



Orlando VA Healthcare System

Pharmacy PGY-1 Residency Program

Preceptor Profiles

Cynthia Atchison, Pharm.D.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, ESA/Anemia
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Emily Barker, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCSCP

Program Manager, Sterile Compounding
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Crystal Boykin, Pharm.D., BCGP

Pharmacy Program Manager, Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Crystal Boykin received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University located in Ada, Ohio. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center and then an ASHP-accredited PGY-2 Geriatrics pharmacy practice residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. Dr. Boykin also has a teaching certificate from the James L. Winkle University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. After residency, Dr. Boykin started off as a clinical pharmacist at the Hampton VA Medical Center floating between inpatient and outpatient pharmacy services. After which she transitioned to a Spinal Cord Injury Clinical Pharmacy Specialist position also located at the Hampton VA Medical Center Spinal Cord Injury Long-term care facility. Dr. Boykin recently transferred to the Orlando VA Medical Center where she joined the Home Base Primary Care team and currently serves at the pharmacy program manager. Her practice interest include geriatrics, primary care, and precepting.

Melissa Butler, Pharm.D., BCOP

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Hematology/Oncology
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Melissa Butler received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2002. She completed a PGY-1 residency at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center in Cincinnati, OH followed by a PGY-2 Oncology Residency at UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL. Prior to joining the team at the Orlando VA Medical Center in 2015, Dr. Butler worked as an oncology clinical specialist at the Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Institute, Florida Hospital Cancer Institute, and UF Health Cancer Center – Orlando Health. Her current responsibilities include involvement with the oral chemotherapy clinic, patient education, oncology order set and policy development, precepting residents, and she also serves as a clinical adjunct faculty member of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Her interests include hematologic malignancies, patient education, and medication safety.

[Jacqueline Byrd, Pharm.D., BCPS, AAHIVP](#)

Pharmacy PGY-1 Residency Director

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, HCV/HIV/Infectious Diseases

Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Jacqueline Byrd graduated from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville, FL in 2013. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System in Gainesville. Upon completion of residency, Dr. Byrd transferred to the Orlando VA where she worked as an outpatient pharmacist at the Lake Baldwin Outpatient Clinic. In February 2015, she joined the Infectious Diseases Team at the Orlando VA where she currently serves as an HCV/HIV/ID Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the outpatient clinic. She sees patients for pharmacotherapy management related to HIV and HIV PrEP, viral hepatitis, and other public health related infectious diseases. She has been instrumental in the development and implementation of the Syringe Service Program (SSP) and continues to work with members of the ID Team to expand the program at the Orlando VA while also guiding other programs' efforts in creating an SSP. In 2018, she became the program director of the Pharmacy PGY-1 Residency Program after serving as a preceptor since 2015. She is an active member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacy (ASHP) and the American Academy of HIV Medicine as a credentialed HIV pharmacist and exam writer.

[Rhomell Calara, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Anticoagulation

Orlando VA Healthcare System

[Natalie R. Ciccone, Pharm.D., BCCCP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Emergency Medicine

Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Natalie Ciccone received her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees from Palm Beach Atlantic University. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at Florida Hospital – Celebration Health. After residency, Dr. Ciccone worked for Florida Hospital as a clinical pharmacist in the emergency department, intensive care unit, and primary care. She joined the Orlando VA Medical Center team as the Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in October 2015. She remains active in professional organizations, and currently serves as the Chair of the Public Affairs Council of the Florida Pharmacy Association. Her practice interests include emergency medicine, critical care, medication safety, and health policy and law.

[Christina Coakley, Pharm.D., BCACP](#)

Associate Chief of Operations

Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Christina Coakley began her career with the VA as a VALOR student at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. After graduating from the Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy at Palm Beach Atlantic University, she went on to complete a PGY-1 residency in Pharmacy Practice and a PGY-2 residency in Cardiology Pharmacy at the West Palm Beach VA. Following residency, Dr. Coakley worked as an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist before becoming the Inpatient Program Manager. She transferred to the Orlando VA Healthcare System to work as the Clinical Coordinator and assist with opening the Lake Nona Medical Center. She currently works at the Associate Chief of Operations. Her current practice interests include optimization of Pharmacy services, cardiology, Pharmacy leadership, and advancing technology in outpatient operations.

Zoralys Cruz, Pharm.D., BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Anticoagulation
Orlando VA Healthcare System, Viera

Dr. Zoralys Cruz received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Central Florida in 2008 and Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2012. Upon graduation, she completed her ASHP accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Orlando VA Medical Center and received her Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) certification in 2013. Her professional practice experiences include outpatient pharmacy, primary care and anticoagulation. Dr. Cruz is currently serving as one of the Clinical Pharmacy Specialists for the Anticoagulation Clinic at the Orlando VA. She enjoys spending time with her family, watching movies and traveling.

Cassandra Davis, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPP

Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner, Mental Health
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Cassandra (Cassie) Davis received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy residency at Ingalls Memorial Hospital, a community hospital in the suburbs of Chicago. Due to her passion for mental health services she went on to complete a PGY-2 psychiatric pharmacy residency at the Salt Lake City VA Medical Center and became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Following PGY2 completion, Dr. Davis became a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist. Dr. Davis worked as an Outpatient Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Orlando VA Medical Center following residency training until transitioning to the Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program in 2019. She actively participates in workgroups and holds leadership positions at the local, VISN, and national level focused on Substance Use Disorders, Suicide Prevention, Overdose Prevention, and Mental Health Pharmacotherapy optimization. In addition to her VA efforts, Dr. Davis is an advocate through nonVA organizations as well. She is an active member of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP); in the past serving as one of the Substance Use Disorder Strategies (SUDS) Community Leaders and since 2019 has been a member of Substance Use Disorder Council. Dr. Davis has presented research and posters at local and national levels to multidisciplinary audiences focused on substance abuse, overdose prevention strategies, and mental health pharmacotherapy. She has published her research and authored toolkits for pharmacists in addition to providing specialty presentations for local and national audiences. Throughout all these efforts, Dr. Davis has been highly involved in the development of new practitioners and trainees within pharmacy and other disciplines to support the future of the healthcare. Her personal interests include spending time with family and friends, playing the flute, and attending performing arts events.

Alicia Decker, Pharm.D.

Medication Safety Manager, Lake Nona
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Alicia Decker received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Florida in 2003 and completed an ASHP-accredited Primary Care Pharmacy Practice Residency with the Orlando VA Medical Center (OVAMC) in Orlando, FL. Her professional practice experiences include primary care clinical pharmacy practice, anticoagulation management, supervising, medication safety and survey readiness. Dr. Decker is currently the Medication Safety Program Manager at Lake Nona. Her responsibilities include investigation and development of action plans related to actual and near miss patient medication-related events, monitoring and continued compliance to the Medication Management standards of all accrediting bodies, overseeing the Pharmacy Department's process improvement program, and maintaining current standard operating procedures and medical center policies. Dr. Decker's interests include patient and medication safety, risk management, process improvement, and leadership and staff development.

[Marissa Egipciaco, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Supervisor
Orlando VA Healthcare System

[Bola Frances, Pharm.D.](#)

Pharmacy Program Manager, Anticoagulation
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Bola Frances graduated from Albany College of Pharmacy and completed an ASHP accredited PGY-1 pharmacy residency at the OVAHCS. His professional experience includes inpatient and ambulatory care pharmacy practice with emphasis on anticoagulation therapy. Dr. Frances currently serves as the Pharmacy Anticoagulation Program Manager at the OVAHCS. His responsibilities include managing the daily anticoagulation clinic workflow, performing data analysis, and developing action plans to ensure compliance with TJC and VHA requirements. Dr. Frances is the Chair of the OVAHCS Anticoagulation Subcommittee and collaborates regularly with other subject matter leads to maintain high standard for the quality monitoring program in the area related to anticoagulation therapy.

[Brittany Fries, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Intensive Care
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Brittany Fries received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida. She completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at UAB Hospital, followed by PGY-2 training in Infectious Diseases at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Fries' experience prior to arriving at the Orlando VA Healthcare System includes serving as an Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and Assistant Manager for Clinical Pharmacy Services within the Orlando Health system. In addition to practicing as the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Intensive Care, Dr. Fries is involved with maintaining the smart pump library, creation of order sets/menus for the system, and developing evidence based protocols for the intensive care unit. Dr. Fries is an active member of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee and is Chair of the Order Set/Menu Subcommittee. Her current practice interests include: sepsis/septic shock, parenteral nutrition, sedation and agitation, pharmacy advocacy, quality improvement, and informatics.

[Teresa Geide, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQID, BCIDP](#)

Pharmacy Program Manager, Infectious Diseases
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Teresa Geide received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency with the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System in Gainesville, FL. Her professional practice experiences include inpatient and ambulatory care pharmacy practice in geriatrics, internal medicine and infectious diseases. She is currently the Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Program Manager for the Orlando VA Healthcare System. Her responsibilities include management, strategic planning and continued development of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program as well as collaborating with Infectious Diseases and other services related to infectious diseases and antimicrobial use. She is the chair of the OVAHCS Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee and is also an active member in VISN and National VA Infectious Diseases / Antimicrobial Stewardship Workgroups. Dr. Geide was selected as the 2012 Employee of the Year for her development and implementation of the OVAHCS Antimicrobial Stewardship Program. Her interests include interprofessional collaboration to improve antimicrobial use and quality and process improvement.

[Nista Gracien, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacist, Community Living Center (CLC)
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Nista Gracien first joined the Veteran Affairs as a VALOR student at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville, Florida in 2015. She then completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. Currently, Dr. Gracien is the CLC Clinical Pharmacist for the Orlando VA Medical Center. Her practice interests include primary care, geriatrics, and long term care.

[Rebecca Graham, Pharm.D., BCPP](#)

Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, Outpatient Mental Health
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Rebecca Graham received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency and a PGY-2 psychiatric pharmacy residency at the VA San Diego Healthcare System, San Diego, CA. Following residency, Dr. Graham has been working as a clinical pharmacist practitioner in outpatient mental health at various VA facilities, including the West Palm Beach VAMC, VA San Diego Healthcare System, Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia, and now at the Orlando VA Healthcare system. Her current practice interests include substance use disorders, serious mental illness, and pharmacogenetics. She is also an active member of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) and serves as a senior editor for the recertification editorial board.

[Rebecca Greene, Pharm.D., BCOP](#)

Pharmacy Program Manager, Hematology/Oncology
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Rebecca Greene received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of North Carolina in 2001. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency with the University of North Carolina Hospitals followed by an ASHP-accredited PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency with the South Texas Veterans Health Care System, Audie L Murphy VA Hospital. She spent a year as a clinical pharmacy specialist at Grady Health System before returning to the South Texas Veterans Health Care System, Audie L Murphy VA Hospital. There she spent 8 years as a clinical pharmacy specialist and the residency program director for the PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency. In 2012 she moved to Orlando where she is the pharmacy program manager for hematology/oncology at the Orlando VA Medical Center. Her responsibilities include maintaining an active oral chemotherapy clinic, developing chemotherapy template order sets, presenting to P&T committee, patient education, and teaching residents. Dr. Greene is an active member of the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist Association (HOPA). She has presented locally and nationally on targeted chemotherapy and prostate cancer. She also serves as faculty for the Board of Clinical Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) review course by ACCP and ASHP held yearly where she teaches the prostate cancer and the renal cell/bladder/testicular cancer sections. Her interests include prostate cancer, oral chemotherapy management, and mentoring pharmacy residents.

[Cody Helms, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Internal Medicine
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Kenneth Hughes, Pharm.D., BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Pain Management
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Kenneth Hughes received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2011. Prior to attending Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Hughes spent 5 years as a United States Navy Corpsman with specializations in Field Medicine and Pharmacy. Upon graduation, he completed an ASHP-accredited post-graduate year one pharmacy residency at the Fayetteville VAMC in Fayetteville, NC. After completing his residency, Dr. Hughes transferred to the Orlando VA Medical Center. In 2013, he joined the Orlando VA Medical Center's Pain Management Team. His current responsibilities include medication therapy management, the Pain eConsult service (which offers recommendations to providers on high-risk patients), and serving as Co-Chair of the Pain Management Committee and as a preceptor for residents and pharmacy interns.

Lauren Hundley, Pharm.D.

Pharmacy Program Manager, Pain Management
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Keli Ishman, Pharm.D., BCACP

Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, PACT
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Keli Ishman received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Shenandoah University in 2010. She completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Affairs Health System, and received her teaching certificate from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. After residency, Dr. Ishman continued her career within the Department of Defense and worked at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center where she provided medication therapy management in the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH). In 2018 Dr. Ishman transferred back to the Veterans Health Administration where she currently works in a Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) at the Orlando VA Healthcare System. She precepts both pharmacy residents and students.

Jill Johnson, Pharm.D.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, HBPC
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Stephanie Kaiser, Pharm.D.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Cardiology
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Carmen Kam, Pharm.D., BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Internal Medicine/Surgery
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Carmen Kam received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida in 2011. It was during student rotations that she discovered her desire to continue her professional career within the Veterans Affairs Health System. She went on to complete her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency within the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, and received her teaching certificate from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Her professional experiences include inpatient clinical pharmacy, ambulatory

care pharmacy, and internal medicine pharmacy. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS). Prior to joining the Orlando VA Healthcare System in 2015 she was an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist at the Memphis VA. She currently practices as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine.

Emiliya Khazan, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCP

Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner, Cardiology
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Emiliya Khazan received her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency and an ASHP-accredited PGY-2 cardiology pharmacy practice residency at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. Dr. Khazan also has a teaching certificate from Palm Beach Atlantic University Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy. After residency, Dr. Khazan went on to work as a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in Cardiology at the Orlando VA Healthcare System. Her practice interests include cardiology, precepting, and academia.

Jacqueline Kill, Pharm.D., BCPS

Chief, Pharmacy Service
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Jacqueline Kill is the Chief of Pharmacy Service at the Orlando VA Healthcare System. She graduated from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center (VAMC). Upon completion of her residency, she held several management positions at Target Pharmacy, focusing in operations and activating new pharmacies, and ending her career at Target in a leadership position equivalent to a District Manager. She then returned to the West Palm Beach VAMC as the Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist where she provided direct patient care to Veterans. She was eventually promoted to Associate Chief of Pharmacy Service at the WPB VAMC and was Acting Chief for several months. In 2014, Dr. Kill joined the Orlando team as Associate Chief of Pharmacy where she has focused on improving outpatient operations and was actively involved in activations of the new facility in Lake Nona. She is board certified in pharmacotherapy and was promoted to the Chief role in 2018. In 2020, she temporarily served as Acting Associate Director for the Orlando VA Healthcare System.

Michelle Lee, Pharm.D., BCACP

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT/CBOC
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Michelle Lee received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Florida in 2016. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency and PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency at the North Florida/South Georgia VA. Upon completion of her residency, Dr. Lee worked for the VA Palo Alto Healthcare System at the Monterey CBOC as a PACT pharmacist. During that time, she practiced disease state management, including but not limited to hypertension, diabetes, heart failure, and anticoagulation. She also had the opportunity to precept both pharmacy students and residents and helped start the Heart Failure Pharmacist-led Pilot Clinic. She now currently works as the PACT clinical pharmacist specialist at the Palm Bay CBOC.

Jeremy Liu, Pharm.D.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Neurology
Orlando VA Healthcare System

[Mark Mann, Pharm.D., BCPP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Inpatient Mental Health
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Mark Mann received Bachelor of Science degrees in Biological Sciences and Psychology from the University at Buffalo. He then went on to receive his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2013 from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pennsylvania. He worked as a pharmacist in long-term care and retail pharmacy for several years before returning to pursue post-graduate residency training. He completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Syracuse VA Medical Center followed by a PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency with VA Western New York Healthcare System. Dr. Mann worked at his PGY-2 training site as a Home Based Primary Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist before relocating to Orlando in 2019. He is a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP) whose practice interests also include de-prescribing, geriatrics, and medication safety.

[Earlene Martin, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Earlene Martin is a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner for Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) at the Orlando VA Healthcare System. She began her journey at the University of Florida (UF), where she later obtained her PharmD in May 2014. After graduating from the UF College of Pharmacy, she completed a Post-Graduate Year-1 (PGY-1) at the Miami VA Healthcare System in June 2015. After completing her PGY-1, she transitioned to the Orlando VA Healthcare System as a Clinical Pharmacist in Lake Baldwin's Outpatient Pharmacy. Soon after, she obtained her Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) certification. In August 2020, she accepted her current role as HBPC CPP. Becoming an HBPC CPP has been a dream of Dr. Martin's ever since residency. In this role, she is able to provide medication management recommendations for a wide array of disease states, ranging from Diabetes Mellitus to Parkinson's Disease to Ulcerative Colitis. It brings her great joy to share these experiences with our Pharmacy Practice Residents and precept them on their journey to becoming Pharmacist Practitioners as well.

[Edma I. Medina, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Edma Medina received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, FL in 2007. She completed her ASHP accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Lake City VA Medical Center in Lake City, FL. She received a teaching certificate from University of Florida as well as Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy Specialty. Her professional practice experiences include inpatient, outpatient, Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT), Community Based Outpatient Clinics, clinical outpatient ad-hoc member of Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee, and a detail as PACT pharmacy program manager. She joined the Orlando VA Medical Center in 2016. Currently works as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in PACT and precepts students and residents. Her areas of clinical interest include primary care, endocrinology, leadership, mentoring, and education.

[Amanda Medland, Pharm.D.](#)

Pharmacy Program Manager, ESA/Anemia Service
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Amanda Medland received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2004 from the University of Florida and completed an ASHP-accredited Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice Residency with Florida Hospital

Celebration Health. Her professional practice experience includes ambulatory care pharmacy practice in internal medicine. Presently, Dr. Medland focuses her clinical work in the Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agent (ESA)/Anemia Clinic and serves as the clinic Program Manager. Her responsibilities include development, implementation and management of the ESA/Anemia Clinic and collaborating with nephrology, hematology/oncology, and other services related to anemia management. In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Dr. Medland serves as chair of the Subcommittee for Research Safety, chair of the Pharmacy Continuous Quality Assessment Workgroup. She also serves as the Pharmacy Representative for the Orlando VA Medical Center Peer Review Committee, Medical Records Committee, and the Dialysis Program Committee. Her professional interests include primary care, nephrology, hematology, and leadership development.

[Amanda Mercurio, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCIDP](#)
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Infectious Diseases
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Amanda Mercurio earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 2012. She completed an ASHP accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at Stony Brook University Medical Center in Stony Brook, New York followed by an ASHP accredited PGY-2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy residency at James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, Florida. Following residency training, she accepted a position as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases at James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital where her daily responsibilities included antimicrobial stewardship, collaborating with the infectious diseases inpatient consult service and outpatient clinics, facilitating hepatitis C treatment/monitoring, and precepting residents and students. In 2021, Dr. Mercurio joined the Infectious Diseases team at the Orlando VAMC where she currently serves as an ID Clinical Pharmacy Specialist.

[LaTasha Miller, Pharm.D., BCPS, CDE](#)
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Women's Health
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. LaTasha Miller received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and completed an ASHP-accredited Primary Care Pharmacy Practice Residency at Shands Jacksonville, now known as University of Florida Health Jacksonville in Jacksonville, Florida. Her professional practice experiences include inpatient and outpatient practice in internal medicine, primary care and women's health. Dr. Miller is the clinical pharmacy specialist in women's health for the Orlando VA Medical Center, and her responsibilities include medication therapy management, patient education, quality management, and resident/student training. Her interests include women's health, internal medicine, mentoring, and education.

[Deanna Mina, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Deanna Mina received her Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology and Cell Science from University of Florida and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, Maryland with an emphasis on geriatrics. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency from the Orlando VA Medical Center. She received her teaching certificate from the University of Florida. Her professional practice experiences include inpatient and outpatient pharmacy practice in ambulatory care, internal medicine, and specialty areas. She is currently a primary care clinical pharmacy specialist at the Orlando VA. She is a preceptor for both pharmacy

residents and students. Her areas of clinical interests include primary care, internal medicine, endocrinology, neurology and geriatrics.

[Mariellen J. Moore, Pharm.D., Ph.D., BCPS](#)
Pharmacy Program Manager, Research
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Mariellen Moore received her doctorates from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Her dissertation work focused on Clinical, Genetic, and Molecular Predictors of Adverse Metabolic Effects of Antihypertensive Medications. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) and has been a practicing inpatient clinical pharmacist in multiple institutions. She is the Orlando VA Medical Center's first Clinical Research Pharmacist and is working to build the OVAMC Investigational Drug Service. Her professional interests include pharmacogenomics, trial design, ethics, and cardiology.

[Christina Ngo, Pharm.D.](#)
Program Manager, Quality Management
Orlando VA Healthcare System

[Dan-Tam Nguyen, Pharm.D.](#)
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Internal Medicine
Orlando VA Healthcare System

[Tho Nguyen, Pharm.D.](#)
Program Manager, Informatics
Orlando VA Healthcare System

[Hannah Ofori, Pharm.D., BCPS, BC-ADM, CDE](#)
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT/Endocrine
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Hannah Ofori received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. Her professional practice experiences include ambulatory care pharmacy practice in PACT (Patient Aligned Care Team) and Endocrinology Service. Her responsibilities include medication therapy management, patient and family education. Her interests include endocrine, disease state management and education.

[Mauricio Patino, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDCES](#)
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT
Orlando VA Healthcare System, Lake Baldwin

Mauricio Patino received his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from The University of Florida. He completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Boise VA Medical Center and a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency at the Bay Pines VA HCS. He precepts APPE students from the University of Florida and OVAMC pharmacy residents for their ambulatory care rotation. He is a board certified ambulatory care pharmacist and a certified diabetes care and education specialist.

Darren Quarrie, Pharm.D., CPh

Lake Nona Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor

Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Darren Quarrie currently serves as the Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor at the Orlando VA Medical Center. He completed his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Florida A&M University and PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program here at the Orlando VA. Dr. Quarrie has always been interested in business administration and enjoys the merging of this with his love for the profession of pharmacy in this role. In addition to outpatient pharmacy operations, Dr. Quarrie manages the Pharmacy Discharge and Advanced Pharmacy Telecom Programs.

[Kimberly Reno-Ly, Pharm.D., BCACP](#)

Associate Chief, Clinical and Inpatient Pharmacy Services
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Kimberly Reno-Ly Graduated with her Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree in 2003 from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She began her career at the VA in Providence, Rhode Island as a specialty resident in Primary Care. She worked there for 7 years as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for PACT and supported multiple specialty clinics, specifically pain management and diabetes. From there she transitioned to Columbia, SC where she worked for four years as the Associate Chief for Clinical Pharmacy Services. She has served as a Primary Care and Administrative preceptor for PGY1 and PGY2 residents, as well as serving as the PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency Program Director while in Columbia. Practice interests include pharmacy leadership, residency training and professional development.

[Sarah Reynolds, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT
Orlando VA Healthcare System, Lake Baldwin

Dr. Sarah Reynolds received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Florida in 2013. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the CW Bill Young VA, Lee County campus. Upon completion of her residency, Dr. Reynolds joined the Orlando VAMC outpatient pharmacy team before transitioning into her current position as a clinical pharmacy specialist in PACT in 2016. Her responsibilities include disease state management, with a focus on management of polypharmacy, diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and COPD. She is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist and precepts fourth year pharmacy students in addition to PGY-1 pharmacy residents.

[Lisabel Rodriguez-Miranda, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Internal Medicine
Orlando VA Healthcare System

[Nicholas Scapelito, Pharm.D.](#)

Pharmacy Program Manager, PACT
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Nicholas Scapelito received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. John's University School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Queens, New York. Dr. Scapelito completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency at the Orlando VA Medical in Orlando, Florida and an ASHP-accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency in geriatrics at the Durham VA Medical Center in collaboration with Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. His professional practice interests include primary care, geriatrics, and administration. He is currently a PACT Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) pharmacist at the Clermont VA clinic. He has precepted both pharmacy residents and students and enjoys staying active in mentoring pharmacy residents. Outside of work he enjoys going to Disney and trying new restaurants.

[Karen Slazinski, Pharm.D., BCPS, AAHIVP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, HCV/HIV/Infectious Diseases
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Slazinski has been the HIV and HCV pharmacist at the Orlando VA Medical Center for the past 20 years. She received her PharmD degree from the University of Florida, then completed a Pharmacy Residency at the Gainesville, Florida VA. There she continued as the inpatient infectious disease pharmacist for 6 years. She was ACCP board certified in Pharmacotherapy in 1995 and ASCP board certified in Geriatrics in 1997 and has been credentialed by the American Academy of HIV since 2008. At the Orlando VA Medical Center, she is an outpatient ID pharmacist focusing on HIV and hepatitis. For the past 2 years she has acted as the HHRC National PrEP QI Pharmacy Lead.

[Kimberly Spilman, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT/CBOC
Orlando VA Healthcare System

[T. Cristina Stefan, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCGP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Inpatient Mental Health
Orlando VA Healthcare System

Dr. Cristina Stefan received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 2015. After graduation, she went on to complete a PGY-1 residency in pharmacy practice and a PGY-2 psychiatric pharmacy residency at the West Palm Beach VA. She also earned a teaching certificate at Nova Southwestern University College of Pharmacy. Dr. Stefan started her career at the Orlando VAMC in 2017 as the Domiciliary Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and has since transitioned to the inpatient mental health unit. Dr. Stefan is a Board Certified Psychiatric and Geriatric Pharmacist. Her practice interests include geriatric psychiatry, neurology, and academia.

[Jenny Szabo, Pharm.D.](#)

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