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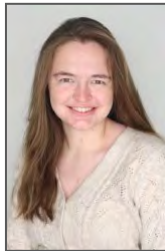
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Welcome to the 2024-2025 Residency Class

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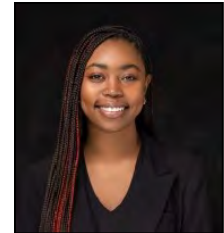
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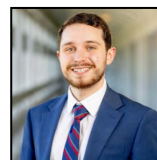


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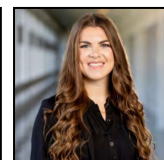


PGY2 Residents

PGY2 Ambulatory Care—Omar Mouna



PGY2 Critical Care—Kelsea Mabie



PGY2 Oncology—Hanh Tran



PGY2 Infectious Disease—Lucy Gloe



PGY2 Pediatrics—Mallory McCarty



PGY2 HSPAL—Alex Kwan



Resident Accomplishments



Najla Faddoul, Pharm.D.
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

Research Project: Evaluating the Safety of Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists in Hospitalized Patients with Heart Failure and Chronic Kidney Disease

Medication Use Evaluation: Evaluating the Use of Low-Dose Epinephrine in Pediatric Patients

GSHP (ACPE-Accredited) Webinar & Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Fight the Fever! Guideline Updates on the Management of Febrile Neutropenia in Pediatric Patients with Cancer and Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation Recipients

ADR Conference: Drug-Induced Cutaneous Adverse Drug Reactions

Lecture for UGA: PHRM 5950: Drug Information Tertiary Sources

Journal Club: Effect of Intranasal Ketamine vs Fentanyl on pain Reduction for Extremity Injuries in Children: The PRIME Randomized Clinical Trial

Highlights: Presented MUE findings at Wellstar MCG Health Quality Improvement Symposium

Favorite Part of the Residency Year: When we are all present in our office together, Christmas party, going out to dinner with my coresidents and Trader Joe's.

Favorite Learning Experience This Year: CVICU—I learned so much during this rotation and felt the most confident with my position as the pharmacist on the team

July 2024: Moving to Washington, DC for *PGY2 Pediatrics Residency Program with Pediatric Specialty Pathway in Critical Care* at Children's National Hospital!

Research Project: Budesonide Prophylaxis in Patients with Multiple Myeloma Undergoing Stem Cell Transplant

Medication Use Evaluation: Evaluation of Therapeutic-Drug Monitoring Levels

GSHP (ACPE-Accredited) Webinar & Pharmacy Grand Rounds: DE-LIVER-ING: The Hepatitis C Guidance Update 2023

ADR Conference: Adverse Drug Reactions Associated with Fluoroquinolones

Lecture for UGA: PHRM 5950: Toxicology and Poisoning Drug Information Databases

Journal Club: SGLT2 inhibitors in HF: Meta Analysis

Highlights: Presented MUE findings at Wellstar MCG Health Quality Improvement Symposium

Favorite Part of the Residency Year: Office laughs & Trader Joe's hauls with my co-residents!

Favorite Learning Experience This Year: Tie! Infectious diseases as it helped me to identify my passion for delving into specialized complexities. Ambulatory care as it offered heightened clinical autonomy and rewarding patient connections

Plans for Next Year: Early committed to the PGY2 Infectious Diseases Residency at Wellstar MCG Health (first resident in this new ASHP Candidate-status program).



Lucy Gloe, Pharm.D.
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

(2023-2024) PGY1 Residents



Kelsea Mabie, Pharm.D.
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

Research Project: Efficacy and Safety of a Nurse-Driven Regional Citrate Anticoagulation Protocol for Adult Patients Undergoing Continuous Venovenous Hemodiafiltration

Medication Use Evaluation: Evaluation of Transitioning from Full Opioid Agonist (FOA) Therapy to Buprenorphine for Chronic Pain in the Family Medicine Clinic at an Academic Medical Center

GSHP (ACPE-Accredited) Webinar & Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Read it and Sweep: Anticoagulation in Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

ADR Conference: Medications and Their Role in the QT Interval

Lecture for UGA: PHRM 5950: IV Admixtures

Journal Club: Effect of Hydrocortisone on Mortality and Organ Support in Patients, REMAP-CAP

Highlights: Presented MUE findings at Vizient/Midyear in Anaheim, CA and at Wellstar MCG Health Quality Improvement Symposium. Presented research findings at SERC in Athens

Plans for Next Year: Early committed to the PGY2 Critical Care Residency at Wellstar MCG Health

Research Project: Utility of Routine Point of Care Blood Glucose Tests in a Primary Care Clinic

Medication Use Evaluation: Impact of Pediatric Complex Care Pharmacist Involvement on Hospital Readmissions

GSHP (ACPE-Accredited) Webinar & Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Trust Your Gut: The Utilization of Gut Hormones in the Management of Obesity

ADR Conference: "All's Swell That Ends Swell" Bradykinin-Induced Angioedema: Review of Pharmacotherapy & Adverse Drug Reactions

Lecture for UGA: PHRM5950: Drug Interactions

Journal Club: Correlation of Correlated Vancomycin Trough Concentrations and Exposure: A Monte Carlo Simulation

Highlights: Presented MUE findings at Wellstar MCG Health Quality Improvement Symposium

Favorite Part of the Residency Year: Exploring Anaheim during Midyear, getting tacos (from a taco tent NOT a truck) and dim sum with Alex

Favorite Learning Experience This Year: Ambulatory Care - Was able to truly feel the autonomy of being a pharmacist by seeing my own patients. I loved being able to utilize patient interviews in order to make recommendations on the fly and see those how those changes affect the patient through multiple visits during my time on the rotation.

Plans for Next Year: Early committed to PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at Wellstar MCG Health



Omar Mouna, Pharm.D.
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

Resident Accomplishments (PGY1 continued)



Hanh Tran, Pharm.D.
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

Research Project: Impact of a comprehensive PCN allergy assessment on the documentation of PCN allergies and clinical outcomes

Medication Use Evaluation: Duration of DAPT following minor acute ischemic stroke or TIA

GSHP (ACPE-Accredited) Webinar—Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Overview of Gram-Negative Antimicrobial Resistance and Updates in the Management of CRAB

ADR Conference: Drug-Induced Cutaneous Adverse Drug Reactions

Lecture for UGA: PHRM3940: Internet & Apps for Drug Information

Journal Club: Vemurafenib in Multiple Nonmelanoma Cancers with BRAF V600 Mutations

Highlights: Presented the ACORN RCT at ACCP DI PRN; Presented Clinical Pearl at 2024 GSHP Spring Meeting

Favorite Part of the Residency Year: Game night, Christmas gift-exchange party, hang out with my coresidents in Athens after finishing SERC, monthly check-in dinner with my advisor

Favorite Learning Experience This Year: Cardiology - was able to apply my knowledge and mentor a 4th year pharmacy resident, manage chronic disease state and became familiar with transition of care process

Plans for Next Year: Early committed to the PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident at Wellstar

Research Project: Pharmacists' Perceptions of Post Rapid Sequence Intubation Analgesation Practices in the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit: A National Survey

Medication Use Evaluation: Evaluation of LDL-C Treatment Threshold Achievement in Patients with Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease

GSHP (ACPE-Accredited) Webinar & Pharmacy Grand Rounds: When Push Comes to Shove: Evaluation of Management Strategies for Peri-intubation Hypotension

ADR Conference: Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitor-Induced Euglycemic Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Lecture for UGA: PHRM 5950: Off Label Drug Use

Journal Club: Comparative Effectiveness of Fludrocortisone and Hydrocortisone versus Hydrocortisone Alone Among Patients with Septic Shock: Observational to Emulate a Target Trial

Highlights: Presented MUE findings at Wellstar MCG Health Quality Improvement Symposium

Favorite Part of the Residency Year: Midyear in Anaheim with my co-residents. Exploring Anaheim, getting street tacos (not a taco truck) and dim sum with Omar

Favorite Learning Experience This Year: Outpatient Heart Failure Clinic: I was able to provide direct patient care, perform physical exams, and educate patients about heart failure and their associated medications

Plans for Next Year: PGY2 HSPAL Residency at Wellstar MCG Health



Alex Kwan, Pharm.D.
PGY1 HSPAL Resident

Resident Accomplishments (PGY2)



Gabby Bachner, Pharm.D.
PGY2 HSPAL Resident

Quality Improvement Project: Implementation of a Pharmacy-Led Medication Authorization Process

GSHP (ACPE-Accredited) Webinar & Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Let's Circle Back: An Introduction to the Pharmacy Revenue Cycle

Lecture for UGA: PHRM 5650: Pharmacy Technology and Automation

Journal Club: Mentor Alex (Comparative Effectiveness of Fludrocortisone and Hydrocortisone versus Hydrocortisone Alone Among Patients with Septic Shock: Observational to Emulate a Target Trial)

Highlights: Presented the ACORN RCT at ACCP DI PRN; Presented Clinical Pearl at 2024 GSHP Spring Meeting

Favorite Part of the Residency Year: Completed off site rotation at Apex in Irving, TX; Presented Vizient Pediatric Pearl: Nirsevimab for the Prevention of Respiratory Syncytial Virus Lower Respiratory Tract Disease; Completion of MBA in August 2024

Favorite Learning Experience This Year: Weekend trips with my co-residents; travelling to Texas for an off-site rotation at Apex; networking and catching up with past co-residents at ASHP Midyear

Plans for Next Year: Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist - Wellstar MCG Health and Children's Hospital of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Research Project: Impact of Potassium Chloride Removal from Pediatric Diabetic Ketoacidosis Two-Bag System

GSHP-Accredited Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Breathe Easy: A Review of RSV Prevention Strategies

Lecture for UGA: PHRM 5950 Pediatric Drug Information, PHRM 5160 General Pediatrics: Overview of General Medication Considerations, PHRM 4500 Hypertension in Pregnancy

Journal Club: Mentor Najla (Effect of Intranasal Ketamine vs Fentanyl on pain Reduction for Extremity Injuries in Children: The PRIME Randomized Clinical Trial) and Omar (Correlation of Correlated Vancomycin Trough Concentrations and Exposure: A Monte Carlo Simulation)

Highlights: Presented PGY1 research project as an oral platform presentation and poster presentation at the 2023 North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference; Presented PGY2 Research at 2024 Pediatric Pharmacy Association Conference, completed ASHP Well-being and Resilience Certificate Program; Chief Resident for 2023-2024 class

Favorite Part of the Residency Year: Coordinating the pharmacy department's involvement in "May is for Miracles" to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network and CHOG! Spending time with all the coresidents after SERC in Athens

Favorite Learning Experience This Year: PICU - loved the patient population; able to precept a PGY1 learner

Plans for Next Year: Pediatric Clinical Float Pharmacist - Wellstar MCG Health and Children's Hospital of Georgia, Augusta, GA



Bailey Horne, Pharm.D.
PGY2 Pediatric Resident

Resident Accomplishments (PGY2 continued)



Emily Hightower, Pharm.D.
PGY2 Ambulatory Care

Research Project: Characterization of Appropriate Strategies for Switching Between GLP-1 and dual GLP-1/GIP Agonists and the Effects on Hemoglobin A1c, Weight, and Tolerability

Quality Improvement Project: Evaluation of Appropriate Prescribing Practices of Insomnia Medications within a Pulmonology Clinic

GSHP (ACPE-Accredited) Webinar & Pharmacy Grand Rounds: "Get in the Zone with Finerenone" Pharmacological Considerations for Renoprotection in CKD associated with Type 2 Diabetes

Lecture for UGA: APP PGY Pearls: Building Relationships with Patients and Providers; OTC Nonprescription Course: Ophthalmic, Otic, and Contact Lens Disorders; Pharmacotherapy: Anemias

Journal Club: Mentor Lucy (SGLT2 inhibitors in HF: Meta Analysis)

Highlights: Presented MUE findings at Wellstar MCG Quality Improvement Symposium; Presented Research findings at GSHP Spring meeting ; Presented Research findings at virtual ASHP Ambulatory Care Poster session; co-author for SEDTA: Side Effects of GI Drugs Annual Update

Favorite Part of the Residency Year: Primary preceptor for 4th year pharmacy students

Favorite Learning Experience This Year: Service Development: Employee Health Diabetes Clinic - I enjoyed being able to start this service from scratch and start relationships with my own patients! This clinic allowed me to develop rapport with patients and providers on my own and learn skills for managing my own practice!

Plans for Next Year: Ambulatory Clinical Pharmacist at Archbold Medical Center in Thomasville, GA Hospital of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Research Project: Impact of Perioperative Intravenous Acetaminophen on Opioid Requirements Post-Cardiothoracic Surgery

Quality Improvement Project: Nutrition Initiation and Continuation in Critically Ill Trauma Patients

GSHP (ACPE-Accredited) Webinar & Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Choose Your Fighter: Alteplase vs. Tenecteplase for Acute Pulmonary Embolism

Lecture for UGA: APP PGY Pearls: Fundamentals of CRRT

Journal Club: Mentor Kelsea (Effect of Hydrocortisone on Mortality and Organ Support in Patients, REMAP-CAP)

Highlights: Presented PGY1 research project at SCCM annual congress, presented SCCM patient safety network series presentation, completed ASPEN/ASHP nutrition support patient impact program

Favorite Part of the Residency Year: SERC in Athens

Favorite Learning Experience This Year: CVICU—loved the patient population and disease states seen on this rotation

Plans for Next Year: Cardiology Clinical Pharmacist - Self Regional Healthcare, Greenwood, South Carolina



Rachel Robinson, Pharm.D.
PGY2 Critical Care Resident

Residency Highlights

Wellstar MCG Health Welcomed ASHP Visiting Leader

On Friday May 3rd, we were honored to welcome an ASHP Visiting Leader, **Dr. Marianne Ivey**. Thanks to her visit, the leadership, preceptors, and PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents from the Wellstar Health System had a great day full of learning, having lunch together, and making meaningful connection.

As part of her "Visiting Leaders Program," **Dr. Marianne Ivey** held various roundtable discussions and small group sessions to focus on how we, as an institution and residency class, are working together to improve patient care and the healthcare system. In addition, we appreciated to learn more about work-life balance techniques and different ways to incorporate physical movements into our daily routine for better health. **Dr. Marianne Ivey** is an inspiration, and it was a pleasure hearing about her expertise on what it takes to make a leader truly.



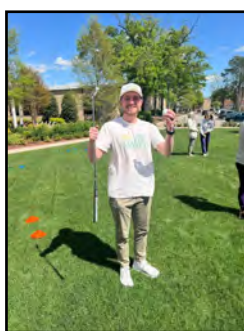
Residency Highlights

Meeting with the President of Wellstar MCG Health

The PGY1 and PGY2 residents were excited to meet the new President of Wellstar MCG Health, **Dr. Ralph Turner**, during our weekly enrichment session. We appreciated the opportunity to hear about Ralph's life experiences, challenges, typical work days, goals for the institution, and his advice on what make a great leader. It was wonderful to hear his story and insights into our institution while also sharing with him our ongoing research and quality improvement projects.



April's Residency Wellness Event



In the spirit of Master's Week, for our monthly **Residency Wellness Event** in the first week of April, the PGY1 and PGY2 residents got together with the preceptors to play mini golf and enjoy the beautiful spring weather after a long day at work. In addition to playing golf, we had the opportunity to reflect on how we have positively impacted a patient/patient care recently. Some of our answers: redesigned a patient's home medication regimen to facilitate safe discharge; counseled a patient's family on new start Acthar gel; and optimized a patient's anti-diabetic regimen to improve glycemic control.



We thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent together and appreciated **Alicia Sanchez** and **Aubrey Slaughter** organizing such a wonderful, much needed event!

Residency Highlights

1st Columbia County Health Careers Expo

Our PGY2 Ambulatory Care Resident, **Emily Royal Hightower**, and Community Pharmacy Manager/preceptor, **Rashad Darby**, spent the day at the first Columbia County Health Careers Expo. They were able to reach out to more than 430 high school students to discuss healthcare careers, the role of pharmacists, and the field of pharmacy as a whole.

We are so proud of Emily and Rashad. They did a great job representing us at the expo and advancing our profession awareness.



February's Residency Wellness

During our **February's Residency Wellness Event**, we were so excited to meet **Nugget**, one of the Children's Hospital of Georgia's facility dogs. We enjoyed the time petting **Nugget**, chatting with our co-residents, and participating in a Trivia Theme—They Didn't Teach That in School—hosted by our PGY2 Pediatric Graduate, **Aubrey Slaughter**.

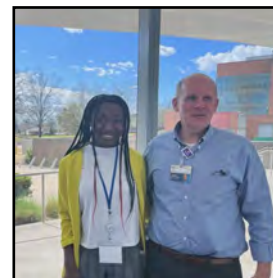
BONUS question of the game was "What do you love about MCG?" Some of the things we love about MCG were our co-residents, our great patient centered care mission, new challenges every day, the ability to learn new things, the dedication to preceptor development, our engaged preceptors, and Chick-fil-A!



Igniting the Dream of Medicine

Our pharmacy department had the opportunity to participate in the MCG Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference on the Augusta University campus. Over 200 high school and college students attended to learn more about various healthcare careers.

Our Director of Pharmacy, **Richard Burrell**, with one of the attendees, **Mallory**, who is the daughter of one of our pharmacy technicians, Dee Worthen!



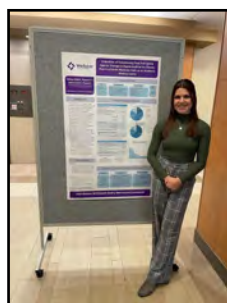
Quality Improvement Symposium

Our pharmacy department joined with other healthcare professions to present our longitudinal quality improvement projects at the 3rd Annual **Wellstar MCG Health's Quality Improvement Symposium**. Posters were selected through a competitive submission process. Our PGY1 pharmacy residents including **Alex Kwan**, **Najla Faddoul**, **Omar Mouna**, **Lucy Gloe**, and **Kelsea Mabie** and PGY2 ambulatory care resident, **Emily Royal Hightower** were able to discuss the findings of their quality improvement projects to a variety of healthcare professionals.

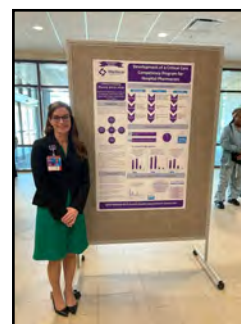
In addition, pharmacist preceptors from the Intensive Care Unit, **Christy Forehand**, and from Infectious Diseases, **Joshua Eudy** and **Daniel Anderson**, presented their findings at the symposium. The purpose of this symposium was to showcase a wide array of works done by different healthcare professional teams, which focused on improvement of patient care across our health system. We had an amazing time presenting our posters, learning from other people, networking, and enjoying delicious lunch provided by the organizers.



Alex Kwan
(Evaluation of LDL-C Treatment Threshold Achievement in Patients with Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease)



Kelsea Mabie
(Evaluation of Transitioning from Full Opioid Agonist Therapy to Buprenorphine for Chronic Pain in a Family Medicine Clinic at an Academic Medical Center)



Christy Forehand
(Development of a Critical Care Competency Programs for Hospital Pharmacists)



Najla Faddoul
(Evaluation of the Use of Low-Dose Epinephrine in Pediatric Patients)



Lucy Gloe
(Evaluation of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Levels)



Daniel Anderson and Joshua Eudy
(Implementation of a Penicillin Allergy Assessment Tool to Improve Adherence to Pre-operative Prophylaxis Guidelines)



Omar Mouna
(Impact of Pediatric Complex Care Pharmacist Involvement on Hospital Readmissions)



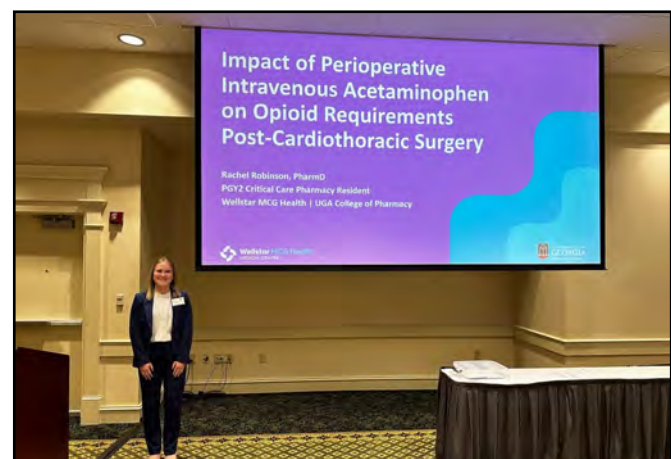
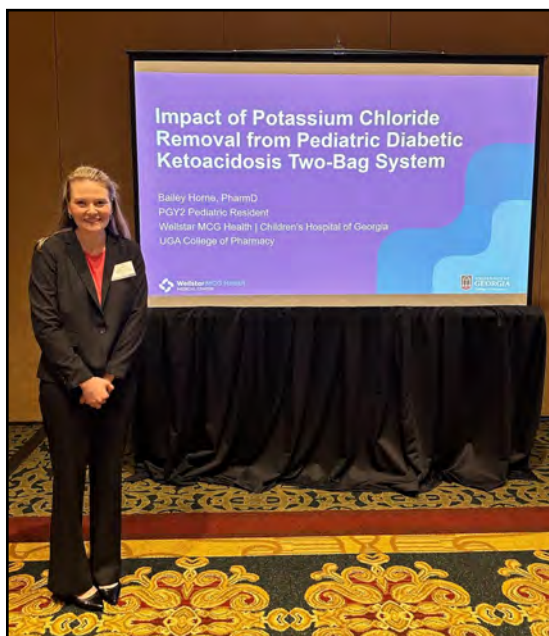
Emily R. Hightower
(Evaluating Appropriate Prescribing Practices of Insomnia Medications within the Pulmonary Clinic)

Southeastern Research Conference 2024



On April 24th and 25th, our PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents came to Athens, Georgia to attend the annual **Southeastern Research Conference**. We had the opportunity to present findings of our longitudinal research projects as well as learn from other residents' projects and network. Congratulations to all of the residents for presenting their research projects successfully!

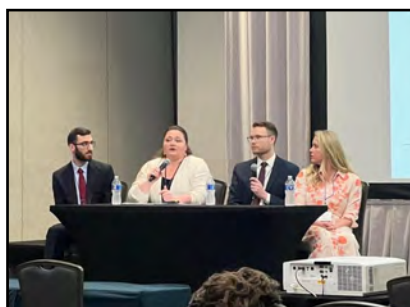
Highlight of the conference was the Keynote Speech delivered by our very own **Marjorie Shaw Phillips**. She has been an inspiration and we appreciate everything she has done for our pharmacy residency program.



Preceptor Spotlight & Awards

GSHP Spring Meeting

Wellstar MCG Health pharmacists were featured faculty and presented their posters/pearls or spoke on a panel at the annual **GSHP Spring Meeting** held in Savannah, Georgia on March 22nd to 24th. It was great to see the hard work everyone is doing showcased on a state level!



“USP 800: Lessons Learned” (panel) - **Carolyn Braithwaite** - **Jordan**

“Expanding Pediatric Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Services” - **Aubrey Slaughter**

“Giving Support! A Guide to the Updated 2023 ISHLT/HFSA Guideline on Acute Mechanical Circulatory Support” - **Ashley Taylor and Nathan Wayne**



“Fluid Optimization in the ICU During and After Resuscitation”. - **Kelli Keats and Amorena Most**



HOPA Annual Conference



Oncology pharmacists **Amber Clemmons** (PGY2 Oncology RPD) and **Behren Ketchum** (former PGY2 Oncology Resident) pre-

sented their REMEDY trial both on the main stage and as a featured poster at the annual **Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) conference** held in Tampa, Florida.

Additionally, **Amber Clemmons** spoke at a CE session on “JAK inhibitor in Myelofibrosis.”



Congratulations to our former PGY1 & PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy resident, **Benjamin Andrick** for being presented the “**2024 HOPA New Practitioner Award**”



Preceptor Spotlight & Awards

Congratulations to **Christy Forehand, PharmD, BCCCP, FCCM** for her appointment as the *“Vice Chair of the BPS Specialty Council of Critical Care Pharmacy”*.



Congratulations to **Rusty May, PharmD, FASHP** for being inducted into the *“National Academies of Practice (NAP)”* as a *“Distinguished Fellow”*.



Congratulations to **Neely Hudson, PharmD, BCPS, BCEMP** for being named as a *“Preceptor of the Year”* from the UGA College of Pharmacy.



Congratulations to **Kyree Henry, PharmD, BCACP** for being recognized with an *“E3 Award”* for going above and beyond for patient safety.



Congratulations to **Aaron Chase, PharmD, BCCCP** and **Alicia Sanchez, PharmD, BCPPS** on being recognized with a *“Good Catch Safety Award”*.



Congratulations to our Community Pharmacy Manager **Rashad Darby, PharmD, FASHP** for being recognized with an *“E3 Award”* for going above and beyond for the patient.

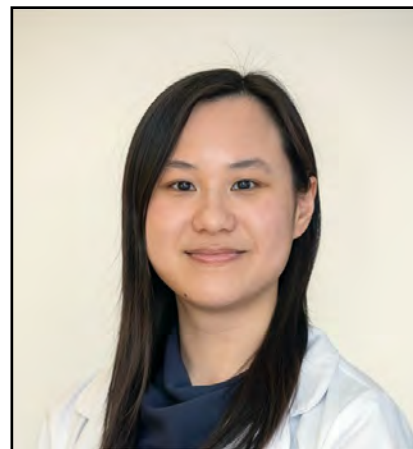


Alumni Spotlight



Morgan Gwynn Stanley completed her undergraduate and PharmD programs at Auburn University, then her PGY1 and PGY2 in Oncology at Wellstar MCG Health. She currently works in the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center oncology clinic(s) under a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner license. She also serves as the Residency Recruitment Chair for UNC. Morgan is very thankful for the mentorship she received here at AU Medical Center from her preceptors, advisors, and coresidents. Her advice to residents is to *invest in and lean on your coresidents throughout the year as you are all going through the same experiences and they will become your future colleagues*. The second piece of advice is *not to stress about the little things! Prioritize the things that you have to get done, and trust that everything will work out in the end*.

Hui Lin is originally from Atlanta, Georgia. She completed her PharmD at the University of Georgia, then her PGY1 at Wellstar MCG Health and PGY2 in Critical Care at Yale New Haven Hospital, CT. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Touro College of Pharmacy and currently works at the Mount Sinai Hospital in the Cardiovascular ICU. Her most valuable experiences she had during her residency were the high quality presentations to large audiences, which helped prepare for a career in academia. Her favorite residency memory to share was the end of the year celebration with all of her coresidents and program leadership. Her advice to residents is to *take care of yourself, have work/life balance, and communicate when you need help*.



Trish Kunkel Stievater graduated from University of Florida College of Pharmacy and completed her PGY1 residency at MCG Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health), then went to University of Florida in Gainesville for her PGY2 in infectious diseases focused in software development for antimicrobial stewardship programs. She currently works as Director of Pharmacy Benefit Clinical Services at Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan. Trish enjoys the managed care perspective within pharmacy and how she can provide pharmacy coverage and guide medication therapy that is safe and efficacious. She believes residency is absolutely beneficial and has given her the skills and knowledge that she still utilizes to this day such as effective presentation skills, project management, and communication (soft skills). Her advice to residents is to *keep an open mind and if opportunity arises, take action on it if it aligns with your goals*.

Alumni Spotlight



Ben Andrick is currently the Assistant Director of Hem/Onc Pharmacy Services at Geisinger Health System. He completed his PGY1 and PGY2 in Oncology at Wellstar MCG Health. Out of residency, he joined Geisinger and helped build their allogeneic stem cell transplant program. He is actively involved in HOPA and ASTCT. He believes being involved in professional organizations makes the profession more fulfilling. The biggest lesson he took from residency was: *when doors open be ready to walk through them*. Recently, Ben and his wife got a cat named Marco, which is their first pet they have had.

N. Christopher (Chris) Doll was born and raised in Jacksonville, FL. He graduated from St. Louis College of Pharmacy and completed his PGY1 residency at Wellstar MCG in 1990-1991, then worked here for two years before becoming a Clinical Coordinator at Doctor's Hospital for another two years. He then returned to Wellstar MCG and stayed here until 2000. He currently works as Director of Pharmacy at Atrium Health in Baldwin GA. He believes that residency helped him find what he enjoyed in pharmacy and thinks that healthcare is always changing and residency gives people the skillsets to learn how different people approach problem solving and issues. His advice to residents is to *listen a lot and ask questions to understand how preceptors make their decisions, and don't expect to learn everything but instead "learn how to fish without being given the fish."*



Stephanie Lively completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at Wellstar MCG. After that, she stayed here and accepted a pivotal position as the Drug Information and Drug Policy pharmacist at Wellstar MCG. In that role, she coordinated the P&T Committee, maintained the healthcare system formulary, and led various performance improvement initiatives. Following her husband's pediatrics residency, Stephanie moved with her family to Fort Payne, Alabama so he could open his practice, and she has been working at Atrium Health Floyd in Rome Georgia since then. Stephanie holds a Pharmacotherapy Specialty Certification (BCPS) and an ASHP Medication Safety Certificate, underscoring her commitment to continuous professional development. Beyond her professional achievements, she values her roles as a wife and mother and has coordinated community events like the Meet a Machine fundraiser for the DeKalb Children's Advocacy Center. Reflecting on her residency, she cherishes the mentorship and project management skills gained and advises aspiring pharmacists to

view every experience as a learning opportunity.

Alumni Spotlight



Victoria Urban completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at Wellstar MCG and her PGY2 pediatric residency at Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. She is currently a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in heart and liver transplant at Children’s Mercy Hospital. During residency, Victoria notes that it was easy to feel burdened by the stress of the many longitudinal tasks that she must complete on top of daily clinical activities. Reflecting on this period, she realized residency offers a great chance to step out of one’s comfort zone. Instead of succumbing to overwhelming stress, she suggests *embracing each experience as a valuable learning opportunity*. Her advice is “*don’t worry so much, everything works out in the end!*”

Juliette Miller completed her PGY1 at Wellstar MCG and PGY2 in ambulatory care at UGA. She currently works as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Administration at Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher University in Rochester, New York and a clinical pharmacist at Jordan Health Brown Square Health Center. Through patient workups to projects, residency taught her to prioritize and efficiently execute patient care while working on longitudinal projects. Her advice is when looking for jobs when you graduate, don't put too much pressure on yourself and remember that your first job doesn't have to be your only job or last job. *You can try new and different opportunities, and your career may change over time, as your passions may change.*



Hilary Teibel Vogt completed both her PGY1 and PGY2 pediatric pharmacy residency at Wellstar MCG. She worked in an adult cystic fibrosis (CF) outpatient clinic with Indiana University Health and has recently transitioned into the pediatric CF clinic. Hilary co-chaired the transition program for pediatric CF patients over to Adult CF clinic. She appreciated how close her residency class was, and still keeps in contact with her coresidents today. She believes that a well-rounded PGY1 experience is the most beneficial for pharmacy training by teaching residents how to critically solve problems and develop the pharmacist mentality.

Michelle Borg Worst completed her PGY1 residency at Wellstar MCG and PGY2 hematology/oncology resident at the National Institutes of Health. Upon residency graduation, she worked as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Thoracic/Head & Neck Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Michelle is currently the Director of Clinical Strategy for Hematology/Oncology for Medscape. One thing she wished she could have done during residency was to have more exposure to pharmacy laws. She believed that residency taught her to be dynamic and flexible with her longitudinal projects and daily clinical activities. Her advice is to *enjoy what you are doing, prioritize personal life outside work, and be a pioneer and create your own opportunity.*



Selected Preceptor & Residency Graduate Publications

Celebrating the brilliance of our incredible preceptors and former residents!
We are proud to list here some selected preceptor and residency graduate publications. Each one is a testament to their dedication and expertise.

1. **Yancey Murray Aluisio (PGY1 '22), Alicia C. Sanchez, Kelley Norris, Jennifer Waller, and Christopher Campbell.** Impact of a Pediatric Emergency Medicine Pharmacist, Institutional Guideline, and Electronic Order Set on Empiric Antimicrobial Use for Febrile Neutropenia, Pediatric Emergency Care. 40(2):151-155, February 2024. DOI: 10.1097/PEC.0000000000003009
2. **Kelli Keats, Andrea Sikora** et al, on behalf of the OPTIM Investigator Team. Optimizing Pharmacist Team-Integration for ICU Patient Management: Rationale, Study Design, and Methods for a Multicentered Exploration of Pharmacist-to-Patient Ratio. Crit Care Explor. 2023 Aug 25;5(9):e0956. doi: 10.1097/CCE.0000000000000956. PMID: 37644971; PMCID: PMC10461940.
3. **Aaron M. Chase, Hanna A. Azimi (PGY1 '22, PGY2 Amb Care '23), Christy C. Forehand., Kelli Keats, Ashley N. Taylor, Wu S, Blotske K, Andrea Newsome Sikora.** An Evaluation of the Relationship Between Medication Regimen Complexity as Measured by the MRC-ICU to Medication Errors in Critically Ill Patients. *Hospital Pharmacy*. 2023;58(6):569-574. doi:10.1177/00185787231170386
4. **Kangwon (Christina) Song and Marjorie Shaw Phillips** et al. Development of complexity categories for an investigational drug services complexity scoring tool to assess pharmacy effort in clinical trial initiation and maintenance. *Am J Health-Syst Pharm*. 2023;80:1557-1563.
5. Essilvo Sulejmani (former intern), **Nathan Wayne, Laura Provost, Aaron Chase, Andrea Sikora Newsome.** Comparison of Inotropes for Use with the Impella Device in Cardiogenic Shock. *Clin Med Insights Cardiol*. 2023 Dec 23;17:11795468231221416. PMID: 38143929
6. **Aaron Chase, Christy C. Forehand, Kelli Keats, Ashley N. Taylor AN, Tim W Jones (PGY1 '22/PGY2 Critical Care '23), Andrea Newsome Sikora.** Evaluation of Critical Care Pharmacist Evening Services at an Academic Medical Center. *Hospital Pharmacy*. 2024;59(2):228-233. doi:10.1177/00185787231207996
7. **Kelli R Keats, Rachel Robinson (PGY1 '23, PGY2 Critical Care '24), Stephanie Albrecht.** Ascorbic Acid for Methemoglobinemia Treatment: A Case Report and Literature Review. *Journal of Pharmacy Practice*. (published online ahead of print) 2023;0(0). doi:10.1177/08971900231188834

Note that a number of the preceptor authors listed are also AU/Wellstar MCG Health residency graduates. Residency year is listed only for those who completed the work during their residency here.



The Pharmacy team finished strong during the **May is for Miracles campaign** at the **Children's Hospital of Georgia (CHOG)**. We were recognized for both "Best Display" and "Most \$ Raised" — each balloon represents a donation.

Looking Ahead:

July 15, 2024 New @Wellstar.org Email

October 5, 2024 EPIC go-LIVE @ Wellstar MCG

April 7, 2025 Residency 50th Anniversary

Our pharmacy residency program has been ASHP-accredited since April 7, 1975. We hope you will be able to join us at a special event to celebrate this milestone in 2025.

Please share your favorite residency memories, photographs and memorabilia us:

(after 7/15: Richard.Burrell@wellstar.org and Marjorie.Phillips@wellstar.org)

Residency Graduation & A Thank-You Message

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to our ten pharmacy residents on their successful graduation from their respective programs! The PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents and their families had a great time celebrating the graduation with the program leadership, preceptors, and mentors at the **Augusta Country Club**. We enjoyed an amazing dinner and cheering our pharmacy residents as they received their **Residency Certificates** through Wellstar MCG Health and **Graduate Certificates/Teaching Certificate** through the UGA College of Pharmacy.

We are so proud of all they have accomplished and cannot wait to see what the future holds for them!



Thank-You Message

The Class of 2023-2024 would like to express our gratitude to our mentors, preceptors, directors, staff, and everyone within the WellStar MCG Health & UGA College of Pharmacy family for their support and encouragement throughout this year. Thanks to your dedication and commitment to our growth, we feel well-prepared to take the next step in our career.

We are thrilled and honored to be graduates of the program and we wish everyone all the best!

Sincerely,

Najla, Lucy, Kelsea, Omar, Alex, Hanh, Gabby, Rachel, Bailey, Emily



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