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Mission, Vision and Values

The BPVAHCS mission statement, vision statement, core values and core characteristics serve as the guiding principles for how our organization cares for its Veterans, educates and engages employees, and conducts business.

Mission

Our mission is to honor America's Veterans by ensuring exceptional health outcomes that improve their well-being.

Vision

Our vision is to be a Veteran-centered, integrated health organization ensuring excellent health outcomes via care service, coordination, research, and education; an organization where people choose to work; an engaged community partner; and responsive to National emergencies.

Core Values

We have five core values that define “who we are,” our culture, and how we care for Veterans, their families and other beneficiaries. The first letter of each value together spells **I CARE**.

The Values are:

Integrity – Act with high moral principle. Adhere to the highest professional standards. Maintain the trust and confidence of all with whom I engage.

Commitment – Work diligently to serve Veterans and other beneficiaries. Be driven by an earnest belief in VA's mission. Fulfill my individual responsibilities and organizational responsibilities.

Advocacy – Be truly Veteran-centric by identifying, fully considering, and appropriately advancing the interests of Veterans and other beneficiaries.

Respect – Treat all those I serve and with whom I work with dignity and respect. Show respect to earn it.

Excellence – Strive for the highest quality and continuous improvement. Be thoughtful and decisive in leadership, accountable for my actions, willing to admit mistakes, and rigorous in correcting them.

Where to Meet us!

Website <https://www.va.gov/bay-pines-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/>

Social Media Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VABayPines>

Conferences **2022 Midyear Clinical Meeting & Exhibition**
American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP)
December 4 – 8, 2022 at Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV
Booth: 6253

2023 Florida Residency Conference
Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FSHP)
Date & Time: TBD

Residency Showcases **University of Florida Residency Forum**
October 12, 2022 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM EST (Virtual)

Tampa Bay College of Pharmacies Post-Graduate Training Showcase
October 29, 2022 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST (Virtual)

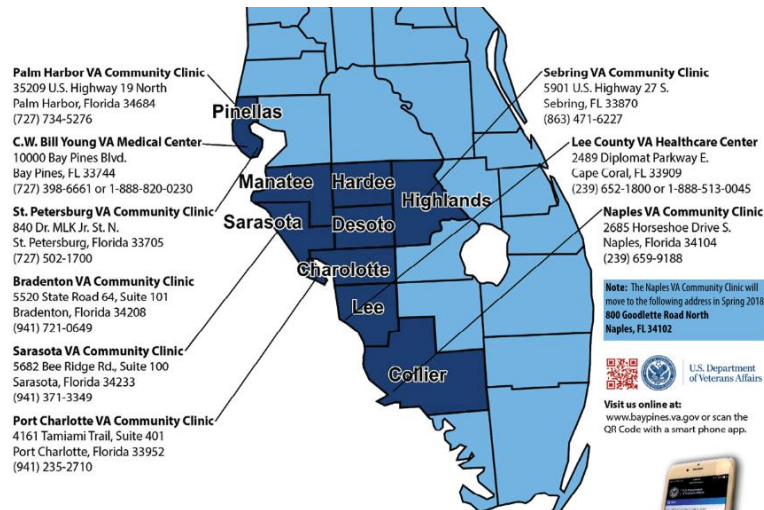
2022 ASHP Residency Showcase at Midyear Clinical Meeting & Exhibition
December 6th 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM 8, 2022
Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV
Booth: 6253

Federal Pharmacy Recruitment Event
December 7, 2022 from 12 – 2 PM EST (Virtual)
More information:
<https://www.pbm.va.gov/education/vapharmacyresidencyprogram.asp>

PRN Feel free to reach out to Residency Program Leadership or current residents if you still have additional questions (emails provided with associated descriptions in packet)!

Health System Information

- Established in 1933
- Campus is over 300 acres with 32 buildings (and growing)
- 4th largest VA Healthcare System in the country by patients served
- Comprised of one major hospital, C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center, Lee County Healthcare Center, and seven outpatient clinics throughout different Florida counties shown below
- Full range medical, psychiatric, and extended care services in an inpatient, outpatient, nursing home, and home care settings



C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center

- **Operational Beds = 397 total beds**
 - 186 inpatient acute care beds
 - 211 inpatient residential beds
- **Community Living Center (CLC) = 112 beds**
- **Domiciliary = 99 beds**
- **Pharmacy Employees = 221**
- **Outpatient Pharmacy Prescriptions = 2,056,894**
 - ~1.7 million prescriptions filled through Central Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP)
 - ~300,000 filled locally in OP pharmacies
- **Inpatient Prescriptions Dispensed = 2,316,272**



PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Overview

The Bay Pines VAHCS is a non-profit, teaching medical facility located on 337 acres situated on the Gulf of Mexico. The healthcare system serves a 10 county area from Pinellas County in the north to Collier County in the south. Together, the Bay Pines VAHCS provides care to over 110,000 Veterans every year including our outpatient clinics in Bradenton, Lee County, Naples, Palm Harbor, Port Charlotte, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, and Sebring. Our healthcare system serves the healthcare needs of America's Veterans in West Central and Southwest Coastal Florida by providing primary care, specialized care, and related medical and social support sources.

The PGY-1 residency program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The residents will develop competency in the areas of acute patient care, ambulatory/primary care, drug information, practice management, and pharmacy operations. The focus of this residency is to develop residents into competent clinical practitioners who will contribute to positive patient outcomes. The residents will have responsibility and will be directly involved in providing patient oriented pharmaceutical services. The residents will develop knowledge and skills required to become a competent, clinical practitioner through training in various areas of pharmacy practices.

Application Requirements

- The applicant must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (Pharm.D.) from an ACPE accredited college
- U.S. citizenship is required
- The applicant must be registered with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists' Match Program
- An interview is required for all invited applicants
- Application materials must be submitted by **January 2, 2023**
- Complete online application through PhORCAS
 - Transcripts
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - Letter of Intent
 - Reference Letters (3)



Interview Details

- Applicants will be evaluated according to specific criteria using established rubrics by the residency committee and will be contacted for a virtual interview (tentative)
- Applicants invited for interview will be contacted by email provided through PhORCAS
- More details will be provided with invitation email

Benefits

- Competitive stipend
- Paid leave: 13 vacation days, 13 sick days, 11 federal holidays per year
- Health insurance
- Dedicated resident office space with microwave and refrigerator access
- Educational support for the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Florida Residency Conference
- Appointment as intermittent pharmacist

Residency Rotation Structure

Core Rotations

Orientation	5 week block
Internal Medicine	5 week block
Ambulatory Care	5 week block
Patient Safety/PBM/Preceptorship	5 week block
Mental Health (<i>Resident may select from <u>one</u> of the following</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient Psychiatry • Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder • Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program- Substance Use Disorder Treatment • Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program- Domiciliary • Outpatient Mental Health Clinic • Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Clinic 	5 week block
Acute Care (<i>Resident may select from <u>one</u> of the following</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Department • Critical Care 	5 week block
Anticoagulation Clinic	5 week block
Medication Use Evaluation	Longitudinal (first half of the year)
Drug Information	Longitudinal
Inpatient and Outpatient Operations (Staffing)	Longitudinal
Major Research Project	Longitudinal

Elective Rotations

Each resident will choose three 5-week elective rotations or may repeat core rotations.

1. Advanced Internal Medicine
2. Advanced Critical Care
3. Advanced Emergency Department
4. Mental Health 2 (select a second Mental Health rotation as an elective)
 - a. Acute Psychiatry
 - b. Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
 - c. Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
 - d. Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program- Domiciliary
 - e. Outpatient Mental Health Clinic
 - f. Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinic

5. Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) Ambulatory Care
6. Cardiology
7. Long Term Care Geriatrics (Community Living Center)
8. Home-Based Primary Care
9. Infectious Disease (or Infectious Disease with Hepatology Clinic)
10. Advanced Infectious Disease
11. Inpatient Pharmacy Operations
12. Pain Management, Opioid Safety, and PDMP (PMOP)
13. Surgery (Inpatient and Ambulatory Surgery)
14. Women's Health Clinic
15. Outpatient Pharmacy Operations
16. Hematology/Oncology

Residency Leadership

PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Director

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Dr. Aimee Jensen is the director of the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program at the Bay Pines Main Campus and is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Mental Health. Dr. Jensen received her Bachelors of Science from University of Florida before going on to Auburn University where she graduated with honors with a Doctorate in Pharmacy. Dr. Jensen completed both her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System. Dr. Jensen became a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 2017, and a Board-Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist in 2018. She currently practices in the Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (MHR RTP) where she works primarily with Veterans with war-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and those with a history of sexual trauma that occurred during military service (MST or Military Sexual Trauma).

Residency Coordinator

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Dr. Carolyn Combs is the Residency Coordinator, Pharmacy Compliance Program Manager, and a Clinical Pharmacy Supervisor at the CW "Bill" Young VA Medical Center. Dr. Combs received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from East Tennessee State University, Gatton College of Pharmacy in 2013. After graduating, she completed a PGY-1 residency at the VA Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. She subsequently completed her PGY-2 Health Systems Pharmacy Administration Residency at the Bay Pines VAHCS. She is involved in several local, regional, and national committees which focus on pharmacy education, medication safety, and compliance. Dr. Combs works closely with all pharmacy residents, precepting a required rotation for PGY1s in Patient Safety, and is the supervisor for all pharmacy trainees.

Description of Offered Rotations

<p>Orientation</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Required Block</p> <p><u>Preceptor(s):</u> Aimee Jensen, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP; Carolyn Combs, PharmD, MBA, BCPS</p> <p><u>Description:</u> The purpose of this learning experience is to orient PGY1 pharmacy residents to the Bay Pines VA Health Care System, review residency program requirements and expectations, and provide residents with knowledge, skills and abilities to be successful during both the residency program and their future professional careers. The learning experience is a total of 5 weeks, with the first two weeks comprised of orientation and introductory sessions and the remaining 3 weeks comprised of practice in operations and other clinical areas. After the initial two weeks of orientation sessions, residents will rotate through various areas of the health care system based on individual schedules. They will participate in training activities including an introduction to medication reconciliation, pharmacy operations, discharge or transitional care, prior-authorization/non-formulary drug review, and medication safety/medication use systems. They will be trained to enter progress notes in the patient chart and document interventions for workload capture. They will begin training for VISTA order entry and will be granted pharmacist verification permissions once licensed. During this experience, pharmacy residents will also attend conferences for professional development (time management, project preparation sessions, etc.).</p>
<p>Internal Medicine</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Required Block</p> <p><u>Preceptor(s):</u> Melanie Jensen, PharmD; Victoria Koenig, PharmD, BCPS; Peter Pasek, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP; Storm Miller, PharmD; Samantha Stephens, PharmD; Jessica Zbichorski, PharmD, BCPS</p> <p><u>Description:</u> The acute care clinical pharmacy specialist (CPS) works within those interdisciplinary teams and is responsible for parenteral nutrition management, pharmacokinetic management, transitions of care for ambulatory care sensitive conditions, renal dosing, therapeutic drug monitoring, antimicrobial stewardship, IV to PO conversions, inpatient formulary management, and various other clinical interventions.</p>
<p>Ambulatory Care</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Required Block</p> <p><u>Preceptor(s):</u> Amanda Atherton, PharmD; Gigi Thomas, PharmD; Michael Kelley, PharmD; Rodrique Rodney, PharmD, BCACP, CDE; Brian Steele, PharmD, BCPS; Megan Martinez, PharmD; Jennifer Ngo, PharmD</p> <p><u>Description:</u> This learning experience is conducted in physician referral driven clinics that are managed by clinical pharmacy specialists (CPS). The CPS in primary care is responsible for managing chronic diseases including but not limited to hypertension, hyperlipidemia, congestive heart failure, diabetes, hypothyroidism and vascular disorders that warrant anticoagulation.</p>
<p>Patient Safety/Pharmacy Benefits Management/Preceptorship</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Required Block</p> <p><u>Preceptor(s):</u> Carolyn Combs, PharmD, MBA, BCPS; Quynh-Nhu Truong, PharmD, BCPS</p> <p><u>Description:</u> This is a three part rotation as indicated by the title. The purpose of the Pharmacy Benefits Management rotation is to involve the resident in the drug formulary process, management of appropriate medication use, medication safety issues, and medication cost savings initiatives. The preceptorship portion of the rotation is designed to enhance the resident's skills by precepting pharmacy students utilizing the four preceptor roles (instruction, modeling, coaching, and facilitating) of practice-based teaching. The patient safety portion of the rotation will include participation in P&T, reviewing reported patient safety events, and updating policies as needed.</p>
<p>Acute Care: Emergency Department</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Selected Required Block or Elective</p> <p><u>Preceptor(s):</u> Mary Hall, PharmD, BCPS</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience optimizing medication therapy regimens, expediting access to medications, providing drug information, facilitating proper medication use during emergency procedures, and interviewing patients for medication reconciliation purposes to patients in the Emergency Department. The resident will work as a member of the interdisciplinary medical team by providing medication recommendations, responding to drug information requests, facilitating expedient access to medications as directed by the preceptor and offering pharmacy support to optimize patient care.</p>

<p>Acute Care: Critical Care</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Selected Required Block or Elective <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Victor Rozance, PharmD <u>Description:</u> Residents in the intensive care unit will gain experience providing pharmacokinetic monitoring of selected pharmaceuticals, evaluating patient specific lab parameters, participating in daily SICU and MICU interdisciplinary rounds, evaluating pharmacotherapy for drug related problems, providing antimicrobial stewardship interventions, evaluating appropriateness of pain management and sedation, identifying and resolving drug interactions, managing formulary and cost mitigation strategies, managing time, responding to drug information questions, supervising pharmacy students (as available), and other pharmacy related practice tasks.</p>
<p>Mental Health: Inpatient Psychiatry</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Selected Required Block or Elective <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Michele Summerville, PharmD, BCPP <u>Description:</u> The Inpatient Mental Health units function as an acute stabilization unit to assist Veterans experiencing psychiatric crisis. The interdisciplinary team consists of psychiatrist, primary care providers, pharmacy, psychology, social work, nursing, and recreational therapy. There are a total of 33 inpatient beds divided between two inpatient Mental Health units. A variety of psychiatric disease states are seen on the inpatient units such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, substance use disorders, PTSD, and more. During this rotation, the resident will work with the inpatient psychiatry team to provide Veterans with optimal psychotropic medications during their admission. They will gain experiences with rounding with psychiatric providers, patient interviews, leading medication education groups, and enhancing their knowledge of psychiatric disease states and medications</p>
<p>Mental Health: PTSD Residential Treatment</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Selected Required Block or Elective <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Aimee Jensen, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP <u>Description:</u> Mental Health Residential Treatment Program (MHR RTP) provides residential level of care through a voluntary inpatient admission for patients to receive intensive treatment. The focus of this rotation is on the treatment of PTSD following combat related trauma and/or military sexual trauma. In addition to PTSD, Veterans often present with co-occurring mental health disorders such as depression, insomnia, and substance use disorders.</p>
<p>Mental Health: Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Selected Required Block or Elective <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Meghan Duquette, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP <u>Description:</u> Mental Health Residential Treatment Program (MHR RTP) provides residential level of care through a voluntary inpatient admission for patients to receive intensive treatment. The focus of this rotation is on the treatment of substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring mental health disorders, including depression, anxiety, insomnia, and PTSD. Alcohol use disorder and stimulant use disorders (cocaine/crack cocaine) are the most common admitting diagnoses, however SUD of all kinds, including opioid use disorder, are regularly encountered.</p>
<p>Mental Health: Domiciliary (DR RTP)</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Selected Required Block or Elective <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Shannon Gilhooley, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP <u>Description:</u> Mental Health Residential Treatment Program (MHR RTP) provides residential level of care through a voluntary inpatient admission for patients to receive intensive treatment. During this rotation, the resident will work as part of the DR RTP treatment team. This program serves to provide each Veteran with the support needed to develop skills to return to independent community living and employment. The focus of this rotation will be the treatment of mental health conditions that may interfere with the Veteran's successful integration back into the workforce and independent living (including PTSD, SUD, Major Depression, Bipolar Disorder, and others).</p>
<p>Mental Health: Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Clinic</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Selected Required Block or Elective <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Rashondra Levarity, PharmD, BCPP <u>Description:</u> The Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) is a specialty clinic within the Mental Health Service. The pharmacy resident will receive experience in the treatment of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) specifically Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Alcohol Use disorder (AUD). The resident will be given the support to learn how to effectively manage and counsel patients on Medication Assistance Therapy (MAT) for OUD and AUD. The pharmacy resident will gain experience in working on an interdisciplinary team, motivational interviewing, review medication adherence and safety, and urine drug screen monitoring.</p>

<p>Mental Health: Outpatient Mental Health Clinic</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Selected Required Block or Elective <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Kevin Thomas, PharmD, BCPP <u>Description:</u> The outpatient Mental Health Clinic is a specialized mental health service to help with evaluation and management of the mental health needs of veterans who require a higher level of care than can be provided by PACT/PC-MHI that might not meet criteria or declined other MH services (i.e. SATP, PTSD). In that regard our population typically has a psychiatric history of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, PTSD, or complicated insomnia. The Mental Health Clinic at CWY is organized into 3 interdisciplinary teams consisting of psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists, nurses, a pharmacist, a peer support specialist and a marriage and family therapist. During this rotation, the resident will work with BHIP teams to identify and address high risk patients as well as potential psychotropic safety concerns to assist in optimizing care. They will gain experience in dashboard management, therapeutic monitoring for patients prescribed clozapine, addressing and/or triaging medication-related problems, and enhancing their knowledge of psychiatric disease states and medications.</p>
<p>Anticoagulation Clinic</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Required Block Elective <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Laura Vinieratos, PharmD, BCACP <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience developing and implementing pharmacotherapeutic plans for patients prescribed warfarin, direct oral anticoagulants, and parenteral anticoagulant through a primarily telephone-based clinic. Residents will also get the opportunity to assist in anticoagulation management in the inpatient setting.</p>
<p>Drug Information</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Core Longitudinal <u>Preceptor(s):</u> varies based on preceptor availability <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience providing clinically accurate, concise, and timely responses to clinical staff, patients, and the community upon request and to work in concert with them to resolve problems related to drug therapy.</p>
<p>Inpatient and Outpatient Operations/Staffing</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Core Longitudinal <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Kristina Freed, PharmD, BCPS; Mandy Wortock, PharmD, BCPS; Adam McGehee, PharmD <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience processing and verifying inpatient and outpatient orders, answering phone calls (troubleshooting and answering drug information questions), checking IV admixtures and unit dose orders for accuracy, supervising pharmacy students (as available) and pharmacy technicians.</p>
<p>Medication Use Evaluation</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Core Longitudinal <u>Preceptor(s):</u> varies based on project selection and preceptor availability <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience in completing a practice-related project of publishable quality. The intent of the residency project is to provide the resident with the opportunity to develop the skills and processes necessary to perform research or to conduct a quality improvement project. Residents will be involved in literature review, project design, data gathering, statistical evaluation, writing, and reporting of their project.</p>
<p>Major Research Project</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Core Longitudinal <u>Preceptor(s):</u> varies based on project selection and preceptor availability <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience in completing a practice-related project of publishable quality. The intent of the residency project is to provide the resident with the opportunity to develop the skills and processes necessary to perform research or to conduct a quality improvement project. Residents will be involved in literature review, project design, data gathering, statistical evaluation, writing, and reporting of their project.</p>
<p>Infectious Disease</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Joseph Hong, PharmD <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience practicing collaboratively with physicians and mid-level providers to provide optimal medication therapy management for patients seen in the Infectious Disease (ID) Clinic and offer services requiring the expertise of the ID inpatient consult team, antimicrobial stewardship program (ASP) champion, or other healthcare practitioner. If interested in additional experience in hepatology clinic (precepted by Dr. Ming Chow) this can be incorporated into the elective experience.</p>

<p>Advanced Infectious Disease</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Joseph Hong, PharmD <u>Description:</u> This rotation expands upon knowledge and skills learned from the Infectious Disease rotation, with a focus on multidisciplinary care. The resident will participate in critical care team rounds, work with the emergency department healthcare team, evaluate antimicrobial therapy across a wide range of inpatient settings, seek opportunities for optimizing antimicrobial regimens, and assist with the management of infectious diseases in the critical care and emergency department settings.</p>
<p>Ambulatory Care Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Jessica Brinks; Timothy Ebert; Jordan Lund; Jessica Natali <u>Description:</u> This learning experience is conducted at Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) that are significant distances away from the main hospital which presents unique experiences. The majority of the experience is focused on primary clinics that are managed by Clinical Pharmacy Practitioners (CPP). The CPP in primary care is responsible for managing chronic diseases including but not limited to hypertension, hyperlipidemia, congestive heart failure, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and hypothyroidism. Additional responsibilities include completing prior authorization drug reviews, drug information inquiries from the CBOC staff, and participating in team huddles. Due to the distance from the main hospital, this learning experience may also include utilization of the Heritage program for urgent, same day prescriptions and a higher level of care coordination with community providers.</p>
<p>Inpatient and Ambulatory Surgery</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Catherine Sypniewski, PharmD <u>Description:</u> The acute care/surgical clinical pharmacy specialist (CPS) works with all surgical teams and is responsible for rounding with surgery teams, parenteral nutrition management, pharmacokinetic management, transitions of care for ambulatory care sensitive conditions, renal dosing, therapeutic drug monitoring, antimicrobial stewardship, IV to PO conversions, inpatient formulary management, and various other clinical interventions.</p>
<p>Pain Management, Opioid Safety, and PDMP (PMOP)</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Clara Rances, PharmD, BCPS <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience coordinating pain-related facility operations and performance improvement activities and facilitating resolutions to metric driven data. The resident will gain exposure to facility management processes and metrics across areas including pharmacy pain management, facility pain operations, hospital wide opioid education and overdose prevention, federal and state laws and regulations relating to opioid safety, as well as staff development and education.</p>
<p>Cardiology</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Michelle Pike, PharmD, BCCP <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience providing evidence-based recommendations to cardiology providers as well as implementing evidence-based pharmacotherapy optimizations within a pharmacist-led outpatient cardiology clinic. The cardiology clinical pharmacist practitioner (CPP) performs medication reconciliation of cardiovascular medications; evaluates patient specific parameters (labs, vitals, volume status, intake/output), identifies and resolves medication related issues, manages formulary and cost mitigation strategies, and supervises pharmacy residents/students. The cardiology CPP works independently in a heart failure medication titration clinic to optimize medication regimens and improve quality metrics.</p>

<p>Long Term Care Geriatrics</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Lily Truong, PharmD <u>Description:</u> The purpose of this rotation is to engage the pharmacy resident in a variety of learning opportunities to expand their pharmaceutical knowledge, while continuing to develop interprofessional and patient care skills. The pharmacy resident will gain experience in comprehensive disease state management, anticoagulation therapy, antimicrobial stewardship, pain management, pharmacokinetics, total parenteral nutrition, and medication reconciliation with an emphasis on appropriate medications for a high-risk geriatric patient population and an application of the American Geriatric Society Beers Criteria. As a CLC Pharmacist, the pharmacy resident will act as a drug information resource offering counsel to healthcare providers, patients, and their caregivers. In this setting, the pharmacy resident has the opportunity to develop effective communication skills, build rapport, and foster growth of clinical confidence by collaborating with the interdisciplinary teams and building meaningful relationships with our long term care Veterans.</p>
<p>Women's Clinic</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Marina Sulik, PharmD <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience working within the Women's Clinic PACT Team which consists of the primary care provider, nurse care manager, RN, administrative associate, social worker, and clinical pharmacist who in collaboration provide health care to women veterans. Throughout the rotation, the resident will participate in disease state management, non-formulary medication requests, and electronic consult requests.</p>
<p>Home Based Primary Care</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Paige Kelley, PharmD <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience completing comprehensive medication reviews, drug therapy recommendations, disease state management, anticoagulation, verification of physician's orders, and provision of drug and policy information to patients and interdisciplinary staff in the Home Based Primary Care program.</p>
<p>Inpatient Pharmacy Operations</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Kristina Freed, PharmD, BCPS; Mandy Wortock, PharmD, BCPS; Adam McGehee, PharmD <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience processing and verifying inpatient and outpatient orders, answering phone calls (troubleshooting and answering drug information questions), checking IV admixtures and unit dose orders for accuracy, supervising pharmacy students (as available), and supervising pharmacy technicians.</p>
<p>Hematology/Oncology</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Thao-Quyen Truong, PharmD <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience working with the Hematology/Oncology Team. Throughout the rotation, the resident will participate in disease state management, non-formulary medication requests, and verification of orders.</p>
<p>Inpatient Pain Management</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Elective Block <u>Preceptor(s):</u> Sing Ping Chow, PharmD <u>Description:</u> Residents will gain experience working with the Inpatient Team to offer recommendations for pain management. Throughout the rotation, the resident will participate in disease state management, non-formulary medication requests, and verification of orders.</p>

Clinical Preceptors at Bay Pines



Sondra Adkinson, BSPH, PharmD, CRPh, CPE is a Clinical Pharmacy Provider in Pain Management. Dr Adkinson received her B.S. in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University in 1980 and her Doctor of Pharmacy from Nova Southeastern University in 1998. She was board certified in Geriatric Pharmacist specialist by examination in 1998 and 2003. She is also a credentialed Pain practitioner by examination since 2004 and was recognized as a Diplomate of the American Academy of Pain Management. Dr. Adkinson is a Certified Pain Educator by examination in 2009 and 2014 by the American Society of Pain Educators. Dr. Adkinson has also completed the ASHP Certificate of Achievement in Pain Management 2/7/2020, ASHP Pharmacogenomics Certificate Program 8/30/2021 and the ASHP Opioid Stewardship Certificate 3/5/2022. She is also a Florida licensed Consultant Pharmacist since 1986. She was awarded the Pain Week 2012 Clinical Pain Educator of the year. Dr. Adkinson was the recipient of an APhA Innovation Practice Grant and presented a paper and lecture at the San Antonio Annual Meeting 1999 on Pharmaceutical Care and the Visually Impaired Veteran. She completed the VISN 8 Competency Development for Leaders in the 21st Century program and continues to facilitate APPE Pharmacy Students at CWY BPVA Outpatient Pain Clinic and serves in the Whole Health Living Your Best Life with Pain Group Faculty. She holds academic appointments for the University of Florida, LECOM, Florida A&M, University of South Florida Taneja College of Pharmacy for APPE Students. She has served on the HHS Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force 2018-2019 representing the APhA and Pharmacists. She is an active member of ASHP, APhA, SPPCP, FPA, FSHP and NRA. Currently she is serving on the Expert Advisors Group for the Development of the BPS Pain Management Petition as a Pain Pharmacist member of the APhA.



Amanda Atherton, PharmD is currently an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the PACT clinic. Dr. Atherton received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Northeastern University in 2015. She completed her PGY-1 Residency at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center in 2016. During her residency, Dr. Atherton completed the University of Kentucky teaching certificate program.



Jessica Brinks, PharmD is an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist Specialist. She attended Grand Valley State University in Allendale MI for her undergraduate studies and received her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2019 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She completed a PGY-1 residency at the Sarasota Clinic affiliated with Bay Pines VAHCS in 2020 prior to the program being accredited as a PGY-2 ambulatory care program. During her residency, she completed the Teaching Certificate Program. Dr. Brinks currently holds an advanced scope of practice in Comprehensive Disease State Management for Ambulatory Care.



Sing Ping Chow, PharmD, BCPS is currently serving as an Inpatient Pain Management Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. He graduated from UCLA in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. He then completed Doctor of Pharmacy in 2019 from University of Illinois Chicago College of Pharmacy. He completed PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, IL. Following PGY1, he pursued PGY2 Pain/ Palliative Care at North Florida/ South Georgia Veterans Health System. He became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 2021. His research interests include buprenorphine use in complex pain, opioid addiction/ dependence, and non-opioid management for chronic pain.



Carolyn Combs, PharmD, MBA, BCPS is the Residency Coordinator, Pharmacy Compliance Program Manager, and a Clinical Pharmacy Supervisor at the CW “Bill” Young VA Medical Center. Dr. Combs received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from East Tennessee State University, Gatton College of Pharmacy in 2013. After graduating, she completed a PGY-1 residency at the VA Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. She subsequently completed her PGY-2 Health Systems Pharmacy Administration Residency at the Bay Pines VAHCS. She is involved in several local, regional, and national committees which focus on pharmacy education, medication safety, and compliance. Dr. Combs works closely with all pharmacy residents, precepting a required rotation in Patient Safety, and is the supervisor for all pharmacy trainees.



Meghan Duquette, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP is a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in Mental Health. Dr. Duquette received her B.S. in Biological Sciences with Honors in the Liberal Arts from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas before receiving her PharmD from Belmont University College of Pharmacy in Nashville, Tennessee. She completed both a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency and PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy residency at the VA North Texas Health Care System and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Duquette is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and Board-Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist. She joined the Bay Pines VA in the fall of 2017 and currently practices in the Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (MHR RTP), specializing in the treatment of substance use disorders.



Timothy Ebert, PharmD, BCACP is a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in Ambulatory Care. Dr. Ebert received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida in 2009. He completed a PGY-1 residency with emphasis in primary care at Bay Pines VAHCS in 2010 and became board certified in ambulatory care in 2013. Dr. Ebert has worked as a clinical float pharmacist and anticoagulation specialist prior to his current role. Practice areas of interest include diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, heart failure, COPD, and anticoagulation.



Kristina Freed, Pharm.D., BCPS, is a clinical pharmacy specialist that primarily works in the centralized inpatient pharmacy. Dr. Freed received her Doctor of Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and went on to complete a pharmacy practice residency with an emphasis in primary care at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center. She also completed the University of Cincinnati teaching certificate program while completing her residency. Dr. Freed is board certified in Pharmacotherapy by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties and is also a member of ACCP and APhA. Dr. Freed has an advanced scope of practice for anticoagulation and parenteral nutrition. She is actively involved in precepting PharmD students through an IV room rotation and serves as a preceptor for resident training in the evenings and on weekends. Her academic affiliations include LECOM University, Florida A&M University and University of Florida.



Shannon Gilhooley, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Mental Health. Dr. Gilhooley received her Doctor of Pharmacy at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the Bay Pines VAHCS 2018. Dr. Gilhooley is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and Board-Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist. She completed her Teaching Certificate Program through the ASHP in 2018 and is involved in the clinical training of pharmacy residents at the Bay Pines VAHCS. She currently practices in the Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program where she works primarily with homeless Veterans.



Mary Hall, PharmD, BCPS is an Emergency Department Clinical Pharmacist Specialist. She received her B.S. in Food Science and Human Nutrition in 2006 and Doctor of Pharmacy in 2010 from the University of Florida. She completed a PGY-1 residency at the Bay Pines VAHCS in 2011. During her residency, she completed the University of Florida Teaching Certificate Program. She became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 2012 and completed the ASHP Emergency Medicine Certificate Program in 2020. She was awarded Bay Pines VAHCS Preceptor of the Year in 2015. Dr. Hall currently holds an advanced scope of practice in Comprehensive Disease State Management for Inpatient Care (Internal Medicine) and Comprehensive Disease State Management for Outpatient Care (Emergency Department). She has an academic affiliation with the University of Florida and the University of Rhode Island. In 2021, Dr. Hall received a Recognition of Preceptor Excellence Award.



Joseph Hong, PharmD. is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases. Dr. Hong received his B.S. in Nutritional Sciences and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida. He completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency followed by a PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, FL. Dr. Hong started his career at the Bay Pines VAHCS as Hepatology Pharmacy Program Manager in 2014 and is currently serving as Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Manager since 2016. He completed his ASP Certificate Training Program through the MAD-ID Advanced Antimicrobial Stewardship Training Program in 2014 and maintains an advanced scope of practice for infectious diseases. He completed his Teaching Certificate Program through the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in 2014 and is involved in the clinical training of pharmacy students and residents at the Bay Pines VAHCS. Additionally, Dr. Hong facilitates residents in their MUE and research projects. He was awarded Bay Pines VAHCS Preceptor of the Year in 2016. His academic affiliations include the University of Florida, LECOM, and Florida A&M University. Dr. Hong's primary research area of interest is in vancomycin pharmacokinetics and he is published in *Pharmacotherapy*, *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy*, and *Gastroenterology* journals. He is an active member of the SIDP and FSHP.



Idi Idiong, BSc, PharmD Chief, Pharmacy Service Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. Dr. Idiong received her Bachelor of Science degree in 2002 from the University of Connecticut. In 2004, she received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Connecticut, College of Pharmacy. She is a graduate of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System Pharmacy Practice Residency, Class of 2005. She holds a Teaching certificate from University of Florida. Prior to her current position, Dr. Idiong worked in various pharmacy roles including Associate Chief of Pharmacy Clinical Services, Clinical Pharmacy Supervisor - Specialty Clinics, Pharmacy Compliance Program Manager, and Clinical Pharmacist - Emergency Department. Her areas of interest include Healthcare System Administration, Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, and Infectious Disease. Dr. Idiong is actively involved with PGY1 residents as Co-Chair of Pharmacy Publications Review Board and is the current Residency Program Director for PGY2 Health-Systems Pharmacy Administration and Leadership resident. In addition, she is actively involved in several local, regional, and national committees which focus on health-systems administration, emergency medicine, cardiology, and operational efficiency.



Aimee Jensen, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP is the director of the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program at the Bay Pines Main Campus and is a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in Mental Health. Dr. Jensen received her Bachelors of Science from University of Florida before going on to Auburn University where she graduated with honors with a Doctorate in Pharmacy. Dr. Jensen completed both her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System. Dr. Jensen became a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 2017, and a Board-Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist in 2018. She currently practices in the Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (MHR RTP) with a scope of practice and prescriptive authority. Dr. Jensen works primarily with Veterans with war-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and those with a history of sexual trauma that occurred during military service (Military Sexual Trauma). In addition, she currently serves as the Chair for the Bay Pines Overdose Review Committee. Dr. Jensen's work with Suicide and Overdose Prevention projects has led to a VISN 8 Innovation Grant Award as well as VHA Shark Tank Diffusion of Excellence Competition Semifinalist and CPPO Strong Practice Competition Finalist recognition.



Melanie Jensen, PharmD is an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacist Specialist. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2020 from the University of Florida, Orlando campus. She completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the Bay Pines VAHCS in 2020-2021. During her residency, she completed the Lake Eerie College of Osteopathic Medicine Teaching Certificate Program. Dr. Jensen holds an advanced scope of practice in Comprehensive Disease State Management for Inpatient Care (Internal Medicine). Her interests include antimicrobial stewardship, medical emergencies, and toxicology.



Vicki Koenig, PharmD, BCPS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Acute Care and holds a collaborative practice agreement (advanced scope) in Comprehensive Medication Management. Dr. Koenig received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida in 2008 and completed a pharmacy practice residency at Bay Pines VAHCS in 2009. Dr. Koenig's residency research project was the implementation of an inpatient anticoagulation monitoring service, which stands as the standard of care throughout the medical center. Dr. Koenig previously served as PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director at Bay Pines from 2012-2021. She is an active member of the Pharmacy Publications Review Board. Dr. Koenig was the 2014 recipient of the Bay Pines VAHCS Preceptor of the Year award. She likes to spend her free time enjoying the Florida sunshine with her three little ones!



Rashondra Levarity, PharmD, BCPP is a Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist working in the Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinic. Dr. Levarity received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in May 2003. Dr. Levarity completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Bay Pines VA HealthCare System in 2004. In 2007, she started working as the clinical pharmacist covering two of the four Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Programs (MHRRT) . The two programs she worked closely with were the Domiciliary (Homeless) and the PTSD/Military Sexual Trauma residential programs in 2007. In 2012, in addition to her role as a MHRRT clinical pharmacy specialist, she started working with the Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Program primarily in the Suboxone/Buprenorphine Clinic. In 2018, Dr. Levarity accepted the position as the Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Clinical Pharmacist. Dr. Levarity has completed both her 8 hour and 16 hour Medication Assisted Treatment Training by the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry and American Psychiatry of Nurses Association in 2019. She also serves as the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Pharmacy Facility Champion working to expand SUD treatment to Veterans.



Jordan Lund, PharmD, BCACP is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in PACT (patient-aligned care team) in the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and completed a residency in Primary Care at the Sarasota VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic. He holds credentials as a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist. Since completing residency, he has practiced at the Sebring VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic which largely consists of rural and geriatric populations. Dr. Lund's areas of interest include diabetes and geriatrics.



Megan R. Martinez, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner in the PACT clinic at the North Pinellas community-based outpatient clinic (CBOC). Dr. Martinez received her Doctorate of Pharmacy at West Virginia University in May 2001. She completed a post-doctoral Pharmacy Practice Residency at Tampa General Hospital affiliated with Florida A&M University in June 2002. The following year she went on to complete her specialty residency in Primary Care at Bay Pines VAHCS in June 2003. Dr. Martinez is involved in the orientation of each new pharmacy residency class by teaching the diabetes overview module and facilitates pharmacy residents in their MUE and research projects as a sub-investigator. She also involved in the clinical training of pharmacy students and residents at the North Pinellas CBOC. Her academic affiliations include University of Florida, Florida A&M University, and University of Rhode Island. Her primary practice areas of interest include diabetes, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, heart failure, and COPD/smoking cessation.



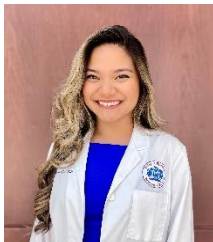
Adam McGehee, PharmD is an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist. He did his undergraduate work at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. He received his PharmD from Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia in 2013. He has worked at Bay Pines VAHCS since 2016 and has worked in the Inpatient Pharmacy as a 7 on/7 off pharmacist since 2019



Storm Miller, PharmD is an Acute Care Clinical Pharmacist Specialist. She received her Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition in 2004 at the University of Florida and Doctor of Pharmacy in 2009 from Nova Southeastern University. While at Nova Southeastern University, she was the Regent of the Delta Rho Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity 2007-2008. She completed a PGY-1 Residency at Bay Pines VAHCS in 2010. She currently holds an advanced scope of practice in Comprehensive Disease State Management for Inpatient Care (Internal Medicine). Dr. Miller is currently a member of the Publications Review Board and Inpatient Stakeholder Workgroup at Bay Pines VAHCS.



Jessica Natali, PharmD, BCGP is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for the North Pinellas VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency in Primary Care at the Sarasota VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic. She holds credentials as a Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist.



Jennifer Ngo, PharmD is an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida in 2020. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency at the Bay Pines VAHS in 2021 and 2022, respectively. During her PGY-1 residency, she completed the ASHP Teaching Certificate Program. Dr. Ngo currently holds an advanced scope of practice in Comprehensive Disease State Management in Outpatient Care (PACT). Her interests include health equity, diversity, and socioeconomic affairs



Michael W. Osborne, BS, PharmD is the Inpatient Pharmacy Supervisor. Dr. Osborne received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Gannon University, B.S. in Pharmacy from Albany College of Pharmacy, and his Doctor of Pharmacy from Nova Southeastern University. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Army Command and Staff College.



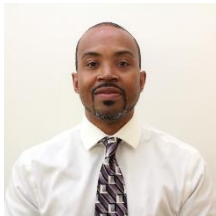
Peter Pasek, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP is an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and Continuing Pharmacy Education Program Coordinator. Dr. Pasek received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree and Teaching Certificate from the University of Florida and went on to complete a post-doctoral residency in Primary Care at Bay Pines VAHCS. He is a Courtesy Clinical Assistant Professor/Career Coach for the University of Florida and serves as preceptor for several other institutions. Notable accomplishments include completion of the 2011 Leadership Bay Pines leadership development program, achieving two Board certifications, creation of the Sunshine Award for customer service, and the scribing of various policies and publications. Dr. Pasek continues his professional journey with dedication to scholarship, leadership, and service. In his free time, he enjoys traveling the world, raising his three daughters, and thriving in the life he has chosen.



Michelle Pike, PharmD, BCCP is Cardiology Clinical Pharmacist Specialist. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2017 from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY-1 residency and PGY-2 cardiology residency at the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System in 2018 and 2019, respectively. She is a Board Certified Cardiology Pharmacist and currently manages cardiac patients in both the inpatient and outpatient setting. She was awarded Bay Pines VAHCS Preceptor of the Year during the 2021-2022 Pharmacy Residency Year. Dr. Pike currently holds an advanced scope of practice in Comprehensive Disease State Management for Inpatient and Outpatient Care (Cardiology). She precepts pharmacy students, PGY-1 pharmacy residents, and PGY-2 pharmacy residents.



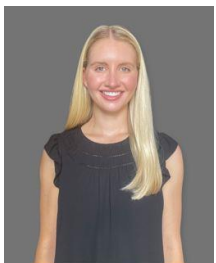
Clara-Jessica Rances, PharmD, BCPS is a Pain Management Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. Dr. Rances received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy – Gainesville Campus in May 2018. Dr. Rances completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in 2019. She subsequently completed her PGY-2 in Pain Management and Palliative Care at the Charles George VAMC in Asheville, NC. Dr. Rances is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, a Florida Licensed Consultant Pharmacist, and holds an advanced scope of practice. In 2020, she began working as a Pain Management Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Orlando VAMC, where she led a Naloxone Education Clinic. In 2021, Dr. Rances accepted a position as the first Inpatient Pain Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Bay Pines VAHCS, where she created and led the inpatient pain pharmacy e-consult service. Dr. Rances transitioned into the role of Pain Management, Opioid Safety, and Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PMOP) Coordinator at BPVAHCS, where she leads pain management and opioid safety related initiatives for the facility. In addition, Dr. Rances serves as co-chair for the BPVAHCS Subcommittee on Pain Management and member of the Ethics Consultation Service. She is actively involved in the pharmacy residency program as a preceptor for resident projects and the PMOP elective rotation.



Rodrique Rodney, PharmD, BCACP, CDE is a clinical pharmacy specialist in ambulatory care. Dr. Rodney received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Florida A&M University in 2007. He completed a post-doctoral PGY-1 Residency with emphasis in primary care at Bay Pines VAHCS in June 2008. Dr. Rodney is involved in the clinical training of PharmD students and residents. He became board certified in ambulatory care in 2011 and received his diabetes educator certification in 2013. His academic affiliations include University of Florida, University of Rhode Island, and Florida A&M University. His practice areas of interest include diabetes, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, heart failure, and COPD.



Victor F. Rozance, Jr., BS, PharmD is the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Critical Care. He holds academic appointments as Clinical Instructor at the University of Florida, Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy, and Mercer University School of Pharmacy, LECOM School of Pharmacy, Florida A&M School of Pharmacy, Southern University School of Pharmacy. Dr. Rozance received his B.S. in Pharmacy from Ohio State University and his Doctor of Pharmacy from University of Florida. Research includes weight-based heparin dosing in the veteran population with MI and acute angina, Co-investigator for "Comparative Toxicity of Gentamicin ODA & TDA in Surgical vs Medical ICU." He has worked on the development/implementation of hospital protocols (Electrolyte Replacement Protocol, Weight Based heparin protocol, Argatroban protocol, Amiodarone IV protocol).



Jordan O. Smith, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP is a Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. Prior to her current position, Dr. Smith received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy. She then completed a Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Practice Residency and a Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System in Gainesville, Florida. Dr. Smith is board certified in both pharmacotherapy and psychiatric pharmacy. She resides in Tampa, Florida with her Australian Shepherd, Cooper.



Brian R. Steele, Jr., PharmD, MBA, BCPS, CGP is a clinical pharmacy specialist in ambulatory care. Dr. Steele earned a PharmD degree in 2003 from Northeastern University and an MBA degree in 2011 from the University of South Florida. He was boarded as a pharmacotherapy specialist in 2006 and was certified as a geriatric pharmacist and an asthma educator in 2007. Dr. Steele has been certified in advanced cardiac life support since 2004. At Bay Pines VA HCS, he collaborates with pharmacy residents in research as a sub-investigator and he serves on the Residency Advisory Committee. He is also one of the Speakeasy moderators who teaches public speaking skills to pharmacy residents. Dr. Steele's areas of interest include diabetes and asthma.



Samantha Stephens, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. Dr. Stephens received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2019. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY-2 Internal Medicine Residency at Veteran Health Indiana VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. During her PGY-1 residency, she completed the Indiana Pharmacy Teaching Certificate Program. She precepts both pharmacy residents and PharmD candidate students in Internal Medicine. She currently holds an advanced scope of practice in Comprehensive Disease State Management for Inpatient Care. Outside of the workplace, Dr. Stephens enjoys playing beach volleyball, reading, exploring the outdoors, spending time with family and friends, and watching college basketball (Go Dawgs!).



Marina Sulik, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for ambulatory care in the Women's Clinic. Dr. Sulik received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA in 2007. She completed a post-doctoral PGY-1 Residency with an emphasis in primary care in June 2008. Since then Dr. Sulik has been the primary women's health clinical pharmacy specialist and subject matter expert in the Women's Clinic at CWY Bill Young VAMC. She runs her own disease state management Pharmcare clinic which focuses on DM, Lipids, HTN, CHF, COPD and Anticoagulation with a comprehensive scope of practice and prescribing privileges. In addition, she is the primary pharmacy resource for Women's Health related medication issues. Dr. Sulik is involved in the clinical training of pharmacy students and residents and she serves on the nationwide VA Women's Health Pharmacy Expert Group along with the Women Veterans Health Committee group. In addition, she is a member and provider of the multidisciplinary whole health patient medical appointment group called THRIVE and a member of the CWY Transgender workgroup.



Michele Summerville, PharmD, BCPP is an Inpatient Mental Health Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner. Dr. Summerville received her degree in Chemistry at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. She then went to receive her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. She completed her PGY1 at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY and her PGY2 in Psychiatric Pharmacy at the Western New York VA Healthcare system in Buffalo, NY. In 2018, she became board certified in Psychiatric Pharmacy. She has an advanced scope of practice specializing in Mental Health. She is involved in the clinical training of PharmD candidate students and PGY1 residents at the Bay Pines VAHCS. She serves as a member of the MHEOC (Mental Health Environment of Care) committee, the residency advisory committee (RAC), and is an active member of College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists since 2016.



Catherine Sypniewski, PharmD is the Surgical Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for both inpatient and outpatient care. She holds academic appointments as Clinical Instructor for Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy and Mercer University School of Pharmacy. Dr. Sypniewski received a B.S. in Chemistry from Loyola University and her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida.



Gigi Thomas, PharmD is a clinical pharmacist with primary responsibilities in the Pharm Pact Clinic (focusing on diabetes mellitus, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, CHF, compliance) with some responsibilities in the Anticoagulation Clinic. Dr. Thomas received her Doctorate of Pharmacy at Florida A&M University in May 2005. She completed a post-doctoral PGY-1 Residency with emphasis in primary care at Bay Pines VAHCS in June 2006. Dr. Thomas is involved in the clinical training of PharmD students and residents at the Bay Pines VAHCS. Her academic affiliations include University of Florida, Florida A&M University, and University of Rhode Island.



Kevin Thomas, PharmD, BCPP is a Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Outpatient Psychiatry at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. Dr. Thomas received his Doctorate of Pharmacy at University of Rhode Island in May 2005. He completed his PGY-1 Residency with emphasis in primary care at Bay Pines VAHCS in June 2006. In 2009, he became board certified in Psychiatric Pharmacy, issued by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. He is involved in the clinical training of PharmD candidate students and PGY1 residents at the Bay Pines VAHCS. His academic affiliations include University of Rhode Island, University of Florida and Florida A&M University, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. In addition he serves on Psychotropic Drug Safety Initiative (PDSI) committee and is an active member of College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists since 2012.



Lily Truong, PharmD is a Geriatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. She received her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry in 2007 at Kent State University and Doctor of Pharmacy from Northeast Ohio Medical University in 2020. She completed her PGY-1 Residency at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in 2021 and served on the Federal Residents Council on the Federal Networking Subcommittee during her residency year. Dr. Truong currently holds a collaborative advanced scope of practice for Comprehensive Medication Management for Inpatient Care with a Specialty in Geriatrics and Extended Care. She currently precepts the Geriatrics & Long Term Care rotation. Her interests include mental health, whole health, and developing strategies to mitigate polypharmacy.



Quynh-Nhu Truong, PharmD, BCPS is a Pharmacoeconomics/Informatics Program Manager and Procurement Supervisor. She received her Bachelor in Pharmaceutical and Health Studies in 2017 and Doctor of Pharmacy in 2019 from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at University of the Sciences. She completed her PGY-1 pharmacy residency with a focus in Ambulatory Care in 2020 and PGY-2 Health-system Pharmacy Administration and Leadership residency in 2021 at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. She became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 2020 and currently precepts the Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) administration rotation.



Thao-Quyen Truong, PharmD is an Oncology Clinical Pharmacist Specialist. She received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Studies in 2019 and Doctor of Pharmacy in 2021 from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. She completed a PGY-1 residency at the Bay Pines VAHCS in 2022. During her residency, she completed the ASHP Teaching Certificate Program in collaboration with LECOM School of Pharmacy. She is excited to practice oncology and grow as a clinical practitioner.



Laura Vinieratos, PharmD, BCACP is a clinical pharmacy specialist working in the anticoagulation clinic. She received her PharmD from the University of Florida in 2012 and completed her pharmacy practice residency with Orlando VA in 2013. She has experience with Tampa VA for outpatient and inpatient staffing, anticoagulation clinic, as well as establishing PACT Pharmacy services for the New Port Richey CBOC. She obtained her board certification in ambulatory care in 2016. She is currently involved with resident training through the anticoagulation clinic.



Trista Wagoner, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, with primary practice responsibilities in the emergency department. Dr. Wagoner received her Doctor of Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and went on to complete a pharmacy practice residency at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center. She is currently involved in local multidisciplinary groups representing pharmacy at it pertains to the emergency department and on a national level with the Clinical Pharmacy Practice Office Emergency Department Subject Matter Expert workgroup. Dr. Wagoner facilitates resident training in the emergency department. She holds an advanced scope of practice in anticoagulation. She also has interests in cardiology, infectious disease and critical care.



Camaro West-Lee, BS, PharmD, BCPS, is the Associate Chief, Pharmacy Operations. Dr. West-Lee received her B.S. in Pharmacy from Auburn University and her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida. She is board certified in Pharmacotherapy.



Elyse Wilson, PharmD, BCACP is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Anticoagulation Clinic at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. She currently manages anticoagulation services for the Port Charlotte CBOC. Dr. Wilson received her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Carroll College in 2010. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in 2014. After graduation, Dr. Wilson completed a PGY-1 residency with an emphasis on ambulatory care at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA in Columbus, OH; this included a teaching certificate earned thru the Ohio State University. Dr. Wilson worked under a scope of practice at the Dayton VA Medical Center in Ohio 2014-2019 in the anticoagulation clinic, PACT, and outpatient pharmacy. She served as a resident preceptor in both anticoagulation and PACT. In 2019 Dr. Wilson began her career with the Bay Pines VA and has worked in the anticoagulation clinic under a scope of practice. She is actively involved in precepting residents as of 2020 and earned preceptor of the year award in that same year. Dr. Wilson also serves on the VISN 8 Pharmacy Anticoagulation Workgroup.



Mandy Wortock, PharmD, BCPS is a clinical pharmacist that primarily works in the centralized inpatient pharmacy. Dr. Wortock received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Florida in 2003 and completed a pharmacy practice residency in 2004. Dr. Wortock further completed her Board Certification Pharmacotherapy Specialist designation in 2020. Dr. Wortock has an advanced scope of practice for pharmacokinetics and parenteral nutrition at CWY Bay Pines VAMC. She serves as a preceptor for pharmacy resident training in the evenings and on weekends. Her residency research project was a retrospective evaluation of gentamicin dosing in the obese patient.



Jessica Zbichorski, PharmD, BCPS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. Dr. Zbichorski received her Bachelors Degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences from The Ohio State University in 2012 and her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2016. She completed her PGY-1 Residency at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in 2017. During her residency, she completed the University of Kentucky Teaching Certificate Program. She precepts both Pharmacy residents and PharmD students in Internal Medicine. Dr. Zbichorski became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 2019. She currently holds an advanced scope of practice in Comprehensive Disease State Management for Inpatient Care. When Dr. Zbichorski is outside of the workplace, she enjoys traveling with her husband and two rescue dogs, spending time with family and friends, and watching college football. Go Buckeyes!

Current PGY-1 Pharmacy Residents

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Pharmacy School: University of Florida College of Pharmacy

Areas of Interest: Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine

Hometown: Tampa, FL

Medication Utilization Evaluation: Timing of Antibiotic Initiation for Suspected Sepsis in a VA Community Living Center

Major Research Project: Effectiveness of Provider Education to Increase HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Utilization

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Areas of Interest: Ambulatory Care, Psychiatry

Hometown: Provo, UT

Medication Utilization Evaluation: Evaluation of the Co-administration of As Needed Acetaminophen and Acetaminophen-containing Products for Pain in a Community Living Center Veterans Affairs Population

Major Research Project: Evaluation of a Pharmacist-Led Lethal Means Safety Initiative for Veterans at High Risk for Suicide

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Medication Utilization Evaluation: Evaluation of the use of Sodium-Glucose Co-transporter-2 (SGLT-2) Inhibitors in Combination with Diuretics in an Outpatient Veterans Affairs Population

Major Research Project: Impact of a Pharmacist-Led Program for Opioid-induced Constipation Prophylaxis for Veterans with Active Inpatient Opioid Orders

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Hometown: Merrick, NY

Medication Utilization Evaluation: Evaluation of Safety Outcomes Following Conversion of Formulary-Preferred Inhaled Corticosteroid/Long-Acting Beta-2 Agonist Inhalers in a Veterans Affairs Population

Major Research Project: Pharmacist-Led Evaluation & Education of Preventative Care Vaccinations in a VA Community Living Center

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Areas of Interest: Ambulatory Care, Emergency Medicine

Home Town: Orlando, FL

Medication Utilization Evaluation: Evaluation of Safety Outcomes Following Conversion of Formulary-Preferred Inhaled Corticosteroid/Long-Acting Beta-2 Agonist Inhalers in a Veterans Affairs Population

Major Research Project: Factors Associated with Improved Treatment Retention Rates Among Patients Treated with Buprenorphine Long-Acting Subcutaneous Injection (Sublocade®) for Opioid Use Disorder

