

ORLANDO HEALTH PHARMACY RESIDENTS 2020-2021

PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residents

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Christina Thomas

Alyson Vezina

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Kelsey Ladd

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Rachel Hatton

PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residents

Sydney McNeill, Pharm.D.



Dr. Sydney McNeill, from Dyersburg, TN, received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee in 2020. As a PGY-1 pharmacy resident at Orlando Health, Dr. McNeill will participate in patient-care rounds and monthly code coverage. She will complete a research project evaluating the use of first generation cephalosporins in patients with serious penicillin allergies. In addition, she will conduct a medication use evaluation on IV gram negative antibiotic usage in cellulitis and present a continuing education seminar on shock states. Following the completion of her residency, Dr. McNeill plans to pursue a PGY-2 pharmacy residency and a career in clinical pharmacy with a focus in critical care and infectious diseases.

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Mikali Shedd, Pharm.D.



Dr. Mikali Shedd received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy in San, Antonino in 2020. As a PGY-1 pharmacy resident at Orlando Health, Dr. Shedd will actively participate in multidisciplinary clinical teaching patient-care rounds and monthly code coverage. She will conduct a research project on the Evaluation of pharmacist-driven hyperglycemia management, a medication use evaluation on the use of liposomal bupivacaine in surgical patients, and a continuing education seminar on common drugs of abuse in Florida. Following the completion of her residency, Dr. Shedd plans to pursue a PGY-2 pharmacy residency and a career in clinical pharmacy with a focus in critical care or emergency medicine.

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PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residents (continued)

Christina Thomas, Pharm.D.



Dr. Christina Thomas, from Springfield IL, received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Butler University in Indianapolis, IN in 2020. As a PGY-1 pharmacy resident at Orlando Health, Dr. Thomas will participate in multidisciplinary patient-care rounds and monthly code coverage. She will complete a research project evaluating the transition from IV to oral therapy for the management of pediatric acute osteomyelitis. In addition, she will conduct a medication use evaluation assessing the proper use of magnesium for the prevention of seizures in preeclampsia. She will also present a continuing education seminar on the management of meningitis and encephalitis. Following completion of her residency, Dr. Thomas plans to pursue a PGY-2 pharmacy residency and a career in clinical pharmacy with a focus in pediatrics.

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Alyson Vezina, Pharm.D.



Dr. Alyson Vezina, from Oviedo, FL, received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida in 2020. As a PGY-1 pharmacy resident at Orlando Health, Dr. Vezina will participate in patient care rounds and monthly code coverage. She will complete a research project evaluating the incidences and management of taxane-induced neuropathy as a potential dose dependent hypersensitivity. In addition, she will conduct a medication use evaluation assessing proper prescribing parameters of dornase alfa in non-cystic fibrosis patients. She will also present a continuing education seminar on the most recent updates of COG protocols for treatment of pediatric acute myeloid leukemia. Following completion of her residency, Dr. Vezina plans to pursue a PGY-2 pharmacy residency in oncology/hematology.

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PGY-2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residents

Katie Dircksen, Pharm.D.



Dr. Katie Dircksen is from Noblesville, IN. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Purdue University. She completed a PGY1 Acute Care Pharmacy Residency at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina. During her PGY2 Critical Care residency at Orlando Health, she will participate in direct patient care, conduct a research project evaluating the incidence and risk factors for iatrogenic opioid withdrawal, and conduct a medication use evaluation of tolvaptan prescribing restrictions and safety profile. She will be presenting a continuing education seminar on DOAC reversal options. Upon completion of residency, she plans to pursue a clinical specialist position in critical care or emergency medicine.

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Kelsey Ladd, Pharm.D.



Dr. Kelsey Ladd is originally from Jacksonville, FL and received her Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Central Florida before completing her Doctor of Pharmacy at Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Tampa General Hospital in 2020. During her PGY2 Critical Care residency at Orlando Health, she will participate in direct patient care throughout a variety of ICU settings. She will also complete a research project evaluating augmented renal clearance and enoxaparin monitoring in trauma patients, conduct an MUE reviewing the utilization of mMINDS for alcohol withdrawal in the ICU, and present a continuing education seminar on the management of blood pressure in intracerebral hemorrhage. Upon completion of her residency, Dr. Ladd plans to pursue a career as a clinical specialist in critical care medicine.

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PGY-2 Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Resident

Min Choi, Pharm.D.



Dr. Min Choi, from Tampa, FL, received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of South Florida in 2019. She completed her PGY-1 residency at Orlando Health in 2019. As a PGY-2 emergency medicine pharmacy resident at Orlando Health, Dr. Choi will participate in trauma alerts, Pediatric Advanced Life Support classes, and code coverage. She will complete a research project evaluating the efficacy and safety of piperacillintazobactam alone compared to cefazolin plus gentamicin for type III open fractures. In addition, she will conduct an MUE assessing incidence of hypoglycemia in hyperkalemia treatment. She will also present a seminar on alternate dosage forms and routes in emergent situations. Following completion of her residency, Dr. Choi plans to pursue a career as a clinical specialist in emergency medicine.

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PGY-2 Pediatric Pharmacy Resident

Megan Doherty, Pharm.D.



Dr. Megan Doherty, originally from Ludlow, MA, received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida in 2019. She completed her PGY-1 pharmacy residency at UF Health Shands in 2020. During her PGY-2 residency in pediatrics at Arnold Palmer Hospital (APH) she will participate in daily patient care rounds and pediatric code coverage. She will complete a research project evaluating the effect of intermittent versus continuous intraoperative cefazolin on surgical site infections in pediatric patients undergoing cardiac surgery. Additionally, she will complete a MUE looking at the correlation between antibiotic duration of therapy at discharge with the APH pediatric duration of therapy guideline for common pediatric infections and present a continuing education seminar on hyperosmolar therapy in pediatric traumatic brain injury. Upon completion of residency, Megan plans to pursue a clinical specialist position focused on pediatric critical care.

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PGY-2 Oncology Pharmacy Resident

Rachel Hatton, Pharm.D.



Dr. Rachel Hatton, from Sugar Land, TX, received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2019. She completed her PGY-1 residency at Orlando Health in 2020. As a PGY-2 oncology pharmacy resident at Orlando Health Cancer Institute, Rachel will participate in inpatient and outpatient care as well as research at the institution. Her research project will evaluate the incidence of hypertension associated with bevacizumab use. She will also complete an MUE looking hepatitis B screening in patients being treated with anti-CD20 agents and present a continuing education seminar on acute graftversus-host disease. Following completion of her oncology pharmacy residency, Rachel intends to pursue a career as a clinical specialist in oncology.

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