09) and John Iannitto on July 9, 2016.

Jessica Saunders ('13) and Ronnie Jones on April 16, 2016.

Kristin Hart ('16,'17) and Kevin Macksmie on July 9, 2016.

Meredith Jernigan ('11,'12) and Matthew Jenkins ('10,'11) on May 21, 2016.

Christine Jordan ('15) and Cody Moore ('15) on October 8, 2016.

Elizabeth McCartney ('14) and Justin Harris ('14) on October 8, 2016.

Nicole Nierste ('16,'17) and Adam Jaspers on September 4, 2016.

Amy Patel ('12) and Shivam Patel on July 30, 2016.
Falk Pharmacy is still located within the Falk Medical Building, and offers typical outpatient services including filling prescriptions and offering immunizations. Patients can have prescriptions mailed directly to their home or delivered to their Pitt or UPMC office location for convenience. In addition, as a specialty pharmacy, Falk Pharmacy dispenses uncommon and expensive drugs including medications for Hepatitis C, HIV and other immune disorders. Pharmacists at Falk also fill stock medications for the University of Pittsburgh athletic department and two of the professional sports teams in Pittsburgh. Additional unique services include provision of prescription medications for University of Pittsburgh research, UPMC employees traveling internationally, and visiting international travelers (with charges submitted to their respective embassies).

Ambulatory care pharmacy residents at UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside are fortunate to have opportunities to work in both PPS and Falk Pharmacy. Both are very different and unique UPMC retail pharmacies, and both offer excellent opportunities for resident research. These pharmacies have linked prescription records which allows for tracking of prescription refill compliance as well as outcomes associated with interventions in multiple disease states and settings. Furthermore, Falk Pharmacy was one of four pharmacies participating in a study assessing characteristics of patients filling opioid prescriptions in southwestern Pennsylvania. This study, which was published in 2016 in the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association, identified relationships between opioid medication misuse and specific opioid drugs and health problems as well as the fact that community pharmacy is an underutilized resource in reducing opioid abuse.

Each PGY2 ambulatory care pharmacy resident completes a six-week outpatient pharmacy operations rotation at Falk Pharmacy. During this rotation, residents learn practice management through oversight of the immunization program including scheduling, supply resourcing, and vaccination provision. Residents are also exposed to management and regulatory functions within the pharmacy, and they have the opportunity to research and develop new outpatient pharmacy services. Residents also gain teaching experience by precepting pharmacy students on rotation at Falk or PPS. The residents complete their longitudinal staffing requirements on weekends within PPS. The opportunities for UPMC residents within outpatient retail pharmacies will continue to grow since research opportunities are abundant and new services are constantly being developed at both Falk Pharmacy and PPS.

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