

Dear Pharmacy Residency Applicant,

Post-Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) pharmacy residency with the Veterans Affairs (VA) Salt Lake City Health Care System (HCS) is a 12-month ASHP accredited program. Two (2) positions are available at Salt Lake City and one (1) is based out of our Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Pocatello, Idaho.

We incorporate VA's *three* core guiding principles - *people centric, result driven* and *forward thinking* in all learning experiences to develop pharmaceutical care and professional competencies. As a result our graduates are well prepared to provide effective, value-driven pharmaceutical care to America's veterans and others.

Core curriculum for Salt Lake City residents consists of drug-information, medicine, primary care, critical care, psychiatry, and pharmacy management. The *core curriculum* for CBOC based resident includes drug-information, acute care, and pharmacy management while resident typically spends most of their time in primary care. All residents are introduced to the inpatient and outpatient pharmacy operations and informatics during their program orientation at the Salt Lake City. We offer *elective* learning experiences in infectious disease, surgery, rehabilitation medicine, pain management, addiction medicine, pharmacoeconomics etc. *Off-site* learning experiences are also offered to accommodate specific training goals.

We solely use the Residency Learning System (RLS) approach to evaluate and enable the resident to become proficient in delivery of pharmaceutical care as established within the ASHP practice standards.

Residents complete a *research project*, and present findings at the Western States Pharmacy Residency Conference. Salt Lake City residents are generally required to prepare and present a *continuing education* credit program. Pocatello resident prepares and gives a power point presentation on a therapeutics topic at the annual VA pharmacy residency summit. Residents have the opportunity to present patient cases and journal clubs, review medication safety reports before the pharmacy & therapeutics committee and perform drug utilization evaluations. Our *staffing requirement* for Salt Lake City residents includes 1-weekend day shifts per month that typically starts in October. Staffing requirements for CBOC resident is built in their learning experience. All residents reconcile medications and address various pharmaceutical care needs of veterans during their staffing. We do not require residents to any perform distributive functions. Residents complete an *ACLS certification* early in the residency year and are eligible to participate with the code blue response team while on their critical care rotation.

Residents are considered federal employees; they receive a competitive stipend, health insurance and paid leave (vacation, sick and holidays) per VA policies. We provide office space, computer and printer, office supplies, medical media support and free parking. We also offer financial assistance and administrative leave for attending selected professional meetings. Residents obtain pharmacist license from a state within 60 days of appointment; failure to obtain pharmacist license within 90 days of program is a ground for termination.

Interested applicants should submit the following documents on or before the deadline:

1. Letter of interest stating their *three* (3) most important professional goals (*must be signed*)
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Residency application
4. Transcripts
5. *Three* (3) recommendation forms

Recommendation forms and residency application may requested from: Ravindra.Pathak@va.gov OR down loaded from our ASHP site listing.

Sincerely,

Ravi Pathak, PharmD, BCPS

Associate Chief, Clinical Pharmacy & Education

VA Salt Lake City Health Care System

PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAMS



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Residency Program

Our mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well being. VA Salt Lake City Health Care System's PGY1 Residency Program is built around three guiding principles. We train residents to become people centric, results driven, and forward looking pharmacy professionals. We accomplish this by contributing towards the advancement, dissemination and application of high quality, progressive pharmaceutical care that enhances health status and quality of life. We are committed to excellence in the application and development of pharmacotherapy knowledge through education, innovation, research and collaboration with other health care providers. We expect the following key outcomes from a PGY1 pharmacy resident:

1. Identify pharmacotherapy goals for patients that integrates patient specific data, evidence based medicine, ethics, and quality of life considerations.
2. Develop the ability to design a cost effective, efficient pharmacotherapy regimen that is safe and meets the goals established for a patient.
3. Educate healthcare providers, patients, and caregivers at an appropriate level of communication.
4. Develop leadership skills that include professional maturity, empathy, strong ethics, compassion, time management skills, and pharmaceutical knowledge.
5. Competently function in multiple environments and in partnership with other healthcare providers.

6. Develop skills and high level of awareness in medication reconciliation, competency in clinical pharmacy practice, and working knowledge of the accreditation standards.

General Requirements

- ◆ Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited School of Pharmacy
- ◆ Active pharmacist license or eligibility in a state
- ◆ U.S. citizenship
- ◆ Successfully pass drug screening and a federal background investigation
- ◆ Available for an on-site interview

Application Requirements

- ◆ A letter of interest stating your three (3) most important professional goals
- ◆ Completed pharmacy practice residency application
- ◆ Curriculum vitae
- ◆ Official pharmacy school transcripts
- ◆ Three (3) completed recommendation forms

Deadline: January 20, 2012

Residency applicants are required to participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program (<http://www.natmatch.com>).

Residents receive a competitive annual stipend, 13 paid holidays, sick leave, health care benefit package, free parking, office space, travel stipends to attend one national professional meeting and one regional residency conference.

Overview

The PGY1 pharmacy residency is a 1-year postgraduate program that begins on or about mid June. Our program emphasizes training in adult acute care. Residents will have various experiential opportunities and a significant role in well established clinics including, Cardiac Risk Reduction, Geriatrics, Smoking Cessation, and various Primary Care Clinics.

Core Experience

- ◆ Inpatient pharmacy
- ◆ Outpatient pharmacy
- ◆ Pharmacy management
- ◆ Critical care
- ◆ Adult internal medicine
- ◆ Ambulatory care
- ◆ Drug information
- ◆ Psychiatry

Duration: 3-6 weeks or longer.

Elective Experience

- ◆ Pharmacoeconomics, neurology, surgery, infectious disease, mental health/substance abuse, and physical medicine and rehabilitation

Elective rotations are offered in 4-week blocks. Some elective rotations may be offered at off-site locations at various Salt Lake City area medical centers. Elective rotations not listed here may also be arranged depending on the resident's interest and the preceptor availability.

Greetings from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Salt Lake City Health Care System

The VA Salt Lake City Health Care System is a member of one of the world's largest integrated health care systems. We are a tertiary care hospital with 121 beds and proudly serve the Veterans from Utah, Idaho and Nevada.

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has received numerous awards for our state of the art information technology systems. Our Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) allows online access to a Veteran's medical record from anywhere in the hospital. The VHA was also one of the leaders in the use of physician order entry and barcode technology.

Salt Lake City is located between two mountain ranges, the Wasatch Mountains to the East and the Oquirrh to the West. World class skiing and snowboarding areas are easily accessible from Salt Lake City with nine ski resorts less than 45 minutes away. In addition to winter outdoor activities, Utah is a great place for hiking, biking, and mountain climbing, and is home to five National Parks. Salt Lake City is a growing metropolitan area with a population over one million and offers many indoor and cultural activities. In addition to professional sporting teams, the city hosts its own symphony and ballet. No matter what your taste in music or entertainment, you are likely to find something to suit you at one of the many indoor and outdoor music and

performance venues available around Salt Lake City. For more information visit:

<http://www.visitsaltlake.com/> and <http://www.utah.com>

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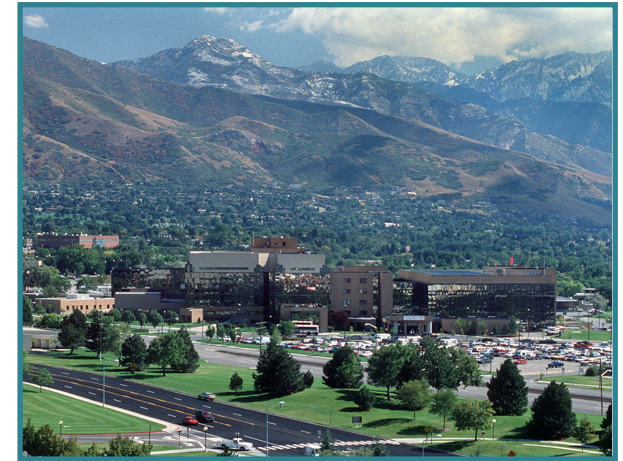
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Pharmacy Residency Programs

Preceptors and Residents

Dat Auduong, PharmD

Dr. Auduong is a clinical pharmacist in acute internal medicine at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Dr. Auduong received his Bachelor of Science degree from Utah State University and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Midwestern University College of Pharmacy-Glendale, AZ. He also completed a clinical pharmacy practice residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Dr. Auduong precepts residents and pharmacy students from various College of Pharmacy programs. The areas of his clinical practice include Internal Medicine, Neurology-Trauma Rehabilitation, and Multidisciplinary Parkinson's Clinic. Dr. Auduong also manages anticoagulation therapy and has actively participated in the development anticoagulation protocols.

Abril (Abby) Atherton, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Atherton is a PGY2 psychiatry residency program director (RPD) and a member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our multisite residency programs. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Utah, and completed a pharmacy residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Her clinical practice site includes a 21-bed psychiatric unit; she also manages suboxone therapy for opioid dependence, and approves non-formulary and restricted medications. She mentors pharmacy students and residents, and teaches psychiatric therapeutics to pharmacy students at the University of Utah. She also provides medication information to veterans and their families, medical center staff, conducts research and regularly contributes to the P&T committee. Her professional memberships includes ASHP, ACCP, and the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists. Dr. Atherton is actively involved in the recruiting, training and orientation of pharmacy residents.

Terri Evans, PharmD

Dr. Evans is a clinical pharmacist in pharmacoconomics at the VA Salt Lake City HCS; she is responsible for pharmaco-economic program development, implementation, monitoring and reporting. Prior to assuming this role, her clinical practice included management of diabetes, hypertension and lipids. She is also involved in reviewing non-formulary requests, protocol development, management of strategic initiatives and target medications, and development of algorithms to contain pharmaceutical costs while ensuring quality patient care. She is the secretary of the VA Salt Lake City HCS

P&T Committee and also serves as a member of the RAC of our residency programs. She is a member of the Veterans Integrated Service Network 19 Pharmacy Benefits Management team and an adjunct faculty member as a preceptor for the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. Dr. Evans received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah and completed a pharmacy residency. Subsequently, she also completed a specialty residency in drug information at the Scott and White Memorial Hospital at Temple, through the University of Texas Austin and San Antonio.

Angie Flint, PharmD

Dr. Flint is a surgery clinical pharmacist and serves as a member of the RAC of our pharmacy education programs. She manages pharmaceutical care needs of patients on surgical services. Her clinical pharmacy practice also includes adult medicine, anticoagulation, infusion therapy, ADR monitoring, kinetic dosing, infection control, and medication reconciliation. Dr. Flint graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science and Health and a Doctor of Pharmacy. She also completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS, and she is an active member of the ASHP.

Tareca Joseph, PharmD

Dr. Joseph is a clinical pharmacist in primary care. She is involved in reviewing non-formulary medication requests and in direct patient care in managing hypertension, lipids and diabetes. She is also an adjunct faculty member as a preceptor for the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. Dr. Joseph received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Texas at Austin and San Antonio and completed a general practice residency at the John L McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital in Little Rock. Prior to coming to the VA Salt Lake City HCS, Dr. Joseph worked as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist in the VA Southern Nevada HCS and the VA Amarillo HCS.

Jonathan Hoffman, PharmD, MBA

Dr. Hoffman is a clinical pharmacist in primary care at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy and Masters in Business Administration degrees from the Nova Southeastern University. His pharmacy practice interests focus on the management of chronic disease including diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, chronic kidney disease, anticoagulation, and pain. Dr. Hoffman also shares a genuine interest in teaching and mentoring pharmacy students and residents in primary care pharmacy practice while evaluating current literature that supports the delivery of evidence-based healthcare. In pursuit of a broadly accepted expanded scope of practice for all clinical pharmacists, Dr. Hoffman regularly employs informatics tools to identify clinical

opportunities and to capture healthcare outcomes from targeted reviews of objective data. Dr. Hoffman is an active member of the ASHP, APhA, and the Utah Pharmacists Association. Prior to joining his current position, Dr. Hoffman worked as an ambulatory care clinical pharmacist at the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo, UT.

Christine Holman, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Holman is a clinical pharmacist in primary care specialty clinics. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology from Weber State University, her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah, and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System. Her multidisciplinary clinical practice includes cardiac risk reduction, cardiology, geriatrics and geriatric assessment. She is also involved in tobacco cessation program, medication reconciliation and reviews/approves non-formulary requests. Dr. Holman precepts pharmacy students and resident, and is a member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our pharmacy residency programs.

John W Horton, BS Pharm

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

Doreen Kulikowski, BS Pharm, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Kulikowski is a clinical pharmacist in inpatient internal medicine. She also holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. Her areas of clinical practice interest include medication management in cardiology, anticoagulation, infectious disease, renal dysfunction both acute and chronic, anemia and hepatic disease. Dr. Kulikowski actively contributes to the VA SLC HCS medication reconciliation committee. She has worked in various pharmacy-practice sites including ambulatory care, home care, long term care and acute inpatient care. She has experience in a broad range of pharmacy practice sites including establishment

of pharmacy-managed ambulatory care clinics, home infusion care, long-term care, management roles in both ambulatory care and institutional settings and most recently, in the acute care setting. Dr. Kulikowski received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Connecticut and her Doctor of Pharmacy at the Northeastern University.

Debra Macdonald, BS Pharm/VHA-CM

Ms. Macdonald is the assistant director of pharmacy. She earned her Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from the Oregon State University, and holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy and the Albany School of Pharmacy. Her areas of pharmacy practice include pharmacy operations, patient safety, medication management, investigational drug service, human resource management and technology development. She contributes to several committees notably Performance Improvement, Clinical Executive Board, Education, P&T, and serves as a chair for the Pharmacy Standards Board at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. She also participates in the delivery of a broad range of pharmaceutical care services, conducts outcomes research and is actively involved in medication safety and pharmacy cost saving initiatives. As a VHA certified mentor, she mentors future VA employees for roles in management and leadership. She serves as a preceptor for the pharmacy residents and students in management, research, inpatient pharmacy operation and investigational drug service. She is a RAC member of our residency programs and is currently enrolled in the Leadership VA class of 2011.

Steven Moser, BS Pharm, PharmD, CGP, FASCP

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

Ben Nichols, PharmD, MPH

Dr. Nichols is a quality assurance pharmacist and clinical program manager. In this capacity, he is responsible for ensuring pharmacy adherence to the national quality initiatives and directives regarding pharmacy best practice and operations. Dr. Nichols practices at a mental health clinic, coordinates the Mental Health Intensive Case Management program, and approved non-formulary medications. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Idaho State University, Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Utah, and completed his PGY1 residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Dr. Nichols serves as the primary preceptor for PGY1 residents during their outpatient rotation and longitudinal learning experience. He also serves as a member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our residency program and is actively involved in the recruitment, training and orientation of the pharmacy residents and students. Dr. Nichols is currently enrolled in a leadership development program offered by the Veterans Affairs.

Chad A Nelson, PharmD

Dr. Nelson is a clinical pharmacist in internal medicine and a RAC member for pharmacy education and training programs. He also is an adjunct faculty member for the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. Dr. Nelson earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of New Mexico. He also completed his PGY1 pharmacy residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Prior to his current position, he was a member of the critical care team at Intermountain Medical Center (IMC) where he worked in the shock trauma intensive care unit. He was a member of the acute stroke response team, code blue response team, and trauma 1 response team. Prior to working at IMC, he worked at LDS Hospital as a clinical pharmacist on a surgical/trauma/transplant floor. Dr. Nelson is a member of Utah Society Health-System Pharmacists and has served on various USHP committees. He is currently participating in the Leadership Effectiveness, Accountability & Development Program offered by the VA.

Paul Otto, PharmD, CACP

Dr. Otto serves as a primary preceptor, program coordinator and point of contact for the pharmacy residency program in Pocatello, ID, and serves in the Residency Advisory Committee. Paul graduated from Idaho State University with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, and completed his residency training at the Pocatello VA community based outpatient clinic/Idaho State University. He is a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care at Pocatello Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, and his pharmacy practice interests include pharmacotherapeutic management of veterans with chronic metabolic

diseases, pain management and anticoagulation. Dr. Otto plays an active role in precepting and development of the pharmacy residents and students from Idaho State University. He routinely participates and volunteers in local veteran's events. His professional memberships includes Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists, ASHP and Southeast Idaho Pharmacy Association Dr. Otto is also actively involved in the recruitment, training and orientation, and mentoring of the pharmacy residents.

Ravindra (Ravi) Pathak, PharmD, PhD, BCPS

Dr. Pathak is the associate chief of pharmacy at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. He is also the chairman of the RAC, the residency program director, and precepts drug information and management core rotations. His practice interest includes pharmacotherapy of patients with metabolic and heart disease, and management. Dr. Pathak received his graduate degrees from Creighton University and Central Drug Research Institute; he completed residency with emphasis on adult acute care from Nebraska Medical Center, and post-doctoral training from UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. He conducted research on human gene transfer and the pharmacology of cholesterol metabolism. He is an adjunct professor of internal medicine at the UT Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He serves in various committees and boards including P&T, pharmacy standards, ethics, and education at the VA Salt Lake City HCS, and he is a board member of the western states residency conference. His professional memberships are in ACCP, ASHP and AHA. Dr. Pathak is an LVA alumnus, volunteers for the Federal Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel Service, and he is the first pharmacist in federal government to be competitively selected as a candidate for the Senior Executive Service.

William Payne, PharmD, MCT

Dr. Payne supervises the outpatient pharmacy operations. He received his BS in Biology from Nebraska Wesleyan University, and his Doctor of Pharmacy from The University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy. He has completed post-doctoral training in Business Management from the University of Nebraska, College of Business, and holds several certifications in informatics. Dr. Payne has worked nationwide as a process improvement consultant to develop technologies and improve workflow in a number of healthcare systems. He is a former Eagle Scout and serves as a volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America, Tooele district of the Great Salt Lake Council. He is a member of several professional organizations including ASHP, and he serves on several committees including customer service recovery, root cause analysis, and space. Dr. Payne actively involved in the recruitment, training and

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

Bonnie K Portley, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Portley is the clinical pharmacist in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. She is also an adjunct clinical instructor for the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. In addition to training pharmacy practice residents, she also serves as a preceptor for the University of Utah critical care residents and pharmacy students. She joined the VA Salt Lake City HCS in 1996 following the completion of her critical care residency from the Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center at Houston. Dr. Portley earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy and completed a pharmacy practice residency at the University of Utah Hospital and Clinics. She lectures for the nurse practitioner students at the University of Utah, College of Nursing. Dr. Portley is a member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the Utah Society Health-System Pharmacists. She has served on various USHP committees.

Christopher Stock, PharmD

Dr. Stock is the clinical pharmacy specialist for Mental Health and the Substance Abuse Programs. He works as a primary provider in the Recovery Clinic for Mental Health. In addition, he makes clinical rounds with the psychiatry consultation and liaison service to provide substance abuse and psychiatric pharmacotherapy consultation services for medical and surgical in-patients. Dr. Stock is also researcher in the Mental Health and the Substance Abuse Programs. He has been conducting clinical research in substance abuse since 1990, and serves on the University of Utah's institutional review board and the VA Salt Lake City HCS research review committees. Dr. Stock received an undergraduate degree in Biology, taught junior and senior high school then received his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Utah, and completed a Clinical Pharmacy Residency at the University of Utah Hospital and Clinics. He has been at the VA Salt Lake City HCS since 1992, and he also serves as a member of the Residency Advisory Committee of our residency program. He serves as a program chairman for the National Institute on Drug Abuse/VA Cooperative Studies Interagency Research.

Cyndie Taylor, BS Pharm, Pharm, BCPS

Dr. Taylor is a surgery clinical pharmacist and serves as a preceptor for pharmacy residents during their surgery rotation. She also manages surgery patients on home intravenous infusion therapy. Prior to joining the VA Salt Lake City HCS, she worked as a pharmacist at the University of Utah Hospital and Clinics in Surgery and Drug Information. She is a member of ACCP and ASHP, and has served on the board of

Utah Society Health-System Pharmacists. Dr. Taylor received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Washington. After moving to Salt Lake City, she earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah, and completed a clinical pharmacy residency at the University of Utah Hospital. Upon completion of her training, Dr. Taylor worked as a certified poison information specialist at the Intermountain Poison Control Center. She spent several years as a part-time faculty member of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy teaching and coordinating courses in toxicology, pharmacotherapy, and seminar. Dr. Taylor teaches and learns from pharmacy students and residents, and has continued to precept them as an adjunct faculty member of the University of Utah.

Christopher Young, PharmD, MBA, BCPS

Dr. Young is a clinical pharmacist; he is also the manager of inpatient pharmacy operations at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. His clinical practice interests include all aspects of inpatient pharmaceutical care, medication safety, and informatics. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. He serves as the primary preceptor for PGY1 residents during their inpatient rotation; he also provides yearlong guidance in various pharmaceutical care areas including but not limited to pharmacy operations and management, informatics, patient safety, and research. Dr. Young is member of the Residency Advisory Committee and Pharmacy Standards Board. He actively participates in the recruitment and training of residents of our multisite residency programs.

Melissa Young, PharmD, CDE

Dr. Young is a clinical pharmacist in ambulatory care located at the West Valley clinic of the VA Salt Lake City HCS. Her clinical practice interests include diabetes and lipid disorders. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah, and completed her pharmacy practice residency at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. She is a certified diabetes educator and has several years of community pharmacy practice experience. Additionally, she co-managed an outpatient pharmacy for several years before joining her current position. Dr. Young serves as preceptor for pharmacy residents and students during their ambulatory care rotation, and she is a member of the curriculum committee of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy.

2011-2012 Pharmacy Residents

Patricia Jerant, PharmD

Dr. Jerant is a Post-Graduate Year 1 pharmacy resident. She obtained her Bachelor's of Science degree from Westminster College in Salt Lake City, with a Major in Chemistry and a Minor in Biology. From there, she went to the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy for her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. While in school she was active in student organizations to help further the profession of pharmacy. Dr. Jerant is interested in many fields of pharmacy with her main focus is on ambulatory care specifically primary care and psychiatry. After completing her residency, her goals are to obtain BCPS certification and become involved in professional organizations.

Research Project: TBD

Katherine Simons, PharmD

Dr. Simons is a PGY 1 pharmacy resident. A native of New Hampshire, she began her pharmacy career at Wilkes University Nesbitt College of Pharmacy before deciding to head West to finish her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Idaho State University College of Pharmacy. Currently, she is open to various future career paths within the field of pharmacy, but she is intrigued by cardiology, psychiatry, and primary care medicine. After completing her residency, she is looking forward to obtaining BCPS certification and working as part of a health care team to better patient care.

Research Project: TBD

Ted Turner, PharmD

Dr. Turner is a postgraduate year two (PGY2) psychiatry specialty resident. He grew up in the surrounding areas of Salt Lake City, Utah, and received his PharmD from the University of Southern Nevada, College of Pharmacy in June 2010. He completed a PGY1 community pharmacy residency at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Pharmacy in June 2011. His interests include psychiatry, neurology, substance abuse treatment, academia, and the development of new pharmacy care services. His goals for this year include enhancing his patient care skills, providing excellent pharmaceutical care, and gaining experience teaching in the classroom setting. Upon completion of his PGY2 residency, Ted aims to become a board certified psychiatric pharmacist (BCPP), and to be employed as a mental health clinical pharmacy specialist.

Research Project: TBD

University of Utah, College of Pharmacy Preceptors

Website: <http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu/pharmacotherapy/faculty/>

Sarah Feddema, PharmD, BCPS

Assistant Professor (Clinical)
Rotation: Adult Internal Medicine

Heather Nyman, PharmD, BCPS

Assistant Professor (Clinical)
Rotation: Adult Internal Medicine/Nephrology

Patricia Orlando, PharmD

Associate Professor (Clinical)
Rotation: Clinical Infectious Disease

Pharmacy Education & Training Program Support

Lezlie Cohn-Oswald, C.Ph.T.

Lezlie is a clinical pharmacy technician and serves as a support staff for the Pharmacy Education and Training Programs at the VA Salt Lake City HCS. She assists the Associate Chief of Pharmacy (RAC Chairman) on various educational matters including but not limited to: a) pharmacy education and training issues, b) orientation of pharmacy residents and students at the medical center, c) organizing and assisting during the pharmacy resident's summits, and d) performing medication reconciliation as a part of her clinical practice. Lezlie has been a pharmacy technician since 1984 and with the VA for the past 20 years. She serves as the chairperson for the pharmacy technician professional standards board, coordinates the pharmacy technician externship program, and is a member of the Eagle Gate College's Pharmacy Technician Advisory.