WellStar Atlanta Medical Center
Pharmacy Residency Program
Founded in 1901, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center (AMC) is a 762-bed acute care hospital, with campuses in downtown Atlanta and East Point, Ga. It is the second largest licensed-bed hospital in Georgia. A teaching hospital, AMC is a Level 1 Trauma Center and Advanced Primary Stroke Center, earning numerous national awards for its treatment of stroke. It is recognized for its women’s services program, including water births, and the hospital’s weight loss program is nationally accredited. Through a community partnership, AMC provides sports medicine coverage to Atlanta Public Schools student athletes.

AMC is a proud member of WellStar Health System. WellStar, the largest health system in Georgia, is known nationally for its innovative care models, and is focused on improved quality and access to healthcare. WellStar is dedicated to reinvesting back into the community with innovative treatments, state-of-the-art technology and facilities. Its vision is to deliver world-class healthcare.

To learn more about WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, a facility accredited by The Joint Commission, visit wellstar.org.

**AMC Awards**
- MBSAQIP Accredited Center Quality Improvement, American Society for Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery and American College of Surgeons
- Aetna Institutes of Quality, Bariatric Surgery
- Optum Bariatric Center of Excellence (COE)
- Get With The Guidelines Heart Failure Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, 2016
- Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, 2016
Resident Training

AMC has been training residents for more than 50 years. Our four residency programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). We have 84 residents currently training at AMC in Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, and Orthopaedic Surgery. Additionally, 2 pharmacy residents are training in a program that is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. AMC is firmly committed to maintaining a tradition of excellence in teaching, combining knowledge, technique and technology in every area of modern medicine. Through its Graduate Medical Education programs, AMC has trained more than 1,200 physicians.

AMC is affiliated with:

- Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University
- Mercer University School of Medicine
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Ross University School of Medicine
Post Graduate Year 1 Pharmacy Residency Program

The ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Residency Program at WellStar Atlanta Medical Center is a 12-month program that begins the 1st of July each year. Its goals, objectives and evaluation procedures are established to be consistent with the pharmacy residency training established by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The residency program consists of a one-month orientation and 11 months of rotations that allow for a broad range of clinical experiences. Each resident will spend one or more months in each of the following areas:

**Mandatory Rotations**
- Administration/Drug Information
- Critical Care
- Internal Medicine
- Medication Safety
- Metabolic Support
- Pharmaceutical Care
- Pharmacokinetics

**Elective Rotations**
- Cardiology
- Endocrinology/Diabetes Management
- Family Practice
- Neonatology
- Nephrology
- Ambulatory Care
- Infectious Disease

In addition, the resident will be involved in various departmental activities designed to complement the clinical activities, as well as broaden the resident’s skills. Continuing education programs are offered periodically. The department also participates in various outcome studies on drug usage evaluations.

AMC’s residency program requires the completion of a research project with a poster to be presented at the ASHP Midyear Clinical meeting in December. In addition, residents are required to present their research project at the Southeastern Residency Conference in Athens, Georgia. Pharmacy residents are included in the pharmacokinetics and metabolic support on-call rotations. Residents are expected to be on rotation Monday through Friday and staff one weekend per month and one day a week staffing and some holidays.

Pharmacy residents at AMC are considered full-time employees of the medical center and receive competitive stipends and benefits.

**Applications for the 2017-2018 residency year will only be accepted via Phorcas. For more information, please visit:**

***Please read all instructions prior to submitting an application***

All applicants must be enrolled in the ASHP matching program. All application materials are due in Phorcas by 11:59PM on January 1st, 2017. The application will not be considered complete until all required information is received. Please submit the following via Phorcas:

1. Complete Phorcas application
2. Transcripts
3. Recent Photo
4. Curriculum Vitae
   A. Please be sure to include schools and universities attended, degrees conferred or anticipated, employment history, honors and awards, rotation experiences, research or teaching experiences, extracurricular activities, and other pertinent information
5. Cover letter
   A. Address to program director
   B. Please include the following information in your letter
      1. Reasons for pursuing residency training
      2. Why you are interested in WellStar Atlanta Medical Center
      3. Short and long-term goals
      4. Previous teaching experience
      5. Involvement in pharmacy related research or quality improvement projects
      6. Description of your clinically oriented rotations to date
6. Three (3) Recommendations
   A. At least 1 of the 3 recommendations must be from a clerkship preceptor.
Teresa Pounds, PharmD, BCNSP
• PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director
• Manager of Pharmacy Clinical Services
• Clinical Assistant Dean for Clinical Pharmacy Education of Mercer University College of Pharmacy

Michael Bendinelli, RPh
Director of Pharmacy
• Responsible for all aspects of pharmacy operations
  - Budget preparation and monitoring
  - Policy development
  - Regulatory & legal issues
  - Inventory management
  - Controlled substance management
  - Special projects involving pharmacy operations

Ashish Advani, PharmD
• Clinical Specialist in Drug Information
• Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy
• Graduated from University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
• Precepts Pharmacy Residents and Students in Drug information

Belinda Nchako Edjua, PharmD, BCPS
• Clinical Pharmacist in Adult Intensive Care Unit
• Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy
• Graduated from University of Southern California, Los Angeles
• Precepts Pharmacy Residents and Students in Pharmaceutical Care and Pharmacokinetics

Ryan Lee, PharmD
• Pharmacy Supervisor
• Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy
• Graduated from Xavier University, College of Pharmacy
• Precepts Pharmacy Residents and Students in Pharmaceutical Care and Operations

Pamela Moye, PharmD, BCPS, AAHIVP
• Clinical Specialist in Internal Medicine
• Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy
• Graduated from University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
• Precepts Pharmacy Residents and Students in Internal Medicine

T. Vivian Liao, PharmD
• Clinical Specialist in Critical Care
• Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy
• Graduated from Midwestern University, College of Pharmacy - Glendale
• Precepts Pharmacy Residents and Students in Critical Care

Kristen O’Brien, PharmD, BCPS
• Clinical Specialist in Infectious Disease
• Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy
• Graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy
• Precepts Pharmacy Residents and Students in Infectious Disease

Michael Pedreira, PharmD
• Pharmacy Supervisor
• Graduated from University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
• Precepts pharmacy Residents and Students in workflow operations, distributive functions, and multi-disciplinary pharmaceutical care.

Judy Spillers, PharmD
• Clinical Pharmacist in Medical/Surgical and Neonatal patient care areas
• Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy
• Graduated from University of Georgia
• Precepts Pharmacy Residents and Students in Pharmacokinetics (Adult & Neonatal patient population)

Simon Tarpav, PharmD
• Clinical Pharmacist in Medical and Oncology patient care areas
• Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy
• Graduated from Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy
• Precepts Pharmacy Residents and Students in Pharmaceutical Care and Oncology

Maria Thurston, PharmD, BCPS
• Clinical Specialist in Ambulatory Care
• Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy
• Graduated from University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
• Precepts Pharmacy Residents and Students in Ambulatory Care

Tamara Wright, MBA
• Administrative Pharmacy Residency Coordinator
  - Assists PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director with administrative functions of the program.
Atlanta Medical Center’s Department of Pharmacy is an integral part of many programs within the medical center, allowing department members to play key roles in the interdisciplinary teams providing patient care.

The AMC Pharmacy Department is a 24-hour/365-day service that provides/supports a decentralized medication distribution program using automated dispensing cabinets (ADCs, e.g., Pyxis®), a USP-797 compliant central intravenous (IV) admixture program, a computerized prescriber order entry (CPOE) program using an electronic medical record (EMR, e.g., Cerner®).

The Clinical Pharmacy Services Program is led by a clinical pharmacy manager who is board-certified in the areas of critical care and nutrition support. Members of our medical and nursing staff rely on our pharmacists for drug information, drug therapy review and dosing/medication recommendations. The clinical pharmacy program provides metabolic support consult services to help facilitate a patient’s optimal nutritional status, along with a pharmacokinetic consult service, Antibiotic Stewardship and an Anticoagulation Monitoring Program.

**Medical Library**

- A full reference library with study space, reference texts, and multiple medical and nursing journals is located in the hospital.
- Computer resources include Medline, Pub Med, Ovid, and several other on-line accesses provided by the library service.
- Any medical journal not in this library can be obtained through this system within 24 hours.
- Residents are offered twenty-four hour access to the library with a code for entry.
- AV Materials may be obtained through the library by request.
- Each resident is given a file in the library, which is used for the librarians to deposit reference materials from medical searches.
- Full audio/video tape digest for General Surgery Review
- Discount to Medical Bookstores through the library

**2016-2017 Pharmacy Residents**

**Andy Duong, PharmD**
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

**Tina Simpson, PharmD**
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
Core Benefits
Available to full time employees at no cost, these benefits include: Basic Employee Life Insurance, Basic Personal Accident Insurance and Long Term Disability coverage.

Medical/Dental/Vision Plans
Choose from comprehensive options in all three areas. You have 31 days beginning on your date of hire/rehire to enroll. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the month following 30 days of continuous full-time or eligible part-time employment.

Disability Plan
Fulltime employees may purchase Short-term and Critical Illness coverage. You have 31 days beginning on your date of hire/rehire to enroll. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the month following 30 days of continuous full-time or eligible part-time employment.

Life, Disability and Voluntary Benefits Plans
Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance are available to you, your spouse, and children. You have 31 days beginning on your date of hire/rehire to enroll. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the month following 30 days of continuous full-time or eligible part-time employment.

Benefits Include:
- A minimum of One Day in Seven Free From Hospital Duties
- Annual Vacation: 3 weeks
- Business Travel
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Free Membership at Highland Athletic Club Adjacent to Hospital
- Free Parking
- Internet Access and PACS (Radiology) available throughout the Hospital
- iPad Mini
- Jury and Bereavement Leave
- Library access 24 Hours daily/free medical searches and article retrieval
- On-call Meal Reimbursement
- Pleasant On-call Quarters
- Professional Liability Insurance
- Resident-Led Medical Ward Teams
- Scholarships

Reimbursement Accounts
Set aside pre-tax dollars to pay for out-of-pocket medical and dependent care expenses. You have 31 days beginning on your date of hire/rehire to enroll. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the month following 30 days of continuous full-time or eligible part-time employment.

403(b) Retirement Plan
All team members are immediately eligible to participate in the 403(b) plan. There is no waiting period to begin your contributions. Participating employees will receive a company match on their contributions of up to 4% of their base salaries.

Resident Salary
The 2016 – 2017 Annual Resident Salary is as follows:
- PGY-1 $54,130
- PGY-2 $55,426
- PGY-3 $57,309
- PGY-4 $60,661
- PGY-5 $63,181
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