Introducing the 2017–2018 Residents

PGY1 Residents

Paul Bauman
Hometown: Ardmore, Oklahoma
Pharmacy School: University of Georgia
Area of Interest: Pediatrics
Hobbies: Movies, sports (frisbee, soccer, basketball), and music (he plays the guitar and percussion)
Fun Fact: One of his absolute favorite things to do is build LEGOos

Sarah Clements
Hometown: Rome, Georgia
Pharmacy School: University of Georgia
Area of Interest: Critical care, internal medicine
Hobbies: Hosting dinner parties, painting, making pottery
Fun Fact: She is a new dog mom! Her graduation present was a chocolate lab.

Shaily Doshi
Hometown: Kampala, Uganda
Pharmacy School: University of Georgia
Area of Interest: Possibly ambulatory care
Hobbies: Traveling, playing indoor games, hiking, and hanging out with friends and family
Fun Fact: She has held a tiger by its tail

Michelle Leatherwood
Hometown: Maryville, Tennessee
Pharmacy School: Samford University
Area of Interest: Academia, psychiatry, infectious disease
Hobbies: Music, friends, adventures, travel
Fun Fact: She has been to 11 countries in 5 years, all on a budget

PGY2 Residents

Lindsey Sellers
Hometown: Columbus, Georgia
Pharmacy School: University of Georgia
Area of Interest: Critical care, internal medicine
Hobbies: Hiking, kayaking, running
Fun Fact: She lived in Hawaii for 3 years

Morgan Gwynn
PGY2: Oncology
PGY1: AU Medical Center/UGA College of Pharmacy
PharmD: Auburn University
Hobbies: Playing golf, pretending to be a runner, spending time with her dog Leo
Fun Fact: She has 7 siblings

Alicia Sanchez
PGY2: Pediatrics
PGY1: Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital
PharmD: University of Tennessee
Hobbies: Reading, playing with her dog, watching football
Fun Fact: She is going to be an aunt for the first time this summer!

Paige Watkins
PGY2: Pediatrics
PGY1: AU Medical Center/UGA College of Pharmacy
PharmD: Butler University
Hobbies: Baking, reading, yoga & Pilates, watching Butler basketball
Fun Fact: She has a cat that looks like a tiger but was named after a lion

Recognizing Our Outstanding Team

There have been many proud moments for our pharmacy department this year, but some of the best have included the celebration of our outstanding pharmacy staff. At the Employee Awards Program in April, we had many of our team members recognized for their achievements. Jody Rocker was recognized with the Teamwork Award along with the rest of the comprehensive stroke center team, and our amazing night pharmacy team was nominated for this award as well thanks to the wonderful work that they do. Additionally, Andrea Newsome was awarded the Golden Pen Award for her contributions to AU Health through publications and presentations. Congratulations to all who were recognized!
ASHP Midyear  
*Las Vegas, NV*

The residents kicked off December with a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada for the 51st Annual Midyear Clinical Meeting. The PGY1 residents presented their Medication Use Evaluation projects at the Vizient UHC Resident Poster Session, while PGY2's Ben and Logan presented their research projects, and our Chief Resident, Hilary, presented on an anticoagulation protocol for pediatric patients. Our residents also enjoyed the opportunity to show off our program at the ASHP Residency Showcase, and make some connections with our incoming PGY1 residents! Overall, it was a successful meeting, and a great time of fellowship among the residents and preceptors in a fun, exciting city!

Southeastern Residency Conference  
*(SERC)  
* *Athens, GA*

The SERC annual gathering had a strong turnout of residents and programs from all over the southeast. The meeting took place in Athens, Georgia during April 27-28th. The conference dates back to 1970 and this year’s residents participated in the conference’s 48th year. During this conference, each resident gave a 12 minute platform presentation on their research project. A lot of hard work and dedication went into each and every minute. Residents and participants also had the chance to attend other residents’ presentations encompassing topics like pediatrics, transplant, oncology, critical care, pharmacokinetics, and various other specialties. At the conclusion of the first day of the conference, AUMC/UGA residents and preceptors had the chance to enjoy an authentic Italian meal at La Dolce Vita. The second day of programming entailed more learning for all those that participated and a sad “see you later” to the classic city. Residents and preceptors had a fantastic time developing new relationships and look forward to the 49th conference.

NCAA Tournament Challenge  
*March 2017*

During this year’s March Madness, Logan Davis fostered some friendly competition within the pharmacy department by organizing a tournament group. Seventeen people stepped up to the challenge of attempting to fill out the perfect bracket. In the end, Holly Berry snatched up the grand prize while Beth Hutson followed closely behind in second place. Special shout out to Dee Worthen for winning Most Improved! And Go Tar Heels!
Excellence in Patient Safety

As a hospital-wide initiative, AU Medical Center is placing a large emphasis on safe patient care. The pharmacy department has taken this to heart, and is working hard to find ways that we can contribute to excellent and safe care. The department’s safety event reporting has grown significantly over the last few months, with daily emails sent out to inform everyone on good catches that were made as well as events that we can work to prevent from happening again in the future. With this focus from the department, we have been able to prevent and catch many medication-related errors, earning us the Patient Safety Star Award multiple weeks in a row!

Putting Our Hearts into Fundraising

This past February, our pharmacy department worked alongside the entire hospital to raise money for the American Heart Association in preparation for the 2017 CSRA Heart Walk. Our department planned some amazing fundraising opportunities, with penny wars, candy sales in the employee and retail pharmacies, a heart raffle, a Chick-Fil-A breakfast day, and a heart healthy wine tasting event. One of the highlights of the month for most of our employees was seeing our director of pharmacy, Christy Norman, put on a heart costume for a day after “winning” the penny wars. Each fundraising event was met with outstanding responses throughout the hospital, and we enjoyed getting to come together with other disciplines to support a great cause. By the end of February, our department had exceeded our fundraising goal, raising over $2500 in a little over a month! We were able to celebrate this success and support a great cause at the CSRA Heart Walk, with a team representing our department at the event. Overall the month was full of fun opportunities to support an amazing organization. Thank you so much to all of the great team leaders who made the month a success! Go Team Heartline Bling!

Welcome to the Team!

There are a lot of new pharmacy faces around AU Medical Center this year! We were lucky enough to have some amazing pharmacists and technicians join our department, and we look forward to continuing our work together. Welcome to all of our wonderful new additions!

New Pharmacists:
- Michael Arena: Inpatient Pharmacy - Adults
- Holly Berry: Ambulatory Care (Transplant)
- Samantha Burke: Internal Medicine
- Carolyn Braithwaite: Hematology/Oncology
- Marie Capito: Internal Medicine
- Mary Carpenter: Ambulatory Care (Family Medicine)
- Christy Forehand: Critical Care (MICU)*
- Katelyn Hood: NICU*
- Cara Iacobellis: Hematology/Oncology
- Ah Hyun Jun: Critical Care (MICU)
- Dave Killough: Inpatient Pharmacy - Adults**
- Meredith Lopez: Medication Assistance
- Eric Macomson: Retail Pharmacy
- Alex Nguyen: Inpatient Pharmacy - Adults
- Sandra Quach: Inpatient Pharmacy - Adults/Pediatrics
- Joshua Wyche: Management (Ambulatory and Oncology Services)

New Technicians:
- Madeline DeVinny: Meds-to-Beds
- Regina Edmond: Medication Assistance
- Vicki Edwards: Employee Pharmacy
- Michelle Fogle: Retail
- Seth Garner: Pharmacy Intern
- Carla Germany: Inpatient
- LaRissa Gilchrist: Inpatient
- Kierra Harps: Retail
- Scarlett Hetherington: Inpatient
- Kadarius Hightower: Inpatient
- Ray Howard: Inpatient
- Miluska Johnson: Retail
- Kelly Lange: Meds-to-Beds
- Ashni Patel: Pharmacy Intern
- Priscilla Shibu: Pharmacy Intern

*Former resident
**Returning retiree
Ben Andrick, PharmD
PGY2 Hematology/Oncology Resident

- MUE Project: HSCT Hypophosphatemia Replacement Protocol & nHL ICE Chemomobilization Protocol
- Research Project: A Pilot Prospective Cohort Study: Pneumococcal Vaccine Response in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Patients Receiving Ibrutinib
  - HOPA Top Trainee Poster Award 2017
  - Southeastern Translational Research Conference Best Graduate Poster Award 2016
- Presentation at Midyear: Pneumococcal Vaccine Response in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Patients Receiving Ibrutinib
- Other Highlights:
  - Grand Rounds: Vaccines in Oncology Patients
  - GSHP Webinar: Immunotherapy in Metastatic Melanoma
  - UGA Lecture: Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting
  - AU Physicians Assistant Lecture: Chemotherapy 1010 and Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting
- Favorite Part of Residency: Working with such great co-workers, preceptors, and co-workers
- Favorite Part of Augusta: There is something about 80°F weather in January that you just have to love.
- Plans for Next Year: Accepted a position as a Clinical Hematology/Oncology Innovation Pharmacist at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA

Logan Davis, PharmD
PGY2 Critical Care Resident

- Research Project: Effect of Phenobarbital on Alcohol Withdrawal Outcomes in the Intensive Care Unit
- Presentation at Midyear: Effect of Phenobarbital on Alcohol Withdrawal Outcomes in the Intensive Care Unit
- Other Highlights:
  - Development of institutional guidelines for continuous infusions of neuromuscular blocking agents
  - Redesign of neuromuscular blocking agent Cerner PowerPlan to improve patient safety
  - UGA Lecture: PHRM 5870 Pharmacotherapy II - Clinical considerations in acute pain management
  - Grand Rounds: Seeing Pink Elephants—Pharmacological Management of Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome
- Favorite Part of Residency: Continuing to learn from my great preceptors and the fun times shared with my co-residents
- Favorite Part of Augusta: the Riverwalk and the amazing restaurants
- Plans for Next Year: Accepted a position as a Critical Care Pharmacist at West Virginia University

Morgan Gwynn, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

- MUE Project: Physician Adherence to Implementation of Criteria-Monitored Antimicrobials
- Research Project: Development and Validation of a Medication Regimen Complexity Scoring Tool in Critically Ill Patients
- Presentation at Midyear: Physician Adherence to Implementation of Criteria-Monitored Antimicrobials
- Other Highlights:
  - GSHP Webinar: Novel Therapies for Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma
  - Gwynn ME, DeRemer DL. The role of anti-PD-1 immunotherapy in metastatic urothelial carcinoma. Submitted for publication.
  - UGA Lecture: Drug Information in the Outpatient Setting
  - Favorite Part of Residency: Learning how to use EndNote (seriously, how did I live without this?) and building new relationships with my amazing co-residents and preceptors
  - Favorite Part of Augusta: Surrey Center (tons of good shopping and restaurants)
  - Plans for Next Year: the upcoming PGY2 in Hematology/Oncology

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Michelle Borg, PharmD  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  

- **MUE Project:** Characterization of Albumin Use in the Operating Setting  
- **Research Project:** Comparison of 3-Year Rejection Rates of Kidney Transplant Patients Receiving a Steroid-Sparing Alemtuzumab Induction Regimen Versus a Steroid-Sparing Thymoglobulin Induction Regimen  
- **Presentation at Midyear:** Characterization of Albumin Use in the Operating Setting  
- **Other Highlights:**  
  - ADR Conference: Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia  
  - Grand Rounds: A Chilling Overview of Hypothermia After Cardiac Arrest  

- **Favorite Part of Residency:** The countless hours spent with my co-residents, preceptors, and patients! I also loved all of my rotations and journal club!  
- **Favorite Part of Augusta:** Being able to eat at all the great restaurants, playing trivia, and the great outdoor activities!  
- **Plans for Next Year:** PGY2 Hematology/Oncology at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland

Paige Watkins, PharmD  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  

- **MUE Project:** Evaluation of Protocol-Adherence and Documentation Quality in a Pharmacist-Driven Vancomycin Pharmacokinetic Service  
- **Research Project:** Inhaled Tobramycin Therapy for the Treatment of Pediatric Ventilator-Associated Tracheitis  
- **Presentation at Midyear:** Evaluation of Protocol-Adherence and Documentation Quality in a Pharmacist-Driven Vancomycin Pharmacokinetic Service  
- **Other Highlights:**  
  - Grand Rounds: Antifungal Prophylaxis in Critically Ill Patients  
  - UGA Lectures: Legal and Ethical Issues in Drug Information, Primary Literature  
  - ADR Conference: Drug-Induced SIADH, Complications of Prolonged Proton Pump Inhibitor Use  
  - Class Review: Prostacyclin Analogues  
  - **Favorite Part of Residency:** My amazing co-residents and the outstanding preceptors that we got to learn from  
  - **Favorite Part of Augusta:** The constantly warm weather and all of the fun weekend trips within driving distance  
  - **Plans for Next Year:** Staying on as a PGY2 in Pediatrics!

Pam Ku, PharmD  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  

- **MUE Project:** Evaluating the Use of NOACs at AU Medical Center  
- **Research Project:** Prolonged Versus Short Infusion Rates for Magnesium Sulfate Administration in Hematopoietic Cell Transplant (HCT) Patients  
- **Presentation at Midyear:** Evaluation of Appropriate Use for Non-Vitamin K Oral Anticoagulants at an Academic Medical Center  
- **Other Highlights:**  
  - Grand Rounds: Antifungal Prophylaxis in Critically Ill Patients  
  - UGA Lectures: Legal and Ethical Issues in Drug Information, Primary Literature  
  - ADR Conference: Drug-Induced SIADH, Complications of Prolonged Proton Pump Inhibitor Use  
  - Class Review: Prostacyclin Analogues  
  - **Favorite Part of Residency:** My amazing co-residents and preceptors. And making the roast video for graduation!  
  - **Favorite Part of Augusta:** The Bee’s Knees, cake from Boll Weevil, my apartment (I’m an introvert)  
  - **Plans for Next Year:** PGY2 Internal Medicine resident at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital

Hilary Teibel, PharmD  
PGY2 Pediatric Resident  
Chief Resident 2016-2017  

- **Quality Improvement Project:** Pediatric anticoagulation protocol  
- **Research Project:** Antibiotic Administration Prior to Central Venous Catheter Removal in Critically Ill Neonates  
- **Presentation at Midyear:** Pediatric Anticoagulation: A Pharmacist-Led Anticoagulation Protocol  
- **Other Highlights:**  
  - Chief Resident 2016-2017  
  - UGA Lecture: Sickle Cell Disease (Pharmacotherapy II)  
  - **Favorite Part of Residency:** The friends and family I have made in Augusta  
  - **Other Highlights:**  
  - My amazing co-residents and preceptors. And making the roast video for graduation!  
  - **Plans for Next Year:** Clinical Pharmacist at Community Health Network in Indianapolis, IN
A Message From the Residents:

On July 1, 2016, our residency class was nervous. The PGY1s walked into the hospital that day wondering how they were supposed to function as a pharmacist, and why in the world anyone would trust them to. The PGY2s had more experience, but they were nervous as well at the thought of diving into a specialty. And while the entire class was excited for the experiences ahead, on that first day no one could have called us confident. That is where you all came in.

Preceptors, the time and effort that you poured into us has helped to shape us and make us trust our abilities. You showed us how to simplify complex topics, isolate the important interventions, and provide the best possible care for our patients. You modeled how to not only make recommendations to the team, but how to be welcomed, respected, and included as an integral part of those teams. You forced us to critically evaluate problems and come to a solution, and pushed us to take on responsibilities that you knew we were ready to handle, even if we didn’t. You let us make mistakes, and helped us fix them even though we were sure to make more. You made us more confident, competent practitioners, who are ready to pursue specialized training or go on to institutions and pass along the knowledge that you gave us. And on top of that, you provided mentorship and friendship. You let us cry in your offices (sometimes a lot), you watched out for us when our work-life balance was getting too skewed towards work. The relationships that we were able to build with you has made us feel like equals instead of “just” residents, and you made our year indescribably better for that.

To the pharmacists who we were lucky enough to work with on evening and weekend shifts, we cannot thank you enough for what you have done for us. The amount of patience and understanding that you have shown has not wavered throughout the year, whether it was the first week of residency or the most recent staffing shift. You have taught us so much, both clinically and operationally. You helped make us feel comfortable trouble-shooting unique nursing phone calls, handling crazy OR orders, providing recommendations for complex patients. You took the time even on busy shifts to make sure we were learning as much as we could, and pushed us to tackle the “hard” orders and grow through that process. You kept us fed on the holidays that we worked, made sure we were getting enough sleep, and celebrated our successes with us throughout the year. You have taught us so much more than how to verify orders. You have helped make us into the pharmacists that we are today.

Alongside the pharmacists that we worked with, we have to thank the outstanding technicians and interns that we have had the pleasure of learning from. You always seemed to know exactly what we needed help with even before we asked, and you forgave us for asking questions about the pharmacy that we should have known the answers to months ago. You didn’t get frustrated with us when we printed labels to the wrong pharmacy (usually multiple times), or when we got distracted and forgot that we were supposed to be checking your zone. You volunteered to run meds to patients when you saw us panicking on the phone with an angry nurse, and you were understanding when it took us a little extra time to do something an experienced pharmacist could do in half the time. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for making our time in residency infinitely easier.

To our program directors, we don’t even know where to start in thanking you for all that you have done. Your oversight and coordination of our programs have allowed this to be one of the most intense, knowledge-packed, and beneficial years of our lives. You isolated exactly what each of us wanted to get out of our residency, and made sure that it happened. You were our sounding board when we were stressed or tired or frustrated, and you took our input seriously and worked with us to solve problems as they came up. We are so appreciative of all that you have done, and all that you will continue to do as future residency classes come through our program.

It should be clear by now that we are extremely thankful for all of our experiences this year, but more so for the people who have helped to make them possible. Our class is humbled by the time and effort that was poured into our development, and we feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work alongside such outstanding people. We are proud to say that with all of your help and encouragement, we no longer feel nervous. We feel ready to take on the challenges that come our way, and hope that we are able to do so in a way that will make you all proud.

With love and gratitude,

The 2016-2017 residency class
Hilary, Ben, Logan, Michelle, Morgan, Pam, and Paige