POSTGRADUATE YEAR ONE
AND
POSTGRADUATE YEAR TWO

VA Loma Linda Pharmacy Residency Programs

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Dear Pharmacy Residency Applicant,

We appreciate your sincere interest in the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System (VALLHS) Pharmacy Residency Programs. We are delighted that you are considering our programs to enhance your professional career. In this pamphlet, you will find beneficial information about our medical center, our pharmacy preceptors, our clinical practice experiences, and our residency program application process.

At the VALLHS, we take pride in serving those who serve and protect our country, and we are dedicated to providing them with the best patient care possible. Pharmacy services at the VALLHS have made significant progress in health care delivery for our veterans. Our pharmacists serve as crucial members of the healthcare team and the demand for clinical pharmacy services is ever increasing. New opportunities for clinical pharmacy providers are continually being established, and we are excited that you would like to be a part of our program.

Pharmacy residents are also essential members of our team as they provide patient-centered care and education to our patients, students, and staff. We offer exceptional clinical training through our pharmacy practice curriculum for our pharmacy residents to develop their skills and become highly competent and confident health care providers.

The pharmacy residency programs available at the VALLHS include the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency and PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency. Thank you for considering the VALLHS. We strongly encourage you to consider our programs. We wish you the best on your important decision and future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Wong, Pharm.D.
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director

Risa Ishino, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCPS
PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program Director

The Training Site

The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is part of the Desert Pacific Healthcare Network, providing services to Veterans in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Opened in 1977, this modern facility fulfills the agency's threefold mission of patient care, research and teaching. It is located in San Bernardino County, approximately 60 miles east of Los Angeles, about an hour's drive to beaches, mountains, and desert resorts, and less than a mile from its major affiliate, Loma Linda University. The Medical Center is named in the memory of Congressman Jerry L. Pettis, who worked diligently to locate the facility in Loma Linda. The Medical Center provides a wide variety of services through inpatient, outpatient and home care programs. The major bed services are Medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry, and Neurology. The facility has 169 acute care beds and 84 Community Living Center beds. The Medical Center, in partnership with its affiliate Loma Linda University, provides primary care at VA Community Based Clinics located in Blythe, Corona, Murrieta, Palm Desert, Rancho Cucamonga, and Victorville.

Residency Training Program and Pharmacy Service

The training and education of residents are important components of the VALLHS Pharmacy Service. The services provided by the resident will complement existing clinical pharmaceutical care. The resident will be directly involved in and have responsibility for providing patient oriented pharmaceutical services. The resident will also actively participate in other pharmacy operations including management and assigned projects. Furthermore, the resident will develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent, clinical practitioner.

Licensure

- The PGY1 pharmacy resident is required to obtain a pharmacist license in one of the States of the United States. The pharmacy resident will be licensed upon entry into the program or at the earliest possible date. The applicant is highly encouraged to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the California or Multistate Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE or MPJE) prior to entering the residency program (July 1st) and must be licensed in any state by October 1st.
- The PGY2 pharmacy resident is required to have a valid pharmacist license in any state in the United States.

Applicant Qualifications

- Possess a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from an accredited school or college of pharmacy, or a B.S. or M.S. degree and equivalent training or experience.
- Have licensure to practice pharmacy in any state
- Have United States citizenship with proof of naturalization if naturalized
- Participate in the ASHP Residency Matching Program
- Complete a professional curriculum, which includes significant clinical clerkship experience
- Previous ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy residency
    - ***Required for PGY2 pharmacy residency applicants only**

Application Procedure (Submit to PHORCAS)

- Curriculum Vitae
- OFFICIAL school of pharmacy transcript
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Letter of intent indicating career goals and objectives for seeking a pharmacy residency

Benefits

- Participation in Skills Development Series
- Salary:
    - PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency program: $47,668
    - PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency program: $51,640
- Health/ Life Insurance (employee contribution)
- Authorized absence to attend the following professional showcases and meetings:
    - Southern California Residency Showcase
    - CSHP Seminar
    - ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
    - VISN 22 Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors Conference
    - Respective specialty area meeting (e.g., CPNP)
- Thirteen (13) days annual leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- Thirteen (13) days sick leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- Eleven (11) paid holidays
- Centralized office workspace with access to a personal computer
- Uniform allotment and laundry service
- Free Parking

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

Purpose

The Post Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is a one-year program designed to provide a comprehensive educational and practical experience intended to introduce the resident to all phases of pharmacy practice. Pharmacists completing the program will be competent to provide direct pharmaceutical care including prescribing and managing drug therapies. An exposure to a wide variety of health care specialty areas will ensure a marketable result with additional experience in education and professional development. Residents will demonstrate professional maturity by developing a personal philosophy of practice excellence, effective management of time, projects, interpersonal relationships and a commitment to professional competency. At the conclusion of the residency, the resident will be eligible for board certification and will be eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Longitudinal Learning Experiences (Required)

- Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) - Ambulatory Care Disease State Management
- Pharmacy Practice-Inpatient Distribution
- Major project/Research

Required Learning Experiences (5-week rotations)

- Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) – Ambulatory Care Disease State Management
- Inpatient Distribution
- Infectious Diseases/Antibiotic Stewardship Clinic
- Pharmacy Administration
- Outpatient Distribution
- Transitions of Care
- Anticoagulation
- Subspecialty Clinic (choice of 1)
    - Geriatrics
    - LGBT/Transgender
    - Outpatient Mental Health
    - Pain Management
    - Women's Health

Elective Learning Experiences (Two 5 or 6-week rotations)

- Community Living Center (Long Term Care)
- Emergency Medicine
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Intensive Care Unit
- Oncology (offsite)
- Pain Management
- Surgical Intensive Care Unit
- Women's Health

In addition, several ongoing activities throughout the year require resident participation and contribute to resident development. These include:

- Residency Research Project
- Research presentation at VISN 22 Southern California Residency Conference
- Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) reporting
- Code Blue Team
- Criteria for use, patient newsletters, and bulletins
- Drug information summaries
- Journal club – participation and/or presentation
- Grand rounds – participation and/or presentation
- Lectures to medical residents and pharmacy students
- Medication use evaluations
- Multidisciplinary committee participation
- Non-formulary and prior authorization consultations
- Pharmacy student preceptorship and training
- Staffing
    - 2 weekend days/month
    - 4 hour weekday evening shifts/once weekly

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the submitted application. Applicants will be ranked for selection based on qualifications and a personal interview. Four positions will be available for the 2023-2024 residency year.

Please go online to the following website to access application materials:
http://www.lomalinda.va.gov/clinical_training/pharmacy/Pharmacy_Residency_Program.asp

All required application materials for the residency program must be submitted to PHORCAS by:
December 31, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

Purpose

PGY2 Program Purpose: PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

Longitudinal Learning Experiences

- Residency research/project (August through June)
- Topic/journal club presentation (1 presentation/month)
- Medication Use Evaluation (3 months)
- Mental Health Intensive Case Management (1 day/month for 5 months)
- Population Management (1 day/month for 5 months)

Required Learning Experiences (Six learning experiences total)

- Inpatient Psychiatry (2x 1 month)
- Outpatient Mental Health (2x 1 month)
- Geriatric Psychiatry in Community Living Center (2x 1 month)

Elective Learning Experiences (select 5 total from below including 1 from selected learning experiences)

- Substance Use Disorder* (1 month)
- Consultation Liaison Psychiatry* (1 month)
- Pain Management* (1 month)
- Mental Health Intensive Care Management (1 month)
- Administration (1 month)
- Geriatric Evaluation and Management Clinic (1 month)
- Women's Clinic/LGBT (1 month)
- Palliative Care (1 month)
- Specialty Clinic (1 month)
- Projects (1 month- approval required)

* *Selective learning experiences*

In addition, several ongoing activities throughout the year require resident participation and contribute to resident development. These include:

- Residency research/project presentations at College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Annual Meeting and/or VISN 22 Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors Conference
- Education of pharmacy students, PGY-1 residents, and other healthcare professionals
- Newsletter
- Participation in health fairs
- Participation in departmental and committee meetings

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the submitted application. Applicants will be ranked for selection based on qualifications and a personal interview. Two positions will be available for the 2023-2024 residency year.

Please go online to the following website to access application materials:
Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency (PGY2) | VA Loma Linda Health Care | Veterans Affairs

All required application materials for the 2022-2023 residency program must be submitted to PHORCAS by **December 31, 2022.**

If you have any questions, please contact:

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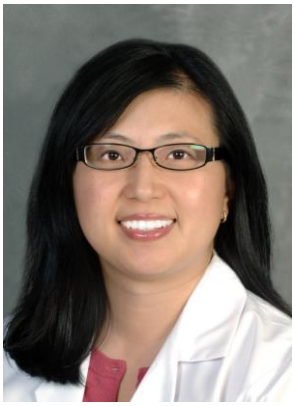
Pharmacy Preceptors

Kenneth Wong, Pharm.D. received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. He then completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice with an emphasis in Primary Care at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center. Dr. Wong currently is the Clinical Education Coordinator and is the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program Director. He has been instrumental in fostering clinical pharmacy programs for primary care including group medical appointments, geriatric clinic, intensive diabetes management, and hypertension clinic. Dr. Wong helped initiate the Pharmacist-Managed Lipid Optimization Clinic at the VA Loma Linda facility. He is a member of CSHP and ASHP and holds academic appointments with UOP, Western University of Health Sciences, and USC Schools of Pharmacy. Areas of interest include hyperlipidemia, ambulatory care practice, and geriatric pharmacy.

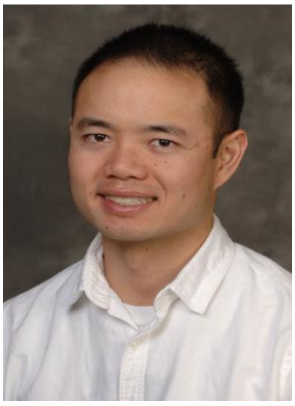
Christine Miller, Pharm.D., BCACP is a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy in 2001. She then completed a primary care residency at the North Florida/South Georgia VA. Dr. Miller currently works as a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model and is the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program Coordinator. She provides disease management and therapy optimization for diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. Dr. Miller is an active member of CSHP/ ASHP and is interested in student and resident development.

Risa Ishino, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCPS received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Southern California in 2007. She then completed a PGY1 general pharmacy practice residency at VA Greater Los Angeles and a PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency at VA San Diego. After her residency training, she worked at the VA Central California as a psychiatric pharmacist in both inpatient and outpatient settings until she came to the VA Loma Linda in 2013. She is one of the Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners in the outpatient mental health clinic and works as a member of the Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP) teams to provide a team-based direct pharmaceutical care to the veterans with mental illness. She is also the director of the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program.



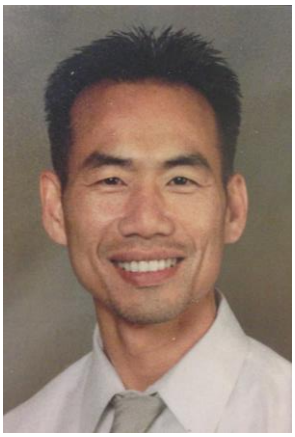
Bosun Chung, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Loma Linda University in 2007. She then completed a PGY1 general practice residency with an emphasis in psychiatry from USC in addition to completing a PGY2 residency in Psychiatry at USC. After completing her residency training, she worked at VA West Los Angeles in outpatient behavioral health. Dr. Chung currently works as a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in the acute inpatient mental health unit. Dr. Chung is an adjunct professor at Loma Linda University, PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Coordinator, and a member of CPNP. Her areas of interest include psychiatric pharmacy and teaching residents/students. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, watching musicals, and spending time with her husband and 4 boys.

Vanessa Ardon, Pharm.D., BCPS is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency and an Academic Certificate Program with VA Caribbean Healthcare System and the University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy. After completing her residency, Dr. Ardon worked as an inpatient clinical pharmacist at the VA Caribbean Healthcare System. Subsequently, she transferred to VA Loma Linda to work as an outpatient clinical pharmacist and then transitioned to a Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner within the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. She provides disease management primarily for diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. During her free time, she enjoys weightlifting, traveling internationally, trying new restaurants, and watching true crime shows.



Gregory Aung, Pharm.D. is the Outpatient Infectious Disease (ID) Clinical Pharmacist, he received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from University of the Pacific and completed PGY1 and ID PGY2 residencies at Virginia Mason Memorial (formerly YVMH) and VA San Diego respectively. He then worked as the Infectious Disease Pharmacist at the VA in Salisbury, NC before joining the VA Loma Linda family. He currently holds an academic appointment with Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy. For wellness he enjoys spending time with family, cooking, sports, gaming, church, learning about history and finance.

Linh Chan, Pharm.D., CACP received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University Of Southern California School Of Pharmacy in 2004 and went on to complete a residency in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Long Beach. She is a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider, managing target specific oral anticoagulants, warfarin, outpatient LMWH/fondaparinux, graduated compression stockings, and the peri-operative management of anticoagulants. Dr. Chan is currently the Anticoagulation Program Manager where she has co-authored the Anticoagulation Therapy Management policy for our facility, as well as implemented anticoagulation services through tele-health. Dr. Chan is actively involved in anticoagulation research at VA Loma Linda. In her spare time, she enjoys spending quality time with her husband and two children.



Tony Tot Chau, Pharm.D., AAHIVP received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Florida A&M, College of Pharmacy. He then went on to complete a fellowship in Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research at Southern California Kaiser Permanente. Dr. Chau has 20+ years of experience as a clinical pharmacist in Infectious Disease, HIV, and Outcomes Research at the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. He has been served as the research coordinator for the PGY-1 program since 2000. Dr. Chau currently works as the Antibiotic Stewardship Pharmacy Program Manager. He enjoys interacting with the veterans and medical staff as well as mentoring pharmacy and medical students and residents. Outside of work, he also enjoys playing golf, skiing, and seeking out for good restaurants. He loves to follow his favorite football teams Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Florida State Seminoles.

Chad Colwell, Pharm.D. received his Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy. He completed his PGY-1/2 in Health-Systems Pharmacy Administration at the Madison VA in Wisconsin. He currently works as the Inpatient Pharmacy Supervisor with goals to improve the safety and efficiency of our inpatient pharmacy distribution model. His professional interests include patient safety and leadership development. In his free time, he enjoys powerlifting, cycling, and reading. He can also be found rooting for the Las Vegas Raiders and the Vegas Golden Knights throughout the year.

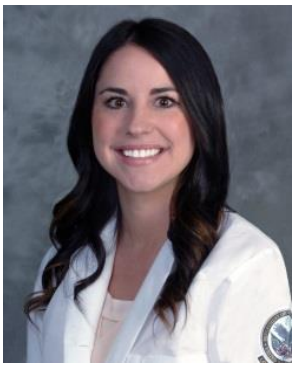
Walter Crumpler, Pharm.D., CACP received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2009. Following graduation, he completed his Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Crumpler is a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider, managing target specific oral anticoagulants, warfarin, outpatient LMWH/fondaparinux, graduated compression stockings, and the peri-operative management of anticoagulants. He enjoys baseball, football, and reading.

Ranya Garcia, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 2002. She completed a residency in Primary Care at the VA West Los Angeles and USC School of Pharmacy. She has held positions in retail and hospital pharmacy, ambulatory care, and pharmacy management. At VA Loma Linda, she is the Women's Health Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner and nationally recognized subject matter expert in transgender medicine. She helped create the transgender health care clinic in 2011 and was a key stakeholder in establishing the VALL as national hub facility for transgender education and care. Dr. Garcia has trained over 900 VHA providers at VA facilities across the country. She has been invited to speak and provide lectures both within and outside VA. In collaboration with other prestigious providers in transgender medicine, Dr. Garcia has written Preparing Clients for Hormone therapy in the textbook "Adult Transgender Care". In addition to her dedication to this field of care, Dr. Garcia was VALL Residency Coordinator 2003 to 2008 and is currently an active member of the Residency Advisory Board. Dr. Garcia's interests include developing resident driven education programs, authoring publications, and providing veteran-centric care that is holistic in nature. She enjoys self-development and personal growth, going to Disneyland, spending time with family, and revels in cooking/creating new recipes.

Alice Hsu, Pharm.D., MBA, BCACP is a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her joint degrees Doctorate of Pharmacy and Master of Business Administration from the University Of Maryland School Of Pharmacy at Baltimore and University of Baltimore in 2003. She completed a post graduate ambulatory care residency with an emphasis in managed care at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Baltimore. After completion of her residency, she worked as a clinical inpatient pharmacist at Kindred Hospital. Currently, Dr. Hsu works as a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner within the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. She provides disease management and therapy optimization primarily for diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia and smoking cessation. She has a special interest in resident/student development. In her free time, Dr. Hsu enjoys spending time with her kids, traveling, trying unique/new food and going to see musicals/plays

Emily Ishikawa, Pharm.D., BCGP, FASCP received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California San Francisco in 2001, followed by completing a Pharmacy Practice Residency at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. She worked at the VA Loma Linda in Ambulatory Care for 6 years, prior to her current position as the Geriatric Program Manager, where she oversees policies related to the Community Living Center/Long Term Care and is an integral member of the interprofessional team. As a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, she performs comprehensive medication management and assessments, with additional IDT rounds for diabetes, geropsychiatry, infectious disease, and pain. Dr. Ishikawa currently serves on the CPPO Geriatric SME - CLC Subgroup, is an Advanced Scholar of the VA Geriatric Scholars Program, and an Assistant Clinical Professor at Loma Linda University SOP. She has been a member of both Residency Advisory Committees for PGY1 Pharmacy Practice and PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residencies and enjoys teaching and mentoring future pharmacists.

Gina D. Jacob, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 1994. Following graduation, she began working at VA Loma Linda (following in her mother's footsteps). She started as an outpatient pharmacist then shortly thereafter transitioned to a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner. She currently provides disease management and therapy optimization for diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia in the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. Dr. Jacob enjoys spending time with her husband and son, traveling, and playing tennis.



Allie Kaigle, Pharm.D., BCPP received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University located in Boston, MA in 2013. She completed both a PGY1 general practice residency and a PGY2 psychiatry pharmacy residency at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Kaigle is an outpatient mental health Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner within the Substance Treatment and Recovery (STAR) and STAR Trauma Recovery Integration Program and Education (STRIPE) programs. She conducts medication management services and psychoeducational groups for veterans with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders. She also serves as a preceptor for the pharmacy residents, is a member of the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Advisory Committee and is an Associate Clinical Professor at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. Her areas of interest include substance use disorders, PTSD, and MDMA-assisted psychotherapy research. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, going to concerts, dancing, yoga, and spending time in nature.

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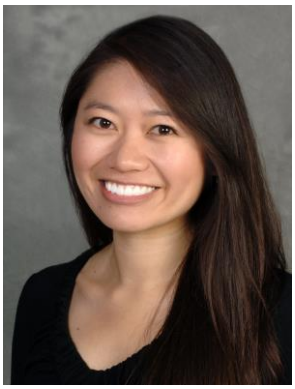
Hee Won (April) Kim, Pharm.D., BCACP received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in 2014. She completed her PGY1 General Pharmacy Practice residency at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. After completing PGY1, Dr. Kim was a Clinical Pharmacist and anticoagulation pharmacist at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare system for 4 years. Dr. Kim transferred to VA Loma Linda Healthcare System and currently is a Home-Based Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner. She is part of an interdisciplinary team that provides primary care to home-bound patients. She enjoys spending quality time with her family, camping and hiking

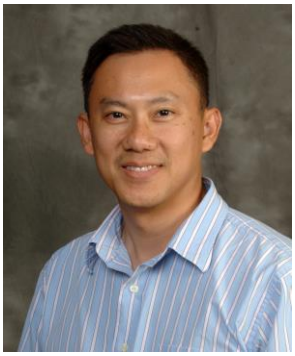


Kimberly Kwan, Pharm.D. is a former VA Loma Linda PGY1 pharmacy resident who came on board after receiving her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2012 from the University of the Pacific. After completing her pharmacy residency year, she continued working at VA Loma Linda as an inpatient pharmacist. In early 2014, she implemented a Women's Health Tele-Pharmacy Clinic and served as the Women's Health Clinical Pharmacist for five years. Currently, she works in Primary Care as a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner within the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model where she manages medication therapy for both male and female veterans. Dr. Kwan strives to promote health, not just through medications, but by encouraging healthy eating habits, fun physical activity, and a positive mind for a healthier and happier life. Dr. Kwan enjoys dancercising (Zumba), embarking on fun adventures, and making people laugh.

Tammie Lee, Pharm.D., BCPP is a Board-Certified Psychiatry Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from University of Southern California in 1993. She then completed a PGY1 general practice residency at USC. She worked at Riverside Regional Medical Center as a clinical pharmacist before joining VA Loma Linda in 2001. Dr. Lee currently works as a clinical pharmacist in the behavioral health unit and is a current member of the Residency Advisory Board. She is an active member of CPNP. Her areas of interest include psychiatric pharmacy and development of residents/students. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, baking bread, and reading.

Marco Adam Molina, Pharm.D. received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 2017. He completed his PGY1 General Pharmacy Practice residency here at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System and was then hired on as an inpatient/discharge pharmacist. During his time as an inpatient pharmacist, he was cross-trained in specialty areas including Oncology and Emergency Room. He has since transitioned to his current position as Geriatric Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in the Community Living Center. In his free time, enjoys playing fantasy sports (mostly football), playing real sports (basketball, softball, tennis), and exercise (weightlifting, CrossFit). His loyalties as a fan of professional sports remain with his hometown Chicago (Bears, Bulls, Cubs).

Shamshad Muscati, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Western University of Health Sciences in 2002. She joined VA Loma Linda as an ambulatory care pharmacist in primary care after completing a Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Long Beach in 2003. Dr. Muscati currently works as a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in the outpatient geriatric clinic. The geriatric clinic is a primary care clinic utilizing the Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model, as well as a consulting clinic for geriatric syndromes. Dr. Muscati is part of an interdisciplinary team and helps manage the elderly veteran population with dementia, falls, polypharmacy, medication adherence challenges, and chronic disease management. She is an active member of ASCP and ASHP, serves on the Residency Advisory Board, and on the Education Board Committee. Dr. Muscati has a passion for developing and mentoring pharmacy residents and students. She enjoys spending her free time with her family, knitting, and reading.



Howard K. Nguyen, Pharm.D. received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Western University College of Pharmacy in 2006. Following graduation, he completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. Dr. Nguyen worked as an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist (Medicine/Surgical ICU and Nutritional Support) for 5 years, prior to current position as the Pharmacy Pain Manager at VA Loma Linda. He enjoys basketball, football, and coaching his son's basketball team.

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Joyce Nieves, Pharm.D., BCPS received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Colorado, Denver. She completed a PGY1 residency in Pharmacy Practice at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. Dr. Nieves is currently an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist here at VA Loma Linda. She performs MTM, medication reconciliation, and enjoys empowering veterans with knowledge about their medications through counseling. In her free time, she enjoys working out (HIIT, resistance training, and yoga), reading (audio books count right?), cooking with an instant pot, and traveling all over to meet up with family and friends.

Katrina Pham, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University located in Boston, MA in 2020. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System in Las Vegas, NV and a PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the VA Loma Linda. She currently works as the Facility PMOP (Pain Management, Opioid Safety and Prescription Drug Monitoring) Coordinator to collaborate with the National VHA PMOP Program, facility leadership, and other stakeholders to develop and submit responses related to PMOP, to monitor and report on PMOP initiatives, to evaluate facility pain management and opioid prescribing, and to provide clinical care to veterans. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, boating, dirt biking, snowboarding, and working out.

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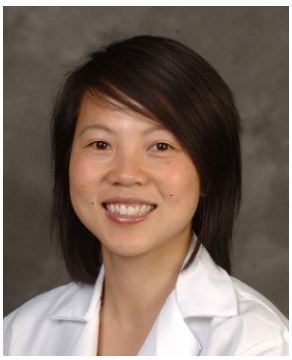
Minh Tang, Pharm. D, received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Southern California in 2009. He then completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at VA Long Beach. Dr. Tang currently works as a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT model) and is the primary preceptor for the longitudinal rotation. He provides disease state management and therapy optimization for diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. He is also the pharmacy residency liaison for the Education Innovation Program at VA Loma Linda.

Lena Te, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from University of California San Francisco in 2009. She then completed a PGY1 Pharmacy practice residency at VA Long Beach in 2010. Dr. Te went on to become a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner within the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. She has been active in expanding Pharmacy PACT clinical services and was part of a local interdisciplinary team responsible for training new employees on the PACT model. Her hobbies include cooking, hiking, and paddling. She is a retired competitive international dragon boat paddler.

Aaron N. Tran, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCPS received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 2014. He completed his PGY1 General Pharmacy Practice residency at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and a PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. He currently works as a Clinical Pharmacist Provider in the Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Team (BHIP), providing direct patient care to veterans. He enjoys precepting trainees and developing the next generation of pharmacists. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, fishing, and catching up with family and friends.



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2022-2023 Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Practice Residents

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