PMC Western Psychiatric Hospital (WPH), formerly known as Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC, is a 300-bed acute psychiatric hospital that provides services across wide-ranging populations. In fact, each floor has a designated specialty including: child and adolescent psychiatry, geriatrics, mood disorders, acute psychosis, substance use disorders, and much more. Furthermore, WPH is affiliated with several outpatient behavioral health services. Thus, the WPH pharmacy residency program provides robust learning opportunities by integrating into interdisciplinary teams and engaging in scholarly discussions such as journal clubs, topic discussions, and seminars. Altogether, these experiences work toward our mission to prepare pharmacists to be experts in providing patient-centered pharmacy care across an array of practice settings. The WPH PGY-1 and PGY-2 residency programs are directed by Matthew Joseph, PharmD, BCPS and Chelsea Carr, PharmD, BCPP, respectively. Currently, there are three WPH pharmacy residents: two PGY-1 pharmacy residents and one PGY-2 psychiatric pharmacy resident.

The current PGY-1 residents are Hannah Goulding, PharmD and Melanie Yabs, PharmD. Hannah says that she was initially drawn to pursuing residency at WPH because of the “opportunity to learn from pharmacists and psychiatrists that are experts in their field”. Since starting at WPH, she is most looking forward to learning more about management of schizophrenia on her acute psychosis and ambulatory care rotations. Additionally, Melanie has enjoyed learning about the variety of psychiatric care that is available at WPH. She is also most looking forward to her rotation at the WPH Center for Overcoming Problem Eating (COPE) in order to impact treatment of those living with eating disorders. In

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Benedicta Asamoah
PGY2 Health System Pharmacy Administration Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Benny is from Laurel, Md., and received her PharmD from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2017. Her professional interests include clinical and operational management, medication safety, and quality improvement. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys sewing, traveling, and reading.

John Aurora, Jr.
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

John is from Wallingford, Conn., and received his PharmD from the University of Connecticut. He completed a PGY1 community pharmacy residency at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn. His professional interests include chronic disease state management, transitions of care, and academia. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys competing in fantasy sports leagues with friends, watching sports, traveling, and trying new foods.

Melissa Bastacky
PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside

Melissa is from Monroeville, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2017. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian in 2018 and is currently a PGY2 pharmacy resident in oncology at UPMC Shadyside. Her professional areas of interest include oncology, immunology, and pharmacogenomics. Outside of work, Melissa enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and Pittsburgh sports.

Jennifer Bevan
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Jen is from Columbus, Ohio, and received her PharmD and Bachelor of Arts in Economics from The Ohio State University. Her professional interests include women's health, infectious disease, and advocating for patients and pharmacists. Jen's favorite things to do in her free time are running, hiking, going on road trips, and hanging out with her dog Sammy.

Andrew Bever
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy

Drew is originally from Beaver Falls, Pa., and received his PharmD from Duquesne University in 2018. He has diverse professional interests that include medication safety, academia, and clinical management. Outside of work he enjoys yoga, coffee, and interior design.

Emily Bobrzynski
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Emily is from Pittsburgh, Pa. She received her bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences and PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh. Her professional interests include geriatric medicine, transitions of care, deprescribing, and interprofessional collaboration. Outside of pharmacy, Emily enjoys trying new restaurants, spending time outdoors, and traveling.

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Terrence Caldwell
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy

Terrence was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa., and received his PharmD from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. His professional interests include infectious diseases, cardiology, internal medicine, and critical care, where he would like to pursue a PGY2 residency. Long term, he would like to apply his clinical knowledge doing medical missionary work, as he previously did in Nairobi, Kenya. He enjoys watching Netflix, playing basketball, having fun with his 8-year-old sister, and spending time with his fiancée.

Rachael Cardinal
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Rachael is from Buffalo, N.Y., and received her PharmD from the University at Buffalo. Upon completing her PGY1 residency, she will continue at UPMC St. Margaret as a PGY2 in ambulatory care pharmacy. Her professional interests include chronic disease state management, academia, and family medicine. Other interests include traveling, hiking, and spending time with friends and family.

Bailey Colvin
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Bailey is from Floyd, Va., and received her PharmD from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 2018. Her professional interests include cardiology, internal medicine, and healthcare-related disparities. Outside of pharmacy, Bailey enjoys exploring, hiking, spending time outdoors, new restaurants, and traveling.

Liam Dadey
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC McKeesport

Liam is from Wexford, Pa. He received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh. His professional areas of interest include infectious diseases, HIV, and community-based hospital outreach. After his PGY1, Liam hopes to complete a PGY2 in infectious diseases to further his education. Outside of pharmacy, Liam enjoys attending Penguins, Steelers, and Pitt sporting events.

Taylor Dean
PGY2 Psychiatry Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital

Taylor is from San Antonio, Texas, and earned her PharmD from the University of Texas at Austin. Subsequently, she completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital, and she is now the PGY2 psychiatry pharmacy residency there. Her areas of professional interest include psychiatry, geriatrics, and health disparities. In her spare time, Taylor enjoys watching Netflix, cooking, drawing, and writing.
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John Fawzy  
PGY1 Health System Pharmacy Administration Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian  
Born to Egyptian parents in the Middle East country of Oman, John moved to the United States when he was 15-years-old. After completing high school in New Jersey, he went to Long Island University, N.Y., where he received his PharmD and MBA in 2018. He came to UPMC for a 2-year HSPA residency and looks forward to new experiences and meeting new people. He enjoys outdoor activities of all types, rock climbing, soccer, hiking, and running to name a few.

Ariel Ferdock  
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret  
Ariel completed her PharmD at Nova Southeastern University in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Previously, she attended Towson University, in her home state of Maryland, where she received her Bachelor of Science in chemistry. Last year, she completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at St. Margaret.

Stacy Fredrick  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian  
Stacy grew up in Buffalo, N.Y., and received her PharmD from the University at Buffalo. Her clinical interests are solid organ transplant and infectious diseases. Outside of work/school, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, hanging out with her dog, shooting pool, reading, watching movies, and spending time outdoors. She is looking forward to learning as much as she can during her PGY1 year!

Hannah Goulding  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital  
Hannah is from Winston Salem, N.C., and received her PharmD from the University of North Carolina in 2018. Her professional interests include psychiatry and pediatrics, especially the combination. After completing her PGY1, she currently plans to complete a PGY2 in psychiatry. Outside of the pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with her dog, exploring Pittsburgh’s many offerings, and riding horses.

Victoria Gray  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy  
Victoria is originally from Hudson, Ohio, and attended The Ohio State University for both her undergraduate and pharmacy education. Her professional interests include internal medicine and behavioral health. She looks forward to learning more about hospital pharmacy practice this year. In her free time, she enjoys trying new restaurants and spending time with friends and family.

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**Hayat Hassen**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Hayat is from Brooklyn Park, Minn. She received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Minnesota and her PharmD from the University of Missouri Kansas City. Her interests include infectious diseases, cardiology, and ambulatory care. She plans to pursue a PGY2 in one of these areas. In her spare time, Hayat enjoys spending time with family and friends and exploring new restaurants and coffee shops.

**Tyler Hoffman**  
PGY2 Health System Pharmacy Administration Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Tyler Hoffman is from Clarence, Pa., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2017. His professional interests include hospital pharmacy management and administration. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, being outdoors, meeting new people, and physical activity.

**Alexa Hospodar**  
PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Resident  
CVS Caremark

Alexa is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2018. Her interests include formulary and utilization management and specialty pharmacy management. After residency, she hopes to work for a managed care organization. In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her puppy, traveling, trying new restaurants, and spending time with family and friends.

**Keith Hylwa**  
PGY1 Health System Pharmacy Administration Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Keith was born and raised in Raleigh, N.C., went to the University of Pittsburgh for his undergraduate degree, and received his PharmD from the Albany College of Pharmacy. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, playing hockey, and skiing. The people of Pittsburgh, as well as the innovation within UPMC, drew him back to the city!

**Didi Kim**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Shadyside

Didi is from Mesa, Ariz., and received her PharmD from the University of Maryland in 2018. Her professional areas of interest include infectious diseases, oncology, and ambulatory care. After completion of her PGY1 residency, Didi plans on further pursuing training in one of these subspecialties. Outside of work, she enjoys listening to jazz music, traveling, and cooking.

**Pooja Kirpekar**  
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Pooja is from Charlottesville, Va., and received her PharmD from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her professional interests include chronic disease state management, public health, and health education. In the future, she wishes to practice as an outpatient clinical pharmacist in a family medicine clinic. During her free time, Pooja enjoys traveling, cooking, hiking, and dancing.

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Ariel Korlinchak
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Hamot

Ariel is from Coalport, Pa. She completed her pre-pharmacy studies at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and received her PharmD from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy. Her professional interests include antimicrobial stewardship and critical care. Outside of pharmacy, Ariel enjoys horseback riding, kayaking, and skiing.

Kaitlin Landolf
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Kaitlin is from Corning, N.Y. She received her bachelor’s degree in biomedical sciences and her PharmD from the University at Buffalo in 2018. Her professional interests include critical care, emergency medicine, and infectious diseases. Kaitlin hopes to complete a PGY2 in critical care following completion of her PGY1 and then pursue a career in academia. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys running, hiking, yoga, and cooking.

Amber Lapping
PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident
University of Pittsburgh in partnership with Giant Eagle Inc.

Amber is from Waynesburg, Pa., and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2018. Her professional interests include diabetes management, preventative health, and the advancement of community pharmacy. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family and cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Meghan Martin
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Hamot

Meghan is from Delmont, Pa. She received her bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Thiel College and her PharmD from LECOM. Her professional interests include antimicrobial stewardship and neonatal medicine. Outside of pharmacy, Meghan enjoys outdoor activities, visiting Presque Isle, and spending time with family and friends.

Caitlin McHugh
PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Caitlin received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2017 and completed her PGY1 residency at UPMC Mercy in 2018. Her professional areas of interest include critical care, trauma, and emergency medicine. She hopes to pursue a career as a critical care clinical pharmacist at an academic institution. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys attending Broadway shows and spending time with her niece and nephews.

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Abby Meyer
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Mercy

Abby is from Saint Marys, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2018. Her professional interests include critical care and oncology. Upon completion of her PGY1, Abby hopes to obtain a PGY2 in critical care. She also enjoys watching tennis and the Pittsburgh Penguins, trying new restaurants, and playing with her dog Nala.

Sneha Mitra
PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident
University of Pittsburgh in partnership with Rite Aid Corporation

Sneha Mitra is from Allentown, Pa., and earned her PharmD at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. She is completing a PGY1 residency to gain an understanding of how to advance patient care services in the community and ambulatory setting. She has a strong interest in global/public health and healthcare to the underserved. She enjoys traveling, going to concerts/listening to music, and trying new restaurants.

Lindsay Moreland
PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Lindsay is from Evansville, Ind., and received her PharmD from Purdue University College of Pharmacy. Her professional areas of interest include cardiology, population, and academia. After completing her PGY2, Lindsay hopes to obtain a shared clinical and faculty position. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys being outdoors, hiking, dancing, and spending time with friends and family.

Hannah Nystrom
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Hannah is from Chardon, Ohio, and received her PharmD from Ohio Northern University. She completed her PGY1 at ProMedica Toledo Hospital. Her professional areas of interest include primary care, diabetes, and transitions of care. After completing her PGY2, she plans to pursue a clinical position in a primary care practice. In her spare time, Hannah enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking, and traveling.

Sehrish Panjwani
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Sehrish completed her PharmD at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Abilene. Previously, she attended the University of Texas at Austin, in her home state of Texas, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences. Upon completing her PGY1 residency, she will continue at St. Margaret as a PGY2 in geriatric pharmacy. Her current professional interests are psychiatric medicine, chronic disease state management, academia, and inter-professional education. Other interests include watching TV, reading, spending time with friends/family, and traveling.

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Nishta Patel
PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Resident
CVS Caremark

Nishta is originally from Phoenix, Ariz. She completed her undergraduate coursework at the University of Arizona before receiving her PharmD from the University of California San Francisco in 2018. Her interests are in trends and utilization management. After residency, she hopes to continue practicing within a managed care organization. Nishta enjoys watching sports, trying out new restaurants, and traveling.

Theo Pham
PGY2 Ambulatory Care -Global Health Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Theo is from Seattle, WA, where they received their BS in Biology and PharmD from the University of Washington. They completed their PGY1 residency at Mount Sinai St. Luke’s and West Hospitals in New York City, N.Y. After residency Theo hopes to teach and work with underserved patients. During their free time they like to go hiking, frequent coffee shops, and walk their two cats.

Catherine Phi
PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident
University of Pittsburgh in partnership with Asti’s Pharmacy

Catherine Phi is originally from Huntington Beach, Calif., but completed her PharmD at MCPHS University in Boston. She is pursuing a community residency in order to explore the rising opportunities for developing and delivering clinical patient care services at the community level. Outside of pharmacy, her interests include photography, hiking, and attending Broadway shows.

Archana Raghavan
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Archana completed her PharmD from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. She attended the University of Arizona for her undergraduate education. Upon completing her PGY1 residency, she will continue at St. Margaret for a PGY2 in geriatric pharmacy. Her professional interests include chronic disease state management of older adults. Other interests include hiking, going to the gym, and exploring the city.

Marilyn Schoenle
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside

Marilyn is originally from Ann Arbor, Mich. She received her PharmD from Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind. Her professional areas of interest include geriatric medicine, ambulatory care, and interprofessional education. After completing her residency, she plans to dedicate her career to serving older patients in an ambulatory or long-term care setting. Outside of pharmacy, Marilyn enjoys meeting friends for coffee, playing guitar, and skiing.

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Erica Sheridan
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Erica is from Cleveland, Ohio, and received her PharmD and MBA from the University of Toledo. Her professional areas of interest include internal medicine, ambulatory care, and academia. After completion of her PGY1 residency, Erica plans to pursue further training to obtain a shared clinical and teaching position. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, reading, and being active outdoors.

Meredith Sparks
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh

Meredith grew up in East Amherst, N.Y. She received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh. Her interests include pediatrics, critical care, and teaching. She is considering completing a PGY2 in pediatric pharmacy and would ultimately like to pursue a career with both clinical and teaching components. When she isn’t working, Meredith enjoys playing trivia, singing, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Sarah Spitznogle
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian

Sarah is from Williamsville, N.Y., and received her PharmD from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2018. Her professional interests include infectious disease, antimicrobial stewardship, and critical care. Upon the completion of her PGY1 residency, Sarah hopes to obtain a PGY2 in Infectious Disease. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys dancing, running, traveling, and trying new restaurants.

Sara Weinstein
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Sara is from Tucson, Ariz., and received her PharmD from the University of Arizona in 2017. She recently completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret and is continuing her training as a PGY2 resident also at UPMC St. Margaret. Her professional interests include family medicine, chronic disease state management, and academia. Outside of pharmacy, Sara enjoys spending time with friends and family, working out, trying new restaurants, and traveling.

Anne Williams
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Anne received her PharmD from the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Previously, she attended the University of Arizona, in her home state, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Physiology. Upon completing her PGY1 residency, she will continue at St. Margaret as a PGY2 in ambulatory care. Her current professional interests include chronic disease state management, improving healthcare quality and patient safety, and inter-professional education. Other interests include running, hiking, and trying new restaurants.

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Erica Wilson
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Erica is from Frederick, Md., and attended the University of Pittsburgh for both her B.S. in Bioengineering and her PharmD. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret and is now completing her PGY2 in geriatric pharmacy. Her professional interests include outpatient pharmacy practice and deprescribing. She enjoys spending time with her husband and children, cooking, and exploring Pittsburgh.

Kevin Wissman
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Kevin is from Albert, Kan. He received his PharmD from the University of Kansas. His professional interests include family medicine, global health, serving the underserved and uninsured population, and interprofessional collaboration. Next year he will complete a PGY2 in ambulatory care pharmacy at UPMC St. Margaret. Outside of pharmacy, Kevin enjoys cycling, hiking, backpacking, trail running, and volunteering.

Melanie Yabs
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital

Melanie is from Dallas, Texas, and received her PharmD from the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. Her professional interests are in psychiatric pharmacy, including the treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. In her spare time, Melanie enjoys hiking, traveling with friends, eating dessert, going to Groupon concerts, and attending random fun events around town.

Christine Zdanieski
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Hamot

Christine is from Erie, Pa., and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her professional interests include infectious diseases, internal medicine, and neonatal medicine. In her free time, Christine enjoys swimming, watching hockey, and spending time with her family.
Where Are They Now? Residency Class of 2017-2018

**Ambulatory Care Pharmacy**

**Ardis Copenhaver**  
Clinical Ambulatory Care Pharmacist  
Allegheny Health Network  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Emily Fargo**  
Primary Care Clinical Specialist  
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Cleveland, Ohio

**Mahalia Harrell**  
Clinical Pharmacist, Transitions of Care  
Kaiser Permanente  
Baltimore, Md.

**Neil Turco**  
Primary Care Clinical Specialist  
Cleveland Clinic, Richard E. Jacobs Health Center  
Avon, Ohio

**Karin Yamazaki**  
Clinical Pharmacist  
James J Peters Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Bronx, N.Y.

**Cardiology Pharmacy**

**Adrienne Szymkowiak**  
Unit-Based Clinical Pharmacist  
UPMC Presbyterian

**Community Pharmacy**

**Katherine Cho**  
PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
University of Michigan

**Katie Doong**  
Pharmacist Practice Development Fellow  
Pitt Pharmacy

**Critical Care Pharmacy**

**Seo Hyun (Claudia) Choi**  
Clinical Assistant Professor and Clinical Specialist – MICU

**Ernest Mario**  
School of Pharmacy Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and Saint Barnabas Medical Center  
New Brunswick, N.J.

**Geriatric Pharmacy**

**Gina Ayers**  
Geriatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
Cleveland Clinic  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Megan Carr**  
Lead Geriatric Clinical Pharmacist  
Baystate Medical Center  
Springfield, Mass.

**Michelle Howerton**  
Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
WVU Medicine  
Morgantown, W.Va.

**Global Health Pharmacy**

**Hanna Welch**  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Ambulatory Care  
University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Pharmacy  
New Orleans, La.

**Health System Pharmacy Administration**

**Benedicta Asamoah**  
PGY2 Health System Pharmacy Administration Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

**Tyler Hoffman**  
PGY2 Health System Pharmacy Administration Resident  
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**Infectious Diseases Pharmacy**

**William Wilson**  
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Antimicrobial Stewardship  
Forbes Hospital, Allegheny Health Network  
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UPMC Presbyterian

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Outpatient BMT Clinical Pharmacist
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Pharmacy

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PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Shadyside

Bridget Batykefer
Staff Pharmacist
UPMC Mercy

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PGY2 Geriatrics Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

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Columbia, S.C.

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PGY2 Pharmacy Informatics Resident
VA San Diego Healthcare System
San Diego, Calif.

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UPMC St. Margaret

Taylor Dean
PGY2 Psychiatry Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital

Ariel Ferdock
PGY2 Ambulatory Care/
Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Erica Gray
Clinical Pharmacist
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Indiana, Pa.

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Julia Lees
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Caitlin McHugh  
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UPMC Presbyterian

Ashley Mittereder  
Unit Based Clinical Pharmacist - Detox/Rehab and Behavioral Health  
UPMC McKeensport

Lindsay Moreland  
PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Nicole Persun  
PGY2 Solid Organ Transplantation Pharmacy Resident  
The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  

James Shen  
PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Resident  
Froedtert Hospital  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Carolyn Ubinger  
Pharmacist  
UPMC Passavant

Sara Weinstein  
PGY2 Ambulatory Care/ Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Erica Wilson  
PGY2 Geriatrics Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Psychiatric Pharmacy

Jerome Pasquale  
Psychiatric Clinic Pharmacist  
Mercy Health - St. Charles Hospital  
Oregon, Ohio

Solid Organ Transplant Pharmacy

Moses Demehin  
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Abdominal Transplant  
Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center  
Richmond, Va.

addition to block rotations, both residents are engaged in multiple longitudinal rotations including: Long Term Structured Residence (LTSR), clinical consultation, and ambulatory care in which they assist the healthcare team in managing medical medications in the context of psychiatric illness.

The current PGY-2 psychiatric pharmacy resident is Taylor Dean, PharmD, who also completed PGY-1 training at WPH. She states that “I was immediately drawn to the friendly work environment and endless opportunities,” which have included rotations in geriatric psychiatry, psychosis, mood disorders, and underserved care. This year, her rotations heavily involve both inpatient and outpatient psychiatric medication management. Specifically, her longitudinal rotation at the Services for the Treatment of Early Psychoses (STEP) Clinic allows her to work closely with patients recently diagnosed with schizophrenia on a weekly basis. Additionally, she is involved in the long-acting injectable antipsychotic consult service in which she regularly provides dosing recommendations, ensures insurance coverage, and confirms follow up plans. Moreover, she is currently on her Community Treatment Team (CTT) rotation, where she goes out into the community within an interdisciplinary team to make impactful medication changes.

Overall, the WPH pharmacy residency program provides countless opportunities to grow in all areas of medication management with an emphasis in psychiatry. Therefore, our residents are prepared to become well-rounded clinical pharmacists who are instrumental in providing evidence-based medication recommendations.

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Chelsea (Harrison) Bombatch ('14) took a position as a Clinical Pharmacist Educator with RxPrep.

Jeffrey Brewer ('00) continues to work at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science, and is now the Director of Professional Affairs working out of the Dean’s office on IPE, professionalism and P1 orientation/White Coat Ceremony.

Julia Dawson-Kelvington ('17) completed her PGY2 residency and is now working as a clinical pharmacist at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Natalie Giron ('17) completed her PGY2 residency and is now a hematology/oncology clinical pharmacy specialist at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Fla.

Patrick (Pat) Gleason ('94) began his two-year term, in April 2018, as an elected member of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Board of Directors.

Berni Heron ('97) serves as Vice-Chair of the Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) Standards Committee for 2018-2019. She was also recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Association of VA Hematology/Oncology (AVAHO) for 2019.

Lucas G. Hill ('14, '15) received the CEO’s Award for Courageous Service (2018) from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the Generation Rx Champion Award (2018) from Texas Pharmacy Association & Cardinal Health, the Distinguished University Lecturer (2018) from UT School of Undergraduate Studies.

Karen Hoang ('17) was named Kappa Psi Mountain East Province’s 2018 New Practitioner of the Year in October 2018.

Ed Horn ('02) is an associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy and cardiac transplantation specialist at UPMC Presbyterian.

Carlo Iasella ('16) is an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy and a clinical pharmacist specializing in lung transplantation at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital.

Lauren (Fields) Jonkman ('07, '08) was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to provide teaching and research support for the Master of Pharmacy in Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Namibia. She and her family have temporarily relocated to Namibia for 2018.

Yardlee Kauffman ('11, '12) recently started a position with Doctors Without Borders in South Sudan.

Susan Kidd ('12) is Pharmacy Manager at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown, Pa.

Pamela (Hucko) Koerner ('00) was appointed as the Division Head for Pharmacy Practice at Duquesne University School of Pharmacy.

Nicole (Payette) Lombardo ('15, '16) lives in N.J. with her family and works for Molina Healthcare as a clinical pharmacist.

Michelle McCarthy ('95) received the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy Office of Experiential Education 2018 Outstanding Service Award.

Cody Moore ('15) is a Lung Transplant Clinical Pharmacist at UPMC Presbyterian.

Amy Patel ('12) graduated from St. Louis University with a Master of Science, Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation Sciences in August 2018.

Lauren Sacha ('13, '14) is back in Pittsburgh as a transplant unit-based clinical pharmacist at UPMC Presbyterian.

Pamela Smithburger ('08, '09) will be inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Critical Care Medicine at the Society of Critical Care Medicine’s Annual meeting in San Diego in February 2019.

Aaron Steffenhagen ('02) was named a fellow of ASHP (FASHP) in 2018. Aaron was also appointed Executive Committee Chair Elect, 2018-2019, of ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists.

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Ryan Steiner ('17) completed his PGY2 residency and is now a clinical pharmacist at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Del.

Elaine Strauss ('11, '12) and her family relocated back to their hometown of Atlanta. She recently joined the Atlanta-based engineering firm, Working Buildings, as a Clinical Pharmacy Consultant. She will be working with health system pharmacy and compounding pharmacy clients on USP 797 and 800 compliance projects and SOP development. Elaine was also appointed the Chair of the ASHP Advisory Group on Leadership Development for the 2018-2019 term.

Amanda Wojtusik ('13, '14) recently moved back to the East Coast and accepted a new position with Yale New Haven Health System in New Haven, Conn. as a clinical pharmacy specialist in ambulatory/primary care.

Ting-Ting Wu ('17) is a clinical Pharmacist at Wan Fang Medical Center in Taipei, Taiwan.

Newly Wed:

Nicole D'Antonio ('11, '12) and Robert Likar, Jr. married on October 13, 2018.

Lisa Harinstein ('09, '10) and Oliver Wolf married in Pittsburgh on October 6, 2018.

Cory Weaver ('15, '16) and Colin McGinnis married in June 2018.