VA Salt Lake City HCS PGY 1 Residency Program

Pocatello Community Based Outpatient Clinic
Pocatello, ID

Program Preceptors

Dat Auduong, PharmD

Dr. Auduong is a clinical pharmacist in acute internal medicine at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Salt Lake City Health Care System (HCS). Dr. Auduong received his Bachelor of Science degree from Utah State University and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Midwestern University College of Pharmacy-Glendale, AZ. He also completed a clinical pharmacy practice residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Dr. Auduong serves as a preceptor for PGY1 Residents and pharmacy students from various College of Pharmacy programs. The areas of his clinical practice include Internal Medicine, Neurology-Trauma Rehabilitation, Ambulatory Coumadin Clinic, and multidisciplinary Parkinson's Clinic. Dr. Auduong also manages anticoagulation and has actively participated in the development anticoagulation protocols, and order sets.

Abril (Abby) Atherton, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Atherton is a clinical pharmacy specialist in psychiatry. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Utah, and completed a pharmacy practice residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Her clinical pharmacy practice interests include both inpatient & outpatient psychiatry and she also participates in the non-formulary approval process. Dr. Atherton is involved in research and teaching, and mentors pharmacy students and residents in psychiatry pharmacy practice. She is an active member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and the College of Psychiatric & Neurologic Pharmacists. Dr. Atherton serves as a voting member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our residency program, and she is also actively involved in the recruitment, training/orientation of the pharmacy residents.

JoEtte Ballard, PharmD

Dr. Ballard is a clinical pharmacist at the Pocatello VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) since 1998. She has over 12 years of experience serving veterans at this facility. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from Idaho State University (ISU). After graduation, she completed a geriatric residency followed by a fellowship at Idaho State Veteran's Home, through ISU College of Pharmacy. During this time, she served as a clerkship preceptor and a case studies teacher. She is actively involved with medication review/medication management, diabetic teaching, renal-dosing, and in smoking

cessation programs. She also works to facilitate adherence to formulary guidelines and with providing drug information to providers.

Angie Casperson, PharmD

Dr. Casperson earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Idaho State University (ISU). She is a clinical pharmacist that has been practicing at the Pocatello VA CBOC since 1998. Her clinical pharmacy interests include medication management of hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, smoking cessation, anti-coagulation and pain management. Dr. Casperson serves as a member of the Residency Advisory Committee for our residency program in Pocatello, and as the Hazardous Materials Coordinator at the clinic. She is an adjunct faculty member at ISU involved in mentoring pharmacy students and is actively involved in the recruitment, training and orientation of the pharmacy residents. She is a past member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and a current member of the Southeast Idaho Pharmacy Association.

Terri Evans, PharmD

Dr. Evans is a clinical pharmacist in Pharmacoeconomics and is responsible for pharmacoeconomic program development, implementation, monitoring and reporting. Prior to assuming this role, her clinical practice included management of diabetes, hypertension and lipids. She is also involved in reviewing non-formulary requests, protocol development, management of strategic initiatives and target medications, and development of algorithms to contain pharmaceutical costs while ensuring quality patient care. She is the secretary of the VA Salt Lake City HCS Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee and also serves as a voting member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our residency program. She is a member of the VISN 19 Pharmacy Benefits Management team and an adjunct faculty member as a preceptor for the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. Dr. Evans received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah where she also completed a general practice residency. Subsequently, she completed a specialty residency in Drug Information at the Scott and White Memorial Hospital at Temple, through the University of Texas Austin and San Antonio.

Christine Holman, PharmD

Dr. Holman is a clinical pharmacist in Primary Care and Internal Medicine. Her clinical practice interests include geriatrics, cardiac risk reduction, diabetes, medication reconciliation and smoking cessation. In addition to her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah, Dr. Holman has a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology from Weber State University. She worked at the University of Utah as a cytogeneticist before earning her Doctor of Pharmacy degree and completing a pharmacy practice residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. She is an active member of the American

College of Clinical Pharmacy and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She is a voting member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our residency program.

John W Horton, BS Pharm

Mr. Horton has been the director of pharmacy since 1987. He has over 26 years of management experience, and precepts pharmacy residents and students. He implemented various clinical pharmacy programs for the inpatient wards and at the community based outpatient clinics. He successfully utilized the automated computer technology that supports both inpatient and outpatient with dispensing and processing >2 million prescriptions a year. Mr. Horton joined the VA as a staff pharmacist at the VA Long Beach Medical Center. He moved to VA Loma Linda Medical Center as an inpatient pharmacy supervisor, and finally to the VA Salt Lake City HCS as an Assistant Director. Mr. Horton graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska, and a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Creighton University. He is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and actively participates in various national and local committees.

Julie Lawless, RN-BC, ANP-C, CACP

Julie is the Administrative Officer for the northern region of the Veterans Affairs (VA) Salt Lake City Health Care System. She worked as an RN Case Manager for the Pocatello CBOC since 1995 prior to joining her current position. She manages Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) in Pocatello, ID and Ogden, UT as well as Telehealth outreach clinics in Idaho Falls, ID, Logan, UT, and Elko, NV. Julie obtained her nursing degree from the University of the State of New York, and a national board certification from the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN). She is a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider (CACP) and a Retinal Imager. Julie is an affiliate faculty member at the Idaho State University and she regularly mentors and trains students and residents from various disciplines including pharmacy and nursing. She is dedicated to serving America's veteran by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. She is a member of the AAACN and Nurse Organization of Veteran's Affairs.

Debra Macdonald, BS Pharm

Ms. Macdonald is the assistant director of pharmacy. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Oregon State University, and holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. Her areas of pharmacy practice include pharmacy operations, medication management, investigational drug service, and technology development. She contributes to several committees notably Research and Development, Clinical Executive Board, Education, Pharmacy & Therapeutics, and she also serves as a chair for the Pharmacy Standards Board at the VA Salt Lake City HCS.

She also participates in the delivery of a broad range of pharmaceutical care services, conducts outcomes research and is actively involved in medication safety and pharmacy cost saving initiatives. She serves as a preceptor for the pharmacy residents and students in management, research, inpatient pharmacy operation and investigational drug service. She is a voting member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our residency program.

Steven Moser, BS Pharm, PharmD, CGP, FASCP

Dr. Moser is a clinical pharmacy specialist in geriatric medicine and is adjunct faculty for the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. He has practiced in highly diverse inpatient areas including Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Acute Internal Medicine and MICU at the VA Salt Lake City HCS since 1991. He is also involved in ambulatory care for stroke, spinal cord rehabilitation, traumatic brain injury, and musculoskeletal pain management (chronic, non-malignant pain). Dr. Moser graduated from the University of Utah with Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Pharmacy, and with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. He also completed a clinical pharmacy practice residency at the University of Utah Hospital. He is board-certified in Geriatric Pharmacy and is a Fellow of American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP). Dr. Moser is a member of the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy Admissions Committee, and since 2003, has co-instructed a 2-day Physical Assessment workshop for the Senior Care Pharmacists at ASCP clinical meetings.

Ben Nichols, PharmD, MPH

Dr. Nichols a clinical pharmacist for the outpatient pharmacy and is currently co-supervising outpatient pharmacy operations. His clinical practice includes multidisciplinary clinics in Cardiac Risk Reduction, Heart Failure, Quality Assurance, and Geriatrics. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Idaho State University and completed his pharmacy practice residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. He also completed a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Utah. Dr. Nichols serves as the primary preceptor for PGY1 residents during their outpatient rotation and longitudinal learning experience. He also serves as a voting member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our residency program and is actively involved in the recruitment, training and orientation of the pharmacy residents and students. Dr. Nichols is currently enrolled in a leadership development program offered by the Veterans Affairs.

Paul Otto, PharmD, CACP

Dr. Otto is a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care at Pocatello CBOC. He graduated from Idaho State University with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and completed his residency training at the Pocatello VA community based outpatient clinic/Idaho State University. His clinical pharmacy practice interests include pharmacotherapeutic

management of veterans with chronic metabolic diseases (diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidemia), anticoagulation needs and chronic pain. Dr. Otto plays an active role in precepting and development of the pharmacy residents and students from Idaho State University. He routinely participates and volunteers in local veteran's events. He is an active member of the Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and Southeast Idaho Pharmacy Association. Dr. Otto serves as a member of the Residency Advisory Committee of VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, and he is also actively involved in the recruitment, training and orientation, and mentoring of the pharmacy residents.

Ravindra K Pathak, PharmD, PhD, BCPS

Dr. Pathak is the Director, Pharmacy Education and Training, Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator, and the Chairman of the Residency Advisory Committee. He is also an adjunct professor for the department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. His clinical practice interest includes formulary management and pharmacotherapy of patients with metabolic and heart disease. He serves as program preceptor for Drug Information and Management core rotations. Dr. Pathak received his graduate degrees from Creighton University and Central Drug Research Institute. He completed an ASHP accredited residency with emphasis on adult acute care from the Nebraska Medical Center, and post-doctoral training from the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. He conducted research on the pharmacology of cholesterol metabolism, and on human gene transfer. He serves on several committees including Pharmacy & Therapeutics, Clinical Executive Board, Ethics, Education, and Nutrition. He is a member of an FDA Advisory Committee, and of several professional bodies including ACHE, ACCP, ASHP, and AHA. Dr. Pathak is a graduate of the Leadership VA class of 2010 and serves as volunteer for the Federal Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel Service.

William Payne, PharmD, MCT

Dr. Payne supervises the outpatient pharmacy operations at the Salt Lake City HCS. He received his BS in Biology from Nebraska Wesleyan University, and his Doctor of Pharmacy from The University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy. He has completed post-doctoral training in Business Management from the University of Nebraska, College of Business, and holds several certifications in Informatics. Dr. Payne has worked nationwide as a process improvement consultant to develop technologies and improve workflow in a number of healthcare systems. He is a member of several professional organizations including APhA, USHP, ASHP, and he serves on several committees including customer service recovery, root cause analysis, and space. Dr. Payne is actively involved in the recruitment, training and orientation, and mentoring of

residents; his pharmacy practice interest includes pharmacy operations and management, informatics, root-cause analysis, and medication management.

Christopher Young, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Chris Young is a clinical pharmacist; he is also the manager of the inpatient pharmacy operations at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. His clinical practice interests include all aspects of inpatient pharmaceutical care, medication safety, and informatics. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. He serves as the primary preceptor for PGY1 residents during their inpatient rotation and provides guidance throughout the PGY1 year. He is also a voting member of the Residency Advisory Committee and Pharmacy Standards Board. He actively participates in the recruitment and training of residents of our residency program. Dr. Young is currently enrolled in an executive MBA curriculum.