# Wellstar MCG Health



# Wellstar MCG Health Pharmacy Residency Preceptors

Preceptors are actively involved advising research and quality projects, or as content experts for journal club, grand rounds, ADR conference, classroom teaching and other assignments, in addition to precepting learning experiences.



New Preceptor 2024

# IVY ADAMS, PHARM.D., BCPPS

### **Pediatric Emergency Medicine Pharmacist**

Ivy Adams graduated with her PharmD from Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy in 2015. Following graduation, she completed a PGY1 in a pediatric setting at Wolfson Children's Hospital/Baptist Health in Jacksonville, FL. Following her PGY1, she worked as a Pediatric Clinical Overnight Pharmacist for 7 years at Wolfson Children's Hospital. She became a Board Certified Pediatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in 2020. In July 2023, Ivy was hired as our Pediatric Emergency Medicine Pharmacist. Her professional interests include pediatric trauma, pediatric resuscitation, and infectious diseases.

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# **STEPHANIE ALBRECHT, PHARM.D., BCPS**

### **Internal Medicine Pharmacist**

Stephanie received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville, Florida. After graduation, she completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at UF Health Shands Hospital, where she received her teaching certificate, followed by a PGY2 Residency specializing in Internal Medicine at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. She joined the Wellstar MCG Health Pharmacy team in August 2018. Her practice focuses on inpatient internal medicine pharmacy services, discharge education, and student precepting. She is the APPE rotation site coordinator for AU Health and a preceptor for PGY1 pharmacy residents. Stephanie is a member of the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP) and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). In summer 2024 she became the District-Director Elect for the Central Savannah River District of GSHP. Her professional interests include cirrhosis and liver disease, nutrition, and infectious diseases.

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# DANIEL ANDERSON, PHARM.D., BCIDP

Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist

**PGY2 Infectious Disease Pharmacy Residency Program Coordinator (new '24)** Daniel received his PharmD from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2018. He completed his PGY1 Pharmacy residency at Emory University Hospital-Midtown and his PGY2 residency in infectious diseases at Emory University Hospital/Emory University Hospital-Midtown. During the course of residency training, he also obtained a teaching certificate from Mercer University College of Pharmacy. His clinical and research areas of interest include mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance, treatment of infections in immunocompromised patients, and advancing the collaboration between pharmacists and clinical microbiologists to aid in diagnostic and antimicrobial stewardship. In 2022, he was recognized by the University of Georgia (UGA) College of Pharmacy as **Preceptor of the Year**. Daniel is a member of the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) and Southeastern Research Group Endeavor (SERGE-45). He also serves as a member of one of the two Augusta University biomedical Institutional Review Boards (IRB-A).

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# HANNAH AZIMI, PHARM.D.

### **Ambulatory Population Health Pharmacist**

Hanna Azimi earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2021. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy residencies at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG) in association with the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and completed a Clinical Pharmacy Graduate Certificate program. Hanna was part of the pharmacy internship program at the medical center while in pharmacy school and officially joined the Wellstar MCG pharmacy team as an ambulatory care pharmacist in July 2023. Her clinical interests include primary care, mental health, addiction medicine, and transitions of care. Her goal this year is to help continue to expand pharmacy services across Wellstar MCG Health and Wellstar Medical Associates sites and to improve patient care in the primary care setting for underserved, and underinsured patients.

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# **GABBY BACHNER, PHARM.D., MBA**

### Pediatric Pharmacist / Hematology/Oncology

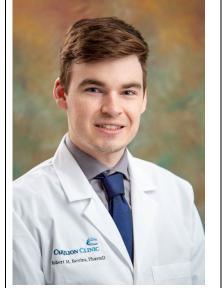
Gabby graduated with her PharmD from the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she completed a PGY1/2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (HSPAL) Residency at Wellstar MCG Health as the first resident in this program and actively participated in the accreditation process. During her residency, she earned her Master's in Business Administration from Augusta University and a teaching certificate from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. She is a member of American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and Georgia Society of a new preceptor in 2024-2025.

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### ROBERT M. BEVINS, PHARM.D., MPH Emergency Medicine Pharmacist - Nights

Robert graduated with his PharmD and Master's of Public Health from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Following graduation, he completed his PGY1 Pharmacy Residency and teaching certificate at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. He then completed his PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia. His professional interests include circulatory support, withdrawal syndromes, antimicrobial stewardship, and interdisciplinary education. He arrived in Augusta in August 2024 and will be a new preceptor in 2024-2025.

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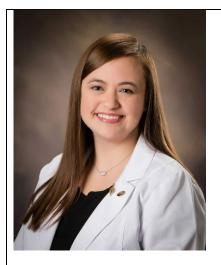
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# JASON BOONE, PHARM.D.

### Medicine pharmacist

Jason received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia college of pharmacy in Athens, Georgia. After graduation, he completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at St. Joseph's/Candler Health System where he also received his teaching certificate from the University of Georgia. He joined the Wellstar MCG pharmacy team in August 2024. His practice focuses on inpatient internal medicine. His professional interests include infectious diseases, multidisciplinary team-based approaches to patient care, and professional development.

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# **TAYLOR CLARK BOWICK, PHARM.D., BCPPS**

### **Pediatric Pharmacist / Specialty Pharmacy**

Taylor Bowick earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2018. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy residencies at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG) in association with the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy where she earned her graduate certificates in Clinical Pharmacy and completed a teaching portfolio. Taylor joined the Wellstar MCG pharmacy team as a pediatric ambulatory care pharmacist before a focus on pediatric hematology and oncology pharmacy from August 2021 to summer 2023. She is currently working on our Specialty Pharmacy team. Her clinical interests include managing medically complex patients and transitions of care. She is a member of American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP), Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP), and the American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT).

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# CAROLYN BRAITHWAITE-JORDAN, PHARM.D., BCSCP

### Pharmacy Manager, Oncology Pharmacy Services

Carolyn was promoted to an expanded role in 2021 and now has oversight of oncology pharmacy services across the health system, including the Georgia Cancer Center (GCC), GCC-Downtown (our community oncology infusion site), the adult Medical Center and Children's Hospital of Georgia (CHOG). A graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, she has extensive experience in pharmacy infusion services, oversight of compounded sterile admixtures and hazardous medication processes (USP <797> and USP<800>). Prior joining the pharmacy team at AU Medical Center, Carolyn was the pharmacist-in-charge for a large home infusion pharmacy in Augusta. She became a Board-Certified Sterile Compounding pharmacist when the credential was first offered in 2020.

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# BRIAN DALE BUCK, PHARM.D., FASHP

### Internal Medicine Pharmacist

Dr. Brian Buck graduated from the University of Georgia (UGA) College of Pharmacy (COP) with B.S. Pharm in 1992 and Pharm.D. in 1994. He completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Shands Medical Center (formerly University Medical Center), Jacksonville, FL and a PGY2 Critical Care Residency at R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

After completing residency training in 1996, Dr. Buck spent 8 years at University of Maryland (UM) as a Critical Care Medicine and Shock Trauma Specialist and PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director. Since 1997, Dr. Buck has developed, directed, and precepted residents for three separate residency programs. He has also worked with ASHP's Accreditation Services Division as a Residency Learning System Educator and Workshop Facilitator and Residency Program Site Surveyor. In addition, he has chaired and served as Board

### Buck, continued



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Member for both the Eastern States Conference for Pharmacy Residents and Preceptors and the Southeastern States Residency Conference.

Dr. Buck moved from University of Maryland to become Assistant Director of Pharmacy Services at Northeast Georgia Medical System (NGHS) in 2003-04. During this time, he led the implementation, expansion, and accreditation of the institution's first ever residency program. He oversaw and facilitated development of several specialized clinical services including critical care, pediatrics, employee pharmacy services, unit-based services, and OR/surgery while serving on a multidisciplinary committee that developed processes for a state-of-the-art pharmacy and hospital that began construction in 2006 and is in use today.

From 2006-2016, Dr. Buck was Clinical Associate Professor for the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy at the UGA College of Pharmacy in Athens, where he served as Director of Residency Programs from 2006 until June of 2011. He oversaw the development and advancement of multiple residency training opportunities for graduate pharmacists during this time. His scholarship included development of global health multidisciplinary academic collaborations, advancement of learner-centered teaching models, and improving resident and residency preceptor teaching skills. He published eight papers in 10 years at UGA. With the UGA School of Social Work, he helped facilitate development of highly successful graduate fellowships in Ghana, Northern Ireland, and Guyana. He continues to support these ongoing programs.

For his many practice accomplishments, he was invited to become a Fellow of ASHP in 2008 and in 2010 was honored as the **UGA COP Teacher of the Year**. He earned several teaching awards while at UGA and implemented and coordinated the first ever learner-centered core course at the COP. Dr. Buck also re-implemented faculty Critical Care practice at Athens Regional Medical Center (ARMC), working collaboratively with pharmacy, nursing, and medicine in this process. In 2016, after 20 years in academia, Dr. Buck transitioned to independent community pharmacy. At Hawthorne Drug Company in Athens, GA, he served the general public and other health care providers through counseling, education, and expansion of patient-centered services.

Dr. Buck's many interests outside of pharmacy include travel, yoga, biking, cinema/arts, soccer, music, and playing with his dog, Bandit. Dr. Buck was born in Seattle, WA, and with his wife, Justine, has traveled to four continents including a trip to the 2010 soccer World Cup in South Africa. In 2007, he co-founded the first ever Athens, GA Arsenal Football Supporters Group ("Athens Armoury"). He continues to support many local non-profit organizations including Athens Humane Society, Athens Area Homeless Shelter, and The Cottage Sexual Assault Center of Athens. We were excited to have Dr. Buck bring his expertise and enthusiasm for patient care and life to the Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center Pharmacy team at the end of 2023.

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### **RICHARD BURRELL, RPH, MBA**

### Director of Pharmacy / Pharmacy Administration PGY1/PGY2 Residency Program Director Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (HSPAL) Residency (new for 2022)

Richard received his B.S. degree in Pharmacy from the University of South Carolina in 1987. He completed his Master's in Business Administration also from the University of South Carolina in 1989. He then completed an ASHPaccredited Hospital Pharmacy residency with an emphasis in Pharmacy Administration from 1989-90 at the Medical College of Georgia (now Wellstar MCG Medical Center). He was hired as a frontline pharmacist at MCG in 1990 and became Operations Supervisor in 1993. In 1995, he moved into the position of Assistant Director in charge of financial operations. Continuing his progressive leadership appointments, Richard served for many years as Pharmacy Manager--Informatics and Automation and a member of the Pharmacy Leadership Team, with particular emphasis on Computerized Prescriber Order Entry (CPOE) development before becoming the Interim Pharmacy Director in February 2017. In June 2017, he was named the permanent Administrative Director of Pharmacy Services. Richard precepts pharmacy students in the areas of pharmacy management, financial analysis, hospital information systems and is a great resource for the residents on hospital analytic data and technology. He also serves as Residency Program Director for the Health System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (HSPAL) residency program.

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# CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL, PHARM.D., BCPPS

### Pharmacy Manager, Pharmacy Informatics

On August 1, 2023, Christopher Campbell assumed a new role as our Pharmacy Informatics Manager. Previously, Chris was a clinical specialist in the pediatric intensive care unit at the Children's Hospital of Georgia and he continues to practice in the PICU and support pediatric quality initiatives. Chris received his Doctor of Pharmacy from Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences before completing both a PGY1 Pharmacy and a PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy residency at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health) and the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and serving as the first Chief Pharmacy Resident. Following residency, he was as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy with an active practice site in the pediatric intensive care unit at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital from 2016 - 2020. He just completed service as Chair of the Vizient Pharmacy Network Pediatric Pharmacy Committee and is a member of PPAG and ACCP. Chris's professional interests include medication safety, informatics, and sedation/analgesia.

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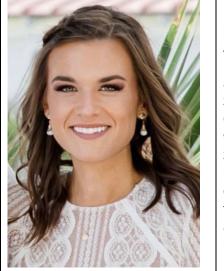


# COURTNEY CAMPBELL, PHARM.D., BCPS, BCPPS

### **Pediatric Pharmacist / Acute Care Pediatrics**

Courtney received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy before completing both a PGY1 Pharmacy residency and a PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy residency at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health) and the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. Following her residencies, Courtney practiced as a pediatric clinical pharmacist at the University of Virginia Children's Hospital in Charlottesville, VA rotating through various pediatric areas, but primarily serving the NICU population. After 2 years, she transitioned to the University of Florida Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Florida where she had several practice roles including the Adult Intensive Care Coordinator and a Pediatric Hematology Oncology Clinical Specialist, before returning to Augusta in August 2020. Courtney is Board Certified in both Pharmacotherapy and Pediatric Pharmacy. Her professional areas of interest include neonatal pharmacotherapy, pediatric infectious disease, parenteral nutrition, and medication safety. Courtney is a preceptor for both PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents and serves as a PGY1 Advisor on our Residency Advisory Committee (RAC).

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### MARY CARPENTER, PHARM.D., BCACP PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program Coordinator Ambulatory Care Pharmacist/ Family Medicine

Mary received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from South University in 2014 and completed a PGY1 Pharmacy residency at St. Joseph's/Candler Health System in Savannah, GA where she completed the Clinical Pharmacy Graduate Certificate Program through the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. She went on to complete a PGY2 in Ambulatory Care at Novant Health in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and joined the pharmacy team at Wellstar MCG Health (WMCGH) in August of 2016. During her time at WMCGH, she has established clinical pharmacy services in the Family Medicine Center (FMC), developed the first Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM) protocol, and has assisted in expansion of CDTM use to other clinics at the medical center. Mary is a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist and was the inaugural Residency Program Director for our ASHP-Accredited PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency. After successfully leading the residency program preceptors through the accreditation process and graduating the first two PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy residents, Mary switched roles with Kate O'Connor and is continuing to support program improvement as the residency program coordinator. Mary is the primary preceptor for several PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency learning experiences including Primary Care- Family Medicine, Orientation, Precepting Patient Care, and Ambulatory Care Service Development, in which she has precepted past/current PGY2 residents in expanding clinical pharmacy services at WMCGH.

Mary has collaborated with Family Medicine faculty as well as ambulatory care pharmacists on publications in pharmacy and medical journals and is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Family & Community Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG). Mary assisted in the development of the Chronic Illness Management (CIM) Clinic within the FMC, which provides interdisciplinary care (team includes clinical pharmacist, nurse care coordinator, FM physician residents, FM faculty attending) to patients who are at high risk of hospitalization/emergency room visits. Mary enjoys working in an interdisciplinary, academic environment to promote team-based, patient-centered care.

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AARON CHASE, PHARM.D., BCCCP

Critical Care Pharmacist, Neurosurgery ICU

Aaron is a graduate of the University Georgia College of Pharmacy Pharm.D. program as well as the AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health) PGY1 Pharmacy Residency in conjunction with University of Georgia College of Pharmacy Graduate Certificate program and completed his PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at Wellstar MCG– UGA College of Pharmacy while also starting the first year of the Masters in Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics CET degree program from UGA College of Pharmacy. He is currently completing the PhD CET program. After a year practicing full time as our evening shift critical care pharmacist, Aaron assumed responsibility for Neurosurgery Critical Care in 2023. He also serves as a biostatistical analysis resource for our residents and precentors. Aaron's PGY2 research project was published during May of his PGY2 year, perhaps a local record!

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# ANDREA CLARKE, PHARM.D., BCOP

### Hematology/Oncology Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Pharmacist

Andrea Clarke received her Pharm.D. from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2017. After graduation, she completed her PGY1 Pharmacy residency at University Health Shreveport in Shreveport, LA, and her PGY2 Oncology residency at the University of Minnesota Medical Center (MHealth-Fairview) in Minneapolis, MN. Following her residency training, Andrea joined the Wellstar MCG pharmacy team in August 2019 as the inpatient Hematology/Cellular Therapy pharmacist. She is a member of the Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) and served on the HOPA Publications Committee 2019-2021 and the HOPA Patient Education Committee/Patient Education Sheets Group 2021-2024. Andrea is a preceptor for PGY1 pharmacy and PGY2 oncology pharmacy residents.

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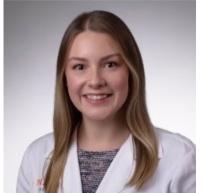
# AMBER BRADLEY CLEMMONS, PHARM.D., BCOP, FHOPA

# PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency Program Director Clinical Professor, University of Georgia Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy, Augusta /Hematology-Oncology Pharmacist

Amber is a 2009 PGY1 graduate of our residency program, who returned to Augusta as a full-time faculty member at the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor for UGA in August 2011; currently at the rank of Clinical Professor. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, completed a University of Georgia College of Pharmacy Teaching Certificate during her PGY1 year at MCG Health/UGA, and PGY2 Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy residency at the University of North Carolina (UNC Hospitals and Clinics), Chapel Hill NC. Amber serves as a clinical pharmacy specialist for the adult bone marrow transplantation (BMT)/malignant hematology team. She is a highly active member of the Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) and the American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT) Pharmacy Special Interest Group (SIG), as well as a member of ASHP, GSHP, and the Georgia Cancer Center. Dr. Clemmons has received the STaR (Southern Translational Education and Research) Young Investigator of the Year Award (2011), the ASTCT Pharmacy SIG New Practitioner of the Year Award (2014), the GSHP Young Health-System Pharmacy Practitioner of the Year Award (2014), Teacher of the Year Award at the UGA College of Pharmacy (2016), the HOPA New Practitioner Award (2017) and received HOPA fellow status (FHOPA) in 2022. Dr. Clemmons serves as the Residency Program Director for the UGA/Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy program.

Her UGA faculty profile can be accessed <u>here</u>.

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# ALEXANDRA (ALEX) COOPER PHARM.D., BCPPS

### **Transitions of Care Pharmacist**

Alex joined the Wellstar MCG Health pharmacy team in June 2024 in a new inpatient position focused on enhancing transitions of care. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree Summa Cum Laude from the University of Society Carolina College of Pharmacy in Columbia, then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy residency and PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy residency at UF Health in Gainesville, Florida. She previously practiced as a clinical pharmacist at Prisma Health in Columbia, South Carolina and as a Pediatric Pharmacist at UK Healthcare, Lexington, Kentucky and has been a Board Certified in Pediatric Pharmacy Specialist since 2022.

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# LUCY C. CROSBY, PHARM.D., BCPS

### PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director Pharmacy Manager, Medication Policy, Safety and Compliance

Lucy Crosby is a Doctor of Pharmacy Graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, completed a PGY1 residency in Augusta at Medical College of Georgia Health System (now Wellstar MCG Health) and a PGY2 Drug Information Pharmacy Residency at the University of Kansas Hospital. She was previously a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Drug Information at Greenville Health System (now Prisma Health Upstate) for over a decade. She was appointed Affiliate Clinical Assistant Professor at both the University of South Carolina School of Medicine-Greenville and South Carolina College of Pharmacy. At Greenville Health System, Lucy became the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director in 2013 and she began serving as a guest surveyor for ASHP PGY1 Residency accreditation site visits in 2016. At Wellstar MCG, Dr. Crosby provides support to the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee and became the PGY1 Residency Program Director in July 2020. She is a frequent speaker at Georgia Society of Health-system Pharmacists (GSHP) state meetings.

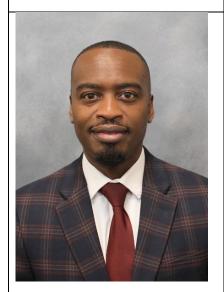
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# RASHAD DARBY, PHARM.D.,

### **Pharmacy Manager, Community Pharmacy**

Rashad manages the retail pharmacy operations for the Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center outpatient pharmacies. The community pharmacy program is comprised of the Retail outpatient pharmacy, the Employee pharmacy, the Moore Ave Clinic pharmacy, and the Medical Office Building Retail Pharmacy. He leads a dynamic team of technicians and pharmacists who are also responsible for the Meds to Beds bedside prescription delivery program. Rashad and his team continue to look for innovative ways to serve the prescription needs of the hospital and the community. Curbside pick-up is available in some locations in addition to other special programs aimed at increasing medication compliance. There are plans to open another Retail Pharmacy in the greater Augusta area in addition to a retail pharmacy in the Columbia County Hospital project scheduled to be completed in 2025. Rashad Darby and colleague Todd Davis were recognized with the 2023 Managed Care Vizient Pharmacy Vision Award. This award, presented each September at the Vizient Connections Summit, recognizes individuals who employ an innovative approach to improving outcomes and reducing cost to a health system by coordinating clinical activities, pharmacy services and other system resources in support of an insurer or employer health plan.

Rashad received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from South Carolina State University and Doctor of Pharmacy from the Medical University of South Carolina. Prior to joining the Wellstar MCG Health team in 2019, Rashad worked for CVS Pharmacy for 20 years with 10 of the years in retail field management as a District Pharmacy Supervisor and District Sales Manager. Rashad is a member of the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP). He has been interviewed several times recently on the local TV news



as a pharmacy expert discussing issues of public interest such as drug shortages and vaccines.

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# DAIJAH DAVIS, PHARM.D.,

Emergency Medicine Pharmacist

Daijah Davis is originally from Winnsboro, SC. In May 2022, she graduated with her PharmD from Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy in Clinton, SC. Following graduation, she completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency and PGY2 Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Residency at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, SC. During residency she obtained both teaching and research certificates. Her professional interests include neurological trauma, toxicology, adult resuscitation and clinical education. She will be a new preceptor in 2024-2025.

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# JAMES "TODD" DAVIS, PHARM.D.,

### Wellstar System Director of Retail and Specialty Pharmacy

Todd received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy in 1994. Upon graduation, Todd spent 25 years in retail pharmacy working as a Pharmacy Manager and a District Pharmacy Supervisor. In 2019, he joined Augusta University Health as the Pharmacy Supervisor for the Employee Pharmacy. Later that year, Todd transitioned to the role of Pharmacy Manager for Community Pharmacy services and then Pharmacy Manager for Wellstar MCG Health's Specialty Pharmacy operations. The Specialty Pharmacy is ACHC accredited (and re-accredited) and consists of 5 Pharmacists, 13 Medication Assistance Coordinators, and 2 couriers. Todd is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists (GSHP), and the National Association of Specialty Pharmacy (NASP). Todd Davis and fellow pharmacy manager Rashad Darby were recognized with the 2023 Managed Care Vizient Pharmacy Vision Award. This award, presented each September at the Vizient Connections Summit, recognizes individuals who employ an innovative approach to improving outcomes and reducing cost to a health system by coordinating clinical activities, pharmacy services and other system resources in support of an insurer or employer health plan.

In February 2024, Todd was promoted to a system-level position with oversight of both specialty and community pharmacy services across Wellstar Health System. He will be expanding the Wellstar MCG Health model of personalized patient care, excellent customer service and growth of specialty pharmacy services across Wellstar Health System.

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# CHRIS DUPHREN, PHARM.D., MS

### Pharmacy Manager, Acute Care Operations/Administration

Chris Duphren joined the Wellstar MCG Health Pharmacy team on August 1<sup>st</sup> after completing a PGY1/PGY2/MS Health System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (HSPAL) Residency through the University of Kansas Health System in Kansas City, Kansas. He earned a Master of Science in Pharmacy Practice from University of Kansas (KU). Chris is a graduate of the University of Florida in Gainesville with a Bachelor of Arts in French and Francophone Studies, a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a Doctor of Pharmacy from UF. He is passionate about operations/processes and the use of effective technology to improve workflows, but also team-building and developing strong working relationships.

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# KELLY DYE, PHARM.D.

### **Clinical Informatics Pharmacist**

Kelly received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy in Clinton, South Carolina. After graduation, she worked for Walgreens for one year before starting her career at Wellstar MCG Medical Center. Kelly spent her first 4.5 years as pediatric staff pharmacist floating between day and evening shift, eventually transitioning to day shift. During that time, she assisted with clinical duties, including covering labor and delivery, pediatric hematology/ oncology, and other pediatric units during weekend coverage. In addition, during her time as a frontline pharmacist, she precepted over 30 students per year through their institutional rotation. Over a two-year period, Kelly transitioned to a full-time informatics pharmacist role where she has harnessed her passion for patient care and patient safety to implement changes to improve the overall ordering processes within Cerner. She is a member of American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP).

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# JOSHUA EUDY, PHARM.D., BCIDP

### Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist PGY2 Infectious Disease Pharmacy Residency Program Director

Josh received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Coastal Carolina University and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of South Carolina. After pharmacy school, he completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency and PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency at Cleveland Clinic Main Campus in Cleveland, OH. Josh joined the pharmacy team at Wellstar MCG Health in August 2020 as an Infectious Diseases Pharmacist Specialist. He is a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacist (ASHP), American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), and Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists (SIDP). Josh holds a professional interest in antimicrobial stewardship and currently serves on the SIDP national antimicrobial stewardship subcommittee and is also an alternate member for the Augusta University IRB. Josh serves on RAC and our first PGY2 Infectious Disease Pharmacy resident started July 2024.

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# CHRISTY FOREHAND, PHARM.D. BCCCP, FCCM PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency Program Director

Critical Care Pharmacist / Medicine Intensive Care Unit (MICU)

Christy Forehand is a Critical Care Pharmacy Specialist for the Medical ICU (MICU), the PGY2 Critical Care Residency Program Director, and a preceptor for the University of Georgia (UGA) College of Pharmacy. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Georgia College and State University and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the UGA College of Pharmacy. Christy completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency, PGY2 critical care pharmacy residency, and teaching certificate programs at the Medical College of Georgia (now Wellstar MCG Medical Center) and UGA College of Pharmacy. She is a Board-Certified Critical Care Pharmacy Specialist (BCCCP) and currently serves on the **Critical Care Pharmacy Speciality Council** for the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, and will be the **Council Chair** in 2025, after having served as Vice Chair.

Christy is an active member of the Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists (GSHP), where she is just completed a 3-year term as co-chair of the Emerging Practitioners Development Committee and was **2023 GSHP Outstanding Practitioner**; American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), where she was selected as the recipient of the **2021 Critical Care PRN** (Practice & Research Network) **Clinical Practitioner Award**, and the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). In October 2021, Christy was selected at the health system level as recipient of the **EAC Hospital Quality Award**. This award recognizes and rewards an individual employee who makes a significant impact in the care we provide to our patients and their families by consistently promoting a culture of quality.

Christy has not only presented her own research but has precepted resident research projects at SCCM's Annual Congress several times and was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Critical Care Medicine in February 2022. Christy's professional and scholarly interests include medication safety in the ICU, critical care pharmacy practice advancement, electrolyte abnormalities, infectious diseases, and post-graduate critical care pharmacy residency training.

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# VICTORIA FRAME, PHARM.D.

### Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist

Victoria received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy. She completed both a PGY1 Pharmacy and a PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy residency at UF Health Shands Hospital, serving as Chief Pharmacy Resident, then practiced as an NICU clinical pharmacist at Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center in Panama City, Florida. Victoria joined the Wellstar MCG Health pharmacy team in August 2021 covering General Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Georgia prior to transitioning to Pediatric Hematology/Oncology in April 2024. Within pediatrics, Victoria's primary areas of interest include medication safety, transitions of care, and nutrition. Victoria is a preceptor for pharmacy students and both PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents.

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# KATELYN HOOD GIBSON, PHARM.D., BCPPS

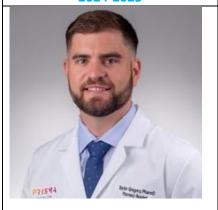
### Pediatric Pharmacist / Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Katelyn received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia (UGA) College of Pharmacy in 2014. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health) in association with the UGA College of Pharmacy. During her PGY1 year, she completed a Clinical Pharmacy Graduate Certificate Program at UGA and a teaching portfolio. Following her PGY1 residency, Katelyn went on to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio for her PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency. She rejoined the pharmacy team at Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center in August 2016 as the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) pharmacist. She became a Board-Certified Pediatric Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 2019 and is a member of Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA) and American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). Her areas of interest within the NICU include infectious disease, nutrition, and medication safety and she is a member and Secretary of the Nutrition Committee. Katelyn serves as a preceptor for both PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents.

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Welcome! New Preceptor 2024-2025



### ERICA GRAY, PHARM.D. Pediatric Pharmacist

Erica graduated with her PharmD from Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Nashville, Tennessee in the class of 2022. Following graduation, she completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and obtained a teaching certificate through Lipscomb University. She then completed her PGY2 in Pediatric Pharmacy at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Erica started as a General Pediatrics Pharmacist at the Children's Hospital of Georgia this year. Her professional interests include general pediatrics, academia, medication reconciliation, and medication safety. She will be a new preceptor in 2024-2025.

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# TAYLOR GREGORY, PHARM.D., BCCCP

### **Emergency Medicine Pharmacist**

Originally from Chapin, South Carolina, Taylor received his doctorate in pharmacy at East Tennessee State University after earning his bachelor's degree in biology at the University of South Carolina. He completed both his PGY1 General Inpatient Pharmacy and PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy residencies at Prisma Health Richland in Columbia, South Carolina. During his residency training he earned a clinical teaching certificate through the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. His professional interests include circulatory support, trauma response, infectious disease, and clinical education. Taylor is a member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and the American

Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). He joined the Wellstar MCG Pharmacy Department in August 2022 as an emergency medicine pharmacist and is a residency preceptor for both the PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Critical Care programs.

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# EMILY HARDEN, PHARM.D., BCPS

### **Internal Medicine Pharmacist**

Emily received her Pharm.D. degree from the University of Georgia (UGA) College of Pharmacy in 2019. Following graduation, she completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG) and the UGA College of Pharmacy. During her PGY1 year, she completed the Clinical Pharmacy Graduate Certificate Program and earned her teaching certificate. Following her PGY1 year, she was a clinical evening shift staff pharmacist at Wellstar MCG Medical Center and worked to expand learning experiences for pharmacy APPE students to the evening shift. In August 2021, she started a new role as an internal medicine pharmacist. She is member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP) and American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). Her professional interests include infectious diseases, diabetes, and medication policy. Emily joined RAC as a PGY1 advisor in 2023.



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### KYREE HENRY, PHARM.D., BCACP

### Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Specialist, Cardiology

Kyree earned his Doctorate of Pharmacy from The University of Kansas in 2019. He completed his PGY1 Pharmacy residency with AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG) and the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. He then completed his PGY2 Ambulatory Care residency at UW Medicine/University of Washington School of Pharmacy. Following completion of his PGY2 training, he established a clinical pharmacy practice in an outpatient cardiology clinic and provided patient care under a collaborative practice agreement at University Health in San Antonio. He returned to Wellstar MCG Health in August 2022. Kyree is a member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the American College of Cardiology. His clinical interests include heart failure, cardiometabolic risk reduction, public health, and health equity.

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# **MEREDITH WH HIGLEY., PHARM.D., BCOP**

### **Clinical Informatics Pharmacist**

Meredith graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Worcester, Massachusetts in 2008. She completed a PGY1 residency at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN and a PGY2 in Oncology and Palliative Care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA. Meredith was the Clinical Oncology Coordinator for the design, build, and opening of a 40 million-dollar cancer center in rural Massachusetts. This role incorporated a number of Informatics projects, including build, integration, and implementation of a new EHR, IV workflow software, and smart IV pumps. After the successful opening and first two years of operation of the cancer center, she transitioned to working as a contract pharmacist and providing consulting and operational support to a number of facilities nationwide. Her most recent contract in 2019 afforded her the opportunity to support the opening of the first Cancer Center on an Indian Reservation in the United States in Tuba City, Arizona. She came to Wellstar MCG Medical Center as a Clinical Informatics Pharmacist in March of 2021. Meredith has been the lead informaticist for the conversion of ambulatory infusion medications to electronic ordering in addition to her other duties as a part of the pharmacy informatics team. She enjoys working with students and residents and is happy to offer learning opportunities for both.

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# **BAILEY BROGDON HORNE, PHARM.D.**

### Pediatric Pharmacist (Float Coverage)

Bailey is originally from Jacksonville, Florida and received her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Florida State University and Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of South Florida Taneja College of Pharmacy. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency and PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency at Wellstar MCG Health and the Children's Hospital of Georgia. During her PGY2 year, she was our Chief Pharmacy Resident and served on the Residency Advisory Committee (RAC). Her PGY2 research project "Impact of Potassium Chloride Removal from Pediatric DKA Two Bag System." In her spare time, she enjoys travelling with her husband, Connor, and watching her favorite sports teams, the Florida State Seminoles and Jacksonville Jaguars. After a month off following residency, Bailey returned to Wellstar MCG as a new preceptor and a member of our Pediatric Pharmacy team, serving patients in both general pediatrics and pediatric critical care (PICU, NICU). Bailey was recognized as the **GSHP 2024 Outstanding Pharmacy Mentor.** 

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# NEELY HUDSON., PHARM.D., BCPS, BCEMP

### **Emergency Medicine Pharmacist (PRN)**

Neely Hudson received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Amarillo, Texas. After graduation, he completed a combined PGY1/PGY2 Pharmacotherapy Residency at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in collaboration with University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. He joined AU in June of 2022 to practice emergency medicine. During residency, he received his teaching certificate, while precepting students and residents. Neely's practice and scholarship interests include resuscitation, viscoelastic tracing, and interdisciplinary education. Last year, he worked with PGY1 Pharmacy/HSPAL Pharmacy Resident, Alex Kwan, on a national survey of Emergency Medicine Pharmacists perceptions of rapid sequence intubation (RSI) analgosedation practices. He was recognized by UGA College of Pharmacy as **Preceptor of the Year 2024.** Beginning in Fall 2024, Neely is working for Wellstar MCG on a prn basis.

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# ASHLEY JACKSON, PHARM.D., BCEMP



Ashley Jackson received her Doctor of Pharmacy from University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. After graduation she completed PGY1 General Inpatient Pharmacy and PGY2 Medication Safety Residency Loma Linda University. She joined the Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center Department of Pharmacy as an Emergency Medicine Pharmacist in July of 2022. During her residency, she completed a teaching certificate and routinely precepted students. Ashley is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). She has a passion for improving medication policy and has developed opioid stewardship protocols and developed procedures for transitioning a pharmacy to a new hospital location. Her areas of interests include toxicology, opioid stewardship, acute cardiovascular life support and medication policy.

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# ANDREA (ANDI) KARMEL, PHARM.D.

### **Anticoagulation Ambulatory Care Pharmacist**

Andie received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2021. She then completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy residency in Fort Meade, SD at the VA Black Hills Health Care Center. During the course of residency training, she completed her teaching certificate through South Dakota State University. Andie joined the Wellstar MCG ambulatory care pharmacy team in August of 2022 as the pharmacist in the Anticoagulation Clinic. She serves as the preceptor for the Anticoagulation rotational and longitudinal staffing rotation for the PGY2 Ambulatory Care residency. Andie also serves as a preceptor for an APPE elective learning experience in anticoagulation. Andie's areas of interest include anticoagulation and ambulatory care.

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# KELLI R. KEATS., PHARM.D., MPA, BCCCP

### Critical Care Pharmacist – Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency Program Coordinator

Kelli Keats is from Knoxville, Tennessee, and earned her Pharm.D. and Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in 2019. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residencies at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health) and the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2020 and 2021, respectively and was Chief Pharmacy Resident 2020-2021. Kelli currently serves as a Critical Care Pharmacist in the Medical Intensive Care Unit and is the PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency Program Coordinator. She serves as a preceptor for students at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and for both PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Pediatrics and PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy residents. She has multiple recent publications, including both her PGY1 and PGY2 research among other projects. She is an active member of SCCM, ACCP and GSHP and was recognized as GSHP 2023 Outstanding New Practitioner. Kelli enjoys working on quality improvement projects and her research interests include pain, agitation, and delirium as well as infectious disease and acute respiratory distress syndrome.

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### E. BEHREN KETCHUM, PHARM.D., BCOP



# Oncology Pharmacist, Outpatient Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic

Emily Behren Ketchum (preferred name: Behren) earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia in 2022. She then completed PGY1 pharmacy and PGY2 oncology pharmacy residencies at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health) and the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy where she earned graduate certificates in Clinical Pharmacy and completed a teaching portfolio. Throughout her residency, Behren developed a passion for patients with hematologic malignancies and those undergoing CAR T-cell therapy and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). She was excited continue as a member of the Wellstar MCG Medical Center and Georgia Cancer Center oncology pharmacy team by accepting a newly created position as the outpatient hematologic and bone marrow transplant clinical pharmacy specialist after residency. Her clinical interests include lymphoma, myeloma, HSCT, and CAR T-cell therapy. She is a member of the American Society of Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASCTC), the Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA), and the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP). During her PGY2 year, she was lead author on a publication in the Journal of the Advanced Practitioner in Oncology entitled "Belantamab Mafodotin-blmf: A Novel Antibody-Drug Conjugate for Treatment of Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma.

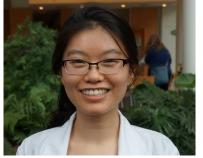
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# PAM KU, PHARM.D., BCPS

### **Internal Medicine Pharmacist**

Pam earned her Pharm.D. from the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy in 2015. After working in community practice for a year, she then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health) and UGA College of Pharmacy and completed the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy with a teaching portfolio. Following her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Pam became the first PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Resident at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, VA. Upon completion of residency, Pam worked as an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN, where she served as a preceptor for their PGY1 and Community Pharmacy Residency programs. She re-joined the pharmacy team at Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center in March 2020 as an internal medicine unit-based pharmacist. Her professional interests include infectious disease and COPD. Pam currently serves on the Wellstar MCG Residency Advisory Committee (RAC) as the Preceptor Development Coordinator, on the ASHP Section of Pharmacy Educators Section Advisory Group (SAG) on the Development of Post-Graduate Educational & Learning Experiences and was recognized as GSHP 2024 **Outstanding Pharmacy Preceptor.** 

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Welcome! New Preceptor 2024

### RACHEL KUO, PHARM.D.

### Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, Renal Transplant

Rachel received her Bachelor of Science in Informatics and PharmD from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She completed her PGY1 at Detroit Receiving Hospital as well as her PGY2 Ambulatory Care with Harper-Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. She was awarded her Academic Teaching Certificate through Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy. Following pharmacy residency, she joined Wellstar MCG Health in fall 2023 as a kidney transplant pharmacist. Rachel's interests include solid organ transplant, nephrology, cardiology, anticoagulation, and informatics.



### AMBER LADAK, PHARM.D, BCACP, AAHIVP



### Department of Infectious Disease, Medical College of Georgia (MCG)

Amber (pronounced "Um-bur") is the HIV Clinical Pharmacist in the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) Department of Infectious Disease. Amber completed her undergraduate and PharmD degrees at Northeastern University in Boston, MA, then moved to Kansas City, MO to complete a one-year Public Health and Ambulatory Care residency at the Kansas City CARE Clinic and University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). Kansas City provided her with her initial training in the care of people living with HIV, which serendipitously led her to pursue a specialty in this area. She joined Augusta University in 2015 as the clinical pharmacist for the Ryan White Clinic and focuses on patient medication adherence as well as patient education. Services to patients with



HIV are supported by a Ryan White grant. Amber also has her Master's in Public Health, is board certified in ambulatory care pharmacy (BCACP) and is credentialed as a specialized HIV Pharmacist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM). Her areas of interest include antiretroviral stewardship, antiretroviral resistance, PEP and PREP, HIV in pregnancy, clinical research, public health, and pharmacy and interprofessional education.

In addition to precepting Doctor of Pharmacy students from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, Amber also offers a longitudinal experience in the HIV Clinic for PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy and PGY2 Infectious Disease residents and invites pharmacy residents on their Infectious Disease learning experience to spend time with her in the HIV Clinic. Amber loves being able to work directly with patients, students, and other providers.

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# ASHLEY LIVINGSTON, PHARM.D.

# Specialty Pharmacist, Wellstar MCG Health

Ashley earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of South Carolina in 2010. After graduation, she spent six years working as a community pharmacist. In 2016, she transitioned to Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center and continued her career as a community pharmacist. In this role she provided medication therapy management and developed a medication adherence program for patients of the retail pharmacy. She received a certificate in anticoagulation management from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy prior to joining the ambulatory care pharmacy team in March 2021 as Ambulatory Care Pharmacist in the Anticoagulation Clinic. Recently, Ashley transitioned into a new role as a Specialty Pharmacist and is looking forward to expanding clinical services in that area and developing a learning experience in Specialty Pharmacy. Ashley is passionate about teaching and serves as preceptor for APPE students from the University of Georgia and University of South Carolina Colleges of Pharmacy. Her professional interests include anticoagulation, cardiology, dermatology and transitions of care.

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# CARLY LOUDERMILK, PHARM.D.

### **Emergency Medicine Pharmacist, Night Shift**

Carly is a Pharm.D. graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and completed her PGY1 Pharmacy residency at Wellstar MCG Health before going to the University of Louisville Health in Louisville, Kentucky for a her PGY2 in Emergency Medicine. We were excited to be able to recruit Carly back after her residency as part of an expansion of our ER Pharmacy services to 24-hours. She joins her former co-residents, Bailey Horne and Gabby Bachner, who also became our preceptors after their PGY2 year.

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Welcome! New Preceptor 2025

# PARISA MARTIN, PHARM.D.

### **Pediatric Pharmacist**

Parisa received her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and served as a pharmacy intern for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) during all four years of pharmacy school. After practicing as a clinical pharmacist at CHOA and then at Cape Fear Valley Health System, she joined the pediatric pharmacy team at the Wellstar MCG Children's Hospital of Georgia in April 2024. Parisa is working towards a teaching certificate from the UGA College of Pharmacy.

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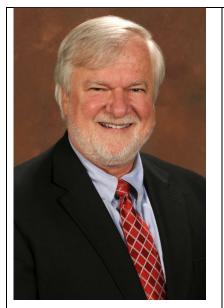


# DIANNE MAY, PHARM.D., BCPS, FCCP

Clinical Professor, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and Campus Director for Practice Experiences, Augusta / Drug Information—Medication Policy

Dianne offers an advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) in Drug Information with an emphasis on drug policy management and drug information/medication policy experience for pharmacy residents. She is a member of the Residency Advisory Council (RAC) and coordinates the activities related to the resident's journal club. She also precepts the residents' involvement in an introductory patient care experience (IPPE) for 3rd year pharmacy students in the hospital. She received both her BS in Pharmacy and her Pharm.D. degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. Prior to her move to academia, Dr. May served in various roles for the health-system including Drug Information Specialist and Drug Information and Formulary Coordinator. She is Board Certified in Pharmacotherapy and is a Fellow in the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Within the Drug Information Practice and Research Network (PRN) she has served on the programming committee, poster committee and membership committee, as well as serving as Secretary-Treasurer and Chair. She has also served as a Board member, Co-Chair for the Education Committee, and District Director for the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP). She is an active member of ASHP, AACP, and ACCP. In 2020, Dr. May was honored by the ACCP Drug Information Practice and Research Network (PRN) with their "Distinguished Drug Information Practitioner Award." Her research interests include Drug Information, Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring and Reporting, and Drug Policy Management.

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# J. RUSSELL (RUSTY) MAY, PHARM.D. FASHP Clinical Professor and Assistant Dean University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, Augusta Academia /Teaching / Antibiotic Stewardship

J. Russell May, Pharm.D. is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. Prior to his move to academia full time in 2003, Dr. May was a drug information specialist and clinical manager in the Pharmacy Department at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) Health System (now AU Medical Center) for 22 years, including serving as Director of Pharmacy from 1998 to 2003. Since graduating from the University of Kentucky Pharm.D. and Hospital Residency Programs in 1981, Dr. May has focused his practice in the areas of drug information and drug policy development. He is a Past Chair and current member of the Drug Utilization Review Board for the Georgia Department of Community Health.

He has continually served on the Residency Advisory Council (RAC) for the Wellstar MCG Health Pharmacy residency programs, as the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy representative on the RAC Executive Committee and as the co-course instructor for Teaching in Pharmacy Practice (the teaching portfolio component of our residencies). In 2007, Rusty was named Teacher of the Year at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and has served on the ASHP Executive Committee of the Section of Clinical Specialists and the ASHP Commission on Credentialing. He is a past president of the Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists. Dr. May made multiple trips as a visiting professor at Misr International University in Cairo Egypt and assisted with the development of their Drug Information Center. Dr. May was the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Drug Information Practitioner Award from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. His UGA faculty profile can be accessed here.

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# CHARITY NORA, PHARM.D. BSACP

### **Digestive Health Ambulatory Care Pharmacist**

Charity Nora earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy in 2017. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency and obtained her teaching and learning certificate at the University of Mississippi for community pharmacy. During residency, she served as an APPE and IPPE preceptor. Charity is a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist and joined the pharmacy team at Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center in May of 2022. She serves as the clinical pharmacist for the gastroenterology clinic under a Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM) protocol. Her clinical interests are hepatitis C, Crohn's disease, and ulcerative colitis. Charity is a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the National Pharmaceutical Association.

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### **KELLEY NORRIS, PHARM.D. BSPPS**

### PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency Program Director (RPD) Pharmacy Manager, Acute Care Clinical Services Pediatric Critical Care Pharmacist

Kelley Norris is the Manager of Acute Care Clinical Services and a Pediatric Critical Care Specialist. She also holds an appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia (UGA), College of Pharmacy. Kelley received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Auburn University in 1999. After completing her pharmacy practice residency at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) in 2000, she joined the Wellstar MCG Health staff as a pediatric pharmacy specialist. She is a Board-Certified Pediatric Pharmacy Specialist. Kelley became the Residency Program Director for the PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency in 2017. Kelley is responsible for providing pediatric pharmacy clinical services to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and for clinical practice development of pharmacists in both adult and pediatric specialties. She serves as a preceptor for UGA pharmacy students, the PGY1 Pharmacy residency, the PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy residency and the PGY2 HSPAL residency. She is also a member of the medical center Ethics Committee. Kelley served on the Vizient Pharmacy Network Executive Committee from 2018 to 2023, with the last term as an Executive Director at Large. She is an active member of the Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA), ASHP, and ACCP. She was a member of the drafting team for the World Health Organization (WHO) List of Essential Medications for Pediatrics published in December 2007. Kelley's professional and scholarly interests include medication safety, sedation/analgesia, medical ethics, and the care of patients with congenital cardiac abnormalities.

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# KATE O'CONNOR, PHARM.D., BCACP, BC-ADM

### PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program Director

Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, Internal Medicine Clinic

Kate received her PharmD at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana in 2015. After graduation, she completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System in Little Rock, Arkansas. She then stayed on at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System and completed an ASHP-accredited PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency. She joined the pharmacy team at Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center in August of 2017 and established a pharmacist presence in the Internal Medicine Clinic. She loves working in a team-based, academic environment to improve patient care while simultaneously teaching medical residents, medical students, and pharmacy learners. In July of 2019, Kate took on the additional role of Residency Coordinator for the PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at Wellstar MCG Health and in July 2022 began serving as the PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency Drug Therapy Management protocol to provide chronic disease state management.

Kate is involved with facilitating learning of Medical College of Georgia (MCG) medical students through interdisciplinary learning on Ambulatory Clerkship, as well as lectures in the patient centered learning course, and

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interprofessional education events. She is currently working on an IRBapproved research project with Internal Medicine faculty, and recently had an article published that was written in conjunction with Internal Medicine and Psychiatry faculty. Her clinical interests include diabetes, hyperlipidemia, mental health, anticoagulation, and transitions of care. Kate is a member of American Society of Health System Pharmacists, Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists, Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists, and the American Pharmacists Association.

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### MARGARET OATES POISSON, PHARM.D., BCPPS PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency Program Coordinator Pharmacy Supervisor, Pediatrics / Pediatric CF Pharmacist

Margaret is a 2013 PharmD graduate of the University of Kentucky. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago/University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. Following her PGY1, Margaret went on to Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for her PGY2 Pediatric Residency. After completion of residency she joined the Augusta University Pharmacy team in 2015. As of July 2020, Margaret became the pharmacy supervisor for pediatric clinical services at the Children's Hospital of Georgia and transitioned her primary practice site in August from the pediatric intensive care unit to outpatient pediatric cystic fibrosis. In addition to pediatric CF, she is also the pediatric antimicrobial stewardship pharmacist and an adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy for UGA.

She serves as a preceptor for students at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and for both PGY1 and PGY2 pediatric pharmacy and PGY2 ambulatory care pharmacy residents. In 2019, Margaret developed a formalized internship program at Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center for PY3 and PY4 pharmacy students and serves as one of the intern program coordinators. That program now includes 12 pharmacy interns. Her professional interests include antimicrobial stewardship, treatment of patients with congenital cardiac abnormalities, cystic fibrosis, and medication safety within pediatrics. Margaret is a member of the Georgia Society of Healthsystem Pharmacists (GSHP) and the Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA). She is an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice (without salary) for UGA College of Pharmacy and was recognized by GSHP with the 2016 Community Service Award. Margaret is a certified practice reviewer for BCPPS PedSAP.

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Marjorie Shaw Phillips

### MARJORIE SHAW PHILLIPS, MS, RPH, FASHP, CIP

### Pharmacy Manager, Clinical Research & Residency Program Excellence

Marjorie is a pharmacist and manager for Wellstar MCG Medical Center at Augusta University and Adjunct Clinical Professor, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. A member of the Pharmacy Leadership Team, her practice includes clinical research pharmacy, mentorship of pharmacy residents and residency preceptors as well as coordination of technician students and observers for the pharmacy department. After serving as the Pharmacy Residency Coordinator for nine years, and the PGY1 Residency Program Director 2008-2020, she is now the Pharmacy Manager for Residency Program Excellence and leads the Residency Advisory Committee (RAC). She precepts a Pharm.D. rotation in Clinical Research/Investigational Drug Services (APPE) as well as the PGY2 Oncology resident experience in Clinical Research Pharmacy. Each of the PGY1 pharmacy residents work with Marjorie coordinating pharmacy services for a clinical research protocol as a longitudinal activity and she helps facilitate resident and pharmacy practice research. For over two decades --from inception in 1995 to 2010 and 2015-2016, she served as the Chair of the MCG health system Medication Error Prevention Committee (MEPC) and she continues to be actively involved in medication safety. The MEPC (now renamed Medication Safety Committee) is an interdisciplinary group whose focus is review of local/national medication error reports and hospital efforts to improve medication safety and increase event reporting in a non-punitive environment. She has been a member of the Augusta University Institutional Review Board (IRB) for 32 years, and after 13 years as a Vice-Chair of the biomedical IRB became Chair of Augusta University IRB-C (the Biomedical Institutional Review Board with a focus on Oncology) in January 2015. In 2017, she was recognized by examination through the society for Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) as a certified IRB professional (CIP) and recertified by exam in 2024. She is a member of the Augusta University Georgia Cancer Center and serves on their Protocol Review and Monitoring (Scientific Review) Committee.

Marjorie received her pharmacy degree plus M.S. in Hospital Pharmacy from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy and completed a two-year hospital pharmacy residency (PGY1/PGY2) at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida in 1984. The next six years were spent practicing hospital pharmacy, with an emphasis in quality and performance improvement, at two Florida hospitals (Shands-UF/Gainesville and Memorial Hospital-Ormond Beach). In 1990, she joined the pharmacy staff at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) Hospitals and Clinics (the organization that later became Wellstar MCG Medical Center). ASHP service includes Chair of the House of Delegates (2003-2006), Board of Directors (2002-2006), Commission on Credentialing (2017-2020), House of Delegates, Council on Organizational Affairs (1991-1994), Ad Hoc Committee on Policy Development, USP Advisory Committee, Section of Clinical Specialists Communication and Education Committees and drafter for two ASHP Guidelines. She is Past President, Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists and Eastern Shores Florida Society of Hospital Pharmacists, and a past Board Member and Committee Chair for both FSHP and GSHP. In 1997, she was GSHP Pharmacist of the Year and in 2020 was honored by GSHP with

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their Service to the Society Award. She served on the Steering Committee for the Southeastern Residency Conference (SERC) from 2000 to 2011 and completed a five-year term as Treasurer in 2005.

Her professional contributions also include over 40 publications and 70 presentations (on varying topics including medication safety, performance improvement, team-building, and clinical trials compliance) and several book chapters (quality improvement, medication safety, IRB). She served two five-year terms on the USP Safe Medication Use Expert Committee (2005-2010), as Vice-chair for the second term, and as an Expert Consultant for USP. Marjorie was recognized by the UGA College of Pharmacy with its Distinguished Service Award at Homecoming 2011, was appointed to the FDA Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee (2012-2016) and continues to serve as a Special Government Employee (SGE) and consultant to the FDA on medication safety. She has was a member of the ASHP Commission on Credentialing (COC), the accrediting body for pharmacy residencies from 2017 to 2023, was Chair for 2022 and Immediate Past Chair 2023.

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# LAURA PROVOST, PHARM.D., BCPS, BCCP

### Cardiology Pharmacist

Laura received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biological and Medicinal Chemistry from Palm Beach Atlantic University and graduated from the university's Gregory School of Pharmacy in 2019 as the Outstanding Graduate with her Doctor of Pharmacy. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency at Baptist Hospital of Miami, where she went on to complete her PGY2 training in the field of cardiology as the inaugural resident for the institution. During her PGY2 year, Laura earned her Board Certification as a Pharmacotherapy Specialist, and she became double-boarded; certified in Cardiology Pharmacy (BCCP) in 2022. She is a member of the American College of Cardiology (ACC), American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP) and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Laura's primary areas of interest include acute coronary syndromes, heart failure and anticoagulation. She is passionate about people and strives to put a smile on the faces of all she works with.

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# PAIGE EBER REESE, PHARM.D., BCPPS

### Pediatric Pharmacist, Pediatric Critical Care (PICU)

We were thrilled to welcome Paige back to the Children's Hospital of Georgia at Augusta University in May 2021, first as our evening shift pediatric pharmacist and later in a Pediatric decentralized float role covering general pediatrics, PICU and NICU before becoming the primary practitioner in the PICU in 2024. Paige is a graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and completed both PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residencies at AU Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health) with Graduate Certificates in Clinical Pharmacy from UGA College of Pharmacy. Prior to her return to Augusta, Paige worked as a pediatric pharmacy specialist at UNC Hospitals-Chapel Hill, NC.

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# TIMOTHY (TIM) ROBINSON, PHARM.D, BCCCP

**Critical Care Pharmacy Supervisor, Trauma Critical Care Pharmacist** Tim received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in 2007. He completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at MCG Health in conjunction with the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2008. Upon residency completion, Tim joined our medical center pharmacy staff covering internal medicine along with coverage and chemotherapy processing for the oncology/hematology service. Beginning in October 2009, his practice focus moved to critical care and the Shock Trauma Intensive Care Unit. Tim maintains board certification in critical care (BCCCP) with practice interests including traumatic brain injury management, continuous sedation/pain management and infectious disease. Beginning in February of 2017, he took the role of supervisor for the critical care pharmacist group. In 2019 Tim assisted in the development of our new emergency department pharmacy service, recruitment of emergency medicine pharmacist and now serves as the supervisor. By maintaining supervisor roles in both the emergency department and ICU areas, he is able to focus on improving continuity of care, ICU transitions from the ED, and assist in expanding pharmacy services in both areas. He continues his trauma ICU practice along with being a preceptor for pharmacy students, PGY1 residents and PGY2 critical care residents.

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# JODY CARSWELL ROCKER, PHARM.D., BCPS

### **Geriatrics and Nursing Home Consultant Pharmacist**

Jody received her Pharm.D. from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2003. She completed her Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Medical College of Georgia Health System in 2004 and then joined the MCG (now AU Medical Center) pharmacy staff as a Neuroscience Pharmacy Specialist. In August 2020 she transitioned to a fulltime role as our Consultant Pharmacist for Georgia War Veteran's Nursing Home, a state veteran's long term care facility across the street from our hospital which is managed by Augusta University and accredited by both The Joint Commission and the VA. She has an appointment to the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor. At the 2004 ACCP Annual Meeting she presented, "Cliff Notes: How Mentoring Works" with Dr. Susan Fagan. She has been published in The Annals of Pharmacotherapy (2003), Hospital Pharmacy (2006), Stroke (2012) and Neurocritical Care (2020). Her areas of clinical interest include secondary stroke prevention strategies, dementia treatment (pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic), and polypharmacy in Geriatrics. Jody is an active member of ACCP and Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists. She was the GSHP Central Savannah River District Director and member of the GSHP Board of Directors (2017-2019) and for a second term (202 During GSHP officer elections in Spring 2022, Jody was reelected as District Director and Board member 2023-2025. Jody was a longstanding member of the Residency Advisory Committee (RAC) and the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Coordinator for the 2020-2021 class.

Jody has participated in medical mission trips to Ecuador. In fall 2015, GSHP recognized her with their **Community Service award** for both her international volunteer work and a popular program that brought pharmacists and pharmacy students to visit community groups for health and medication education lectures. In Summer 2016, GSHP honored her with their **Preceptor of the Year** award for her involvement with pharmacy residents and pharmacy students. Jody was also the GSHP **Outstanding District Director** award winner in 2018. In addition to organizing a full schedule of district educational meetings in Augusta, Jody implemented a number of innovations including community service projects, networking events for pharmacy students and preceptors, as well as development programs by the members to support our local students applying for residencies and interviewing. The UGA College of Pharmacy named her as one of three **Preceptors of the Year** in 2019.

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# ALICIA C. SANCHEZ, PHARM.D., BCPPS

### Medication Safety Pharmacist / Pediatric Pharmacist

Alicia C. Sanchez received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy in 2016. She then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital and the University of Tennessee, where she earned a teaching certificate. Following her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Alicia completed her PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency at the Children's Hospital of Georgia at Augusta University Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health) and The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, where she completed a Clinical Pharmacy Graduate Certificate program. Upon completion of her PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency, Alicia worked as a Pediatric Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacist at Children's National Medical Center. She re-joined the pharmacy team at the Children's Hospital of Georgia at Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center in July 2019, where she initiated pediatric emergency medicine pharmacy services. As of April 2023, she transitioned roles and now serves as our Medication Safety Pharmacist. She holds an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor appointment in Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. Alicia is a preceptor for the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, PGY2 Critical Care Residency, PGY2 Pediatric Residency, and is a co-coordinator of the Wellstar MCG Health Pharmacy Intern Program (12 pharmacy interns). She maintains active membership in Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP). Alicia's professional interests include pediatric resuscitation, infectious diseases, quality and process improvement, and medication safety.

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# KATHERINE (KATIE) SAUNDERS, PHARM.D., BCOP



Katherine Saunders received her Pharm.D. from Mercer University College of Pharmacy in 2015. Following graduation, she completed her PGY1 at Grady Health System in Atlanta, GA. Katie then traveled to the University of Wisconsin in Madison and completed her PGY2 in Oncology Pharmacy with UW Health. Her primary area of practice is ambulatory oncology, specifically within the solid tumor clinics at the Georgia Cancer Center- Laney Walker. Katie serves as the preceptor for two clinic-based learning experiences within the PGY2 Oncology program (solid tumors, gynecologic oncology) as well as for ambulatory oncology experiences within the PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy residencies. In 2021, she was promoted to a new role as the Oncology Supervisor to help develop our patient care services and pharmacist practitioners in our oncology service line. Katie is passionate about teaching and is also a preceptor for APPE students from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. She is involved in the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist Association (HOPA) and a current member of the BCOP Oversight Committee.

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# **GERARD (GARY) SCHICK, MBA, CHFP, CPHT**

### Pharmacy Manager, Business Operations and 340B Program

c Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 2006 and went on to complete the Master of Business Administration program at Augusta University Hull College of Business in 2010. He began his career in pharmacy as a retail technician in 2001 and worked for a large chain pharmacy and then an independent pharmacy before coming to our medical center in 2015. He initially worked in the Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center Retail Pharmacy until becoming our first Pharmacy Business Analyst in 2017. In this role, he helped to develop the Business Unit and was ultimately promoted to Manager of Pharmacy Business Operations in 2019. Gary additionally assumed the role of managing the 340B Program in 2021. He is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) and a technician member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP).

He has completed the Pharmacy Revenue Cycle Management Certificate program through ASHP and is a Certified Healthcare Financial Professional and Certified Specialist in Business Intelligence through HFMA. His professional interests include revenue cycle, inventory management, and financial analysis. In 2023, Gary became the co-chair of the Vizient Central Atlantic Pharmacy Program (CAPP) Network, the first non-pharmacist in this role. CAPP is a pharmacy network comprised of 8 health systems, representing more than 29 acute care facilities and \$1.1 billion in pharmacy spend that achieves savings through utilization, standardization and contracting agreements.

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New Preceptor 2024-2025

# CAMPBELL SCOTT, PHARM.D., BCOP

Ambulatory Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist, Solid Tumor Clinics Campbell Scott is a native of Augusta, Georgia and earned his Pharm D

Campbell Scott is a native of Augusta, Georgia and earned his Pharm.D. at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. He has always had an interest in Oncology Pharmacy and came to Wellstar MCG Health and the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy for his PGY1 Pharmacy Residency and PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy residency. As a resident he prepared the IRB submission and began participating as a sub-investigator for a local prospective clinical trial "Evaluation of cholecalciferol (VitD3) supplementation in patients with multiple myeloma (MM) before transplantation and in combination with lenalidomide maintenance" and taught a number of classes at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy as a graduate teaching assistant.

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# **AUBREY SLAUGHTER, PHARM.D., BCPPS**

### **Pediatric Ambulatory Care Pharmacist**

Aubrey Slaughter earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2020. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy residencies at AU Medical Center (now MCG Health) in association with the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and completed a Clinical Pharmacy Graduate Certificate program. During her PGY2 year, Aubrey served as the Chief Pharmacy Resident in Augusta. Aubrey joined the Wellstar MCG Health pharmacy team as a pediatric ambulatory care pharmacist in July 2022. Her clinical interests include transitions of care, medication safety, and ambulatory care services. Her goal this year is to help expand pharmacy services in the pediatric clinics. She is a member of American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP), Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists (GSHP), the Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA), and a member on the Vizient Pharmacy Network Pediatric Pharmacy Committee. Aubrey also serves as a student mentor through these organizations. Along with Alicia Sanchez, Aubrey developed a pilot Residency Wellness series as part of Residency Enrichment in 2023-2024 that we are continuing. She is the only pediatric pharmacist in the State of Georgia with a Collaborative Practice Agreement. (Her first is specifically for renal transplant patients and she is establishing a second collaborative for patients seen in the complex care clinic.) Aubrey serves on the Wellstar MCG Ambulatory Quality Committee, the Pharmacy Quality/Safety Committee, and teaches pediatric medical residents (transitions in care, medication error prevention, intern boot camp). The Georgia Society of Health-system Pharmacists recognized Aubrey as the 2024 **GSHP** Outstanding New Practitioner.

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New Preceptor 2024

# **BROOKE SMITH, PHARM.D.**

### **Critical Care Pharmacist**

Brooke attended the University of Texas for her undergraduate studies, followed by the University of Colorado for her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL and a PGY2 in Critical Care at the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC). Brooke completed a teaching certificate program during PGY1 through UIC as well as an advanced teaching certificate as a PGY2. She is currently an active member in the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) as well as the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). Brooke's areas of interest include mentorship, sepsis, alcohol withdrawal, and pain/sedation. Brooke immediately became a contributing member of our critical care pharmacy team and joined the Residency Advisory Committee (RAC) in July 2024 as a PGY1 Advisor.

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# KANGWON (CHRISTINA) SONG, PHARM.D.

### **Clinical Research Pharmacist**

Christina Song is a Doctor of Pharmacy graduate of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy – University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, a PGY2 Pharmacy Residency in Pain Management/Palliative Care through the VA (Gainesville/Lake City, Florida) and a Veteran's Administration Interdisciplinary Addiction Treatment Fellowship. She completed a Teaching and Learning Development Certificate as a resident, and a certification in Statistical Reasoning for Public Health 1 (Estimation, Inference, & Interpretation) from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health as a fellow. The last two years before coming to Augusta were spent as a VA Research Scientist (epidemiological research), serving on the team for an R21 as well as several other VA and US Air Force Grants. She served as lead author (January 2020 in The Journal of Pain) on an analysis of five-year pain intensity and treatment trajectories of post-9/11 veterans with mild traumatic brain injury and continues to work on longitudinal database research to improve outcomes among post-9/11 veterans. Since licensure as a pharmacist in 2012, she had also worked as an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist for the South Texas Veterans Health Care System in San Antonio, Texas as well as while she was in training at the Lake City VAMC and at Memorial Health. Christina brings a wealth of experience in hospital pharmacy and an enthusiasm for research to her role as a Clinical Research Pharmacist at the Wellstar Medical Center Clinical Research Pharmacy. She participates on the Vizient Pharmacy Council Research Committee and in November 2023 was lead author on a publication in AJHP entitled "Development of complexity categories for an investigational drug services complexity scoring tool to assess pharmacy effort in clinical trial initiation and maintenance." Christina is a great resource for pharmacy residents and practitioners on topics of research design, statistics and analysis of large datasets. She also works with PGY1 Pharmacy residents and PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy residents who are on their Investigational Drug/Clinical Research Pharmacy learning experience with Marjorie Shaw Phillips.

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### **RACHEL STEPHENS UTNE, PHARM.D., BCPS**

### Renal Transplant Pharmacist

Rachel is a 2017 graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. She completed her PGY1 residency at Baptist Health Medical Center in North Little Rock, Arkansas and completed Teaching and Research Certificate programs through the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. After residency, she joined the Baptist Health System as a population health pharmacist. In October 2018, she was a co-presenter on Transitions of Care at the Arkansas Association of Health System Pharmacists Fall Seminar. Dr. Stephens joined the Wellstar MCG Pharmacy team as a renal transplant pharmacist in January 2019. Rachel's clinical interests include solid organ transplant, nephrology and disease state management focused on diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidemia. Along with her clinical interests, Rachel incorporates her previous career in secondary education in precepting students and enhancing patient education.

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# ASHLEY TAYLOR, PHARM.D., BCCCP

### **Critical Care Pharmacist, Surgical ICU**

Ashley Taylor is from Lyons, Georgia, and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency and PGY2 critical care pharmacy residency training at Augusta University Medical Center (now Wellstar MCG Health). She completed a teaching certificate program during her residency training. After residency, Ashley joined our Medical Center team to expand ICU pharmacy services through her role as the Evening ICU Clinical Pharmacist. She worked to build this new role for a year. She currently provides pharmacy clinical services to patients in the Surgical and Cardiothoracic Surgery Intensive Care Units, where she started in September 2021. Ashley precepts both PGY1 and PGY2 residents at the medical center and joined RAC as a PGY1 Advisor in 2022. She is also a preceptor for the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, facilitates a Medical Emergency Simulation session for Residency Enrichment and oversees our residency social media accounts.

Ashley is an active member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists (GSHP). In 2021, Ashley published her PGY1 residency research in Pharmacotherapy Journal, entitled *Achievement of goal anti-Xa activity with weight-based enoxaparin dosing for venous thromboembolism prophylaxis in trauma patients.* She also published her PGY2 residency research in Journal of Pharmacy Practice in the same year, entitled *Vasopressor discontinuation order in septic shock with reduced left ventricular function.* Her professional interests include sedation/agitation, delirium, anticoagulation, and hemodynamics.

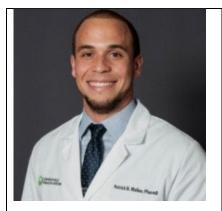
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### KRYSTAL "LEEANN" THOMPSON LEE, PHARM.D., BCPPS Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist

LeeAnn received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia (UGA) College of Pharmacy in 2014. She completed her clinical rotations at AU Medical Center in Augusta, GA. After graduation, LeeAnnn completed an ASHPaccredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Columbus Regional Health in Columbus, GA. During her PGY1 year, she completed a Teaching and Learning Certificate Program through the South University School of Pharmacy. Following her PGY1 residency, LeeAnn joined the Wellstar MCG Health pharmacy team as a pediatric pharmacist. In August 2017, she accepted a position as the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist and began working with both the inpatient pediatric heme/onc team and the outpatient pediatric heme/onc clinic. In fall 2021, she transitioned to a new role in the Georgia Cancer Center Infusion Pharmacy. She is a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP), Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP), Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA), and Children's Oncology Group (COG).

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Welcome BACK, Patrick! New Preceptor 2024

# PATRICK WALKER, PHARM.D., BCCCP

### **Critical Care Pharmacist**

Patrick Walker received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and was a pharmacy intern at MCG Health (then dba Georgia Regents) during all four years of the Pharm.D. program (June 2011 to June 2015) before completing a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency (with Lucy Crosby as his Program Director) and PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at Greenville Health System, Greenville, SC. After residency, he practiced as a Critical Care Pharmacist for Roper St. Francis in Charleston, South Carolina, before returning to Augusta with his wife and newborn daughter, Mia and joining the critical care pharmacy team at Wellstar MCG Health in September 2024. We are excited to have Patrick back and look forward to the new ideas and energy he will bring to our facility.

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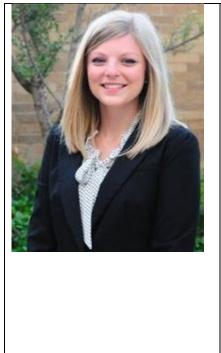
# NATHAN WAYNE, PHARM.D., BCPS, BCCP

Cardiology Pharmacist / Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (CVICU) and Cardiology Acute Care

**PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Coordinator** 

Nathan earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia in 2017. He completed a PGY1 residency at UNC REX Healthcare in Raleigh, NC and received his teaching certificate from UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. He then completed a PGY2 Cardiology Residency at the University of Kentucky HealthCare in Lexington. Nathan joined Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center as a Cardiology Clinical Pharmacist for the Cardiovascular Intensive Care and Telemetry units. His practice areas of interest include critical care cardiology, advanced heart failure, mechanical circulatory support, and anticoagulation. He precepts IPPE, APPE, PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy resident learning experiences. Nathan is an Associate of the American College of Cardiology (ACC), and a member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). He is a co-producer for the *CardioScripts* podcast, a cardiology pharmacy podcast in collaboration with the ACCP Cardiology Research and Practice Network that reviews recent and classic cardiology literature. As a member of the Residency Advisory Committee, he is passionate about mentorship and promoting wellness and the resilience of our trainees and he serves as the PGY1 Residency Program Coordinator.

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# MAEGAN WHITWORTH, PHARM.D., BCPS. BCCC

### Medicine Pharmacist – Medicine Pharmacy Supervisor

Maegan Whitworth received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Lubbock, Texas. She then completed a PGY1 and PGY2 combined Pharmacotherapy residency program with Texas Tech University HSC School of Pharmacy (TTUHSC SOP) and Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo, Texas. Following residency, she was a full-time, non-tenure track Assistant Professor with TTUHSC SOP and developed clinical practice sites in critical care and adult medicine at Northwest Texas Healthcare System precepting interdisciplinary learners for 6 years. She then transitioned into a Clinical Pharmacy Manager role at BSA Health System leading practice management activities and clinical pharmacy services. Maegan has served as a Residency Program Coordinator and Director for multiple PGY1 and PGY2 programs in the last 8 years. In June 2022, Maegan joined Wellstar MCG Health in Augusta as part of the adult medicine pharmacy team and the following spring she was promoted to supervisor of the Medicine team. Her practice and scholarship interests include optimization of drug therapy management, residency training, and interdisciplinary education.

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