



University of Pittsburgh  
School of Pharmacy

# Residents' Roar

FALL 2013

## Growth and Impact of the Pitt/UPMC Pharmacy Residency Program



Residency Class of 2013-14

Since 1990, 295 residents have completed 346 residencies affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. The residency program has grown in numbers and depth with each year from the humble beginnings of one oncology resident in 1990 to our current 2013 class of 47 residents. Figures 1 and 2 depict the numbers of postgraduate year one (PGY1) and PGY2 residents and programs over the past seven residency classes. Over half of our resident alumni have become Board Certified in a number of fields including Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Pharmacotherapy, Oncology Pharmacy, Psychiatric Pharmacy, and Nutrition Support as well as added qualifications in Cardiology and Infectious Diseases.

In 2009, the VA Pittsburgh ended their affiliation with the Pitt residency program; however, the PITT/UPMC programs have experienced new growth and opportunities in recent years. With the expansion of the UPMC System to include UPMC Mercy and UPMC Hamot in 2008 and 2012, respectively, came the addition of their well-established residency programs. The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, UPMC Shadyside, and UPMC McKeesport have recently developed first-year pharmacy (PGY1)

residencies affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. Growth has also been facilitated by generous grants. A Pharmacy Expansion grant in 2011 from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Foundation enabled the addition of a PGY1 program to the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC. Support from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Community Pharmacy Residency Expansion Project aided with the expansion of the Community Pharmacy Residency to include Giant Eagle in 2013. The breadth of our PGY2 residency programs has also increased, with newly accredited programs in transplant and internal medicine, as well as two geriatric residencies under review. Global opportunities for our residents continue to increase with over 20 residents completing rotations in Honduras, Italy, and Malawi since 2011.

The faculty and preceptors of the PITT/UPMC residency programs take great pride in the positive impact of the residency programs to the future of pharmacy as evidenced by the tremendous success of our graduates. Our graduates have made significant contributions to the literature and the practice of pharmacy. In the past two calendar years alone (2011-2012), our graduates have collectively published nearly 200 papers in the peer-reviewed literature as identified through self-report and literature

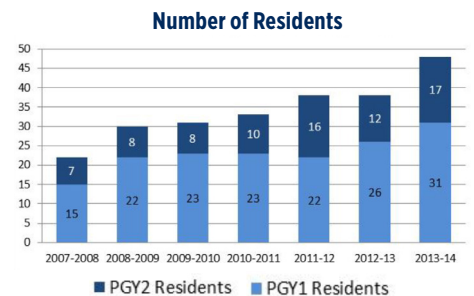


Figure 1. Number of residents in PGY1 and PGY2 programs over the past seven years.

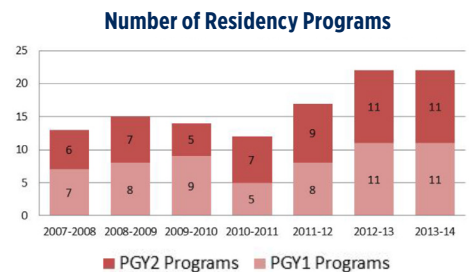
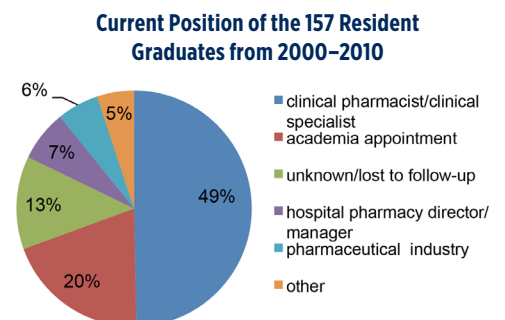


Figure 2. Number of PGY1 and PGY2 programs over the past seven years.



The pie chart shows the areas where our graduates currently practice. We look forward to the continued success of our residencies, residents and graduates.

searches. You can find the list of publications at <http://www.pharmacy.pitt.edu/Programs/Residency/newsletter.html>



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opportunity institution.

## Ambulatory Care Pharmacy

### Megan Fleischman

Clinical Assistant Professor > University of Illinois-Chicago College of Pharmacy and College of Medicine

## Cardiology Pharmacy

### Taylor Miller

Unit-based Clinical Pharmacist > UPMC Presbyterian

## Community Pharmacy

### Sarah Dombrowski

PGY2 Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident > UPMC St. Margaret

## Critical Care Pharmacy

### Megan Kloet

Pharmacist > UPMC Presbyterian

## Family Medicine

### Scott Bragg

Assistant Professor > Medical University of South Carolina / Trident Medical Center

### Sarah Winter

Clinical Pharmacist Specialist - Ambulatory Care > Allegheny General Hospital

## Geriatric Pharmacy

### Stephanie Seaton

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice - Ambulatory Care > St. Louis College of Pharmacy

## Internal Medicine Pharmacy

### Michael Smith

Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy > Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, University of the Sciences

## Managed Care Pharmacy

### Jessica Saunders

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist > Evolent Health (Atlanta, Ga.)

### Brad Stevens

Clinical Advisor > CVS Caremark (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

## Medication Use Safety

### Tiffany (Chapman) Politz

Medication Safety and Quality Clinical Pharmacist > Virtua Health (Voorhees, N.J.)

## Oncology Pharmacy

### Dwight Eplin

Oncology Pharmacy Specialist > UPMC Shadyside/Hillman Cancer Center

## Pharmacy

### Elizabeth Badgley

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - General Medicine & Surgery > Henrico Doctors' Hospital (Richmond, Va.)

### Kristin Bohnenberger

Clinical Toxicology/Emergency Medicine Fellow > UF Health Jacksonville (Jacksonville, Fla.)

### John Cadwalader

PGY2 Pharmacy Administration Resident > UPMC Presbyterian

### Greg Castelli

PGY2 Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident > UPMC St. Margaret

### Rebecca Crooks

Clinical Pharmacist > UPMC Bedford Memorial Hospital

### Emily Czeck

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident > Central Texas Veterans Health Care System

### Laura Guido

Medical Science Liaison > Boehringer Ingelheim (San Francisco, Calif.)

### Amanda Johnson

PGY2 Pharmacy Administration Resident > UPMC Presbyterian

### Lauren Kattner

Clinical Pharmacist > St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (Philadelphia Pa.)

### Harold Kolunich

Clinical Pharmacist > Somerset Hospital (Somerset, Pa.)

### Vanessa Millisor

PGY2 Pharmacy Resident-Pediatric Oncology > St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

### Aaron Pickering

PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Resident > UPMC Presbyterian

### Lauren Sacha

PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant Pharmacy Resident > UPMC Presbyterian

### Nicholas Schwier

PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Resident > UPMC Presbyterian

### Celeste Sejnowski

PGY2 Critical Care Resident > University of Toledo College of Pharmacy

### Terri Shigle

PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident > UPMC Shadyside

### Amanda Simpson

Unit-based Clinical Pharmacist > UPMC Presbyterian

### Kate Sisco

Clinical Pharmacist > Indian Health Service (Kayenta, Ariz.)

### Johanna Thompson

PGY-2 Ambulatory Care/Family Medicine Resident > University of Utah Medical Center

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### Amanda Wojtusik

PGY2 Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident > UPMC St. Margaret

### Daniel Yarabinec

Clinical Pharmacist > Baylor All Saints Medical Center (Fort Worth, Texas)

## Transplant Pharmacy

### Amanda Ingemi

Pharmacy Transplant Clinical Specialist > Sentara Norfolk General Hospital (Norfolk, Va.)

## Underserved Care/Global Health Pharmacy

### Jennifer Bhuiyan

Assistant Clinical Professor-Ambulatory Care > Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences, School of Pharmacy (Boston, Mass.)

## Recent Publications by Resident Alumni:

Please see our website for a list of recent publications by current and former residents:  
<http://www.pages.pharmacy.pitt.edu/publications/>

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

## MEET THE RESIDENTS (2013-2014)



**Jennifer Ballman, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Hamot

Jennifer is from Erie, Pa., and received her PharmD from the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy in May 2013. After completing a PGY1 residency, Jen plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in critical care or emergency medicine. Outside of pharmacy, Jen is a passionate Cleveland Browns fan and enjoys reading, travelling, exercising, and spending quality time with family and friends.



**Derek Bremmer, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Derek received his PharmD from the South Carolina College of Pharmacy in 2013. His areas of interest include infectious diseases and critical care. He plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in order to prepare himself for a clinical faculty position. Outside of pharmacy, he spends time running, playing sports, hanging out with friends, and watching Carolina Gamecock football.



**Teresa Breslin, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Teresa received her PharmD from Wayne State University in 2013. As an undergraduate, she received an Associate of Science degree from Oakland Community College. Her professional interests include geriatrics and academia. After residency she hopes to continue to give back to the community and the profession in a shared faculty/clinical position. She enjoys dancing, reading, music, martial arts, marine biology, PC games, and watching sports.



**Deanna Buehrle, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Deanna is originally from Youngstown, Ohio and she earned her PharmD from Duquesne University in May of 2012. Deanna's professional interests include infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS, and clinical research. After completion of her PGY1, she plans to pursue specialty residency training in infectious diseases and eventually a career in clinical practice with a role in academia. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, exercising, and spending time with friends and family.



**Jessica Butala, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC McKeesport

Jessica is originally from the Pittsburgh area; however, she received her PharmD from the University of Michigan in 2013. Go Blue! She returned to Pittsburgh to begin a PGY1 residency to pursue her goal of becoming a clinical pharmacist. Her practice interests include internal medicine and transitions of care. She enjoys being back in Pittsburgh and spending time with her friends, family, and amazing husband. She also enjoys cooking and cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers and University of Michigan Wolverines.



**John Cadwalader, PharmD**  
PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

John received his PharmD from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He completed his PGY1 residency at UPMC Mercy. He is now pursuing his Master's in Health Policy and Administration while completing a PGY2 in pharmacy administration. John enjoys reading, writing, comedy, cycling, and collecting comics. After this residency, John plans to pursue a hospital management position.



**Gregory Castelli, PharmD**  
PGY2 Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Gregory is from Archbald, Pa., and received his PharmD from the Wilkes University Nesbitt College of Pharmacy. His professional interests include ambulatory care and expanding pharmacists' roles in healthcare. He completed his PGY1 residency at UPMC St. Margaret. After postgraduate training, Gregory plans to pursue a faculty position and work closely with a family medicine residency program. During his free time, Gregory enjoys playing ultimate frisbee, geocaching, and the outdoors.



**Marie Davies, PharmD**  
PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Marie received her PharmD and MS in Clinical Research from Campbell University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences in 2012 and then completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at the Durham VA Medical Center in North Carolina. Prior to pharmacy school she attended University of California where she received a BS in Exercise Biology. Her practice interests are diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, anticoagulation, and HIV. Marie plans to pursue an ambulatory care faculty position. Outside of pharmacy, Marie enjoys playing slow-pitch softball, running, crossfit, going to professional sporting events, and trying new restaurants.



**Sarah (Krahe) Dombrowski, PharmD**  
PGY2 Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Sarah is from Girard, Pa., and graduated from Penn State University with a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in 2008. She received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2012 and then completed a PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency with the University of Pittsburgh and Rite Aid. She is very excited to join the UPMC St. Margaret residency program to have more opportunities for interprofessional collaboration and advanced outpatient pharmacy practice. In her free time, Sarah loves to cook, spend time outside, and anything related to Penn State (esp. football).



**Meghan Doyle, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Hamot

Meghan is from Omaha, Nebraska. She received an undergraduate degree in psychology from the College of St. Benedict/Saint John's University and her PharmD from Creighton University. After completion of her PGY1 residency, she plans to pursue either a PGY2 in emergency medicine or a position as an emergency department pharmacist. In her spare time Meghan enjoys eating ice cream, surfing the internet and taking naps.



**Holly Filip, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Shadyside

Holly completed her pre-pharmacy studies at the University of Pittsburgh and received her PharmD with an area of concentration in Acute Care from Duquesne University, Mylan School of Pharmacy in May 2013. Upon completion of her PGY1 pharmacy residency, she plans to pursue a PGY2 in one of her areas of interest, which include cardiology, critical care, and hematology/oncology. Ultimately, Holly aspires to attain a clinical specialist position within an academic medical center with a shared role in academia. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys golfing, baking, and traveling with friends.



**Madhavi Gavini, PharmD**  
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Madhavi received her Bachelor of Pharmacy from Dr. MGR Medical University, India and her PharmD from the University of Florida, Gainesville. She has 5 years of experience as a community pharmacist and over 3 years as a hospital pharmacist. After residency, Madhavi intends to pursue a clinical faculty position. Madhavi enjoys spending time with her family, yoga, music, reading, traveling and cooking. Madhavi would like to thank her family, mentors and colleagues for their support and guidance.

## MEET THE RESIDENTS (2013-2014)



**Abigail Gregg, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Abigail is from Loudonville, N.Y., and received her BS in Biological Sciences from Cornell University in 2005 and her PharmD from the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2013. Her areas of interest include infectious diseases, critical care, and pediatrics, and she is looking forward to further investigating these specialties this year. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with her family, riding horses, and running.



**Genevieve Hale, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Genevieve is from Woodland Park, N.J., and received her PharmD from Nova Southeastern University in 2013 and her BA from Rutgers University in 2009. Her areas of interest include critical care, psychiatry, and infectious diseases. She plans to pursue a PGY2 residency and become a clinical faculty member. Outside of pharmacy, she spends her time playing volleyball and softball, and enjoys hanging out with friends and family.



**Justin Harris, PharmD**  
PGY2 Cardiology  
Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Justin received his PharmD from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 2012. He completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia in 2013. His current areas of interest include advanced heart failure, cardiothoracic surgery, and heart transplant. Following the completion of his PGY2 residency, Justin plans to pursue academia or a clinical position at a large teaching institution. In his spare time, Justin enjoys spending time with his family and watching the various Philadelphia sports teams.



**Chelsea Harrison, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Chelsea is from Grove City, Pa. She received her PharmD in 2013 after completing a two plus four program at Gannon University and the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy. Her areas of professional interest include ambulatory care, infectious disease, and pediatrics. In the future, she aspires to gain a faculty position and work in clinical settings. Chelsea also enjoys traveling, reading, and outdoor recreation.



**Amy Haver, PharmD**  
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Amy completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa in 2013. She received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2011. Prior to this, Amy received a BS in Biology from Penn State University. In her future, Amy hopes to continue to positively impact patient-centered care and contribute through leadership and teaching to the profession of pharmacy.



**Michele Hebda, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Shadyside

Originally from the Pittsburgh area, Michele received her PharmD from the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Upon completion of her residency, she would like to pursue a clinical position focused on her professional interests of oncology, pediatrics, and ambulatory care. As a former professional ballet dancer, Michele enjoys teaching a variety of dance classes outside of pharmacy. She is delighted to be back in her hometown.



**Ashley Hedges, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Ashley received her BA in Philosophy and Biology from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 2009, followed by her PharmD from the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in 2013. She is originally from Fayetteville, N.C. Her professional interests include critical care, infectious diseases, and global health. She plans to pursue a PGY2 in critical care, while pursuing a teaching focus long-term. In her spare time, Ashley enjoys cooking, traveling, spending time with friends, and cheering on the Tarheels!



**Ashley Higbea, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Ashley is from Suffolk, Virginia. She received a BS in Chemistry from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and her PharmD from VCU School of Pharmacy. Ashley will complete a PGY2 in Family Medicine next year. Her professional interests include helping patients manage their chronic disease states while working in interdisciplinary teams. She enjoys playing sports and outdoor activities.



**Lucas Hill, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Lucas received his PharmD from the University of Missouri - Kansas City in 2013. His professional interests include diabetes management, mental illness, and medical education. After completing a PGY2 in family medicine at UPMC Saint Margaret, he intends to pursue an academic position. In his free time, Lucas enjoys preparing healthy meals and smoothies and starting political arguments with strangers on the Internet.



**Ashleigh Hogue, PharmD**  
PGY2 Critical Care  
Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Ashleigh received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2012. She then completed a PGY1 residency at Hillcrest Hospital, a Cleveland Clinic hospital. After completing her PGY2 critical care pharmacy residency, Ashleigh plans to pursue a career as a critical care specialist at an academic medical center.



**Amanda Johnson, PharmD**  
PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy  
Administration Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Amanda received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2012. Amanda is very passionate about participation in professional organizations and advancing the practice of pharmacy. After completing her residencies, Amanda hopes to pursue a career in clinical management, focusing on developing pharmacy services and medication safety. She also hopes to be involved in an affiliated school of pharmacy, as she thoroughly enjoys teaching and precepting pharmacy students. In her spare time, Amanda enjoys reading, playing the piano, and cheering on the Pitt Panthers!



**Priscilla Ko, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Priscilla hails from Texas and received her PharmD from Texas Tech University. Her passion for pharmacy and medicine involves underserved care and global health where she hopes to collaborate with developing countries to formulate a solution to deliver stronger medical access. She enjoys TED Talks, traveling, writing, exploring Pittsburgh, and spending time in good company.

## MEET THE RESIDENTS (2013-2014)



**Nadia Kudla, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Nadia comes from Moon, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2013. During her first year of residency, she is excited to develop her inpatient and teaching skills. She plans to pursue a PGY2 residency afterward. Aside from pharmacy, Nadia is an avid animal lover and enjoys spending time with her friends and family.



**Alicia Lichvar, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Alicia is from New Florence, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2013. Her professional interests include internal medicine, transplant, and academia. Alicia hopes to pursue a PGY2 pharmacy residency and aspires to obtain her Master's in Public Health after her residency training. Ultimately, she hopes to obtain a clinical position at a large academic medical center that is associated with a college of pharmacy where she can combine patient care, teaching and research. In her spare time, Alicia enjoys running, cooking, and skiing.



**Adam MacLasco, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Adam is originally from Albany, N.Y., and received his PharmD from Northeastern University in 2013. His areas of interest include critical care and emergency medicine. He plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in one these areas and eventually practice at an academic medical center. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys watching films and reading books.



**Erin Mathis, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
Western Psychiatric Institute  
and Clinic of UPMC

Erin is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2013. Prior to pharmacy school, she received a BS in Biology and Psychology from Pitt in 2006, and then worked as a research assistant on several bipolar disorder research studies at Western Psychiatric. Her areas of interest include psychiatry, women's health, and care to underserved populations. Erin plans to pursue a career as a psychiatric clinical pharmacist. Outside of pharmacy, her interests include traveling, running, and making/designing jewelry.



**Elizabeth McCartney, PharmD**  
PGY1 Community  
Pharmacy Resident  
School of Pharmacy in  
collaboration with Giant Eagle

Elizabeth received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2013. Her pharmacy intern experiences included working in a local hospital and community pharmacy, as well as providing MTM services to patients in the managed care setting. She is interested in studying the implementation of clinical services in a large supermarket chain pharmacy to evaluate its effects on the patient population as well as the supermarket business model.



**Emanuel Nites, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Emanuel was born and raised in Pittsburgh and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in April 2013. His areas of interest include critical care, infectious diseases, and biotechnology research. He plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in either infectious disease or critical care in preparation for a clinical specialist position at an academic medical center. Outside of pharmacy, Emanuel enjoys playing softball, skiing, spending time with friends, and supporting Pittsburgh's sports teams.



**Kristine Ossman, PharmD**  
PGY1 Community  
Pharmacy Resident  
School of Pharmacy  
in collaboration with Rite Aid

Kristine is from Westfield, N.Y. She received her PharmD from the Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y. in 2013. Kristine's practice interests include immunizations, diabetes management, and academia, as well as providing clinical medication management services in the community setting. After her PGY1 residency, Kristine plans to return to New York in order to advance the clinical services offered by community pharmacists in that area.



**Aaron Pickering, PharmD**  
PGY2 Infectious Diseases  
Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Aaron is from Irwin, Pa., and received his PharmD from the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy in 2012. He completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Mercy last year. His areas of interest include antibiotic stewardship and precepting students. He plans to pursue a clinical position in infectious diseases after completion of his PGY2 residency. Outside of pharmacy, Aaron enjoys fishing, golfing, playing hockey, and traveling to sporting events across the U.S.



**Chelsey Nicole Rashid, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Hamot

Chelsey received her PharmD from The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) School of Pharmacy in 2013. She also received a BS in Biology from St. Bonaventure University in 2011. Her interests include academia and critical care. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys running, playing the trumpet, and learning about philosophy and theology.



**Mary Riedy, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh  
of UPMC

Mary is from Buffalo, N.Y., and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her pharmacy intern experiences include Target Pharmacy and The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Areas of interest in pharmacy include: pediatrics, critical care, and academia. Mary plans to combine her love for teaching and love for pharmacy to mentor future students both in the classroom and in her clinical practice.



**Sarah Rindfuss, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Sarah is from Harrison City, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2013. Her professional interests include chronic disease state management and transitions of care, and she enjoys both ambulatory and inpatient practice. Next year, she will be completing a PGY2 Family Medicine residency at UPMC St. Margaret, and hopes to pursue a faculty position with a balance of teaching and clinical work. Outside of pharmacy, Sarah enjoys running, biking, and baking.



**Ryan Rivosecchi, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian

Ryan is from Indiana, Pa., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2013. His primary interests are critical care, academia, and outcomes-based research. He hopes to complete a PGY-2 critical care pharmacy residency. In his spare time, he enjoys playing hockey, golf, and cheering on his alma mater.

## MEET THE RESIDENTS (2013-2014)



**Lauren Sacha, PharmD**  
PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant  
Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Lauren is a Buffalo, N.Y. native who received her PharmD from the Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College in May 2012. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret in June 2013. Upon completing her solid organ transplant residency, she will be pursuing a position as a clinical transplant pharmacist at an academic medical center and hopes to precept pharmacy residents and students. Outside of the realm of pharmacy, Lauren enjoys all things food-related.



**Nicholas Schwier, PharmD**  
PGY2 Cardiology  
Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Nicholas is from the south shore of Long Island, New York. He received his PharmD from Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York and completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian. His practice interests include management of chronic heart failure, resistant hypertension, and diabetes. After his PGY2, Nicholas plans on pursuing a faculty position at a School of Pharmacy and hopes to practice in both inpatient and outpatient cardiology settings.



**Terri Lynn Shigle, PharmD**  
PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Terri Lynn is from Irwin, Pennsylvania and received a dual degree in pharmacy and biology from Ohio Northern University in 2012. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Mercy. Her oncology interests include bone marrow transplant, leukemia, and pediatric oncology. Outside of the pharmacy, Terri Lynn loves to golf and watch movies.



**Glenna Shutzberg, PharmD**  
PGY1 Managed Care  
Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Health Plan

Glenna grew up in Pittsburgh and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2013. She gained intern experience at both a hospital and mail order pharmacy, but became interested in managed care through completion of a managed care elective course at Pitt and during her rotations. During her residency she hopes to gain a better understanding of the various aspects of managed care as well as improve upon her patient counseling skills. Outside of pharmacy she enjoys cooking and spending time with family and friends.



**Marisa Sochacki, PharmD**  
PGY2 Underserved Care/Global  
Health Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Marisa received her PharmD from the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy in 2012. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at the Battle Creek Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She has a strong interest in global health and eliminating health disparities. Additionally, Marisa is interested in ambulatory care and enjoys teaching and precepting. She plans to pursue a career that encompasses these three components.



**Meghan Tauber, PharmD**  
PGY1 Managed Care  
Pharmacy Resident  
CVS Caremark

Meghan received her PharmD from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in 2013. Her past pharmacy experiences, including mail order, community, managed care, and medication therapy management, helped to solidify her interest in managed care pharmacy. Her areas of interest include specialty pharmacy, pipeline, and working toward becoming a pharmacy preceptor. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys long-distance running and crafting!



**Robert Tunney, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Robert received his PharmD and BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Duquesne University in 2013. His areas of interest include critical care, cardiology, and neurology. Robert plans to complete a PGY2 residency in one of these specialties next year. In his spare time, Robert enjoys fishing, long-distance running, and serving as an engine lieutenant at his local volunteer fire department.



**Arin Whitman, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Arin is from Hermitage, Pa., and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2013. Her areas of interest include oncology and academics. She plans pursue a PGY 2 residency in oncology. Outside of pharmacy, her interests include playing guitar/percussion, attending sporting events and watching movies.



**G. Lucy Wilkening, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
Western Psychiatric Institute  
and Clinic of UPMC

Lucy is from Houston, Texas, and received her PharmD from Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy in December 2012. Her areas of interest are psychiatry and teaching, and she is completing a PGY1 pharmacy residency at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC. She plans to complete a PGY2 residency in order to continue her specialization in psychiatric pharmacy practice.



**Amanda Wojtusik, PharmD**  
PGY2 Family Medicine  
Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Amanda is originally from Bristol, Connecticut and received her PharmD from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 2012. Amanda completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret. Her primary areas of interest include chronic disease state management, medication adherence, and medication safety during transitions of care. After completing her residency training, Amanda would like to practice in a family medicine setting and eventually hopes to attain an academic faculty position. In her free time Amanda enjoys running, reading, and experiencing all of the adventures Pittsburgh has to offer.



**Adrian Wong, PharmD**  
PGY2 Critical Care  
Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Adrian is originally from Merrimack, New Hampshire. He received his PharmD from the Northeastern University School of Pharmacy in Boston, Massachusetts and completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Upon completion of his PGY2 residency, he plans to pursue an MPH and a career in clinical practice with a role in academia. His professional interests also include anticoagulation, clinical research, emergency medicine, hepatology and infectious diseases. In his spare time, he is an avid marathon runner and enjoys Boston sports and the outdoors.

## PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

**Ananth Anthes ('10)** won the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology Section Medication Safety Award for his residency project entitled "Improving adverse drug event detection in critically ill patients through screening intensive care unit transfer summaries." He presented his project at the SCCM Annual Congress in January 2013.

**Shannon (McLaughlin) Antypas ('10)** has a new position with Asti's South Hills Pharmacy as a clinical pharmacist.

**Amber Baker ('12)** completed her PGY2 oncology pharmacy residency and is now an oncology pharmacist at Penn Medicine-Chester County Hospital in West Chester, Pa.

**Neal Benedict ('05)** was recently invited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) to serve as a faculty advisor to ASHP's Critical Care Traineeship program. Of note, he was one of only four critical care pharmacy practitioners in the United States chosen for this program.

**Nicholas Campbell ('12)** completed his PGY2 training and is now a critical care clinical specialist at Pinnacle Health in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Sean Cosgriff ('97)** was installed as the president of the Association of VA Hematology/Oncology (AVAHO) at the AVAHO Annual Seminar held in Atlanta Oct 4-6, 2013. AVAHO is a multidisciplinary organization comprised of professionals who care for veterans with cancer. Membership is comprised of physicians, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses, tumor registrars, social workers, and others, and is open to anyone who cares for veterans. He is the first non-physician president of the organization.

**David Deen ('07)** is the residency director for the new PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency program at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia. He is planning for accreditation in the spring.

**Christina (Schober) DeRemer ('03, '04)** was recently promoted to clinical associate professor at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, and she was awarded the 2012-2013 Preceptor of the Year award. Christina was also appointed a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists 2013-2014 Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners - Educational Steering Committee.

**Shara Elrod ('09, '10)** is now assistant professor of pharmacotherapy at University of North Texas (UNT) System College of Pharmacy.

**Suzanna Gim ('05)** was recently promoted to associate professor at Arnold and Marie Schwartz School of Pharmacy.

**Susan Kidd ('12)** is now an oncology consultant pharmacist with UPMC CancerCenter.

**Jenny Kim ('11)** spent a week in Gambia (West Africa) for medical missions this past summer to provide acute medical care to the rural villages.

**Amanda Lin ('12)** is now the pharmacy residency coordinator at North Shore-LIJ Health System.

**Jeffrey Little ('09, '10)** recently accepted a position as the director of pharmacy at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Erin Lopata ('09)** was recently promoted to coordinator, specialty pharmacy at UPMC Health Plan.

**Ana Lupu ('12)** is now a clinical pharmacist at WPIC Complete Primary Care Clinic and Forbes Pharmacy.

**Jay Martello ('09)** is the director of the PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy/Hospitals.

**Elaine Mebel ('11, '12)** will be program chair for a presentation at the 2013 ASHP Midyear Meeting specifically geared towards new practitioners that are transitioning from their residency to their first jobs. Elaine is also active in ASHP and serves on the ASHP Council on Pharmacy Management and ASHP Section Advisory Group on Manager Development.

**Ian McGrane ('12)** is a clinical pharmacist at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson, Montana where he runs the anticoagulation clinic. He plans to develop a MTM clinic in 2014, with an emphasis on medications for mental health.

**Stephanie (Harriman) McGrath ('08)** was recognized as the 2013 faculty member of the year by the ASP Chapter at Pitt. In September, she was chosen by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association for the Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Companies "Distinguished Young Pharmacist" award which recognizes new pharmacists for their dedication to and participation in PPA, commitment to the practice of pharmacy, and involvement in community activities.

**Roshni Patel ('12)** completed her PGY2 residency training and is now assistant professor of pharmacy practice at the Jefferson School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Laura (Krugger) Potoski ('08)** is now a pharmacoeconomic specialist at the VA Pittsburgh.

**Jessica (Neely) Reamer ('01)** was promoted to senior clinical account executive at Express Scripts in May 2013.

**Heather (Kudis) Sakely ('05)** was named a 2013 recipient of the ASHP Research and Education Foundation's New Investigator Research Grant.

**Pam (Havrilla) Smithburger ('08, '09)** was recently elected Secretary/Treasurer of the ACCP Critical Care PRN. She received an ASHP Foundation New Investigator Research Grant in 2012.

**Margie Snyder ('07)** received a Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08) from AHRQ for her project "Optimizing Medication Therapy Management for Chronically Ill Medicare Part D Benefit".

**Aaron Steffenhagen ('02)** was appointed Vice Chair of the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Section Advisory Group on Clinical Leadership for 2013-2014.

Newly BCPS-certified in 2012: **Ananth Anthes ('10), Cara Ciamacco ('10), Christine Eisenhower ('11), Susan Kidd ('12), Megan Kloet ('12, '13), Tiffany-Jade Kreys ('09), Van-Anh Le ('09), Tiffany (Chapman) Politz ('13), David Portman ('12), Michael Smith ('12, '13)**

Newly BCOP-certified in 2012: **Amanda Agnew ('10, '11)**

Newly BCACP-certified in 2012: **Yardlee Kauffman ('11, '12), Karen Korch Black ('98), Maria Osborne ('09)**

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### Newly Wed:

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**Ananth Anthes ('10)** and *Aliya Sonnet* on September 21, 2013

**Michael Armahizer ('10, '11)** and *Abby Celotto* on October 12, 2013

**Louise-Marie Gillis ('12)** and *Mark Oleksiuk* on June 1, 2013

**Amanda Lin ('12)** and *Daniel Chen* on July 7, 2013

**Elaine Mebel ('11, '12)** and *Benjamin Strauss* on November 16, 2013

**Andrea Wilson ('07)** and *Ian Windsheimer* on April 12, 2013

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- 2013 ASHP Midyear Meeting  
Orlando, FL - December 8-13, 2013
- **Residency Showcase**  
Monday, December 9 / 1:00-4:00 pm  
Booths 4822, 4823, 4824, 4825
  - **UPMC and University of Pittsburgh Alumni and Friends Reception**  
Monday, December 9 / 5:30-7:30 pm  
Rosen Centre Hotel

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