Preceptors and Residents

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Rotation Preceptors

Adrian Hughes, Pharm.D.
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): Ambulatory Care, Geriatrics, Global Health, Education
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Watching residents grow and build strong foundations for their careers in pharmacy. Seeing the genuine care, dedication, and expertise of our preceptors. Sharing interprofessional collaboration with providers. And, of course, serving our amazing Veteran population on their way to their health goals.
Hobbies: Snowboarding, bicycling, cooking, reading, traveling, yoga, and hiking.

Jeremy Smart, Pharm.D., BCPS
Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy Supervisor
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Arizona
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Co-workers and learning something new everyday. There are lots of talented, diverse, and motivated people at VA Puget Sound doing great work everyday congruent with VA Core Values. I enjoy collaborating with others across disciplines and it’s an honor to be a part of the team. I love personal growth and feel VA Puget Sound really provides many opportunities for residents and pharmacists to entertain their curiosities.
Hobbies: Running, soccer, hiking/outdoorsy stuff, college basketball, fantasy football, microbreweries, palindromes, travel. Although to be fair, I spend most of my time keeping up with my son, daughter, and Australian shepherd. The pacific NW is a gorgeous place to explore life.

Jaime Heissler, Pharm.D.
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Michigan
Specialty/Interest(s): Primary Care, Geriatrics, Anticoagulation
What I love about VA Puget Sound: The servant culture!
Hobbies: Outdoorsy stuff: skiing, snowboarding, road biking, hiking, running, recently started playing disc golf!

Cassandra Song, Pharm.D.
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Rotation: Formulary Management
PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
PGY2 Residency: Health-System Pharmacy Administration, VA Puget Sound
Pharmacy School: Washington State University
Specialty/Interest(s): Process/Quality Improvement, Systems-thinking, Medication Stewardship, Drug Information, Teaching
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Serving the Veterans. Being able to work for those who served like my family and spouse have, I feel proud of the very small contribution I am able to make here. The VA definitely strives to use the most updated evidence, research, and guidelines to shape clinical practice. Having the job that I have, one would imagine that the dollars/cost are the bottom line, but I truly feel that even through the complex navigation of cost-stewardship, delivery of quality patient care is the bottom line. I feel privileged to work for an institution with that kind of value system.
Hobbies: Before baby: trivia/game nights, long conversations over happy hour. After baby: concocting nutritious recipes for my son to try, walks/runs with dog&baby, singing/dancing to baby shark.
Rotation Preceptors

Ethan Nguyen, Pharm.D.
Pharmacoconomics Program Manager
Rotation: Formulary Management
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Specialty/Interest(s): Pharmacoconomics, Data analytics, Informatics
What I love about VA Puget Sound: The people, working with a team and making things better.
Hobbies: Jamming with my kids, trying out new restaurants, traveling.

Mary Porter, Pharm.D., BCPS
Pharmacy Informatics Program Manager
Rotation: Formulary Management
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PGY1 Residency: VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
PGY2 Residency: Neurology, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
Pharmacy School: Washington State University
Specialty/Interest(s): Informatics, Neurology, Pharmacoconomics
What I love about VA Puget Sound: The collaborative relationships between Pharmacy and other services within the hospital and the progressive role of Pharmacists within our facility.
Hobbies: Traveling, hiking, cooking and spending time with family.

Bridget Kaufmann, Pharm.D., BCACP
Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Clinical Program Manager/Pharmacy Clinical Supervisor
Rotation: Cardiology Clinic, Ambulatory Care Clinical Management
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PGY1 Residency: William S Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital
Pharmacy School: University of Rhode Island, University of Cincinnati
Specialty/Interest(s): Primary care, Cardiology, Transitions of Care, Population Health
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Working with a collaborative group of providers and pharmacists, and mentoring residents.
Hobbies: Barre, skiing, baking, traveling, and watching my sons play soccer!

Jonathan Casavant, Pharm.D., BCPS
Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist/Clinical Pharmacy Supervisor
Rotation: Antimicrobial Stewardship, Infectious Disease Clinic
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PGY1 Residency: Concord Hospital
PGY2 Residency: Health-System Pharmacy Administration, VA Puget Sound
Pharmacy School: Massachusetts College
Specialty/Interest(s): Antimicrobial Stewardship, HIV Care
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Multi-disciplinary teamwork approach to patient care that integrates the pharmacist as a core component. Pharmacists are valued and respected by the various sections throughout our medical center and providers are always asking for more pharmacist support!
Hobbies: Outdoor activities (thanks PNW), tennis/softball/volleyball as my new trifecta of sports, road trips, anything on or near the water, attempting recipes from Great British Bake off
**Amy Hanford, Pharm.D.**
*Supervisor, Pharmacy Operations — American Lake Division*

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**Pharmacy School:** University of Washington  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Pain pharmacy, Leadership Skills, Workflow Efficiency and Management, Employee Engagement  
**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** The team spirit, working with other service lines to provide the best possible care and outcomes for our veterans. Opportunity to mentor, teach, and learn from students and residents.  
**Hobbies:** Travel, sports, getaway/destination CE, spending time with family and dogs currently 2 mini-Dachsunds and a Great Dane! Oh, and event planning!

**Jorden Haas, Pharm.D.**
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**PGY1 Residency:** Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center, Spokane, WA  
**PGY2 Residency:** Health-System Pharmacy Administration, VA Puget Sound  
**Pharmacy School:** Washington State University  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Clinical Program Management, Population Health Management  
**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** VA Puget Sound has an amazing reputation and track record for clinical pharmacy programs within the VA. Pharmacists have the ability to truly work at the top of their license as independent clinicians and directly impact patients in a meaningful way. Their culture of safety and innovation motivates me to expand my own abilities and practices as a pharmacist every day.

**Jennifer Chen, Pharm.D.**
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**PGY1 Residency:** Geriatrics, VA St. Louis Healthcare System  
**Pharmacy School:** University of Southern California  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Ambulatory Care, Geriatrics, Mental health  
**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** I love working with my patients, colleagues, and the geriatric team!  
**Hobbies:** Aerial acrobatics, bouldering, hiking, traveling, and trying new restaurants.

**Blissa Tanaka, Pharm.D.**
*Rotation: Home-Based Primary Care*  
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**PGY1 Residency:** VA Puget Sound Health Care System  
**Pharmacy School:** Creighton University  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Ambulatory Care  
**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** I enjoy working at the VA Puget Sound because of the great care everyone at the VA provides to our veterans. It is also a beautiful place to live with access to mountains and water for any outdoor adventure!  
**Hobbies:** I play sand volleyball and coach high school volleyball. I also enjoy hiking, eating/cooking, traveling, and running/working out.
Deborah Woo, Pharm.D., BCACP
Rotation: Primary Care
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): Ambulatory Care, Primary Care, Pulmonology
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Inter-professional collaborations, teaching
Hobbies: Family, dance, theater, hiking, traveling, and trying new restaurants.

Anne Lee, Pharm.D., BCPS, CDE
Rotation: Primary Care/Center of Excellence and Nephrology Clinic
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): Ambulatory Care, Diabetes, Nephrology, COE, and Population Health
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Opportunity to serve Veterans, work in a multidisciplinary team that allows us to learn from each other and foster an enriched learning environment in the primary care and specialty clinic setting, and privilege to teach and precept pharmacy residents.
Hobbies: Spend time with family and friends, explore new outdoor places, recreation, and parks.

Jennifer Mecca, Pharm.D., BCPS
Rotation: Women’s Health Primary Care Clinic (American Lake Division)
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Pharmacy School: University of Rhode Island
Specialty/Interest(s): Women’s Health
What I love about VA Puget Sound: I like working with the Veteran population and the progressive pharmacy role in MTM.
Hobbies: Spending time with my family (raising 2 young boys). I also like to go running and hiking.

Kaylyn Nelson, Pharm.D., CDE
Rotation: Primary Care (American Lake Division)
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PGY1 Residency: Ambulatory Care, VA Western New York
PGY2 Residency: Diabetes Management, VA Western New York
Pharmacy School: University of Utah
Specialty/Interest(s): Geriatrics, Diabetes, Hepatology
What I love about the American Lake Division: The campus is beautiful, right on the lake. The staff are helpful team players and the patients are engaging.
Hobbies: I am currently learning how to play the cello and crochet, both are harder than I thought they would be.
Rotation Preceptors

Brian Gulley, Pharm.D.
Rotation: Medical ICU
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): Critical Care Medicine
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Working in a teaching environment that is very accepting of pharmacy services and always knowing you can truly make a difference on a daily basis.
Hobbies: I enjoy exploring the outdoors, all things music, and running with my dogs.

Phil Boone, Pharm.D., BCPS, MS
Rotation: Medical ICU
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): Critical Care, Infectious Diseases
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Pharmacists are an appreciated component of provider teams in both inpatient and ambulatory care settings, and our level of integration allows us to meaningfully impact patient care while learning something new every day. Plus, the atmosphere of collaboration instead of competition means that many of my colleagues are my friends as well!
Hobbies: Hanging out with friends/family, trivia/game nights, playing pickup sports (football, softball, soccer, volleyball, basketball), food festivals, cooking/baking, learning new language(s)

Stephanie Chung, Pharm.D., BCPS
Rotation: Medical ICU
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): Critical Care Medicine, Emergency Medicine
What I love about VA Puget Sound: VA Puget Sound Health Care System is a great place for learners. We work closely with practitioners and trainees from University of Washington and Harborview Medical Center. Pharmacists are appreciated and valued by other disciplines. Most of our pharmacists have gone through residency training and have the love for teaching!
Hobbies: Half-marathon, doing activities (such as: hiking, volunteering) with my kids, and photography

Czarina Iida, Pharm.D.
Rotation: Surgical ICU
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington School of Pharmacy
Specialty/Interest(s): Surgery, Surgical ICU, Medicine, Ambulatory Care
What you love about the VA Puget Sound: The camaraderie among co-workers and other health care professionals and the resilient veteran population that we serve!
Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, being outdoors when I can, and trying out new recipes.
**Mimi Ho, Pharm.D., BCPS**

**Rotation:** Surgical ICU  
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**PGY1 Residency:** VA Puget Sound Health Care System  
**Pharmacy School:** Pacific University  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Surgical ICU

**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** What I love most about the VA Puget Sound is having the opportunity to work alongside intelligent, motivated, hard-working pharmacists, residents, providers, and nurses who are constantly striving to, and inspiring me to, improve health care practices. It is a very collaborative and multi-disciplinary environment, which provides for a great learning experience.  
**Hobbies:** Traveling, cooking/baking, and hiking.

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**Bryan Cho, Pharm.D., BCPS**

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**Pharmacy School:** Massachusetts College of Pharmacy  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Inpatient Pharmacy/Sterile Compounding Preparations  

**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** The people I work with each and every day!  
**Hobbies:** Cooking, scuba diving, and archery

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**Lucia Wu, Pharm.D.**

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**Pharmacy School:** University of Illinois at Chicago  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** General Medicine, Teaching

**What you love about the VA Puget Sound:** We have a nurturing culture in our pharmacy department. I really appreciate that I am able to ask my coworkers for help and vice versa. Everyone is friendly and easy to talk to, we have the most interesting conversations and I know I can always find someone to give me life advice!  
**Hobbies:** reading, crocheting, hiking, traveling/sightseeing.

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**Jessica Vu, Pharm.D.**

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**PGY1:** VA Puget Sound Health Care System  
**Pharmacy School:** University of Washington  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** General Medicine, Inpatient Acute Care

**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** Working with my team! Being part of a multidisciplinary group with people coming from a variety of backgrounds, interests, and goals provides a great, collaborative opportunity to learn from and teach each other. There’s always someone that I can turn to and ask for advice or help, whether it is related to work or random things outside of work.  
**Hobbies:** Spending time with family and friends (usually with good food and drinks), trying anything new as long as it is with good company! (currently picking up tennis again, virtual wine school/tasting during the times of COVID, traveling/road trips, the occasional outdoorsy activity/hike etc)
Renae Tell, Pharm.D., BCPS  
**Rotation:** Community Living Center (American Lake Division)  
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**PGY1 Residency:** Kansas City VA Medical Center  
**Pharmacy School:** University of Nebraska Medical Center  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Geriatrics, Primary Care, Antimicrobial Stewardship  
**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** I enjoy working with our veterans, my pharmacy colleagues, and the interdisciplinary CLC team!  
**Hobbies:** Hiking, camping, kayaking, traveling, cooking, and spending time with my friends, family, and pets.

Jared Smith, Pharm.D.  
**Rotation:** Community Living Center (American Lake Division)  
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**PGY1 Residency:** VA Puget Sound Health Care System  
**Pharmacy School:** University of Washington  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Long-Term Care  
**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** Being able to serve those who served for our country. Also like the variety that the VA provides.  
**Hobbies:** Being a father to my two girls who are 8 and 6 years old. I enjoy hiking and camping around the Pacific Northwest. Traveling during non-COVID times. Also enjoy watching sports and fishing.

Stephanie Tang, Pharm.D.  
**Rotation:** Outpatient/Formulary  
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**PGY1 Residency:** VA Puget Sound Health Care System  
**Pharmacy School:** Northeastern University  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Geriatrics, Oncology  
**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** VAPS has a wonderful pharmacy team that spans a variety of inpatient and outpatient services- and we are constantly evolving and growing! The medical center is partnered with University of Washington and providers of various disciplines are engaged in collaborating and learning together. Also you can see Mt. Rainier from the residents’ office!  
**Hobbies:** I love hiking, traveling, HIIT classes, hot yoga, happy hours, and all kinds of food.

Kevin Whalen, Pharm.D.  
**Rotation:** Bone Marrow Transplant Unit  
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**PGY1 Residency:** VA Puget Sound Health Care System  
**Pharmacy School:** University of Washington  
**Specialty/Interest(s):** Bone Marrow Transplant  
**What I love about VA Puget Sound:** It is rewarding to serve the Veteran population in collaboration with dedicated colleagues. Pharmacists are given many opportunities to make meaningful impacts for our Veterans.  
**Hobbies:** Playing basketball, spending time with family, and watching sports.
Melanie Cohen, Pharm.D.
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): Stem Cell Transplant, Oncology
What I love about VA Puget Sound: The patients are inspiring, very gracious and grateful for the care the VA provides. It is an honor to serve them. I also love my colleagues; they are always inspiring me to strive to be a better pharmacist.
Hobbies: Hiking and reading.

Craig O’Brien, Pharm.D.
Rotation: Bone Marrow Transplant Unit
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): Bone Marrow Transplant, Lymphoma, Leukemia
What I love about VA Puget Sound: I love the emphasis put on interdisciplinary teams within the medical center. Creates a teamwork environment where each service is able to contribute their expertise to provide the best possible care for our veterans.
Hobbies: Hiking, fishing, and spending time with family.

Robyn Guy, RPh
Rotation: Oncology, Oral Oncology Clinic
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Pharmacy School: University of Florida College of Pharmacy
Specialty/Interest(s): Oncology
What I love about VA Puget Sound: The opportunities that we have as pharmacy to create better experiences for our patients and to be part of interdisciplinary teams and new solutions.
Hobbies: Hiking, biking, running, weight training, reading, cross word puzzles, and hanging out on the beach.

Hollye Bondurant, Pharm.D.
Rotation: Women’s Health Clinic
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): Women’s Health
What I love about VA Puget Sound: Serving the veterans and working with my coworkers in the women’s clinic.
Hobbies: Traveling, hiking, spending time with my family.
Rotation Preceptors

**Fabienne Chou, Pharm.D., BCPP**
*Rotation:* Outpatient Mental Health  
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*PGY1 Residency:* United Health Services  
*PGY2 Residency:* VA Western New York  
*Pharmacy School:* University of Washington  
*Specialty/Interest(s):* Depression/Anxiety, PTSD, Bipolar  
*What I love about VA Puget Sound:* Interprofessional collaborations, teaching opportunities, co-workers  
*Hobbies:* Drawing, cooking, traveling, hiking, snowboarding

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**Denise O’Brien, RPh**
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*Pharmacy School:* University of Washington  
*Specialty/Interest(s):* Management/Administration, Automation, USP 797/800  
*What I love about VA Puget Sound:* The academic environment and mentoring the future leaders of our profession  
*Hobbies:* Raising two teenagers and supporting them in their academic, soccer and Irish dance careers

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**Anne Baciewicz, Pharm.D., MBA**
*Rotation:* Surgical ICU  
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*PGY2 Residency:* Medicine/Ambulatory Care, University of Tennessee, Memphis  
*Pharmacy School:* Albany College of Pharmacy (PharmBS) and Medical University of South Carolina (PharmD)  
*MBA:* Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western University  
*Specialty/Interest(s):* Surgical Intensive Care, Medicine  
*Hobbies:* Traveling, biking, swimming, walking, plays, musicals, opera, and the symphony.

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**Susan Lee, Pharm.D., BCPS**
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*PGY2 Residency:* Critical Care, University of Washington  
*Pharmacy School:* Ohio State University  
*Specialty/Interest(s):* Critical Care  
*What I love about VA Puget Sound:* The residents, of course!  
*Hobbies:* Spending time with my kids, childhood development, and gardening.
Nicole Benipayo, Pharm.D.
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Pharmacy School: Chapman University
Specialty/Interest(s): Ambulatory Care, Primary Care
What I love about VA Puget Sound: The preceptors genuinely care about your growth throughout each rotation and I appreciate that they try to create learning opportunities that fit your personal interests and goals. On top of the strong team collaboration here, I feel so well-supported by my RPD, preceptors, and co-residents — all of which foster a great learning environment.
Hobbies: Hiking, traveling, trying new restaurants, water activities, trying to keep my plants alive, barre classes

Will Burdi, Pharm.D.
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Pharmacy School: University of Florida
Specialty/Interest(s): Cardiology, Infectious Disease, Administration
What I love about VA Puget Sound: VA institution that cares about the resident’s learning experience, allows work-life balance, and supportive preceptors. The program teaches you how to provide high quality patient care, builds your confidence, and encourages your growth as a pharmacist. The best part about being a resident at VA Puget Sound is that it gives you the honor to serve a unique population of heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.
Hobbies: Listening to music (NOT country music), playing board games and video games

Ali Icenogle, Pharm.D.
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Pharmacy School: University of Washington
Specialty/Interest(s): General Internal Medicine, Critical Care, Cardiology, HIV, Women’s Health
What I love about VA Puget Sound: There is a lot of emphasis placed on developing a learning experience that fits your interests and style. The culture is team-oriented, and pharmacists are considered an essential part of that team. Finally, the program values building relationships, prioritizing mental health and wellbeing, and continuous self-reflection and feedback.
Hobbies: Cooking, Tik Tok, spending time with my co-residents, karaoke, coffee

Mary Lui, Pharm.D.
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Pharmacy School: University of Hawaii at Hilo
Specialty/Interest(s): Primary Care
What I love about VA Puget Sound: I love VA Puget Sound because of the wonderful preceptors who provide a nurturing yet challenging environment. They are fully invested in the development of the residents and consistently welcome feedback to promote continued improvement of both the preceptor and the residency programs.
Hobbies: Binge-watching crime documentaries on Netflix, hiking, biking, trying new boba places
Katie Nguyen, Pharm.D.
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Pharmacy School: University of California, San Francisco
Specialty/Interest(s): General Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Ambulatory Care, Geriatrics
What I love about VA Puget Sound: The supportive learning environment, friendly staff, my coresidents, and opportunity to serve the veteran population. The preceptors, physicians, and other healthcare providers that I’ve met here are invested in my growth and success as a pharmacist, which I really appreciate.
Hobbies: Shopping (primarily second hand and discounted clothing), video games, exploring bodies of water, skin care, frequent sunscreen application, and taking good care of my plants

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Pharmacy School: Washington State University
Specialty/Interest(s): General Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Infectious Disease, Healthcare Administration, Public Health
What I love about VA Puget Sound: I love the supportive environment and how willing everyone is to help you succeed. You are able to build strong relationships with your RPD, co-residents, and preceptors, making for a very rewarding learning experience. The rotations are diverse, allowing you to explore niche areas within pharmacy. Not only that, I love the collaborative team environment you get to work in and how everyone is working towards a similar goal to serve our Veterans.
Hobbies: Exploring national parks, adventures with Addee (my border collie), crafting, traveling/road trips, climbing, sand volleyball, and running

Ashley Tran, Pharm.D.
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Pharmacy School: University of Utah
Specialty/Interest(s): Ambulatory Care, Academia, Mental Health, Primary Care
What I love about VA Puget Sound: There is an extremely supportive and encouraging environment for both your professional and personal growth. You are able to create meaningful relationships with your team, but also with each veteran you serve. The diverse learning experiences will build on your clinical skills and will challenge you to become a well-adept clinician. My RPD, preceptors, and co-residents are all invested in my training and continue to provide exceptional support as I explore my different interests.
Hobbies: Eating, traveling, trying to cook, hiking, taking candid photos of friends, and spontaneous adventures

Sara Lescher, Pharm.D.
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PGY1 Residency: VA Puget Sound Healthcare System
Pharmacy School: University of Washington School of Pharmacy
Specialty/Interest(s): Operational Management, Informatics/Quality Improvement, General Medicine, Anticoagulation, Infectious Disease
What I love about VA Puget Sound: I appreciate the diverse learning opportunities and the grateful veterans.
Hobbies: Hiking, biking, hanging out with friends and co-residents, playing with my cat Tobie, cooking, and baking.