

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF 2009-2010 RESIDENTS**

### **Philip Almeter, Pharm.D.**

Dr. Almeter is a graduate of University of Georgia College of Pharmacy where he earned his Pharm.D. degree in May 2009. His current interests are emergency medicine, critical care, infectious disease, and administration. Dr. Almeter's residency project will evaluate the outcomes in critically ill surgical/trauma patients receiving dexmedetomidine infusions greater than twenty-four hours and ultimately contribute to the development of guidelines for its use at the University of Virginia Health System (UVa-HS). Upon completion of the PGY1-pharmacy residency, he plans to pursue a PGY2 residency or a clinical pharmacist position within a tertiary care hospital setting.

### **David Crowther, Pharm.D.**

Dr. Crowther received a B.S. 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. His areas of interest are medication management, use, and safety. His residency project is analyzing adverse drug events (ADE) in the pediatric population at the University of Virginia Health System (UVaHS). A specific ADE subset will then be selected, characterized, and appropriate corrective measures will then be developed. Upon completing the PGY1-pharmacy Residency, Dr. Crowther will begin a PGY2 drug information residency under Dr. McCarthy at UVaHS.

### **Sarah Gruber, Pharm.D.**

Dr. Gruber is a graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Albany, New York, where she earned her Pharm.D. degree in 2009. Her current areas of interest are critical care, cardiology and infectious disease. Dr. Gruber's residency project will examine the aggressiveness of initial statin therapy in males versus females admitted with an ACS at University of Virginia Health System (UVaHS). Upon completion of the PGY1-pharmacy residency, she plans to complete a PGY2 residency within a tertiary care medical center.

### **Jennifer Neal, Pharm.D.**

Dr. Neal is a graduate of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy in Richmond, VA where she earned her Pharm.D. degree in 2009. Her current areas of interest include ambulatory care, hematology/oncology and health care policy. Dr. Neal's residency project will examine the effect of exenatide use on weight, A1C and lipids for patients seen in the UVaHS ambulatory endocrinology clinic. Upon completion of the PGY1-pharmacy residency, she plans to pursue a PGY2 residency within a tertiary care academic medical center.

### **Amanda Williams, Pharm.D.**

Dr. Williams earned her Pharm.D. degree from Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy in Birmingham, AL in 2009. She has a broad range of interests including critical care, cardiology, emergency medicine, and pediatrics. Her residency project will be an analysis of the development of resistant organisms following the use of prophylactic broad-spectrum antibiotics after open-chest procedures in the Thoracic/Cardiovascular Post-Operative Unit. Following the PGY1 year, Dr. Williams hopes to complete a PGY2 residency in critical care. Her long-term goal is to practice as a clinical specialist in a teaching hospital with the opportunity to precept Pharm.D. students.