

Hematology/Oncology Team

Kathy DeGregory, Pharm.D., BCOP

Preceptor for Stem Cell Transplant and Fellows' Clinic

Dr. DeGregory is the Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator for Hematology/Oncology and the director of the PGY-2 Oncology Residency Program. Her primary practice sites are the inpatient hematology/oncology unit and stem cell transplant unit. She also serves as the team leader for the hematology/oncology clinical pharmacy team and supervises clinical pharmacy coverage for the outpatient infusion center. Dr. DeGregory received her B.S. Pharm and Pharm.D. degrees from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and Temple University, respectively. In 2006-7, Dr. DeGregory was recognized as UVA Pharmacy Practice Residency Preceptor of the Year.

Rubina Arastu, Pharm.D.

Dr. Arastu is a Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist practicing in both the inpatient hematology/oncology unit and the outpatient infusion center at the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. After receiving her Pharm.D. from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia in 2009, she joined the University of Virginia Health System. Dr. Arastu is a member of the Cancer Center Regional Quality Council.

Kevin Brady, Pharm.D., BCOP

Preceptor for Supportive Care

Dr. Brady is a Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist. He provides pharmacy services to the inpatient hematology/oncology floor and the outpatient infusion center at the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond, where he was a four year letterman for the baseball team. He then received his Pharm.D. from Midwestern University College of Pharmacy-Glendale and joined the University of Virginia Health System in 2001. He is a member of the Oncology and Hematology Work Group (a subcommittee of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee).

Suzanne Doyle, B.S. Pharm, BCOP

Preceptor for Solid Tumor Clinic

Suzanne Doyle is a Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist. She received her B.S. Pharm from the University of Pittsburgh. She provides clinical pharmacy services for the inpatient hematology/oncology service and also the outpatient infusion center at the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. She is a member of the Cancer Center Protocol Review Committee and the Inpatient Chemotherapy Quality Committee.

Evelyn Handel, Pharm.D.

Dr. Handel is a Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist. Her primary practice sites are the inpatient hematology/oncology unit and the outpatient infusion center at the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. She received her B.S. in Biology as well as her Pharm.D. from Ohio Northern University. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Oregon Health and Sciences University Hospital in Portland, OR and an ASHP-accredited PGY-2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, FL before joining University of Virginia Health System in 2012.

Michelle Hobbs, Pharm.D.

Preceptor for Investigational Drug Services

Dr. Hobbs is an Investigational Drug Pharmacist. Her primary practice site is the Investigational Drug Pharmacy in the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. She currently services of the

Investigational Review Board Committee and the Cancer Center Data and Safety Monitoring Committee. She received her B.S. Pharm from the University of Rhode Island and Pharm.D. from Shenandoah University. Prior to coming to the University of Virginia Health System, she was an Oncology Pharmacist at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. In 2008, she received the Community Builder Award from the University of Virginia Health System to recognize her contributions to community service, and in 2010, she received the Outstanding Contributor Award from the University of Virginia.

Leslie Ward, Pharm.D., BCPS

Preceptor for Women's Oncology Clinic

Dr. Ward is a Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist. Her primary practice sites are the inpatient hematology/oncology unit and the outpatient infusion center at the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. She received a B.A. in Economics from Davidson College and her Pharm.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center before joined the University of Virginia Health System in 2008. She is a member of the Cancer Center Protocol Review Committee.

Nicole Watts, Pharm.D.

Dr. Watts is a Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist. Her primary practice sites include the inpatient hematology/oncology unit and the outpatient infusion center at the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. Dr. Watts received her Pharm.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency as well as a PGY-2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency at University of Virginia Health System. She is a member of the Cancer Center Regional Quality Council.

Other Preceptors for the PGY-2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency

Bryan Alexander, Pharm.D., BCPS, AAHIVP

Preceptor for Immunosuppressed Infectious Diseases

Dr. Alexander is one of the Pharmacy Clinical Coordinators in Infectious Diseases. He provides pharmacy services for the adult infectious diseases consult team, with a clinical and research focus on the immunocompromised/HIV and transplant infectious disease populations. Dr. Alexander completed his B.A. in Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of Chicago and his Pharm.D. at the University of Maryland. His ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice and Infectious Diseases residencies were fulfilled at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Recently, Dr. Alexander received the 2010-2011 UVA Pharmacy Practice Residency Preceptor of the Year Award.

Heather Cox Hall, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQID

Preceptor for Immunosuppressed Infectious Diseases

As a Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator for Infectious Diseases and Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine within the Division of Infectious Diseases and International Health, Dr. Hall provides pharmacotherapy services for both the antimicrobial stewardship and adult infectious diseases consult teams. She received her B.S. in Chemistry from McGill University and her Pharm.D. from Nova Southeastern University. Her Pharmacy Practice and Infectious Diseases residencies were completed at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Dr. Hall's clinical research focuses on the detection, therapy, and outcomes related to infection with multidrug-resistant Enterobacteriaceae. She was recently recognized with the VCU Outstanding Preceptor Award, and acknowledged as the UVA Pharmacy Practice Residency Preceptor of the Year Award in 2008-9.

Surabhi Palkimas, Pharm.D.*Preceptor for Anticoagulation and Benign Hematology*

Dr. Palkimas is the Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator in Benign Hematology. She provides pharmacy services for the adult hematology consult team. She serves as pharmacy chair of the Anticoagulation Committee and is an active member of Patient Education and Communication Committee. She received her B.S. in Biochemical Pharmacology from SUNY at Buffalo and her Pharm.D. from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Worcester Campus. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven, CT.

James Ray, Pharm.D., CPE*Preceptor for Pain and Palliative Care*

Dr. Ray is the Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator for Pain and Palliative. He graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy and went on to complete a general hospital pharmacy residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Ray's experience includes medical oncology which led to developing a pharmacy-run pain consult service and the establishments of a palliative care consult service in previous positions. Prior to joining the University of Virginia Health System he worked in scientific affairs for the pharmaceutical industry as a medical science liaison for several years. He has recently been named as a member of the Pain Management and Palliative Care SAG within the Section of Ambulatory Care Practitioners of ASHP and has been a contributor toward the development of a Board Certification in Pain and Palliative Care for pharmacist through the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. He currently serves on the Education Advisory Committee and is co-chair of the Pharmacotherapy SIG for the American Pain Society. He also serves on the 2013 AAHPM & HPNA Annual Assembly Planning Committee and recently served as a reviewer for the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's UNIPAC self-study series.

Other preceptors within the Department of Pharmacy Services

http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/pub/pharmacy/residency_info/gpreceptors.html

Current Resident

2012-2013

Jeremy Sen, Pharm.D.

PGY-1 Program: University of Virginia Health System
Education: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Pharm.D.)
Residency Project: Evaluation of previous lenalidomide exposure on stem cell mobilization with plerixafor plus G-CSF in multiple myeloma patients

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2011-2012

Nicole Watts, Pharm.D.

Current Position: Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist, University of Virginia Health System
PGY-1 Program: University of Virginia Health System
Education: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Pharm.D.)

Residency Project: A pilot project for mixing chemotherapy in advance of infusion center arrival in breast cancer patients and effects on wait times