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Introducing the 2019-2020 Residents

PGY1 Residents

Lydia Girgis
Texas Tech
Emily Harden
University of Georgia
Kyree Henry
University of Kansas

PGY2 Residents

Bernard Hsia
University of Georgia
Kelli Keats
University of Kentucky
Taylor Bowick
PGY2 Pediatrics
PGY1 AUMC-UGA
University of Georgia
Johanna Dresser
PGY2 Ambulatory Care
PGY1 St. Joseph Candler-UGA
Wingate University
Paige Eber
PGY2 Pediatrics
PGY1 AUMC-UGA
University of Georgia
Ashley Taylor
PGY2 Critical Care
PGY1 AUMC-UGA
University of Georgia

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Resident Accomplishments

Paul Bauman, PharmD
PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Resident

- Performance Improvement and Research Project:
  “Pediatric intravenously administered medication concentration standardization and smart pump integration in a tertiary academic learning center”

- Grand Rounds:
  “Rock-a-Bye Baby: Pediatric Sleep Pharmacotherapy”

- Lectures:
  * “Pediatrics” PHRM 5160, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
  * “Acute Otitis Media, Community Acquired Pneumonia, and Cystic Fibrosis” PHRM 5880, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
  * “Pediatric Drug Information Resources and Common Questions” PHRM 5950, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

- Plans for Next Year:
  General Pediatric Clinical Specialist at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital in Memphis, TN

Kori Daniels, PharmD
PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident

- Research Project:
  “Outcomes of patients receiving ibrutinib with or without antifungal therapy”

- Medication Use Evaluation:
  “Inpatient bortezomib use: establishing criteria for use”

- Grand Rounds:
  “Management of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell Toxicities”

- Lecture:
  “Breast Cancer” PHRM 5890, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

- Plans for Next Year:
  Bone Marrow Transplant Clinical Specialist at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, TN

Taylor Clark Bowick, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

- Research Project:
  “Effectiveness of corticosteroids as adjunct treatment in pediatric cystic fibrosis pulmonary exacerbations”

- Medication Use Evaluation:
  “Assessment and optimization of pain management at an academic medical center”

- Grand Rounds:
  “Optimizing Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacotherapy Regimens with New Drug Therapies”

- Lecture:
  “Pediatric Drug Information Resources” PHRM 3940, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

- Plans for Next Year:
  PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency at AU Medical Center in Augusta, GA and Chief Resident 2019-2020

Paige Eber, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

- Research Project:
  “Impact of a computerized clinical decision subphase on appropriateness of stress ulcer prophylaxis prescribing”

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Resident Accomplishments

Jessica Ringler, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

- **Research Project:**
  "Efficacy and safety of a nurse-driven diabetic ketoacidosis protocol at an academic medical center"

- **Medication Use Evaluation:**
  "Evaluation of extended interval aminoglycosides dosing in pediatric cystic fibrosis patients"

- **Grand Rounds:**
  "The Use of Medical Marijuana for the Treatment of Chronic Pain: Weeding Through the Literature"

- **Lecture:**
  "IV Admixtures" PHRM 5950, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

- **Plans for Next Year:** PGY2 Neurology Pharmacy Residency at Grady Health System in Atlanta, GA

Ashley Taylor, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

- **Research Project:**
  "Evaluation of weight-based enoxaparin dosing and monitoring for venous thromboembolism prophylaxis in trauma patients"

- **Medication Use Evaluation:**
  "Evaluation of aminoglycosides and vancomycin pharmacy-driven protocols at an academic medical center"

- **Grand Rounds:**
  "Does Less Make a Massive Difference? Fibrinolytic Therapy Use in Pulmonary Embolism"

- **Lecture:**
  "Off-Label Use of Medications" PHRM 5950, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

- **Publication:**

- **Plans for Next Year:** PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at AU Medical Center in Augusta, GA

Lauren Freeman, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

- **Research Project:**
  "Assessment of electrolyte replacement in critically ill patients during a drug shortage"

- **Medication Use Evaluation:**
  "Assessment of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) evaluation and management at an academic medical center"

- **Grand Rounds:**
  "Getting to the Source: Antimicrobial Selection and Duration in Gram Negative Bacteremia"

- **Lectures:**
  "Secondary Sources and Performing Medline Searches" PHRM 3940, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
  "Legal and Ethical Considerations in Drug Information" PHRM 5950, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

- **Guideline Development:**
  "Augusta University Medical Center Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia Management Guideline"

- **Publication:**

- **Plans for Next Year:** PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency at AU Medical Center in Augusta, GA
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**David Copelan**  
**Class 1993-1994**  
**Current Job Title:** Pharmacy Director at Piedmont Newnan Hospital in Newnan, GA  
**Professional Organization Involvement and Leadership:**  
- ASHP Delegate to the House of Representatives  
- Past GSHP President and District Director  
**Most Valuable or Memorable Experience from Residency:** Learning self confidence and being comfortable with public speaking

*“No job is perfect, and the measure of success is not in how much you like your job or even how much you accomplish, but in how you perform in adverse conditions. Don’t stay in a bad situation any longer than you have to, but perform to the absolute best of you’re ability with a very positive attitude while you’re there.”*

**Christi Cawood Marsh**  
**Class 1994-1995**  
**Current Job Title:** Director, Medical Affairs at HEMA Biologics™, LLC  
**Professional Organization Involvement and Leadership:**  
- Drug Information Association (DIA) Member of Program Committee for Annual Medical and Scientific Communications Forum  
- GSHP Member  
- ASHP Member  
- ALLHAT Study Coordinator

**Most Valuable or Memorable Experience from Residency:** The people who motivated, invested, and believed in her as a resident as well as the encouragement to get involved with organizations in order to make lifelong connections

*“Never say never.”*  
*“Be open to exploring new growth opportunities as you continue on in your career.”*  
*“Take risks if it seems the risk will promote personal and professional growth.”*

**Melissa Frank**  
**Class 1998-1999**  
**Current Job Title:** Pharmacy Director at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, GA  
**Professional Organization Involvement and Leadership:**  
- ASHP Member  
- GSHP Co-Chair of Professional Affairs Committee  
**Most Valuable or Memorable Experience from Residency:** Networking with amazing preceptors and pharmacy staff members, many of which she still keeps in contact with today. She remembers spending countless hours in the drug information center with Rusty and Dianne May talking and laughing (and trying not to disturb Marjorie who was just over the wall from them)!

*“Give yourself grace if things don’t go as you originally planned – there are numerous ways to accomplish your career goals, so don’t think it’s the end of the world if you don’t get the PGY2 or you don’t get the job you think you want. Also, listen to people who support you and believe in you – they will see strengths and blind spots that you may not recognize in yourself. I said that I credit NGMC with my progression in leadership, but more importantly, I credit the supportive leaders I have had who have said to me, “You know you can do this, right? Don’t sell yourself short.” While I probably never felt fully prepared for any of the leadership roles I have had, I have learned to trust and listen to the more objective perspectives of those around me. Surround yourself with those types of people – mentors, friends, peers, whatever you call them – they will be an invaluable resource to you throughout your career!”*

**Alexis Horace**  
**Class 2008-2009**  
**Current Job Title:** Associate Professor, University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy and HIV Clinic Pharmacist  
**Professional Organization Involvement and Leadership:**  
- ASHP Member  
- NPhA Member  
- LSHP, Executive Board Member  
- Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy SNPhA Chapter Advisor

**Most Valuable or Memorable Experience from Residency:** The connection she made with her co-residents because they were a fun, eclectic group of girls that were able to support one another. Also, having her research be well received by another pharmacist following her final research presentation. In that moment, she realized that the research she was doing made a difference, not just for completing the program, but for the patients and hospital system. She was able to publish her PGY1 research project a year later.

*“... set goals and focus on achieving those. Residency is only 1 year in the grand scheme of it all.”*  
*“Not all feedback is going to be glowing. We are all human and one’s ability to accept feedback is critical. If you feel that it’s too critical and not constructive, speak up! Additionally, don’t be afraid of feedback and seek it. It will take away some of the fear of not being perfect.”*
Alumni Spotlight

Christina Graham Crowley
Class 2009-2010
Current Job Title
PGY1 Residency Program Director and Clinical Intern Coordinator at LMH Health in Lawrence, KS
Professional Organization Involvement and Leadership
Kansas Council of Health-System Pharmacy Membership Chair, District Director, Current President
Most Valuable or Memorable Experience from Residency
“Lunches with Rusty May! He taught me the value of a lunch break. If you are eating at your desk, STOP! Take the time to recharge and connect with your colleagues and you will find yourself having more productive afternoons.”

“No matter where you are practicing – Make a difference for YOUR patients and positively represent pharmacy – at the bedside, in the pharmacy, or C-suite – we are ALL leaders!”

“Don’t forget the amazing individuals who trained you along the way. Keep in touch and do not be afraid to call up an old mentor for advice or to share exciting professional or life news!”

Lisa Pelletier Bennett
Class 2010-2011
Current Job Title
Clinical Coordinator at Laredo Medical Center in Laredo, TX
Professional Organization Involvement and Leadership
Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists Member
ACCP Member
Most Valuable or Memorable Experience from Residency
“I didn’t match for my PGY2, and went through the scramble. The anxiety and emotional ups/downs were intense, and thankfully my preceptors and mentor really rallied around me. If I hadn’t gone through the scramble, I would have never ended up at PMG, my future practice site.”

“I would take advantage of rotations and experiences offered in order to push your comfort level and become more well-rounded. Be motivated by patients, improving medication safety, and being the best pharmacist you can be. Your preceptors are smarter than you can even begin to realize, so take advantage of their time and feedback. And lastly, don’t be too hard on yourself, remember to have fun and de-stress whenever possible.”

Jackie Bryant
Class 2012-2013
Current Job Title
Clinical Pharmacy Manager and PGY1 Residency Program Director at Trident Medical Center in North Charleston, SC
Most Valuable or Memorable Experience from Residency
“Choosing AUMC as my home for residency training was by far the best decision I have ever made.” After PGY1, Jackie completed a PGY2 in Critical Care at AUMC and stayed on as a MICU clinical specialist for 2.5 years. She had this to say about her time here, “I was very involved in the ICU there and AUMC felt like my family.”

“You have a few months remaining in the residency year. Get the most out of it as you can! Challenge your preceptors to challenge you more (while you have the safety net of their guidance), and ask them if there are any unique opportunities to see during your rotations. When you graduate from residency, never stop challenging yourself. The hardest thing to do will be to continue the ‘structured’ learning you are currently forced to do in a way. Dedicate time to continuing your education, and don’t be afraid to take opportunities that you may not feel quite ready for. I am so glad I took the opportunity as clinical manager (but I’m not sure I’m done with my bedside practice forever!). “

Sarah Evans Hoffman
Class 2013-2014
Current Job Title
Oncology Clinical Specialist at The James Cancer Hospital at The Ohio State University
Professional Organization Involvement and Leadership
HOPA Committee Member
OSHP Annual Meeting Presenter
Most Valuable or Memorable Experience from Residency
The precepting and teaching opportunities through UGA College of Pharmacy, the flexibility in tailoring her rotations and projects to her specific interests, as well as the mentorship that she received from many of the fantastic preceptors at AUMC and UGA College of Pharmacy. She also fondly remembers the ‘infamous’ snow storm of 2014, making the end-of-the-year graduation video, and LOTS of dancing with her fellow co-residents in the resident office.

“No amount of topic discussions, presentations, or evaluations can really, truly prepare you for the first day in your first job when YOU are the clinical pharmacist calling the shots ... It is a simultaneously exciting and terrifying feeling, but be confident in everything you learned during residency and don’t be afraid to ask for help...”

“You will likely want to volunteer for everything and get involved in projects right away, but don’t overcommit. Also, really try to disconnect when you leave the office.”
ASHP Midyear
Anaheim, CA

In December our pharmacy residents and preceptors joined with thousands of their colleagues to network and attend continuing education programming. The meeting also featured educational sessions, student posters, and resident and new practitioner programming. With Disneyland nearby, it was only fitting that this year’s meeting be magical for AU Medical Center and the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy for several reasons.

Dean of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, Kelly Smith, opened up the 53rd Annual ASHP Midyear Meeting, presenting to over 20,000 pharmacy professionals. The opening session featured keynote speaker, Magic Johnson.

Each resident presented the results of their medication use evaluation project at the Vizient Consortium Resident Poster Session and Reception. UGA Pharmacy students presented hundreds of posters at the Student Poster Session! At the Residency Showcase, AU Medical Center attracted a record number of potential applicants. The residents enjoyed speaking with potential candidates.

Residents were also busy at the Personal Placement Service (PPS) interviewing for PGY2 and job positions. AU Medical Center also did some heavy recruiting at this event by interviewing for 15 newly approved pharmacist positions in a variety of practice areas.

Dr. Rusty May received the prestigious Paul F. Parker Award from the University of Kentucky during the reception event. The award is given annually to a past resident of the UK Residency Program. Dr. May graduated from the UK Residency Program in 1981. Since then, he has had several successes including starting the Drug Information Center at the Medical College of Georgia. He was also one of the first clinicians appointed to the Commission On Credentialing and currently serves as a guest surveyor for ASHP residency accreditation site visits. Congratulations, Dr. May!

The week was also an opportunity for professional networking and bonding as a residency class. Residents were invited to attend Dean Kelly Smith’s Presidential Reception. There were also several receptions hosted by Colleges of Pharmacy for alumni. Of course, there was time for a trip to Disneyland!

Southeastern Residency Conference (SERC)
Athens, GA

Pharmacy residents and preceptors from across the southeast gathered in Athens, Georgia for a special 50th anniversary of the Southeastern Residency Conference. Athens hosted the first regional residency conference in the United States on January 24, 1970. An astounding 225 residency programs from 10 states were represented at this event which included 327 presentations and had 525 attendees. Each of our residents delivered their own platform presentation discussing the results of their longitudinal research project. The weekend was a time to celebrate the accomplishments of the culmination of a year of hard work, as well as bond as a residency class and preceptor group.

Patient and Medication Safety

National Patient Safety Awareness Week took place March 10-16. The pharmacy department was greatly recognized for its contributions to patient safety.

Throughout the calendar year, a traveling Good Catch trophy goes to the department who has the best good catches during a designated time. During calendar 2018, Pharmacy (Children’s Hospital of Georgia), Pharmacy (Oncology), and Anatomical Pathology each held the trophy five times!

Our pharmacy department also earned recognition as 2018 Good Catch Stars for submitting the most “good catches” during 2018. Pharmacist, Paula Phetsadasack, was recognized with the Best Catch of All award for the year. She is pictured above with University President Dr. Brooks Keel, CEO Lee Ann Liska, and CMO Dr. Phillip Coule. Critical care resident, Lindsey Coppiano, and pharmacist, Kelly Dye, were also rewarded “Top Catch” among all hospital employees for the months of April and May 2019, respectively.
The Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group (PPAG) Annual Meeting occurs in the Spring each year. This year, the 28th annual meeting was held at the Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel and Spa. Paul Bauman (PGY2 Pediatric Resident) gave a platform presentation covering his research project. Other presenters included, Margaret Oates Poisson (Pediatric Critical Care Specialist) and Kelley Norris (Pediatric Critical Care Specialist, Pediatric Pharmacy Team Supervisor, and PGY2 Pediatric RPD).

The Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) 48th Annual Congress took place in San Diego, CA. PGY2 Critical Care Resident, Lindsey Coppiano, delivered several presentations including, “Predictors of pharmacist interventions in critically ill patients” and “Cidofovir and immune globulin treatment in an immunocompetent child with adenovirus on ECMO.” Critical care preceptors, Ellen Huang, Ah Hyun Jun, Andrea Newcombe, as well as PGY2 Critical Care RPD, Christy Forehand also gave presentations.

The Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) 16th annual conference took place in Tampa, FL. Kori Daniels (PGY2 Oncology Resident) presented her research on, “Outcomes for patients receiving ibrutinib with or without antifungal therapy.” PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency graduate, Julianne Orr, was also recognized at the meeting with the 2019 HOPA Oncology Pharmacy Practice Literature Award for the FOND-O study started as her PGY2 residency research project.

Community Service Events

- CSRA American Heart Association Walk — Pharmacy residents provided a display promoting smoking cessation
- Paceline 20, 45, and 100 mile Bike Rides for Georgia Cancer Center to support cancer research and survivorship
- Augusta University Half Marathon 10K and 5K and Friends of Frances: raising money for rare genetic diseases
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“Never say goodbye because saying goodbye means going away and going away means forgetting.”

- Peter Pan

With love and gratitude to all who have touched our lives in so many ways... Thank you!
The 2018-2019 Residency Class
Paul, Kori, Lindsey, Taylor, Paige, Lauren, Jessica, Ashley