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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 (see page 4).

Residency Program Information

The University of Virginia Health System (UVaHS) has 3 ASHP-accredited residency programs: Critical Care (established 2002), Drug Information (established 1998), and PGY1 Pharmacy (established 1991). Additionally, the new PGY2 in Health System Pharmacy Administration admitted its first resident in July 2010 and is in candidate status. A PGY2 in Oncology Pharmacy is in pre-candidate status and will admit its first resident in July of 2011. All programs are registered with the National Matching Service (NMS). Residency program directors are listed on page 4.

Meet the Residency Class of 2010-2011

Philip Almeter          PGY2-Health System Pharmacy Administration (HSPA)
Dr. Almeter is a graduate of University of Georgia College of Pharmacy where he earned his Pharm.D. degree in May 2009. He completed his PGY1-residency at UVA in 2010. His current interests are benchmarking, administration, and the expansion of pharmacy practice with the advent of healthcare reform. Dr. Almeter’s residency project will involve improving the safety of the medication use system in the perioperative area with automation and possible bar coded medication administration. Upon completion of the PGY2-HSPA residency, he will pursue a career as an assistant director of pharmacy at an academic medical center. Philip and his wife, Heidi, keep busy with their beautiful baby girl, Isabella, who will be raised as a true Georgia Bulldog fan.

Bennett Bain          PGY1-Pharmacy
Dr. Bain is a graduate of University of California San Francisco where she earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in March 2010. She is also a graduate of University of Virginia where she earned a B.A. in Biology in 2006. Her current interests include infectious diseases and critical care. Dr. Bain’s residency project will determine if there is a relationship between the inoculums effect and mechanism of resistance in multi-drug resistant Gram negative Enterobacteriaceae. Upon completion of her PGY1-Pharmacy residency, Bennett plans to pursue a PGY2 in a tertiary care academic medical center. She enjoys travelling, outdoor activities and spending time with family.

David Crowther        PGY2-Drug Information
Dr. Crowther received a BS in Physiology / Developmental Biology from Brigham Young University in 2006 prior to completing a Pharm.D. degree at the University of Southern Nevada in 2009. He completed a PGY1-Pharmacy Residency at the University of Virginia Health System. His PGY2-Drug Information research project involves assessing current institutional compliance with black box warnings and developing corrective measures to improve compliance. Dr. Crowther is also redesigning the pharmacy websites. Current areas of interest include drug shortages, information technologies, and medication safety. Upon completion of the PGY2 residency, Dr. Crowther plans to work in drug information at a large academic medical center. During his free time, David enjoys volunteering for the Cub Scouts and spending time with his wife, Tiffany.

Sarah Gruber          PGY2-Critical Care
Dr. Gruber is a graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Albany, NY, where she earned her Pharm.D. degree in 2009. She completed a PGY-1 residency at UVA. Her areas of interest are critical care, cardiology and infectious disease. Dr. Gruber’s residency project will evaluate antipsychotic use and clinical outcomes in CAM-ICU positive compared to CAM-ICU negative patients in
Sarah Gruber, Bennett Bain, Nicole Watts

Ahmed Mahmoud  PGY1-Pharmacy
Dr. Mahmoud is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Pharmacy in Richmond, VA where he earned his Pharm.D. degree in 2007. His current areas of interest are critical care, infectious disease, cardiology and emergency medicine. Dr. Mahmoud’s research project will evaluate the use of fenoldopam as a renal protective agent in the abdominal aortic vascular surgery patient and ultimately contribute to the development of guidelines for its use at the University of Virginia Health System. Upon completion of the PGY1-Pharmacy residency, he plans to pursue a PGY2 residency within a tertiary care academic medical center. Ahmed enjoys following motorsports news and exploring Charlottesville outdoor activities.

Julie Villanueva  PGY1-Pharmacy
Dr. Villanueva is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Pharmacy in Richmond, VA where she earned her Pharm.D. degree in 2010. Her current areas of interest are drug information, medication use safety and clinical research. Dr. Villanueva’s residency project will evaluate the safety and efficacy of pegfilgrastim given on the same day as docetaxel in prostate cancer patients. Upon completion of her PGY1-Pharmacy residency, she plans to pursue a clinical pharmacist position. Julie enjoys hiking, listening to music, and spending time with family and friends.

Nicole Watts  PGY1-Pharmacy
Dr. Watts is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy, where she earned her Pharm.D. degree in 2010. She completed her pharmacy pre-requisites at North Carolina State University. Her current areas of interest are oncology and pediatrics. Dr. Watts' residency project will analyze the use of dronabinol for nausea and vomiting in the inpatient neurocritical care population. Upon completion of her PGY1-Pharmacy residency, Nicole will be completing a PGY2-Oncology Pharmacy residency under Dr. DeGregory at UVA. She enjoys spending time with her friends, family, and two cats and cheers for the Green Bay Packers and Wolfpack sports. Go Pack Go!

Amanda Williams  PGY2-Critical Care
Dr. Williams earned her Pharm.D. degree from Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy in Birmingham, AL in 2009. She completed a PGY1-Pharmacy residency at UVA. She has a broad range of interests including critical care, emergency medicine, and pediatrics. Upon completion of her PGY2-Critical Care residency, she plans to pursue a Clinical Specialist position in emergency medicine or critical care. She enjoys spending time with her husband, dog, and cat, and watching Alabama football (Roll Tide!).

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Pharmacy Residents 2010-2011

Denise Kockler  (DI ‘01) married Sam Lowe on November 13, 2010 in Richmond, VA. The happy couple resides in Richmond, VA.

Births
Susan Cogut  (PP ’08, DI ’09) and her husband, Anit Mankad, announce the birth of their son, Remy Benjamin Mankad, on July 29, 2010. Remy weighed 6 lbs 4 oz and was 19.5 inches long.

Marcia Hunt-Curran  (PP ’05) and her husband, Chuck, announce the birth of their first daughter, Ann-Marie Laney, on August 11, 2010. Ann-Marie weighed 5 lbs 8 oz and was 19 inches long.

Laura Willets Walton  (PP ’01) and her husband announce the birth of their second daughter, Anna Katherine on August 30, 2010. Anna Kate weighed 6
lbs, 10 oz and was 19 inches long. She joins her big sister, Caroline, who is 3 years old.

Karla (Wright) Nuckles (PP ‘02) and her husband, Artie, announce the birth of their daughter, Karlyanne Hope, on May 28, 2010. Karlyanne weighed 8 lbs 8 oz and was 19.5 inches long. She joins her big sister, Sydney, who is 7 years old.

Where are they now? The Class of 1993-1994

David Volles (PP ‘94) never left UVA or Charlottesville following completion of the residency program and is currently the Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator for the surgery team. He still has a primary practice site in the Surgical-Trauma Intensive Care Unit. David is also the Program Director for the PGY-2 Critical Care Residency program since it was started in 2002. David and his wife Stacy have two outstanding children, Nolen (12) and Nicholas (10). David remains a very excited VT Hokie fan and enjoys taunting all of his Wahoo coworkers.

Jennifer Stoffel (PP ‘94) left UVA and headed to the University of Pittsburgh to complete a PGY-2 in critical care. After residency Jennifer landed her dream job as the Critical Care Specialist in the Liver Transplant ICU at UPMC. In 2002, she headed to Minneapolis, MN to work for a group purchasing organization called PACT (historically part of McKesson Medication Management). Currently, Jennifer works as a Senior Scientific Liaison in Health Economics and Outcomes Research for Johnson and Johnson. Jennifer and her husband of 16 years, Mike, have two children, Madison (9) and Mathias (6). They keep her busy with art, violin, piano, and soccer. Between jobs and children, Jennifer and her husband find time to cheer on the Green Bay Packers and University of Wisconsin Badgers and have started to compete in the indoor Triathlon program at their gym.

Jill Coudon (PP ‘94) is currently a long-term care consultant with Remedi SeniorCare since 1995. After completing her residency at UVA, she worked as an Intensive Care pharmacist at Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital. Jill and her husband, Jerry, have 3 children, Ben (9), Thomas (8), and Alexandra (6). The Coudon family is living outside of Baltimore, Maryland.

Professional Announcements

Jessica Johnson (PP ‘09) obtained a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist position in critical care at Frederick Memorial Healthcare System in Frederick, MD. She has also been invited as a guest speaker on Glutamine in Critical Illness at the 2011 Mississippi Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition Annual Conference.

Barry G. Barns Jr. (PP ‘08) has accepted a position as a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist- Infectious Diseases at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Kelly Rogers (PP ‘96) presented “Cardiovascular Update in the Elderly” at the 2010 Tennessee Society of Long-term Care Pharmacists meeting in Nashville, TN. Dr. Rogers also presented “The Rhythm is Gonna Get-ya: Drug-induced Arrhythmias and Practical Tips on How to Deal with QTc Prolongation” at the 2010 ACCP Annual Meeting in Austin, TX.

Whitney Raper Maxwell (PP ‘09) accepted a position as Assistant Professor at South Carolina College of Pharmacy, on University of South Carolina Campus in Columbia, South Carolina beginning January 2011.

Hina Patel (PP ‘99) presented “Outcomes with daptomycin (DAP) in the treatment of methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteremia with vancomycin (VAN) minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs)” at the IDSA October 2010 meeting. Dr. Patel also presented “Outcomes of daptomycin (DAP) treatment in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) patients with gram-positive bloodstream infections (GPBSI) at the 2010 ACCP meeting.

Brenda Clark (CC ‘10) passed the Pharmacotherapy Board Certification exam this year.

Katharine McGrath (PP ‘07) passed the Oncology Board Certification exam this year.

Publications and Presentations

Journal Articles


Poster Presentations


Pham M, Rogers KC, Finks SF, Norman JL, Parker RB. Bleeding with enoxaparin bridging therapy in veterans with atrial fibrillation. 2010 Annual Meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, Abstract 114F, Austin, TX. October 2010. *Nominated for Best Resident/Fellow Poster*

Norman JL, Pham M, Rogers KC, Finks SF. The incidence of bleeding with enoxaparin bridging. 2010 Annual Meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, Abstract 302F, Austin, TX. October 2010. *Won Best Student/Resident Poster*


Preceptor News

Kathy DeGregory is the new Director of the PGY2-Oncology Pharmacy Residency Program at UVA.

UVa welcomes the following new preceptors:

- Winston Ally, Pharm.D.- Clinical Coordinator, Transplant
- Steven Dunn, Pharm.D., BCPS- Clinical Coordinator, Cardiology
- Bryan Alexander, Pharm.D, BCPS- Clinical Coordinator, Infectious Diseases
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