

Durham VA Medical Center Pharmacy Preceptors

Jamie Brown, PharmD, BCPS is the PGY-1 Residency Program Director. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and then completed an ASHP-accredited specialty residency in Drug Information with Campbell University. After completion of his residency, Dr. Brown accepted a clinical position with the Durham VA Medical Center as the Director of the Drug Information Center and coordinator of the Investigational Drug Service. In addition, Dr. Brown is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice with Campbell University and precepts fourth-year PharmD candidates and PGY1 and PGY2 residents in the Drug Information rotation. Dr. Brown also serves as the Chair of the Residency Committee for the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists (NCAP) and coordinates the annual NCAP Residency Conference each July.

Susan Francis, PharmD, BPCS is the PGY-2 Geriatrics Residency Program Director. Dr. Francis received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the Medical University of South Carolina. She completed an ASHP-accredited specialty residency in geriatrics at the Durham VAMC. Dr. Francis serves as a clinical pharmacy specialist in geriatrics, has been a pharmacist for 20 years, and a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist for the past 15 years. She is a Senior Fellow at the Duke Center for Aging and Human Development. Her professional experiences include clinical specialty practice, community pharmacy, pharmaceutical industry, medical writing and clinical guideline development. She maintains a practice in the Community Living Center. Her areas of interest include post-graduate pharmacy training, appropriate prescribing in the elderly, medication safety, and medication adherence.

Jane Pendergrass, RPh is the Chief of the Pharmacy Service. She received bachelors of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Upon graduation, she was employed at the Durham VA Medical Center. Since accepting the position in 1978, she has held several positions within Pharmacy Service. She became Chief of Pharmacy in May 2002.

William E. Bryan III, PharmD, BCPS is a clinical pharmacy specialist in formulary management. He earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He then completed a pharmacy practice PGY1 and a health-system administration PGY2 residency at the Gainesville, Florida VAMC. After residency, Dr. Bryan practiced in acute and long-term care. Dr. Bryan came to work at the Durham VAMC in formulary management with some geriatric team involvement and is active in resident learning for both PGY1 & PGY2 programs. In addition to responsibilities in formulary management, Dr. Bryan is also responsible for adverse drug reaction documentation and reporting and serving as preceptor for resident Medication Use Evaluations (MUEs). Dr. Bryan also serves as a resource for clinical data mining for the clinical and resident pharmacists.

Susan Bullard, PharmD is an ambulatory clinical pharmacy specialist. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida in 1992 and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the VA Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee the following year. After completion of her residency, Dr. Bullard accepted a clinical position at the Durham VA Medical Center. While in her current position, she established the Pharmacy Practice Residency Program in 1994 and was the first residency director along with establishing the PRIME Pharmacy disease state management clinic. In the PRIME Pharmacy clinics she sees patients for HTN, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, hypothyroidism and medication adherence problems. Dr. Bullard also works in the anticoagulation clinic and co-manages the PRIME Nurse INR clinic. Her areas of interests are HTN, anticoagulation and medication management.

Brian Chatel, PharmD, BCNSP is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Critical Care and Nutrition Support. He received his PharmD from University of Southern Nevada, Nevada College of Pharmacy, and completed a PGY1 residency at Charleston Area Medical Center with emphasis in Critical Care and Clinical Nutrition in Charleston, West Virginia. Dr. Chatel has developed a Clinical Nutrition Program at the community hospital level and assessed and updated nutrition practice at Saint Vincent Hospital in Erie, PA. Dr. Chatel currently is the pharmacist on the Nutrition Support Team and performs daily rounds in Critical Care at Durham VAMC.

Amy L. Clarke, PharmD, BCPS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her PharmD from UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, NC. She then completed a PGY-1 residency at the Durham VAMC. After finishing her residency, she worked in central pharmacy at the Durham VAMC prior to accepting a position as the Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacist for the Hospitalist Service. In addition to her clinical pharmacy responsibilities, Dr. Clarke serves as a preceptor for the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Her current interests include infectious diseases, anticoagulation and mental health.

Melissa Durkee, PharmD is the Clinical Coordinator for Pharmacy Services at the Durham VA Medical Center (Durham VAMC). She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the Albany College of Pharmacy, Union University and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Campbell University. She is a graduate of the VA Executive Career Field class of 2010. Dr. Durkee has experience in community pharmacy and completed a geriatrics specialty residency prior to joining the Durham VAMC team in 2001. She maintains a clinical practice in the women's health primary care clinic and is actively involved with several local and national VA committees and for the NC Association of Pharmacists. Areas of interest for Dr. Durkee include geriatrics, primary care and practice management.

Lindsay Garris, PharmD, BCPS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Raleigh Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (RCBOC). She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy at Long Island University—Brooklyn Campus. She then completed her Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency at the VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS). Upon completion of her residency, she was hired as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VAMHCS where she established clinical pharmacy services in the Early Renal Insufficiency Clinic and provided direct patient care in the Heart Failure, Pharmacotherapy, and Anticoagulation clinics. Since joining the RCBOC team, she has expanded existing clinical pharmacy services in medication management, group blood pressure management, and anticoagulation monitoring. She also serves as a preceptor for the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

Emily Heritage, PharmD, CDE is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Greenville Community- Based Outpatient Clinic (GCBOC). She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Durham VAMC. Dr. Heritage has established disease management, medication titration, and group clinics at the GCBOC in the areas of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, LMWH anticoagulation management, and formulary conversions. She also serves as a preceptor for the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

Jennie Hewitt, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Greenville Community- Based Outpatient Clinic (GCBOC). She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the W.G. Hefner VAMC in Salisbury, North Carolina. Dr. Hewitt has recently joined the GCBOC pharmacy team and is assisting in medication management clinic where she is involved in the management of diabetes, dyslipidemia, and hypertension. She will also be involved in a hypertension group clinic and anticoagulation clinic in both Greenville and Morehead City. Her research interest is in chronic hepatitis C management.

Stephanie Hollowell, PharmD, BCPS is an Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VAMC. She received her BS in Chemistry in 1999 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and PharmD in 2004 from the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Durham VAMC. After residency, she practiced as an Oncology Clinical Specialist in the inpatient setting in Richmond, Virginia for two years and was on faculty at VCU School of Pharmacy. Dr. Hollowell returned to the Durham VAMC to work in the outpatient anticoagulation clinics and establish an inpatient anticoagulation monitoring service.

Cynthia Johnston, PharmD, BCPS, BCOP is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine and is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She received her B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Connecticut and her PharmD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Johnston has extensive practice experience in the hospital setting. Her teaching responsibilities include pharmacotherapy of lung, colon, prostate and breast cancers, anemia management, pain management, and end-of-life care. Her practice interests include supportive care and she is a member of the inpatient Palliative Care Consultation Team.

Debra Wobbleton Kemp, PharmD, BCPS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VAMC and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy. She also serves as an Assistant Director of Pharmacy Education with the Duke AHEC. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then completed a primary care specialty residency at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, NC. Prior to this position, Dr. Kemp worked at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center as a Clinical Pharmacist in ambulatory care specializing in anticoagulation management and dyslipidemia. Dr. Kemp has established group, individual and phone clinics at the Durham VAMC for the management of hyperlipidemia.

Janine Kosmoski, PharmD is a Geriatric Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VAMC. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University at Buffalo in 2007. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at the North Texas VAMC and then went on to complete a PGY2 geriatric residency at the Durham VAMC. After her geriatric residency, she practiced as a Geriatric/Internal Medicine Clinical Specialist on a unit specializing in Acute Care of the Elderly unit at Christiana Care Health System in Newark, Delaware. She then returned to the Durham VAMC and is currently practicing as a geriatric clinical specialist in the Medical Center's Community Living Center. Dr. Kosmoski also serves as a preceptor to both the PGY1 and PGY2 residents.

Radhika Kothapalli, PharmD is a Formulary Management Clinical Pharmacist. She earned a B.S. in Pharmacy in 1992 and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1995, both at the University of North Carolina. She completed a Pharmacy Practice residency at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital (1993) and an Ambulatory Care specialty residency at the Iowa City VAMC (1997). Prior to coming to the Durham VAMC, she worked for 4 years as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Iowa City VAMC. In addition to her responsibilities in formulary management, Dr. Kothapalli is an instructor for the diabetes patient education class and Clinical Pharmacist for the Home Based Primary Care program (HBPC).

Jenny Legge, PharmD, CACP is a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Hillandale Road Outpatient Clinic. She graduated and received her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2004 from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. She completed a pharmacy practice residency and primary care specialty residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. After completing her primary care residency, she accepted a position with the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the Hillandale Road Outpatient Clinic. Dr. Legge currently operates a Medication Management Clinic, which focuses on, but not limited to, drug therapy in the areas of hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, smoking cessation and medication compliance. In addition, she established a point-of-care anticoagulation clinic concentrating on warfarin and LMWH dosing. She became a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider in December of 2007.

Shajuana D. McMillan, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her B.S. in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency and an internal medicine specialty residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. In addition to serving as an internal medicine clinical pharmacist, she serves as a preceptor for the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

Dee Melnyk, PharmD, MHS, CLS is a Senior Research Scientist in the Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care at the Durham VA and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Endocrinology clinics. She is a certified lipid specialist. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at UNC Hospitals and specialty residency in Ambulatory Care/Academics at the Durham VA Medical Center and UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. She also holds an appointment as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Her area of interest and research focus is on the development of innovative clinical pharmacist interventions.

Jason Moss, PharmD is an Assistant Professor in the department of Pharmacy Practice at Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in geriatrics at the Durham VA Medical Center. Dr. Moss received his B.S. in microbiology from the North Carolina State University and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy. He then completed a two year geriatric clinical fellowship at the Durham VA Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center (GRECC) in association with Campbell. Dr. Moss is the clinic coordinator for the Geriatric Pharmacy Outpatient Clinic and also maintains a practice in the Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit and Community Living Center at the Durham VAMC. He also serves as a preceptor to not only fourth year pharmacy students but also to Duke University medical students and fellows. His areas of interest include geriatric education and training, medication adherence, medications and falling, and quality medication use in the elderly.

Mary Parker, PharmD, BCPS (AQ Cardiology) is a clinical pharmacist specialist with a primary care practice site in the 8A clinics. She completed her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Campbell University School of Pharmacy. She completed pharmacy practice residency and specialty residency training at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital. She developed pharmacist-led clinics in cardiovascular risk reduction services at LeBauer HeartCare, a physician office practice from 2000 - 2011. Dr. Parker precepts PGY1 and PGY2 residents in ambulatory care, cardiology, and actively participates in the Residency Research Committee for the VA.

Saharat Patanavanich, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Greenville Community-Based Outpatient Clinic. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy in 2010. He then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, VA. Dr. Patanavanich recently joined the Durham VAMC and is directly involved in expanding pharmacy services at the Greenville/Morehead City Outpatient Clinic.

Carrie Thomas, PharmD, CDE is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and Certified Diabetes Educator at the Raleigh Community Based Outpatient Clinic (RCBOC). She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She then completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the University of Virginia Health System and a Primary Care Specialty Residency at VCU Health System-Medical College of Virginia Hospitals & Physicians in Richmond, VA. Prior to coming to the Durham VAMC in 2007, she worked for six years at Grady Health System and served as program director for the Primary Care Specialty Residency and was a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Primary Care. Dr. Thomas has established disease management clinics at the RCBOC in the areas of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, anticoagulation management, runs a Group Hypertension Clinic, and is the pharmacy representative for DVAMC for the Medical Home VA initiative. She serves as a preceptor for the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Dr. Thomas has spoken nationally on establishing and justifying clinical pharmacy services in an outpatient setting.

Mary L. Townsend, PharmD, AAHIVE is an Associate Professor with Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Buies Creek, NC and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Atlanta, Georgia. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at Duke University Health System and a specialty residency in Internal Medicine/Infectious Diseases/Academia with Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Duke University Health System in Durham, NC. Her areas of interest include HIV, nephrology, and cardiology.

Jennifer Whittington, PharmD is an Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VAMC. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Tennessee School of Pharmacy in Memphis, TN in 2004. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Durham VAMC. After residency, she practiced as a Clinical Pharmacist at Durham Regional Hospital for four years. While there she established an inpatient anticoagulation monitoring and consult service. Dr. Whittington has recently returned to the Durham VAMC to help create an inpatient anticoagulation monitoring service.

Catherine Woodard, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her BS in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC and her Doctor of Pharmacy from Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. She completed a primary care residency at Mission Hospitals in Asheville, NC. Prior to starting at the Durham VA Medical center, she worked at Kaiser Permanente in Atlanta, GA as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care and as an assistant professor for Campbell University. Dr. Woodard has established a drug information service at the Durham VA, as well as a pharmacy run hyperlipidemia service. She is also a preceptor of both Campbell University and UNC school of pharmacy students.

2011-2012 Residency Class

PGY1:

Kristen Tasca, PharmD is a PGY-1 pharmacy resident. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Jacksonville, FL. Her practice interests include cardiology, internal medicine, and ambulatory care. Upon completion of her residency, she hopes to obtain a position in a PGY2 cardiology specialty residency. Contact information: kristen.tasca@va.gov

Amy Willets, PharmD is a PGY-1 pharmacy resident. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Northeastern University in Boston, MA. Her practice interests include ambulatory care, medication therapy management, and anticoagulation. Upon completion of her residency, she hopes to obtain a position as a clinical practitioner in the ambulatory care setting. Contact information: amy.willets@va.gov

Leslie Kriger, PharmD is a PGY-1 pharmacy resident. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, NC. Her practice interests include ambulatory care, anticoagulation, and medication therapy management. Upon completion of her residency, she hopes to obtain a position as a clinical practitioner or complete a PGY-2 residency focusing in ambulatory care. Contact information: leslie.kriger@va.gov

PGY2 – Geriatrics:

Jason Corbo, PharmD is a PGY-2 geriatric pharmacy resident. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy in Storrs, CT and completed his PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Durham VA Medical Center. His practice interests include geriatrics, ambulatory care, internal medicine, and academia. Upon completion of his residency, he plans to obtain a position as a clinical pharmacist in an inpatient or outpatient setting with a faculty position at a college of pharmacy. Contact information: jason.corbo@va.gov

Laura Meyer, PharmD is a PGY-2 geriatric specialty pharmacy resident. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. She completed her PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, New York. Her practice interests include geriatrics, internal medicine, and long-term care. Upon completion of her residency, she hopes to obtain a position as a clinical pharmacy specialist in geriatrics or internal medicine. Contact information: laura.meyer2@va.gov

2011-2012 PGY-1 Resident Schedules

Month	Amy Willets, PharmD	Kristen Tasca, PharmD	Leslie Kriger, PharmD
July	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation
August	Drug Information Jamie Brown, PharmD, BCPS	Drug Information Jamie Brown, PharmD, BCPS	Drug Information Jamie Brown, PharmD, BCPS
September	Geriatrics Janine Kosmoski, PharmD	Cardiology Mary Parker, PharmD, BCPS (AQ Cardiology)	Ambulatory Care Susan Bullard, PharmD
October	Internal Medicine I Amy Clarke, PharmD, BCPS	Internal Medicine I Shajuana McMillan, PharmD	Internal Medicine I Shajuana McMillan, PharmD
November	Ambulatory Care Susan Bullard, PharmD	Cardiology (Duke) Kristen Campbell, PharmD, BCPS, CPP	Administration Bill Bryan, PharmD, BCPS
December	Scholarly	Scholarly	Scholarly
January	Ambulatory Care Jenny Legge, PharmD	Administration Bill Bryan, PharmD, BCPS	Geriatrics Janine Kosmoski, PharmD
February	Ambulatory Care Mary Parker, PharmD, BCPS (AQ Cardiology)	Geriatrics Janine Kosmoski, PharmD	Ambulatory Care Jenny Legge, PharmD
March	Administration Bill Bryan, PharmD, BCPS	Ambulatory Care Debra Kemp, PharmD	Inpt/Outpt Anticoagulation Stephanie Hollowell and Jennifer Whittington
April	Ambulatory Care Debra Kemp, PharmD, BCPS	Infectious Diseases Mary Townsend, PharmD, AAHIVE	Infectious Diseases Mary Townsend, PharmD, AAHIVE
May	Inpt/Outpt Anticoagulation Stephanie Hollowell and Jennifer Whittington	Ambulatory Care Mary Parker, PharmD, BCPS (AQ Cardiology)	Cardiology Mary Parker, PharmD, BCPS (AQ Cardiology)
June	Internal Medicine II Shajuana McMillan/Amy Clarke	Internal Medicine II Shajuana McMillan/Amy Clarke	Internal Medicine II Shajuana McMillan/Amy Clarke

Top 10 Reasons to live in Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill

1. You'll get wonderful clinical training at Durham VA Medical Center!
2. Best of both worlds- 2.5 hours to the beach and 3 hours to the mountains
3. Home of the Carolina Hurricanes NHL team and Durham Bulls triple-A baseball team
4. The weather is great and the people are really nice!
5. Ranks as a "Best Place to Live" on multiple lists:
 - #1 America's Best City (Businessweek.com 9/11)
 - #1 Best Places for Business and Careers (Forbes 7/11)
 - #3 America's Cleanest Cities (Forbes 3/11)
 - #4 Best Place to Live (Relocateamerica.com 7/11)
 - #4 America's Smartest City (CNNMoney.com 10/10)
 - #1 Great Cities for Raising a Family (Kiplinger's 8/10)
 - #1 Quality of Life (Portfolio.com/bizjournals 5/10)
 - #6 Best Places to Live and Work for Young Professionals (Midsize Consulting (6/09)
 - #1 City Where Americans are Relocating (Forbes 4/09)
6. Home of the best college basketball teams in the nation!
7. The area is home to 1.8 million people
8. A great place for outdoor activities: biking, hiking, swimming, and boating
9. Plenty of cultural activities: concerts, theater, symphony, opera
10. Research Triangle Park

Website to visit:
<http://www.raleighchamber.org/>