The purpose of Hoo’s News is to communicate information among past, current, and future residents. If you have news that you would like to share, please contact Michelle McCarthy.

Residency Program Information

The University of Virginia Health System (UVaHS) has 7 ASHP-accredited residency programs: PGY1 Pharmacy (established 1991), PGY2-Critical Care (established 2002), PGY2-Drug Information (established 1998), PGY2-Health System Pharmacy Administration (established 2010), PGY2-Oncology (established 2011), PGY2-Pharmacy Informatics (established 2011), PGY1/PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration (established 2012), and PGY2-Solid Organ Transplantation (established 2013). PGY2 programs in infectious diseases and pediatrics will be started in July of 2015 with accreditation surveys in the spring of 2016.

Great News!

The UVa pharmacy residency program is expanding. For the 2015-2016 residency year the number of residents is increasing from 12 to 14! Likewise, UVa pharmacy has been chosen to receive one of the ASHP Foundation Residency Expansion Grants for 2015-2016; this grant will help fund one of the new PGY1 positions at UVa. The PGY2-Solid Organ Transplantation residency program was accredited by the ASHP Commission on Credentialing at the March 2015 meeting. Congratulations team!

Resident Bios

Thomas DiPiro
PGY2-Health System Pharmacy Administration
Dr. DiPiro is a graduate of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy at the Medical University of South Carolina campus, where he earned his PharmD in 2013. He is also a graduate of The Citadel, where he completed his MBA in 2012. His current professional interests include pediatrics and pharmacy services management. Outside of the hospital he follows college football, and roots for the Georgia Bulldogs on Saturdays. During his two years at UVaHS, he also completed a Masters in Health System Pharmacy Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy. Upon completion of his residencies, he’ll be joining Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center as Operations Manager.

Sang-weon Lee
PGY2-Pharmacy Informatics
Dr. Lee is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson University School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he earned his PharmD in May 2013. He completed his PGY1-Pharmacy residency at Hahnemann University Hospital in Pennsylvania. Outside of work, he enjoys following sports (Go Blue!), taking photographs, and spending time with his wife and daughter. Upon completion of his residency, he’ll be joining the UVa Informatics Team as a Senior Application Analyst.
Amanda Liszewski  
PGY2-Critical Care  
Dr. Liszewski is a graduate of the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she earned her PharmD degree in 2013. She completed her PGY1-Pharmacy Residency at the University of Virginia Health System and is excited to have been able to continue her training at UVa for her PGY2-Critical Care Pharmacy Residency. Upon completion of her PGY2-Critical Care Pharmacy Residency, she will be joining the UVa critical care clinical pharmacy team as a clinical pharmacist. Outside of work, she enjoys music, running and cheering on all of her favorite Pittsburgh sports teams.

Did you know?  
Amanda was a competitive gymnast for over 10 years growing up, traveling throughout the northeast to compete at state and regional levels.

Lia Lynch  
PGY2-Oncology  
Dr. Lynch is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where she earned her PharmD in 2013. She completed her PGY1-Pharmacy residency at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville. Upon completion of the PGY2-Drug Information pharmacy residency, Dr. Parsons will be joining the inpatient pharmacy Investigational Drug Services team as an investigational drug services pharmacist. Outside of work, she enjoys cheering on UVa athletics, playing golf, and curling.

Amy Morris  
PGY2-Oncology  
Dr. Morris is a 2013 graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in Athens, Georgia. She completed her PGY1-Pharmacy residency at the University of Virginia Health System. Her current areas of interest include stem cell transplantation, immunotherapies, and infectious diseases in the immunocompromised host. Upon completion of her PGY2 residency, she will join the UVa hematology/oncology clinical pharmacy team as an hematology/oncology clinical pharmacist. Amy’s interests outside of pharmacy include horseback riding, traveling, watching football (Go Dawgs!), and spending time with her awesome co-residents.

Kara Parsons  
PGY2– Drug Information  
Dr. Parsons is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where she earned her PharmD in 2013. She completed her PGY1-Pharmacy residency at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville. Upon completion of the PGY2-Drug Information pharmacy residency, Dr. Parsons will be joining the inpatient pharmacy Investigational Drug Services team as an investigational drug services pharmacist. Outside of work, she enjoys cheering on UVa athletics, playing golf, and curling.

Karen Partlow  
PGY2– Critical Care  
Dr. Partlow is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, where she earned her PharmD degree in 2013. She completed her PGY1-Pharmacy residency at the University of Virginia Health System. Upon completion of her PGY2-critical care pharmacy residency, Dr. Partlow is joining the UVa Emergency Medicine clinical pharmacy team as an overnight emergency department clinical pharmacist. Outside of work she enjoys watching sports (Go Nats and Caps!), cooking, and relaxing with her beagle Hootie.

Did you know?  
Karen met Morgan Freeman at a Mother’s Day brunch and he joined her family.

Jessica Werth  
PGY2– Solid Organ Transplant  
Dr. Werth is a graduate of the University of Kansas,
where she earned a B.S. in Organismal Biology in 2008 and her PharmD in 2012. She completed a PGY1-Pharmacy residency at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, KS in 2013. After working for a year as a clinical pharmacist at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Shawnee Mission, KS, Dr. Werth decided to return to residency to specialize in solid organ transplant. Upon completion of her PGY2, she will be returning to the University of Kansas Medical Center as a transplant clinical pharmacy specialist. Outside of work, she enjoys Kansas basketball (Rock Chalk!), Jeopardy, copious amounts of coffee, and shopping.

Matthew Allsbrook
PGY1-Pharmacy/PGY2-Health System Pharmacy Administration
Dr. Allsbrook completed his pharmacy studies at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. His professional interests include the development of specialty pharmacy services and the future impact of biosimilar drug products, both on clinical outcomes as well as health system expenditures. Matt will be completing his 2 years of residency training and his Master’s degree in 2016. Outside of residency, Matthew enjoys rooting for the Michigan Wolverines as well as being a loyal fan of Shaka-nado’s havoc basketball team at VCU.

Lindsay Donohue
PGY1-Pharmacy
Dr. Donohue is a graduate of the inaugural class of the University of Virginia division of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy, where she received her PharmD degree in 2014. Prior to attending pharmacy school, she received an undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Communication Arts & Design and worked as a graphic designer for an exhibit design firm. Following her PGY1-pharmacy residency, Lindsay will be the first PGY2-Infectious Diseases Resident at UVa. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her husband, exploring Charlottesville, and keeping up fantasy football.

Did you know?
Before pursuing a career in pharmacy, Lindsay worked as a graphic designer. She still loves good design and considers herself an amateur collector of paper cut-out art (scherenschnitte) and stamps

Kelly Lunsford
PGY1-Pharmacy
Dr. Lunsford is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where she earned her PharmD in 2014. Her professional interests include critical care, emergency medicine, and pediatrics. Upon completion of her PGY1-Pharmacy residency, Dr. Lunsford will UVa’s first PGY2-Pediatrics resident. Outside of work she enjoys traveling, wine tasting, and spending time with family.

Andrew Whitman
PGY1-Pharmacy
Dr. Whitman received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Christopher Newport University and his PharmD from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy. His professional interests are oncology, palliative care, and pharmacogenomics. Upon completion of his PGY1-Pharmacy residency, Dr. Whitman will complete a PGY2-Oncology residency at UVaHS. Outside of work he enjoys spending time with his wife, Katie, reading, and being outdoors.

Did you know?
Andy is an avid wood carver and wood burner. For his wedding he built an elaborate wooden arbor, wood burned all the centerpiece table numbers, and designed several wedding signs
PGY1’s: left to right—Andy, Lindsay, Kelly, Matt

Did you know?
Ten of the 12 residents from the class of 2014-2015 are staying on at UVa to continue their pharmacy careers. Go Hoo’s!

Opportunities for Learning and Fun:

Trip to Kentucky
Tom DiPiro and Matt Allsbrook took a trip to the University of Kentucky Medical Center to broaden their understanding of specialty pharmacy, transitions of care, and to gather some great new ideas. Gary Johnson, director of pharmacy at Kentucky and the former director at UVaHS, was welcoming to Matt and Tom and connected them with the current Kentucky residents. The residents set up a great schedule for Tom and Matt and led them on a tour of the facilities. Matt Allsbrook states that “it was great to see such an innovative program with a specialty pharmacy that has really taken off over the last five years.” Likewise, the University of Kentucky has been fine tuning their transition of care program and implemented a “Meds-to-bed” program. Matt says he “got a lot out of the visit and that it is really important to stay focused and believe in what you are doing. We need to demonstrate to others that pharmacists are vital to the health system and they are on the forefront of innovation.” Some additional places the residents would like to visit in the future are the University of Michigan, University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin.

Rafael Saenz and Tom DiPiro had the great opportunity to speak at the 2014 Mid-Year Clinical Meeting. They discussed work after residency and the importance pharmacists proving and tracking their value in health care. The presentation was accompanied by an interactive activity in which the audience ranked different pharmacist tasks with varying perspectives.

Tom states that “I was excited we were accepted by ASHP to present on the topic. Overall, I enjoyed having the opportunity to talk with new practitioners during the presentation, guiding the discussion during the interactive exercise, and continuing the conversation after the session. We will continue to be a dynamic profession with important challenges, and there is no better place to discuss our future than at the Midyear Clinical Meeting.”

Mini-rotations: what’s new?

Genomics Lab
Two PGY1 residents, Lindsay and Andy, had the opportunity to spend several days in the genomics labs. They spent some time bench-side and refreshed their pipetting skills.

Lindsay stated that “in November, I spent three days in Dr. Valeria Mas’s Genomics Lab. Dr. Mas was very welcoming and excited to have pharmacy resident collaboration. This was in invaluable experience for me. In the short amount of time I was there, I was actively involved in conducting hands-on research that has the potential to significantly impact patient care. By extracting RNA and DNA from peripheral blood mononuclear cell samples collected from liver transplant recipients at our institution, I was able to contribute to a study that is looking to identify new biomarkers and gene expression profiles to recognize early signs of rejection without the use of invasive procedures, like biopsies. It was also very educational to see how various tests are conducted; as most of my experience has been limited to reviewing the results of these tests in the electronic medical record. I would highly recommend this mini-rotation to any PGY1-Pharmacy Resident, particularly those with interest in research.”
ASHP Midyear Meeting Activities

Every year, thanks to the incredibly generous donation of Ms. Jacqueline Young, founding UVaHS Director of Pharmacy, the residents and preceptors attending the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting enjoy a group dinner at a local restaurant. The 49th Annual Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA. was enjoyed by all.

UVA Health System Department of Pharmacy Services Position Openings

The Department of Pharmacy would love to have residency graduates help grow our team! We currently have the following positions available:

- Clinical Pharmacist– Critical Care
- Clinical Pharmacist– Oncology
- Clinical Pharmacist– Pediatrics
- Clinical Pharmacist– Solid Organ Transplantation
- Clinical Pharmacist– Acute Care (Med/Surg)
Introducing…
The 2015-2016 Residency Class

**PGY1-Pharmacy**

Tyler Chanas  
School: University of Pittsburgh

Kevin Lonabaugh  
School: Shenandoah University

Emily Monds  
School: UNC

Meghan Reese  
School: MUSC

Thomas Schultz  
School: Purdue

Elizabeth Snipes  
School: Auburn

**PGY2-Oncology**

Andy Whitman  
School: VCU  
PGY1: UVa

**PGY2-Health System Pharmacy Administration**

Matt Allsbrook  
School: Michigan  
PGY1: UVa

**PGY2-Transplant**

Catherine Wangari  
School: VCU  
PGY1: Henrico Doctors Hospital

**PGY2-Pharmacy Informatics**

Anand Patel  
School: Thomas Jefferson University  
PGY1: Hunterdon HealthCare

**PGY2-Critical Care**

Matthew Morrisette  
School: MUSC  
PGY1: Carolinas Medical Center

**PGY2-Infectious Diseases**

Lindsay Donohue  
School: VCU  
PGY1: UVa

**PGY2-Pediatrics**

Kelly Lunsford  
School: UNC  
PGY1: UVa
**Baby Fever!**

**Residents**

- Cooper Thomas Williams born July 8, 2014 to Matt and Amanda Williams (PGY1 2010, PGY2-CC 2011). 7 pounds 3 oz and 19 inches
- Tina (Grof) Hardison (’08) and Luke Hardison, Jr gave birth to their little boy, Lewis S. Hardison, III, on January 23, 2014 weighing in at a healthy 8.49 ounces and 20 inches
- Sang and Min Lee announced the birth of their daughter, Yuna, on February 7th, 2015
- Tom and Nicole DiPiro announced the birth of their daughter, Margaret Jane DiPiro, 8 pounds 2 ounces, on March 13th, 2015
- Julie Villanueva Neshiewat and her husband, Issa, announce the birth of their first daughter, Daphne Liliana, born on June 7, 2015 weighing 7 lbs, 4oz, and 21.5 inches.

**Preceptors**

- Surabhi Benign Hematology Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator) and Mike Palkimas (Ambulatory Services Manager) announce the birth of their second son, Dylan on February 17, 2015. Dylan weighed 8 lbs, 8oz and was welcomed home by big brother, Aidan (19 months).
- Bryan Alexander (Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator) and his wife, Laura, proudly announce the birth of their first son, Benjamin Thomas, who was born on March 9, 2015. Benjamin was 6 lbs, 15 oz, 19.5 inches and was welcomed home by big sister, Maya (3 years).
- Heather Cox Hall (Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator) and her husband, Joseph, are pleased to announce the birth of Charles “Charlie” Alexander Hall born on January 27, 2015 weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz, 19.5 inches.
- Derek Burden (Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator) and his wife, Lindsay, proudly announce the birth of Elijah “Eli” Michael Burden, born on March 28, 2015 weighing 8 lbs. 11oz, 21 inches.

**Other Big News!**

- Hannah Russo (Palmer) was married to Nicholas Russo in October 2014
- Sara Fletcher completed a Masters in Public Health from the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in August 2014
- Julie Kidd (2006-2007 PGY1 class) recently completed a Masters in Public Health (MPH) from Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) with a concentration in Primary Health Care and Health Disparities.
- Hasan Kazmi (PGY1 class of 2013) got engaged to Taskeen Raza in 2014. They both are currently planning their wedding for the summer of 2015

**Publications and Presentations**

**Journal Articles**


Abstracts


Poster Presentations

Austin Ballew, B.S., Young Lee, Pharm.D., BCPS, Jose Vega, Pharm.D., Hanh-Nhi Duong, Pharm.D. Evaluating Current Recommended Dose of Enoxaparin in Renally Impaired and Morbidly Obese Patients by Monitoring Anti-factor Xa Levels. [poster]. ACCP 2014 Annual Meeting poster session, Austin Texas.


Books


Awards and Other Recognition
Phillip Mohorn (PGY1 class of 2012, PGY2-critical care class of 2013) was named the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year for 2015.

The University of Virginia Health System PGY1 Pharmacy Residency was selected as one recipient of a $40,000 Residency Expansion Grant from the ASHP Foundation for 2015-2016.

Rafael Saenz (Administrator, Pharmacy Services and Program Director for the PGY2-HSPA program) was named as a 2014 Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists AND was appointed to the Virginia Board of Pharmacy in 2015.

Marcia Buck (Pediatrics Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator and PGY2-Pediatrics Residency Program Director) was elected as the President-Elect of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). Her term officially begins with her induction in October at the ACCP Annual Meeting.

Other News
Kyle Luedtke (PGY1 class of 2012, PGY2-critical care class of 2013) has joined the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center Investigational Drug Services team as an Investigational Drug Services Pharmacist (June 2015).

Nicole Watts (PGY1 class of 2011, PGY2-oncology class of 2012) is leaving UVaHS and Charlottesville for a position as a stem cell clinical pharmacist at University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Kate Bidwell (PGY2-critical care class of 2011) is joining the UVa Medication Use Policy team as a Medication Use Policy Coordinator in August of 2015.