Meet Our PA 2020–2021 Residents!

Our residents are achieving great things, and we are proud to feature them in our publication. We wish them the best of luck in their residency, and their future in pharmacy.

Gabrielle Albaz, PharmD
PGY2, Critical Care – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Raymond Antypas, PharmD
PGY1, Health System Pharmacy Administration & Leadership – Allegheny General Hospital The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 2020
Research Question/Project: Establishing a clinical criterion for the utilization of non-formulary medications by evaluating the usage of various non-formulary medications.

Hina Anwar, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Reading Hospital Jefferson College of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: I am interested in pursuing a project that focuses on anticoagulation or infectious disease.

Dina Attalla, PharmD
PGY1, Managed Care – Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center Westcoast University School of Pharmacy, 2018
Research Question/Project: This is still being decided upon, however I am very interested in diabetes/ambulatory care.

Aja Badgeley, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Penn Presbyterian Medical Center Jefferson College of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Implementation of an antiretroviral stewardship program at an academic medical center.

William Beathard, BS, PharmD
PGY1/2, Geriatric Track – UPMC St. Margaret Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Dodge School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: What are risks factors for surgical site infections s/p hip and knee procedures?

Teresa Benites, PharmD
PGY2, Health System – Wellspan York Hospital Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: This is still being decided upon, however I’m interested in looking into the timing and use of anticoagulation after administering alteplase for VTE.

Nikkio Bonavoglia, PharmD
PGY2, Health System – Abington Hospital – Jefferson Health Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: Would propofol, dexmedetomidine, or a combination of propofol and dexmedetomidine in patients receiving coronary artery bypass graft surgery have the greatest effect in terms to extubation from mechanical ventilation?

Bernadett Boronea, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – St. Mary Medical Center Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Georgia, 2019
Research Question/Project: Appropriateness of antibiotic discharge prescriptions in the emergency department.

Casey Butrus, PharmD
PGY1, Managed Care – Highmark Inc. University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: I am interested in focusing my research on specialty medications and high cost disease states to identify saving opportunities for Highmark Health Plan.

Alexander Cain, PharmD
PGY2, Infectious Diseases – Allegheny General Hospital St. John Fisher College Wegmans School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: Is two dose dalbavancin equally efficacious compared to alternative agents for osteomyelitis caused by Gram-positive organisms?

Pallavi Chary, BS, PharmD
PGY1, Ambulatory Care – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Jefferson College of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Lindsey Chippendale, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Virginia Commonwealth University, 2020
Research Question/Project: We are still in the works of deciding what my research question will be, but I am interested in oncology and hope to do research either oncology or antimicrobial stewardship related.

Jaehee Cho, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Geisinger Medical Center University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: In critically ill patients requiring paralysis, utilization of pre-emptive sedative and analgesic medications is essential to avert awake paralysis. This study aims to characterize and evaluate the utilization of sedatives and analgesics during the peri-intubation period as well as for patients newly beginning paralytic infusions.

Jenna Christner, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – UPMC Shadyside Hospital Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Hannah Chun, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Geisinger Medical Center Northeastern University, 2020
Research Question/Project: Does the use of ketorolac in trauma patients increase risk of bleeding when used in conjunction with enoxaparin or heparin for DVT prophylaxis?

Taylor Conrad, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Development of local guidelines for inpatient hyperglycemia management.

Kara Cooper, PharmD
PGY1, Ambulatory Care – Geisinger Clinics Northeast Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Evaluation of the impact of telephonic pharmacist managed uncomplicated UTIs.

Ashley Crandall, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Millcreek Community Hospital LECOM School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: My project isn’t finalized yet but I have an interest in either infectious disease or quality improvement.

Jessica Cunningham, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Jefferson College of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.
Stephanie Cybulski, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System  
Geisinger Community Medical Center  
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Direct oral anticoagulants in the morbidly obese with atrial fibrillation.

Nicholas D’Apice, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System – Temple University Hospital  
Northeastern University, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
My research project will consist of providing education to patients currently receiving post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) after a recent visit to the emergency department. In doing so, my project aims to directly target patients at high risk for HIV acquisition to increase awareness of sexual health, including the availability of PrEP.

Aileen Dauz, PharmD  
PGY1 - Health System Pittsburgh University of Arizona, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
I plan to do a project related to geriatric pharmacy but it has yet to be finalized.

Madeline Davidson, PharmD  
PGY1, Community Based – Duquesne University and the Center for Pharmacy Care  
Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
I hope to complete a research project that involves diabetic care.

Lauren Della Grotta, PharmD  
PGY1, Ambulatory Care  
UPMC St. Margaret  
University of Rhode Island, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
The goal of my residency project is to create and implement a protocol for Remicade dose-rounding to increase pharmacist efficiency and minimize hospital waste.

Kathleen Dempsey, PharmD  
PGY1, Community Based – ACME Sav-On Pharmacy  
Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Pharmacist’s perceived barriers to conducting effective virtual patient care services in the community pharmacy setting.

Elena Denger, PharmD  
PGY1, Ambulatory Care – Geisinger Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Comparison of low dose Entresto vs target dose ACEI/ARB in patients with HFREF.

Madison Donnelly, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System – Lancaster General Hospital/Penn Medicine University of Findlay, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Impact of implementation of Genmark ePlex blood panels on appropriate antimicrobial therapy.

Callie Drennen, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System – Allegheny General Hospital  
Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Pemtrexed dosing in renal impairment.

Aubrey Dusch, PharmD  
PGY1, Ambulatory Care – Allegheny General Hospital  
Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
My research project will focus on perioperative DOAC management.

Alicia Faggioni, PharmD  
PGY1, Ambulatory Care – UPMC St. Margaret  
University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Retrospective analysis of GI bleeds and the restarting of oral anticoagulants.

Nicholas Ferraro, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System – Temple University Hospital  
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
The impact of COVID-19 on bleeding and thrombosis in patients on anticoagulants.

Nicholas Field, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System – Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center  
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
My project is assessing the efficacy of Sublocade in a veteran population.

Jessica Frasone, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System – Penn Presbyterian Medical Center  
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Characterization of VTE prophylaxis in underweight patients.

Carly Gabriel, PharmD  
PGY2, Ambulatory Care – UPMC  
Presbyterian Medical Center  
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2019  
Research Question/Project:  
To be determined.

Keely Gambler, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System – Abington Hospital  
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020  
Opioid Stewardship

Renae Gozelski, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System – Allegheny General Hospital  
University at Buffalo, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Sedation Practices in ECMO Patients.

Molly Graveno, PharmD  
PGY2, Hematology/Oncology – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2019  
Research Question/Project:  
Review of venetoclax use in relapsed/refractory AML.

Kayla Hart, PharmD  
PGY2, Health System – Geisinger Medical Center  
Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2019  
Research Question/Project:  
Cancer-associated venous thromboembolism treatment with anti-Xa versus weight-based enoxaparin: A retrospective evaluation of safety and efficacy.

Philip Haslim, PharmD  
PGY1, Acute Care – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
MCPHS University, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Implementation of a pharmacist led admission history & reconciliation program.

Rachel Hatch, PharmD  
PGY2, Hematology/Oncology – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2019  
Research Question/Project:  
Retrospective assessment of the impact of late (d+12) vs early (d+4) GCSF administration following reduced intensity alloHCT on kinetics of hematopoietic recovery and length of stay.

Autumn Helman, PharmD  
PGY1, Health System – Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center  
LECOM School of Pharmacy – Bradenton, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
I plan to do my project with a focus on emergency medicine and how we as healthcare professionals can improve patient safety and therapeutic outcomes.

Nicole Hennessy, PharmD  
PGY2, Health System – Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
Rutgers University Ernest Mario Scool of Pharmacy, 2019  
Research Question/Project:  
During my residency, I plan to work with my RPD to come up with ways to enhance patient care, by combining patient safety, formulary optimization, and quality improvement. Utilizing drug information skills along with med safety skills will hopefully be able to help many patients, as well as our providers and staff.”

Megan Henry, PharmD  
PGY1, Managed Care – PerformRx  
Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020  
Research Question/Project:  
Effects of COVID-19 on pharmacy overrides, costs, healthcare utilization – will compare different regions and examine if number of COVID case rates affected these parameters.
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Emily Herron, PharmD
PGY1, Ambulatory Care – Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center
Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: The effect of pharmacist intervention on COPD patients and their readmission rates.

Kayla Hiriyak, PharmD
PGY2, Internal Medicine – Temple University School of Pharmacy
Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: Does the implementation of discharge stewardship protocols applied at or before the time of discharge improve antibiotic utilization? With this project, we are primarily evaluating the impact on duration of therapy and if the intervention is associated with 30-day readmission.

Jessica Hu, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Sarah Hughes, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Abington Hospital — Jefferson Health
Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: A quality improvement project to improve timely administration of first dose antibiotics in a level III neonatal intensive care unit.

Sophonny Huynh, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Reading Hospital
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2020
Research Question/Project: I am interested in doing a project focused in the areas of either transitions of care or ambulatory care.

Aoife Iaria, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Allegheny General Hospital
Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Impact of pharmacist managed transitions of care for patients in the stroke pathway.

Erica Jackson, PharmD
PGY1, Community Based – University of Pittsburgh LECOM School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: While my project is not finalized, I hope to research patient and staff opinions on a meaningful change to the patient experience in community pharmacy. Ideally, I would like to measure this outcomes for chronic disease patients in our Med Sync or Medication Adherence Packaging programs.

Nicole Jankowski, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – West Penn and Forbes Hospital
Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Antipsychotic use in the ICU and QTc prolongation.

Vienna Jones, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Moses Taylor Hospital
Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Deirdre Kaan, PharmD
PGY1, Community Based – Acme Sav-On Pharmacy
Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Impact on patient therapy of angiotensin II receptor blocker medication backorders in the community setting.

Taylor Kaminsky, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – WellSpan York Hospital
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, 2016
Research Question/Project: Research project to be determined, but I am interested in geriatrics and chronic disease state management.

Jennifer Kelly, PharmD
PGY2, Health System – Abington Hospital — Jefferson Health
Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: Beta-lactam allergies.

Jordan Kester, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Hospital of the University of Pittsburgh University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Lindsey Kip, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Abington Hospital — Jefferson Health
Western New England College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, 2020
Research Question/Project: Efficacy of Remdesivir for COVID-19 infection based on duration of symptoms.

Logan Kissell, PharmD
PGY1, Community Based University of Pittsburgh/Rite Aid Ohio Northern University, 2020
Research Question/Project: I am hoping to develop a research project relating to substance abuse disorder in community pharmacy practice.

Emily Kistler, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Wellspan York Hospital
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Geena Kludjian, PharmD
PGY2, Infectious Diseases – Temple University Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2019
Research Question/Project: Infectious diseases/COVID-19 related research.

Emily Kronau, MBA, PharmD
PGY1, Acute Care – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, 2020
Research Question/Project: My research project is to determine the effect of obesity on heparin dosing and assessing the number of our patients reaching therapeutic anticoagulation.

Maggie Kronz, PharmD
PGY2, Health System Pharmacy Administration & Leadership – Allegheny General Hospital LECOM School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: Health-system IV BUD standardization.

Kaitlyn Kross, PharmD
PGY1, Health System Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Choosing wisely hypoglycemia safety initiative.

Lauren Kunkel, PharmD
PGY2, Cardiology – Allegheny General Hospital Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: Nicardipine vs. nitroglycerin in acute aortic disease.

Christopher LaFratta, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Jonathan Lapin, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.
COVID-19 on mental health.

Research Question/Project: Evaluating opioid prescribing patterns before and after implementation of new opioid laws.

Jeanne Le, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – St. Mary Medical Center
Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: Quantify the number and severity of medication discrepancies at discharge to the outpatient setting using reported events.

Elizabeth Leonard, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center
Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: Retrospective analysis of safety and outcomes data of the hospital’s newly initiated Flolan (epoprostenol) order set.

Nicole Leshko, BS, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Penn Presbyterian Medical Center
Jefferson College of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: Assessing the diuresis effect of SGLT-2 inhibitors on patients with HFrEF on background loop diuretic therapy.

Tammy Li, PharmD
PGY2, Oncology – Allegheny General Hospital
University of Florida, 2019

Research Question/Project: My research project will compare the incidence and severity of immunotherapy-related adverse events in patients receiving nivolumab every two weeks versus every four weeks for the treatment of melanoma or renal cell carcinoma. Additionally, we seek to identify risk factors related to the emergence of these adverse effects.

Rachael Lobdell, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – UPMC Hamot
West Virginia University School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: I am not sure yet what my project will be but my interests include emergency medicine, infectious disease, and oncology. I would like to stay within those topics.

Sydney Lovett, MPH, PharmD
PGY1, Community Based – Weis Markets/Wilkes University
University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: The effects of quarantine related to COVID-19 on mental health.

Deep Majmundar, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Temple University Hospital
Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: Oseltamivir for the Prevention of Influenza Infection in Lung Transplant Recipients at an Academic Medical Center.

Akii Martin, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Penn State Health St. Joseph
Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: Impact of Pharmacist review of home medications prior to initiating chemotherapy.

Teney Mathew, PharmD
PGY2, Pharmacotherapy – University of the Sciences & Cooper University Hospital
St. John’s University, 2019

Research Question/Project: I intend to do research regarding academia or clinical outcomes in hospitalized patients.

Danielle McPherson, PharmD
PGY2, Cardiology – Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
University of Connecticut, 2019

Research Question/Project: My MUE is focused on evaluating the first-line agents for acute aortic dissection in the Emergency Department, which may develop into a long-term project. Otherwise, I intend to compare tirofiban versus epifibatide use and clinical outcomes at our institution.

Mitchell Mirabile, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – West Penn and Forbes Hospitals
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: Surgical prophylaxis in penicillin allergic patients undergoing gynecologic procedures.

David Moll, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center
Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: Weight-based Insulin Dosing in the Emergency Department for Acute Hyperkalemia in Patients with Renal Dysfunction.

Zachary Myers, PharmD
PGY2, Health System – Geisinger Medical Center
Marshall University School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: Evaluation of an exenatide nomogram for thromboembolism prophylaxis in trauma patients at Geisinger Medical Center.

Bianca Nguyen, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Reading Hospital
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2020

Research Question/Project: I am interested in completing a research project regarding transitions of care or ICU delirium.

Trinh Nguyen, PharmD
*PGY1, Managed Care – Highmark Inc. University of California, San Diego - Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 2020

Research Question/Project: My project involves analyzing pharmacy claims data for high-cost medications.

Alexis Nicholson, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Lehigh Valley Health Network
Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: My research seeks to evaluate the effects of parenteral medications for bone health on serum calcium and phosphorus levels. The results will be shared with providers to drive incorporation of appropriate laboratory values within therapy plans for these agents.

Lindsay Okubo, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Geisinger Community Medical Center
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2020

Research Question/Project: Smaller but more frequent dosing of cefepime in the treatment of febrile neutropenia.

Hannah Palsgraf, PharmD
PGY2, Pediatrics – Cooper University Hospital
*Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, 2019

Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Devanshi Patel, PharmD
PGY1, Ambulatory Care – Allegheny General Hospital
Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: I am interested in pursuing research in cardiology.

Megha Patel, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – UPMC Shadyside
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020

Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Rachel Perry, PharmD
PGY1, Acute Care – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
University of Florida, 2020

Research Question/Project: Evaluation of cephalosporin use for the treatment of UTI in the ED.

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Danielle Pett, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Medical University of South Carolina, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Christine Pham, PharmD
PGY2, Critical Care – PCP – USciences/Cooper University Hospital Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Lauren Pheasant, PharmD
PGY1, Ambulatory Care – Geisinger Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Choniece Phillips PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Penn State Health St. Joseph Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: I am interested in performing research evaluating the use of analgesics and sedation in the critical care unit.

Madison Postlewaite, MBA, PharmD
PGY2, Health System – UPMC Presbyterian West Virginia University School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Nicholas Preston, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Weaning of vasopressors during shock in the ICU.

Lauren Ray, MBA, PharmD
PGY2, Health System – UPMC Presbyterian West Virginia University School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: Evaluating the performance characteristics of a drug-associated acute kidney injury (D-AKI) clinical decision support alert.

Marissa Rees, PharmD
PGY1, Acute Care – Allegheny General Hospital Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: I am interested in infectious disease and critical care as a research project.

Leah Rodriguez, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Temple University Hospital Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020

Natalie Rodriguez, PharmD
PGY2, Ambulatory Care – Temple University School of Pharmacy Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2019
Research Question/Project: Evaluating the Impact of adverse childhood experiences on medication use.

Alec Romanowski, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital University at Buffalo, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Gabrielle Rosolia, PharmD
PGY2, Critical Care – Allegheny General Hospital Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: The effect of adjunctive ketamine in analgesophobia on opioid requirements at hospital discharge in medical intensive care unit patients.

Yara Salem, PharmD
PGY1, General/Traditional – Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center Medical University of South Carolina, 2020
Research Question/Project: Retrospective study looking at empagliflozin 10 mg vs 25 mg use in veteran patients in relation to A1C lowering, weight loss and CV outcomes. If there is not a benefit in the higher dose, will design a quality improvement initiative to limit dosing at 10 mg daily to limit unwanted side effects and associated cost.

Andrea Sampson, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Penn Presbyterian Medical Center Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: The development of outpatient pharmacist-led vaccinations.

Nolan Schmitz, PharmD
PGY2, Ambulatory Care – UPMC St. Margaret Lawrenceville Family Health Center University of Kansas School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: Quantifying the value of pharmacists providing direct patient care within family medicine practices.

Preston Setzer, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center Campbell University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, 2020
Research Question/Project: Incidence of acute VTE in cirrhosis patients in the setting of vitamin K administration.

Ishani Shah, PharmD
PGY2, Solid Organ Transplant – Temple University Hospital Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: Clinical impact of transplant pharmacists on the care of solid organ transplant recipients at an academic medical center.

Cori Shope, PharmD
PGY2, Geriatrics – UPMC Shadyside University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Mareena Shuster, PharmD
PGY2, Health System – Allegheny General Hospital South Carolina College of Pharmacy – USC Campus, 2019
Research Question/Project: Is full dose aspirin (325 mg) safe and effective in combination with ticagrelor for thrombosis prevention after neuroendovascular procedures?

Courtney Simpkins, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – UPMC St. Margaret Greg Castelli University of Kentucky, 2020
Research Question/Project: Does treatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria affect wound cultures in patients with surgical site infections?

Sara Skoritowski, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2020
Research Question/Project: I would like to assess patient and physician factors in anticoagulant choice after DVT/PE.

Kelly Slipek, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Allegheny General Hospital Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: My main pharmacy interest is oncology, and I am deciding between a few different projects. My project will focus on more narrowly defining the standard of care for specific chemotherapy regimens.
Brandon Soltesz, PharmD
PGY2, Health System – Geisinger Medical Center
University of Findlay, Findlay Ohio, 2019

Michael Stepanovic, PharmD
PGY1, Health System Pharmacy Administration & Leadership – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Purdue University, 2020
Research Question/Project: Retrospective, single center evaluation of gender disparities in pharmacy residency letters of recommendations to postgraduate year one residency programs.

Alyssa Sykuta, PharmD
PGY2, Critical Care – Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Drake University, 2019
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Paul Szczesniak, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Temple University Hospital
Temple University School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Impact of maintaining blood pressure goals on graft function after kidney transplant.

Om Taleja, PharmD
PGY2, Ambulatory Care – Allegheny General Hospital
St. John’s University, 2018
Research Question/Project: Statin intolerances analysis.

Alexandria Taylor, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – UPMC St. Margaret
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Comparison of treating bronchitis with antibiotics vs. no antibiotics in the ED and its impact on hospital readmission rates.

Gerald Taylor, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Forbes and West Penn Hospitals
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Does a pharmacist sepsis protocol result in a decrease in the delay of second antibiotic administration in septic patients admitted from the ED?

Jeffery Thomas, PharmD
PGY1, Acute Care – Allegheny General Hospital
David Pavlik St. John’s University, 2020
Research Question/Project: Does high dose levetiracetam loading doses (i.e. >30mg/kg) provide any clinical benefits over standard dose levetiracetam loading doses (i.e. <30mg/kg) in SE.

Amber Ucci, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Joy Uzoma, BA, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
St. John Fisher College Wegmans School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Casey Walker, PharmD
PGY1, Behavioral Health – Philadelphia
Howard University, 2020
Research Question/Project: Our research is focused on improving the health outcomes of Philadelphia Medicaid patients previously diagnosed with a substance use disorder.

Alex Walter, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Lehigh Valley Health Network
Jefferson College of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: Appropriateness of pre-surgical antibiotic prophylaxis for pediatric procedures.

Erin Wasylson, PharmD
PGY1, Community Based – University of Pittsburgh and Giant Eagle Pharmacy
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2020
Research Question/Project: My final research project has not been decided yet however I have interests in immunizations and how a community pharmacy can improve patient compliance to these preventative vaccines. I think some of my interests also lie in the current pandemic situation and how these perceptions may have changed in receiving vaccines in response to COVID-19. I think it would be very interesting to do a project surrounding immunizations and this pandemic as I am sure our flu season will look drastically different than any other year before.

Marissa Waterloo, PharmD
PGY2, Health System – Duquesne University and UPMC Mercy
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 2019
Research Question/Project: I am planning to design and complete a review of the prescribing patterns of newly initiated gabapentin for patients in the inpatient setting.

Megan Wein, PharmD
PGY2, Infectious Diseases – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
University of Connecticut, 2019
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

Evan Westlake, PharmD
PGY1, Critical Care – Allegheny General Hospital
University of Toledo, 2019
Research Question/Project: Does the use of tranexamic acid (TXA) in trauma-associated hemorrhage or traumatic brain injury improve morbidity and/or mortality with respect to timing of administration and severity of injury?

Logan White, PharmD
PGY1, Health System – Lancaster General Hospital/ Penn Medicine
University of Charleston, 2020
Research Question/Project: Impact of urine culture best practice alert and education surrounding treatment of UTIs.

Victoria Williams, PharmD
PGY2, Critical Care – University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
The Ohio State University, 2019
Research Question/Project: Sepsis/shock, delirium, and anticoagulation in special populations with critical care. Formal resident research project TBD!

Stephanie Witek, PharmD
PGY2, Solid Organ Transplant – Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Northeastern University, 2019
Research Question/Project: To be determined.

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