



University of Pittsburgh
School of Pharmacy

Residents' Roar

Fall 2010



Residency Class of 2010-11

Extreme Makeover: UPMC Presbyterian Pharmacy Edition

By Elaine Mebel, PharmD
and Meredith Jernigan, PharmD

The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) is currently undergoing a state-of-the-art pharmacy renovation at UPMC Presbyterian. The purpose of the renovation is to bring the pharmacy into compliance with United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) 797 regulations and to expand automated filling. To save time and money, pharmacy operations in the main pharmacy area were temporarily moved into three separate locations throughout the campus in September 2010. Operations are scheduled to move back into a renovated main pharmacy area in January 2011.

The need to provide safe and effective pharmaceutical care is becoming more critical than ever among health-system

pharmacies across the country. The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists has established the "urgent need to create a forward thinking hospital and health-system pharmacy practice model." The vision of the UPMC Presbyterian pharmacy renovation was to implement advanced automation tools to ensure the safety of patients and staff, support the extensive pharmacy clinical services offered, and promote efficient processes and cost-saving measures. Specifically, the advanced automation will streamline the locations of medications, improve tracking of stock, and increase medication safety during medication selection and order filling.

Many years have been spent planning for the new pharmacy. Funding requests, numerous blueprint designs, and tours of cutting-edge pharmacy facilities took place in order to determine the best design that not only matched our department goals but also exceeded the needs of our medical staff and patients. Additionally, as UPMC strives to surpass all regulatory standards, many steps were taken to ensure USP 797 guide-

lines will be met in the new pharmacy. The new Sterile Products Area will be complete with a fully functional ante room and product storage area, 'floating countertop' workstations, and pass-through refrigerators. In addition, the pharmacy will be investing in motorized carts to aid in deliveries of five-liter prismaate bags.

This year's UPMC Presbyterian-based pharmacy residents have the unique opportunity to be involved in the process of a major health-system pharmacy uprooting itself to temporary locations and then returning and adjusting to a new state-of-the-art facility. The residents' initial training was completed in the original pharmacy facility, so they have been active participants in this exciting transition, along with other UPMC pharmacists who have practiced in the current pharmacy for years. Six "teams," consisting of pharmacy staff and management, are developing processes for the transitional space all the way through until renovations are complete. The Health System Pharmacy Practice Administration residents have been participating in renovation committee

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Where Are They Now? Residency Class of 2009–10

Ambulatory Pharmacy

Shara Elrod

- Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Nova Southeastern University
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Community Pharmacy

Melinda Kozminski

- Clinical Pharmacist
Gateway Health Plan
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Shannon McLaughlin

- Pharmacist
Sunshine Pharmacy
Naples, Fla.

Brooke Lowry

- Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice
St. John Fisher College and Wegmans Food Markets
Rochester, N.Y.

Critical Care Pharmacy

Ananth Anthes

- Unit-Based Clinical Pharmacist
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Lisa Harinstein

- Surgical ICU Clinical Specialist
Cleveland Clinic
Cleveland, Ohio

Family Medicine

Rachelle Busby

- Clinical Pharmacist Specialist, Internal Medicine
University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, Ill.

Health System Pharmacy Practice Administration

Stephen Davis

- Manager, Pharmacy Services
Texas Children's Hospital
Main Campus
Houston, Texas

Jeffrey Little

- Manager, Central Pharmacy Operations
Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics
Kansas City, Mo.

Meredith Mulvanity

- Pharmacy Operations Coordinator
Arnold Palmer and Winnie Palmer Hospitals
Orlando, Fla.

Infectious Diseases Pharmacy

Monica Dorobisz

- Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Specialist
Kent Hospital
Warwick, R.I.

Managed Care Pharmacy

Rameshwari Bhavsar

- Senior Copywriter
Mosaic Managed Markets
New York, N.Y.

Ashley Holzworth

- Clinical Pharmacy Specialist
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York
Buffalo, N.Y.

Andrea Sadtler

- Clinical Pharmacist
Senate Health Plan Services
Indianapolis, Ind.

Pharmacy

Amanda Agnew

- PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Michael Armahizer

- PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

David Johnson

- PGY2 Transplant Pharmacy Resident
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Nicholas Owens

- PGY2 Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Allison Campbell

- PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident
West Virginia University Hospitals
Morgantown, W.V.

Cara Ciamacco

- PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Resident
Barnes-Jewish Hospital
St. Louis, Mo.

Christina (Hedrick) Deussenberry

- Staff Pharmacist
Southwest Regional Medical Center
Waynesburg, Pa.

John Foley

- Clinical Pharmacist Specialist
Anticoagulation Management Clinic
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Elizabeth Forsberg

- Clinical Staff Pharmacist
UPMC St. Margaret

Jessica Henry

- PGY2 Psychiatry Pharmacy Resident
Cleveland VA
Cleveland, Ohio

Amanda (Mathe) Prosenjak

- Clinical Pharmacist
Chartwell Home Infusion
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Marci Pursglove

- Night Pharmacist
UPMC Mercy

Erin Schultz

- PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident
Health Alliance University Hospital
Cincinnati, Ohio

Recent Publications by Resident Alumni:

Please see our Web site for a list of recent publications by current and former residents:

<http://www.pharmacy.pitt.edu/programs/rxresidency/newsletter.html>

Please contact us if we are missing any of your recent publications.

Meet the Class of 2010–11



Amanda Agnew, PharmD
PGY2: Oncology Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Amanda grew up in Linesville, Pa., and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2009. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Mercy. She hopes to practice as a clinical oncology specialist after completing her residency training. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, skiing, and watching the Pittsburgh Steelers, Penguins, and Pirates.



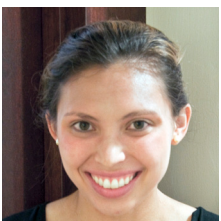
Scott Anderson, PharmD
PGY1: Health System Pharmacy
Practice Administration
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Scott is from Minneapolis, Minn., and earned his PharmD in 2010 at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Prior to pharmacy, he earned a BA in journalism at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. Scott is enrolled in the Masters program for Pharmacy Administration and has an interest in underserved health care management. Outside of pharmacy, Scott likes to cook, watch sports, and hang out with his gerbil Bubba.



Michael Armahizer, PharmD
PGY2: Critical Care Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Michael grew up in Butler, Pa., and received his PharmD from Duquesne University in 2009. He completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside and has a research interest in critical care and patient outcomes. He currently serves on the Professional Practice Committee of the ASHP New Practitioner's Forum Advisory Group. Michael plans to pursue a clinical faculty position at a school of pharmacy.



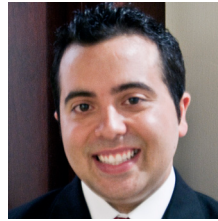
Johanna Bezjak, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC Mercy

Johanna is from Salisbury, Md., and received her PharmD from Duquesne University's Mylan School of Pharmacy this past May. She looks forward to the clinical and academic experiences that the PGY1 residency at UPMC Mercy has to offer. In her free time, Johanna enjoys playing tennis and is a violinist with the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra.



Anthony Casapao, PharmD
PGY2: Infectious Diseases Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Anthony is from Waukegan, Ill., and he obtained a BS in biomedical science from Midwestern. He received a PharmD from Wingate University School of Pharmacy in 2009 and completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla., in June. He plans to pursue a fellowship to prepare for a clinical faculty position. Outside of pharmacy, he spends time practicing Taekwon-Do and being an Iron Chef.



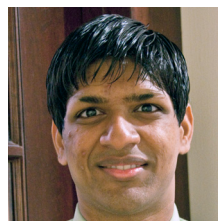
Brandon Conforti, PharmD
PGY2: Community Pharmacy
Practice Management
School of Pharmacy in collaboration
with CVS Caremark

Brandon earned his PharmD at Wilkes University in 2009. He has worked for CVS Caremark for more than nine years. He is looking forward to gaining leadership knowledge through the mentorship and experiences offered through this residency. In his free time, Brandon is a sports official and an avid sports fan.



Nicole D'Antonio, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy Resident
UPMC St. Margaret

Nicole is from North Huntingdon, Pa., and earned her PharmD at Duquesne University in 2010. The pharmacist's unique role within the health centers led her to UPMC St. Margaret. Next year, she will continue at UPMC St. Margaret for a PGY2 residency in family medicine. Outside of pharmacy, Nicole enjoys good food and wine, playing tennis, outdoor activities, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



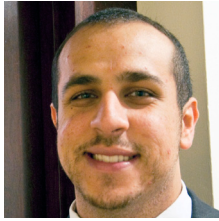
Sandeep Devabhakthuni, PharmD
PGY2: Cardiology/Critical Care Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Sandeep received his bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering in 2005 and his PharmD in 2009, both from the University of Pittsburgh. He completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center. After this residency, Sandeep plans to pursue a cardiovascular critical care position at an academic medical center. During his free time, he enjoys playing tennis, running, and hiking.



Anthony DiCriscio, PharmD
PGY1: Community Pharmacy
School of Pharmacy in collaboration
with Rite Aid

Anthony is from Saxton, Pa., and earned his PharmD at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2010. His goals for the year include developing patient care skills and understanding how medication therapy management programs can be a financially viable service for community pharmacy. His interests outside of pharmacy include friends and family, traveling, golfing, and anything dealing with the great outdoors.



Hany Edward, PharmD
PGY1: Health System Pharmacy
Practice Administration
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Hany received his PharmD from Florida A&M University in 2010. As a student, Hany was actively involved with various student and state organizations. These experiences inspired him to pursue pharmacy leadership as a career. His career interests include pharmacy operations in hospital settings along with hospital-wide operations, professional organizational leadership, and graduate school curriculum structure. Hany enjoys sports, being with friends and family, and traveling.



Jorge Garcia, PharmD, MBA
PGY1: Health System Pharmacy
Practice Administration
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Jorge earned his PharmD at Nova Southeastern University in 2010 and a Master of Business Administration later that year. He is currently a health system pharmacy administration resident at UPMC and a Master of Public Health degree candidate at University of Pittsburgh. His career interests include clinical practice, academia, and clinical management. Jorge likes traveling around the world and getting to know other cultures and traditions.



Garrett Eggers, PharmD
PGY2: Health System Pharmacy
Practice Administration
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Garrett is from Milwaukee, Wis., and received his PharmD from the University of Wisconsin in 2008. He practiced as a pharmacist at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee for one year before beginning the two-year program here. After his residency, Garrett is interested in pursuing a career in health-system pharmacy operations management. In his free time, Garrett enjoys traveling, watching sports, and playing guitar.



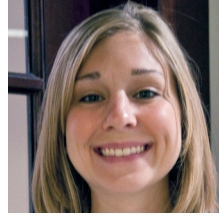
Elizabeth Ghebreselassie, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC Mercy

Elizabeth is from Hollidaysburg, Pa., and received her PharmD from LECOM School of Pharmacy in May 2010. She is looking forward to exploring her interests during her residency, which include internal medicine and infectious disease. Her goal is to pursue a clinical position focused in one of these areas. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, sports, and being outdoors.



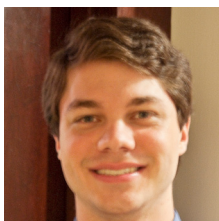
Christine Eisenhower, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC St. Margaret

Christine grew up in Schenectady, N.Y., and attended the University of Rhode Island for her PharmD and chemistry minor. She chose UPMC St. Margaret for its emphasis on family medicine and its faculty development fellowship. Her other professional interests include geriatric pharmacotherapy and diabetes education. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys traveling, going to concerts, reading, wine tasting, and visiting art museums.



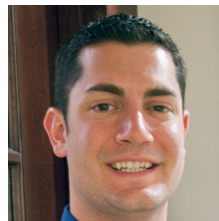
Lauren Goldberg, PharmD
PGY1: Managed Care Pharmacy
CVS Caremark

Lauren is from New Jersey and received her PharmD from Duquesne University. Lauren's interest in managed care was initially sparked after an advanced managed care rotation at another PBM. Lauren is looking forward to gaining an understanding in various areas such as specialty pharmacy, formulary management, and medication therapy counseling. For fun, Lauren enjoys scrapbooking as well as biking, camping, traveling, and going to the beach.



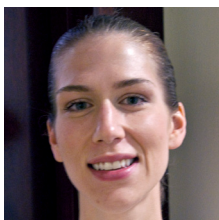
Matthew Felbinger, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Matthew is originally from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. His professional interests include critical care and cardiology, and he wants to pursue a career in academia. In his free time, Matthew enjoys running, swimming, camping, and cheering on the Pitt Panthers football and basketball teams!



Angelo Greco, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC Mercy

Angelo is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received his PharmD from Duquesne University in 2007. He then gained experience by working as a pharmacist in retail, long-term care, and home infusion. He hopes to develop clinical, academic, and administrative skills this year. Angelo plans to pursue a PGY2 residency or academic fellowship and eventually a clinical faculty position. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys playing sports and listening to music.



Christine Fisher, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC St. Margaret

Christine is originally from Philadelphia, Pa. She received her PharmD from Temple University School of Pharmacy. During her residency year, she is looking forward to exploring her areas of interest, which include medication safety and family medicine. Outside of pharmacy, Christine enjoys running, spending time with family and friends, and cheering on the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies!



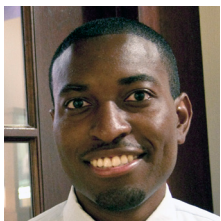
Matthew Jenkins, PharmD
PGY2: Health System Pharmacy
Practice Administration
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Matt is originally from Axis, Ala. He received his PharmD from Auburn University in 2009 before beginning the two-year program here. His career interests include clinical service and drug-use policy development, professional organizational leadership, quality improvement, and practice model change. In his free time, he loves traveling, camping, and fishing. During college football season, he enjoys cheering on the Auburn Tigers.



Meredith Jernigan, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Meredith is from Benson, N.C., and received her BS in pharmaceutical sciences in 2009 and her PharmD in 2010. Her current practice interests include infectious diseases and critical care. She plans to pursue a specialty residency in infectious diseases and a clinical faculty appointment. Outside of school, Meredith enjoys going to the beach and watching Carolina basketball—Go Tarheels!



David Johnson, PharmD
PGY2: Solid Organ Transplant Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

David is from South Carolina. He earned his BA in the biological basis of behavior at the University of Pennsylvania in 2005 and his PharmD at the University of Michigan in 2009. He completed his PGY1 at UPMC Presbyterian last year. David enjoys racquetball, jazz/neo-jazz, soul music, and salsa. He also has a passion for poetry, capoeira, and rooting for the Wolverines.



Yardlee Kauffman, PharmD
PGY1: Community Pharmacy
School of Pharmacy in collaboration
with Falk Clinic

Yardlee is from Fishertown, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. Yardlee is pursuing a community practice residency to gain more experience in caring for patients' medication-related needs, working directly with physicians and other health care practitioners, and conducting practice-based research. Her professional interests include HIV/AIDS and global health. She enjoys traveling, hiking, the arts, and spending time with friends and family.



Jenny Kim, PharmD
PGY2: Internal Medicine Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Jenny received her PharmD from the University of North Carolina in 2009. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System. After completing her PGY2 residency in internal medicine, Jenny plans to pursue a career as an internal medicine clinical specialist. Her non-pharmacy interests include trying different restaurants, spending time with family and friends, snowboarding, and Carolina basketball.



Gretchen Kipp, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Gretchen grew up in Pittsburgh's South Hills and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. Her current practice interests include solid organ transplant and ambulatory care. She chose UPMC for her PGY1 residency because of the organ transplant rotations offered. In her free time, Gretchen enjoys spending time with her family and singing in her church's choir.



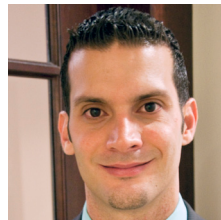
Patricia Kowalsky, PharmD
PGY2: Advanced Practice with
an Emphasis in Underserved Care
School of Pharmacy and UPMC St. Margaret

Trish grew up in Hanover, Pa., and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2009. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown, Pa. She chose to do a PGY2 residency because of her interest in primary care and diabetes management. She looks forward to having many great experiences this year and in the future hopes to become a CDE.



Brian Lohr, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC Mercy

Brian grew up in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and received his PharmD from Duquesne University in 2010. He chose UPMC Mercy to complete his residency training because of the acute care opportunities and the great teaching environment. His areas of interest include critical care and infectious disease. Brian enjoys being outdoors, watching Pittsburgh sports (even the Pirates), and spending time with family and friends.



Leyner Martinez, PharmD
PGY1: Health System Pharmacy
Practice Administration
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Leyner is originally from Cuba, but Miami is his hometown. He earned a BS in family, child, and consumer sciences from Florida State University in 2005. He received his PharmD from LECOM School of Pharmacy in 2009. His career interests include pharmacy management, hospital administration, and academia. Outside of pharmacy, Leyner enjoys traveling, outdoor activities, spending time with friends and family, and warm weather.



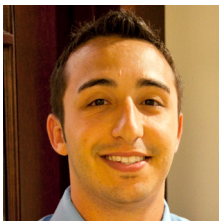
Elaine Mebel, PharmD
PGY1: Health System Pharmacy Practice Administration
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Elaine is originally from Marietta, Ga., and received her PharmD in 2010 from the University of Georgia. Her active involvement in student organizations inspired her to pursue a residency in health-system pharmacy management. During the residency, Elaine looks forward to developing her professional interests in association management and clinical management. In her free time, Elaine enjoys running, cooking, shopping, and attending concerts.



Nicholas Owens, PharmD
PGY2: Family Medicine Pharmacy
UPMC St. Margaret

Nick is from York, Pa., and earned his PharmD at the University of Pittsburgh in 2009. He completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret in 2010. He chose UPMC St. Margaret's PGY2 family medicine residency because it will provide him with a collaborative primary care setting and diverse teaching opportunities. Nick enjoys supporting the arts, international travel, gourmet cooking, and wilderness activities.



Theodore Pikoulas, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC Mercy

Theo grew up in Butler, Pa., and received his PharmD from Duquesne University in 2010. He chose to pursue a residency at UPMC Mercy because of its wide variety of clinical pharmacy opportunities. His practice interests include critical care and psychiatrics. Outside of pharmacy, Theo enjoys writing music on his guitar, playing soccer, and anything that has to do with Pittsburgh sports.



Giavanna Russo-Alvarez, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC St Margaret

Giavanna is originally from Hermitage, Pa., a small town about an hour northwest of Pittsburgh. She attended Gannon University for pre-pharmacy and transferred to Duquesne University for pharmacy school. Giavanna's career interests include developing wellness programs, working with underserved patients, and ambulatory care. During her free time, Giavanna enjoys singing, salsa dancing, learning how to speak Spanish and Italian, and spending time with her husband José Manuel.



Ibrahim Sales, PharmD
PGY1: Pharmacy
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Ibrahim earned his PharmD at the University of South Carolina in 2006. He completed a four-year obligation working in a rural underserved area with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. His interests include ambulatory care and internal medicine. He enjoys spending time with his family, reading, exercising, and visiting local health food stores.



Jacob Sebastiao, PharmD
PGY1: Managed Care Pharmacy
UPMC Health Plan

Jacob is from Fall River, Mass., and received his PharmD from Duquesne University in 2010. This year, he hopes to gain a better understanding of concepts surrounding managed care pharmacy. His goal is to be a successful clinical pharmacist within a health plan or pharmacy benefit management company in the future. Outside of pharmacy, Jacob is an avid sports fan and golfer.



Sarah Steinhardt, PharmD, JD
PGY2: Health System Pharmacy Practice Administration
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Sarah grew up in West Lafayette, Ind., and received her PharmD from Purdue University in 2003 and her JD from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis in 2009 before beginning the two-year program here. Her areas of interest include regulatory affairs and medication safety. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and attending concerts.



Ted Turner, PharmD
PGY1: Community Pharmacy
School of Pharmacy in collaboration with Forbes Pharmacy

Ted grew up in the surrounding areas of Salt Lake City, Utah, and received his PharmD from the University of Southern Nevada College of Pharmacy in 2010. His interests include medication management, disease state management, ambulatory care, teaching, and the development of new pharmacy care services. Outside of pharmacy, Ted spends his time with his wife and daughter exploring northeast areas of the United States.

Professional Updates

William Bailey ('93) was recently assigned to lead the Clinical Operations team for Daiichi Sankyo. With this latest leadership assignment, he has directly led every facet of a pharmaceutical medical department.

Melissa (Crouthamel) Crawford ('99) was a Bronze Award winner of the "Outstanding Service to the Public Award" in the Excellence in Government Awards Program sponsored by the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board in May 2010.

Christina (Schober) DeRemer ('03, '04) was awarded the 2009 Outstanding Pharmacy Practitioner Award from the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Bonnie Falcione ('05) earned a Certificate in Medical Education from the Graduate School of Medicine, Institute for Clinical Research and Education, in 2009. She also received the University of Pittsburgh Resident Preceptor of the Year Award in 2009.

Erika Felix-Getzik ('04) received the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Pharmacy Practice Teacher of the Year Award this past year.

Suzanna Gim ('05) received a Stephen M. Gross Grant for Pharmacy Policy & Program Development. She will accompany two pharmacy students to Sierra Leone for a needs assessment of pharmacy practice and education.

Patrick Gleason ('94) received the *Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy* 2009 Award for Excellence, awarded in April 2010.

Bernadette Heron ('97) accepted a position with the Veterans Health Administration, Pharmacy Benefits Management Services, as a clinical pharmacy specialist focusing on formulary management in Spring 2009.

Avita Johnson ('09) recently moved to New Orleans and has a new position as a clinical pharmacist with Carepoint Partners.

Melanie Joy ('94) was recently selected as a fellow of the American Society of Nephrology. She also completed a PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of North Carolina.

Tiffany-Jade Kreys ('09) completed her PGY2 residency and moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she is assistant professor of pharmacy at the University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy.

Stacey Lavsa ('08, '09) moved to Houston this summer and is now a clinical pharmacy specialist in Drug Information and Drug Use Policy at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Jay Martello ('09) completed his PGY2 residency and is now clinical assistant professor at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy and Hospitals.

Michelle McCarthy ('95) was selected to serve as the vice chair of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Commission on Credentialing. In addition, she was recognized as a fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists in 2010.

Stephanie (Harriman) McGrath ('08) was recently appointed visiting assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh where she contributes to the community curriculum in addition to her role with Rite Aid.

Lisa (Dreger) Opatik ('97) was recently named vice chair of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Aspirus Wausau Hospital in Wausau, Wis.

Maria Osborne ('09) was recently honored by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association as the 2010 Distinguished Young Pharmacist of Pennsylvania.

Lindsay Palkovic ('07) received the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia Bright Idea Award for Teaching for her innovative use of simulated clinical pharmacy in the classroom.

Michael Perry ('09) completed his PGY2 residency and is now clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Duquesne University's Mylan School of Pharmacy.

Heather (Kudis) Sakely ('05) received the University of Pittsburgh Resident Preceptor of the Year Award in 2010.

Stacy (Shifflett) Shord ('98) moved to Laurel, Md., and is now reviewer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. She was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy in 2009.

Aaron Steffenhagen ('02) was appointed to the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Section Advisory Group on Emergency Care in June 2010. He recently won the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Pharmacy Quality and Service Excellence Award.

Colleen (Cook) Tobia ('07) and her husband moved back home to Florida. She is now working at the West Palm Beach VA as the home-based primary care clinical pharmacist.

Kristin (Zerumsky) Watson ('04, '05) was appointed coordinator for the University of Maryland residency program in October 2010.

Robert Weber, PharmD, MS, BCPS, FASHP, left his dual leadership roles as chair of the School's Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics and executive director of the UPMC Department of Pharmacy on March 12, 2010. Since 2000, Dr. Weber grew the reputation and tripled the number of pharmacy residents trained at Pitt each year. He is now senior director of Pharmacy Services at The Ohio State University Medical Center and the assistant dean for medical center affairs at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy.

Sarah Yost ('09) completed her PGY2 residency and is now a clinical pharmacist specializing in abdominal transplant at University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz.

Newly BCPS-certified in 2009: Christina Andrzejewski ('09), Stephanie Ballard ('09), Rachelle Busby ('09,'10), Meaghan Calhoun ('09), Beth (Baker) DeSanzo ('03), Brianna Fairchild ('04), Pamela Gradisek ('09) Lauren (Fields) Jonkman ('07, '08), Brandi (Kennedy) Lumley ('09), Alissa Mittereder ('09), Michael Perry ('09), Molly (Englert) Walbrown ('05)

Newly BCOP-certified in 2009: Shrina (Patel) Duggal ('06), James Natale ('00)

Received Added Qualifications in Cardiology from the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties: James Coons ('03)

Alumni Updates

Future Residents:

Diya Grace, born May 21, 2010, daughter of Richard Barron ('93)

Samuel John, born December 30, 2009, son of Emily (Wade) Castelli ('00, '01)

James Dashiell, born December 26, 2009, son of Melissa (Crouthamel) Crawford ('99)

Anna Alicia, born October 30, 2009, daughter of Catherine (Eckard) Dormarunno ('01)

Brooke Elizabeth, born October 10, 2009, daughter of Bethany (Fedutes) Henderson ('03)

Edward James (EJ), born September 28, 2010, son of Edward Horn ('02)

Evelyn Marie, born March 30, 2010, daughter of Sarah (Zajko) Marche ('01)

Mia Rose, born January 23, 2010, daughter of Nina Naeger Murphy ('00)

Ravi Mehul, born December 18, 2009, son of Sheel Patel ('00)

Alexander Ernest, born October 10, 2009, son of Rhonda Rea ('03)

Tyler James, born September 2, 2010, son of Rebecca Roman ('03)

Jocelyn Marie, born October 19 2009, daughter of Heather (Kudis) Sakely ('05)

Sergey Michael and Alexander Lucas, adopted May 2, 2010, sons of Kristine (Santus) Schonder ('98)

Brady Lee, born April 26, 2010, son of Ryan Steadman ('08)

Quinn, born October 8, 2009, son of Aaron Steffenhagen ('02)

Rachel, born July 4, 2010, daughter of J. Michael Vozniak ('03)

Hunter Thomas and Conner Daniel, born March 17, 2010, twin sons of Kristin (Zerumsky) Watson ('04, '05) and Brian Watson ('04)

Newly Wed:

Michael Fraundorfer ('03) and Danielle Mitchell on July 11, 2009

Brandi Kennedy ('09) and Jerrod Lumley on September 5, 2010

Shannon McLaughlin ('10) and Christopher Antypas on September 5, 2010

Lindsay Palkovic ('07) and Shawn Curtin on October 9, 2010

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Important Dates

- 45th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
Anaheim, Calif.: December 5-9, 2010
- **Residency Showcase**
Monday, December 6 / 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Booths 4059 and 4063
 - **Pitt Reception**
Monday, December 6 / 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Anaheim Marriott Hotel

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meetings and leading renovation teams. These opportunities have provided them with the opportunity to contribute and learn valuable lessons including process improvement, leadership, and staff development, all of which are vital components to their future careers.

Very rarely does the chance occur for a pharmacist to complete residency training during a large-scale renovation. The UPMC Presbyterian-based pharmacy resident class of 2010-11 is excited to be involved in this once-in-a-lifetime makeover that will improve patient care and enhance safety for staff and patients.



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