



University of Pittsburgh  
School of Pharmacy

# Residents' Roar

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## The Pharmacokinetic Service at UPMC St. Margaret: Part of the "Staffing" Component for Pharmacy Residents

By Gregory Castelli, PharmD

The pharmacy department at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center St. Margaret implemented a pharmacokinetic (PK) consult service in 2007. Prior to the adoption of this service, pharmacists' roles in PK management were limited; however, caring for PK patients is now an important part of pharmacists' day. A pharmacy consult is automatically generated whenever intravenous vancomycin or an aminoglycoside is ordered, unless the provider specifies otherwise. While the patient remains on intravenous vancomycin or aminoglycoside therapy, a pharmacist monitors and makes all therapy adjustments. Importantly, pharmacists are required to document their contributions within the electronic medical record throughout the entire consultation period.

Pharmacy residents have been an integral part of the PK service since its inception. Pharmacy residents are assigned to cover the service during weekends and holidays as part of their residency staffing requirement. Each weekend, one pharmacy resident is in charge of the entire PK service, with the number of patients varying with census. On his assigned weekend, the pharmacy resident will identify any new consults and perform an initial workup of these patients using patient parameters and population-based calculations. The pharmacy resident will also respond to vancomycin and aminoglycoside serum concentrations that are drawn for existing consults by using patient-



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specific pharmacokinetic data to modify therapy. Under hospital policy, pharmacists, including pharmacy residents, order all necessary laboratories including antibiotic peak, trough, and/or random serum concentrations, as well as any additional laboratories needed to monitor renal function or patient safety. The pharmacy resident's final responsibility for the weekend is to send a PK sign-out email to the pharmacy department alerting them to new patients and any serum concentrations ordered for the following day.

Initial consult notes are written for all new consult patients and a progress note is written to respond to all serum concentrations for these patients. The pharmacy resident uses standardized templates to write these notes within the hospital's electronic medical record. The templates include a section for the pharmacy resident to electronically sign the notes and

include their credentials. This documentation is essential to ensure that decisions and rationale are communicated to all members of the patient's health care team. Since the notes are a part of the patient's permanent medical record, they can be very helpful if the patient is readmitted and treated with the same monitored antibiotic.

Managing therapy, ordering patient labs, and writing chart notes allows pharmacy residents to participate in direct patient care. Coupling this with dispensing elements, St. Margaret pharmacy residents are given the chance to expand their clinical and patient care skills. Being involved in the PK service gives pharmacy residents an interesting staffing experience and provides them with skills that can be used throughout their careers.

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action, equal opportunity institution.



## Advanced Practice Residency

### Yardlee Kauffman

Clinical Pharmacy Research Fellow > Kaiser Permanente (Aurora, Colo.)

### Ana Lupu

Taking time off to travel abroad!

## Ambulatory Care Pharmacy

### Ibrahim Sales

Assistant Professor > King Saud University (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia)

## Community Pharmacy

### Jennifer Bacci

Community Pharmacist > Rite Aid Pharmacy (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

### Michelle Maguire

PGY2 Ambulatory care/Academic practice > The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy (Columbus, Ohio)

## Critical Care Pharmacy

### Brian Lohr

Clinical Specialist > Critical Care > UPMC Passavant

## Family Medicine Pharmacy

### Nicole D'Antonio

Clinical Pharmacist > UPMC McKeesport

### Gia Russo-Alvarez

Ambulatory Care Clinical Specialist > Cleveland Clinic Main Campus (Cleveland, Ohio)

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### Hany Edward

Pharmacy Operations Manager > Inova Fairfax Hospital (Fairfax, Va.)

### Jorge Garcia

Manager, Pharmacy Clinical Services > Broward Health Medical Center (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)

### Leyner Martinez

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### Elaine Mebel

Clinical Manager, Pharmacy Services > West Penn Allegheny Health System (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

## Infectious Diseases Pharmacy

### Louise-Marie Gillis

Clinical Pharmacist, Infectious Diseases > UPMC Shadyside

### Meredith Jernigan

Clinical Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice > Internal Medicine/Infectious Diseases > Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy (Mobile, Ala.)

## Internal Medicine Pharmacy

### Amanda Lin

Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator > North Shore-LIJ Health System (Manhasset, N.Y.)

## Managed Care Pharmacy

### Sara Burnheimer

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist > UPMC Health Plan

### Amy Patel

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist > UPMC Health Plan

### Anokhi Shah, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacist > SXC Health Solutions (Lisle, Ill.)

## Oncology Pharmacy

### Alison Stebbings

Oncology Clinical Pharmacist > UPMC Cancer Center

## Pediatric Pharmacy

### Emily Polischuk

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist > Neonatal Intensive Care > Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC Pharmacy

## Pharmacy

### Amber Baker

PGY2 Hematology/Oncology Resident > University of California - Moores Cancer Center (San Diego, Calif.)

### Scott Bragg

PGY2 Family Medicine Resident > UPMC St. Margaret

### Nicholas Campbell

PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident > Allegheny General Hospital (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

### Derrek Evans

PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency > UPMC Passavant

### Maho Hibino

PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident > University of Washington Medical Center/Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (Seattle, Wash.)

### Susan Kidd

Pharmacist > Lifecare Hospitals of Pittsburgh

### Megan Kloet

PGY2 Critical Care Resident > UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

### Ian McGrane

PGY2 Psychiatry Specialty Resident > James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (North Chicago, Ill.)

### Taylor Miller

PGY2 Critical Care/Cardiology Resident > UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

### Roshni Patel

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Resident > University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (Baltimore, Md.)

### Kelli Phipps

Staff pharmacist > UPMC Mercy

### David B. Portman

Unit-based Clinical Pharmacist, CVICU/ER > Western Pennsylvania Hospital (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

### Stephanie Seaton

PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident > UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

### Michael Smith

PGY2 Internal Medicine Resident > UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

### Sarah Winter

PGY2 Family Medicine Resident > UPMC St. Margaret

## Transplant Pharmacy

### Gretchen Kipp

Unit-based Clinical Pharmacist, Liver Transplantation > UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

## Recent Publications by Resident Alumni:

Please see our website for a list of recent publications by current and former residents:  
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Please contact us if we are missing any of your recent publications.

## MEET THE RESIDENTS (2012-2013)



### **Elizabeth Badgley, PharmD**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Hamot

Elizabeth is from Buffalo, N.Y., and received her PharmD from the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Her major area of interest is infectious diseases and she plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in infectious diseases. Elizabeth enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading and being active outdoors.



### **Jennifer Bhuiyan, PharmD**

PGY2 Underserved Care/  
Global Health Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Jennifer received her PharmD from St. John's University School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions in 2011.

Her areas of interest include pharmaceutical care to underserved populations, HIV/AIDS, and global health. She plans to pursue a clinical faculty position and obtain a Masters in Public Health after residency training. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending concerts, reading and practicing yoga.



### **Kristin Bohnenberger, PharmD**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Kristin received her PharmD from Wilkes University in 2012. She is originally from Middletown, N.J. After completion of her PGY1 residency, she plans to complete

a fellowship in clinical toxicology. She hopes to pursue a career at a poison control center with the capacity to precept students. Kristin has enjoyed practicing and coaching gymnastics over the past 22 years, crafting, and spending time with friends.



### **Mariam Bora, PharmD**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC

Mariam is from Florham Park, N.J., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2012. Her professional interests include

psychiatric pharmacy, with an emphasis in patient counseling. Mariam hopes to pursue a PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency, with the goal to become a clinical psychiatric pharmacist. In her spare time, Mariam enjoys singing, playing the piano, and relaxing with a good book.



### **Scott Bragg, PharmD**

PGY2 Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Scott is from Cross Lanes, West Virginia, and received his PharmD from West Virginia University in 2011. He completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St.

Margaret. Scott's professional interests are family medicine, teaching, and global health. Outside of pharmacy, he enjoys the outdoors, cooking, and cheering on the West Virginia University Mountaineers.



### **John Cadwalader, PharmD**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

John received his degree in organic chemistry from Niagara University and his PharmD at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. His professional interests include infectious diseases, pediatrics, and neonatology. He plans to complete a PGY2 residency and then obtain a position at a major university hospital. In his free time he collects American comic books and cycles far distances to eat at famous restaurants.



### **Greg Castelli, PharmD**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Gregory is from Archbald, Pa., and received his PharmD from Wilkes University. His interests include ambulatory care and expanding pharmacists' roles. He will continue his training as a PGY2 family medicine pharmacy resident at UPMC St. Margaret and then he plans to pursue a faculty position. During his free time, Gregory enjoys ultimate frisbee, geocaching and the outdoors, traveling, and the company of family and friends.



### **Tiffany Chapman, PharmD**

PGY2 Medication Use Safety Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Tiffany received her BS in Biology and BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences from South Dakota State University in 2009 followed by her PharmD in 2011. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at NorthShore University HealthSystem in Illinois. After completing her PGY2 residency, Tiffany plans to pursue a position in medication use safety that ideally would include a clinical research component at a healthcare system or corporation.



### **Rebecca Crooks, PharmD**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC McKeesport

Rebecca is from Martinsburg, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in April 2012. Her areas of interest include ambulatory care and internal medicine. After residency she plans to pursue clinical pharmacy in a community hospital setting.



### **Emily Czeck, PharmD**

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Hamot

Emily is from Lordstown, Ohio. She received her BS in pharmaceutical sciences ('09) and PharmD ('11) from the University of Toledo. Her areas of interest include psychiatry, internal medicine, and academia. Her goal is to complete a PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency to further prepare for a clinical position in that specialty. Her interests outside of pharmacy include traveling and Steelers' football.



## MEET THE RESIDENTS (2012-2013)



### **Sarah Dombrowski, PharmD**

**PGY1 Community Pharmacy Resident**  
**School of Pharmacy in collaboration with Rite Aid**

Sarah received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2012. She also earned a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Penn State University in 2008. She aspires to work as a clinical community pharmacist as a member of a patient-centered medical home. When not in the pharmacy, Sarah enjoys cooking and spending time outdoors with her husband.



### **Dwight Eplin, PharmD**

**PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside**

David is originally from Huntington, W.V. where he attended Marshall University for undergraduate work. He then received his PharmD from the West Virginia University, and went back home for his PGY1 pharmacy residency at the VA Medical Center in Huntington. After residency, David hopes to obtain a faculty position within a school of pharmacy. He also enjoys camping, kayaking, and rooting on the Mountaineers!



### **Derek Evans, PharmD**

**PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Passavant**

Derek is originally from Rainelle, W.V., and received his PharmD from West Virginia University in 2011. He completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Mercy. Prior to pharmacy school, Derek received a BS in Chemistry from Concord University. His current areas of interest include infectious diseases, critical care, and internal medicine. Outside of pharmacy, Derek enjoys playing golf, hunting, fishing, and cheering for the MOUNTAINEERS!!!



### **Megan Fleischman, PharmD**

**PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside**

Megan received her PharmD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 2010, worked for Target Pharmacy in Tacoma, Washington through June 2011, and completed a PGY1 ambulatory care focused residency with Monroe Clinic in Wisconsin during 2011-12. Megan plans to pursue a clinical academic position and is interested in clinical pharmacist service development. She enjoys visiting her husband and two dogs.



### **Laura Guido, PharmD**

**PGY1 Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Mercy**

Laura's hometown is Ashtabula, Ohio. In 2011, she received her PharmD and MBA from Duquesne University. Laura was a pharmacist at an independent retail pharmacy prior to pursuing a residency. Her clinical interests include cardiology and critical care. Eventually, she would like to develop her career into an administrative role. Laura enjoys outdoor fitness activities, unwinding with family and friends, cooking, and playing with her dog.



### **Amanda Ingemi, PharmD**

**PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside**

Amanda received her PharmD from the University of Rhode Island in 2011, and then completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. She plans to pursue a transplant pharmacist position at a major tertiary center upon completion of her PGY2 residency. She is also interested in research and education. In her spare time, she enjoys running and playing hockey.



### **Amanda Johnson, PharmD**

**PGY1 Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside**

Amanda received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2012. She is originally from Brownsville, Pa., located about one hour south of Pittsburgh. She plans to complete a PGY2 residency in one of her areas of interest, which include internal medicine, critical care, and infectious diseases. In her spare time, Amanda enjoys reading, playing the piano, and cheering on the Pitt Panthers!



### **Lauren Kattner, PharmD**

**PGY1 Pharmacy Resident**  
**Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC**

Lauren is from Lehigh, Pa., and received her PharmD from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia in 2012. Her primary areas of interest include pediatric and neonatal critical care, cardiac critical care, and transplant. She plans to pursue a career as a unit-based pediatric clinical pharmacist. In her free time, Lauren enjoys reading, cooking, shopping, and spending time with friends and family.



### **Megan Kloet, PharmD**

**PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside**

Megan graduated from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in May 2011. Prior to entering pharmacy school, she received her BS in Food Science and Human Nutrition from the University of Florida in May 2007. Megan completed her PGY1 residency at UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside. Her interests include critical care, infectious diseases, and teaching, and she plans to pursue a career at an academic medical center.



### **Harold Kolunich, PharmD**

**PGY1 Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Mercy**

Harold is a PGY1 pharmacy resident at UPMC Mercy. He attended pharmacy school at Duquesne University. He is interested in a career in academia following completion of postgraduate training. His interests include any outdoor activity.



### **Taylor Miller, PharmD**

**PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside**

Taylor is from Altoona, Pa., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2011. He completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Mercy last year. Taylor's areas of interest include acute coronary syndrome and heart failure, with a focus on acute care of these conditions. Outside of pharmacy, Taylor enjoys cheering on Pittsburgh sports teams – especially the resurgent Pittsburgh Pirates!

## MEET THE RESIDENTS (2012-2013)



**Vanessa Millisor, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Vanessa is from Eaton Rapids, Mich., and received her PharmD at the South Carolina College of Pharmacy in 2012. Her professional interests are oncology, infectious diseases and global health. She plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in oncology. Outside of pharmacy, Vanessa expresses her artistic ability through drawing, painting and photography. She also loves travelling and spending time with her family, especially her five siblings.



**Aaron Pickering, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Aaron is from Irwin, Pa., and received his PharmD from the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy in 2012. His areas of interest include infectious diseases, cardiology, and academia. He plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in infectious diseases and become a clinical specialist in that area. Outside of pharmacy, Aaron enjoys fishing, golfing, playing hockey, and attending Pittsburgh sporting events.



**Lauren Sacha, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Lauren is a Buffalo, N.Y. native who received her PharmD from the Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College. Upon completion of her PGY1 residency at St. Margaret, she intends to pursue a PGY2 residency. Her clinical interests include internal medicine and solid organ transplant. Outside of pharmacy, Lauren enjoys all things food-related.



**Jessica Saunders, PharmD**  
PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Health Plan

Jessica received her PharmD from Hampton University School of Pharmacy in May 2012. Her interest in managed care arose from completing a rotation at a health plan. During her residency, she hopes to establish an initial foundation in managed care practice, and develop her teaching and patient care skills. Outside of pharmacy, Jessica enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and shopping.



**Nicholas Schwier, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Nicholas is from the south shore of Long Island, N.Y. He received his PharmD from Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y. His practice interests include cardiology, specifically heart failure, diabetes and academia. In his spare time he enjoys going to the gym, going out to eat, and spending time with friends and family.



**Stephanie Seaton, PharmD**  
PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Stephanie received her PharmD from St. Louis College of Pharmacy in Saint Louis, Missouri in 2011. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian last year. In the future, Stephanie desires to work in a clinical faculty position that will allow her to incorporate translational research and evidence-based care, using an interdisciplinary team approach, both in the inpatient and outpatient settings.



**Celeste Sejnowski, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Hamot

Celeste is from Cleveland, Ohio and received her PharmD from Duquesne University in 2010. Before her PGY1 residency at UPMC Hamot, she worked at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland for 2 years as a decentralized pharmacist. Her primary interest is critical care. Following residency, she plans to pursue a faculty position at an academic medical center. Outside of pharmacy, Celeste enjoys figure skating and travel.



**Terri Shigle, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Mercy

Terri received a dual degree in biology and pharmacy from Ohio Northern University. Her clinical pharmacy interests are oncology, infectious diseases, and medication safety. She plans on pursuing a PGY2 residency, hopefully in oncology. Outside of the pharmacy, she loves to golf and watch movies.



**Amanda Simpson, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Amanda received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. Her interests include continuity of care, critical care, and psychiatry. She chose to pursue a residency at UPMC Shadyside because of the strong family medicine focus integrated with the hospital pharmacy experience. She plans to pursue a clinical staff position with opportunities to conduct discharge counseling. Amanda enjoys running, flying planes, and traveling.



**Kate Sisco, PharmD**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC St. Margaret

Kate grew up in Pittsburgh and received her PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2012. Her professional interests include family medicine, care to the underserved, and global health. Outside of pharmacy Kate enjoys travelling the world, trying new foods, and watching the BBC.



**Michael Smith, PharmD**  
PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Resident  
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Michael received his B.S. in Chemistry with a Bioscience Option in 2007 and his PharmD in 2011, both from the University of Pittsburgh. He completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC Presbyterian. His areas of interest include pain and palliative care, infectious diseases, and nephrology. After completing his PGY2, he will be seeking a clinical faculty position at a large academic medical center.



**Brad Stevens, PharmD**  
PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Resident  
CVS Caremark

Brad received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 2012. During the residency, he hopes to expand his knowledge in his areas of interest which include process and quality improvement, analytics, and utilization management criteria development. Outside of pharmacy, Brad enjoys playing hockey and attending Pitt football and basketball games.

## MEET THE RESIDENTS (2012-2013)



### **Stephanie Stoneham, PharmD**

**PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Health Plan**

Stephanie is from Rochester, N.Y., and received her PharmD from the Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College in 2012. She is looking forward to broadening

her experiences during her residency and is specifically interested in outcomes research, teaching, and various administrative aspects of pharmacy. In the future, Stephanie plans to earn an MBA specializing in health care administration.



### **Johanna Thompson, PharmD**

**PGY1 Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC St. Margaret**

Johanna grew up in Montesano, Washington. She received her BS in chemistry from Hillsdale College and her PharmD from the University of Washington. Her interests include

family medicine and geriatrics, and she plans to pursue a PGY2 residency next year to solidify her clinical expertise and expand teaching opportunities. Outside of residency obligations, Johanna loves to explore the hiking trails around Pittsburgh.



### **Sarah Winter, PharmD**

**PGY2 Family Medicine Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC St. Margaret**

Sarah received her PharmD from the Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy in 2011. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret. Sarah plans

to pursue a career at an academic medical center where she hopes to balance teaching and clinical work. Outside of pharmacy, Sarah enjoys painting, traveling, and cheering on the Steelers and Penguins as a proud Pittsburgh native.



### **Amanda Wojtusik, PharmD**

**PGY1 Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC St. Margaret**

Amanda is originally from Bristol, Connecticut and received her PharmD from the University of Rhode Island in 2012.

Her primary areas of interest include chronic disease state management, medication adherence, and medication safety during transitions of care. Amanda eventually hopes to attain an academic faculty position. She also enjoys running, reading, and experiencing all of the new adventures Pittsburgh has to offer.



### **Daniel Yarabinec, PharmD**

**PGY1 Pharmacy Resident**  
**UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside**

Dan is originally from Sharpsville, Pa., and received his PharmD from the University of Pittsburgh. He is interested in emergency medicine and critical care, and hopes to pursue

a PGY2 in one of those areas. Outside of pharmacy, Dan enjoys running, traveling, and Pitt sports.



**Neal Benedict ('05)** was named Faculty Preceptor of the Year by the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy Class of 2012. Also, Neal published a chapter on pharmacists in academia in Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy, 22nd edition.

**Jeff Brewer ('00)** is the new director of the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences-Price Chopper PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency.

**Saira Choudry ('07)** received her MPH in epidemiology from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in May 2012. Also, she was recently appointed clinical assistant professor at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in addition to her appointment as clinical assistant professor at Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers University.

**Jim Coons ('03)** has returned to Pitt and UPMC! He has been appointed assistant professor of pharmacy and therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy and clinical pharmacist, cardiology at UPMC Presbyterian.

**Shelby Corman ('04)** recently moved and started a new position as senior clinical outcomes scientist at Pharmerit International in Bethesda, Maryland.

**Christina (Schober) DeRemer ('03, '04)** was promoted to medicine clinical practice pharmacy supervisor at Georgia Health Sciences Medical Center where she continues to serve as residency coordinator and practice as a primary care clinical pharmacy specialist.

**Christina (Hedrick) Deussenberry ('10)** is now working at West Virginia University Hospitals as a clinical pharmacist alternating between the emergency department and intensive care units.

**Gladys (Garcia) Dueñas ('08)** accepted a faculty appointment at the new Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU) and was appointed coordinator of inter-professional experiential education for students at both CMSRU and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy (PCP). Gladys was the 2012 recipient of Preceptor of the Year Award at PCP.

**Christine Eisenhower ('11)** completed her PGY2 ambulatory care pharmacy residency in Wilmington, NC and is now clinical assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. Her practice site is at Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Also, Christine received third prize in the research category at the 2012 American Geriatrics Society Resident Poster Session for the project she completed during her PGY1 pharmacy residency at UPMC St. Margaret.

**Brianne Fairchild ('04)** was promoted to assistant chief, pharmacy at the Beckley VA Medical Center in November 2011.

**Matt Felbinger ('11)** finished his PGY2 critical care pharmacy residency at Duke University Hospital and

accepted a job as emergency medicine pharmacist at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, a 600+ bed community hospital in Wilmington, North Carolina.

**Dan Ford ('08)** was promoted to clinical coordinator at NorthBay Medical Center in Fairfield, Ca.

**Suzanna Gim ('05)** received the Founder's Award in May 2012 for her international work and development of an international elective APPE for students in Sierra Leone & Haiti at the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Long Island University.

**Patrick Gleason ('94)** was appointed chair of the editorial advisory board for the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy.

**Joedell Gonzaga ('07, '08)** has returned to UPMC! He is pharmacy manager, automation and technology, at UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside.

**Andrea (Sadler) Hoops ('10)** will be serving on the Indiana Pharmacists Alliance Board for 2013-2014.

**Ed Horn ('02)** was recently promoted to PGY2 critical care pharmacy residency director at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Allison Imhoff ('09)** recently received an ACES award and was named an Above and Beyond Award Winner at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC for patient safety.

**Lauren (Fields) Jonkman ('07, '08)** received her MPH from the University of Pittsburgh in April 2012. Also, Lauren was elected chair of the Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Advisory Board in January 2012.

**Laura (Letterman) Jung ('00)** was recently promoted to vice president, operations, at Syntaxx Communications, Inc.

**Mike Kendrach ('93)** accepted the associate dean for academic affairs position at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy in Birmingham, Alabama.

**Erin (Schultz) Koepf ('10)** completed her PGY2 ambulatory care residency in June 2011 and then moved to Portland, Maine where she is now assistant professor at the University of New England College of Pharmacy.

**Jeff Little ('09, '10)** was elected treasurer for the Kansas Council of Health-System Pharmacists in 2012. Also, Jeff was promoted to assistant director of pharmacy at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Jay Martello ('09)** was named the 2011-2012 Preceptor of the Year at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy.

**Michelle McCarthy ('95)** has been appointed past chair of the ASHP Commission on Credentialing for 2013. She served as the chair for 2012.

**Umbreen (Idrees) Murtaza ('02)** published a chapter on emergency medicine pharmacy practice in Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy, 22nd edition.

**Radhika Polisetty ('07, '08)** is now assistant professor at Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy. Her practice site is Central Dupage Hospital where she is an ID clinical specialist. She is currently working on establishing an antimicrobial stewardship program and other clinical services at the hospital.

**Laura (Krugger) Potoski ('08)** was promoted to a position in pharmacoeconomics at the Pittsburgh VA.

**Ryan Steadman ('08)** has been promoted to Sr. Clinical Advisor at CVS Caremark.

**Aaron Steffenhagen ('02)** was appointed to the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Section Advisory Group on Clinical Leadership for 2012-2013.

**Ted Turner ('11)** completed his PGY2 residency and is now a mental health clinical pharmacist at the VA Southern Nevada Health Care System in Las Vegas.

**Michael Vozniak ('03)** was recently promoted to assistant director of pharmacy for professional practice. In his new position he will manage the inpatient team of pharmacists and clinical specialists at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Brian Watson ('04)** is now clinical manager at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

**Kristin (Zerumsky) Watson ('04, '05)** was promoted to associate professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in July 2012.

Newly BCACP-certified in 2011: **Jeff Brewer ('00)**, **Gladys (Garcia) Dueñas ('08)**, **Shara Elrod ('09, '10)**, **Brooke Lowry ('10)**

Newly BCPS-certified in 2011: **Mike Armahizer ('10, '11)**, **Phyllis Chow ('09)**, **Nicole D'Antonio ('11, '12)**, **Christina (Hedrick) Deussenberry ('10)**, **Matt Felbinger ('11)**, **David Johnson ('10, '11)**, **Jenny Kim ('11)**, **Gretchen Kipp ('11, '12)**, **Erin (Schultz) Koepf ('10)**, **Pamela (Hucko) Koerner ('00)**, **Stacey Lavsa ('08, '09)**, **Jeff Little ('09, '10)**, **Sarah Yost ('09)**

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### Newly Wed:

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**Saira Choudry ('07)** and *Faraz Chaudhry* on May 27, 2012

**Meredith Mulvanity ('09, '10)** and *Ryan Healey* on August 10, 2012

**Andrea Sadler ('10)** and *Michael Hoops* on December 31, 2011

**Jessica (Neely) Slivko ('01)** and *Brent Reamer* on February 18, 2012

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