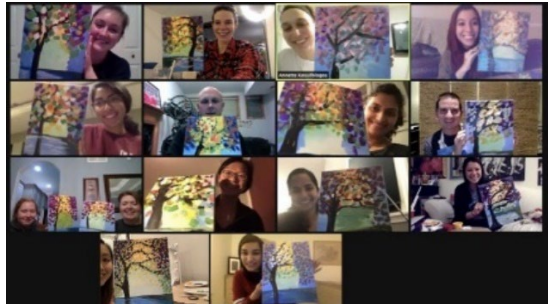


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Pharmacy Administration/Residency Leadership

Elizabeth Stone, PharmD

Current Position: Chief of Pharmacy

Hometown: Lansing, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago

Residency: Jesse Brown VA Medical Center- PGY-1 and PGY-2 in Administration

Rotation(s) precepted: Administration

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines?

To advance clinical practice along with integration of high quality and safety for our Veterans. To be able to apply patient care at a more global level.

Clinical areas of interest: Medication Safety, Optimizing workflow, expansion of clinical services, quality assurance, and medication reconciliation

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Travel, spend time with family and friends, read, try new restaurants

Kourtney Fermanich, PharmD, BCSCP

Current Position: Associate Chief of Pharmacy- Ambulatory Care

Hometown: Armstrong, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Danville Area Community College

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): None

Rotation(s) precepted: Administrative

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines?

I started my pharmacist journey in 2017 as a hospital pharmacist at a local hospital. I transitioned to covering adult intensive care and then rotated through pediatric and neonatal intensive care prior to becoming inpatient pharmacy supervisor in 2018. What brought me to Hines was the chance to work for a selfless patient population and the ability to supervise pharmacy practitioners at an advanced level. What keeps me at Hines is I enjoy how Hines (especially the pharmacy department) promotes a culture of positivity and fosters innovation to put the nation's veterans first as well as providing resources and support for professional development.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors):

Precepting, Informatics, Sterile Compounding, Cardiology.

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

I have 3 blue heelers and we like to go for walks or exploring. Cleaning and organizing is relaxing to me so that's what I'm usually doing or hanging out with family.

Joelle Farano, PharmD, MBA, BCPS

Current Position: Associate Chief Acute Care Clinical Pharmacy

Hometown: Darien, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Raabe College of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University

College of Pharmacy: Raabe College of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University

Residency(ies): PGY1/PGY2/MBA at UChicago Medicine

Rotation(s) precepted: Inpatient Pharmacy; Inpatient Pharmacy Operations Management

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines?

- Serving Veterans
- Outstanding Leadership Team
- Opportunity to lead change

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors):

- Medication Safety
- High Reliability
- Pharmacy Informatics/Pharmacy Automation

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

- Visit National Parks
- Spend time with my dog, Coco!
- Aerial Fitness/Dance

Hardeep Bhogal, PharmD

Current Position: Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor

Hometown: London, UK.; Carol Stream, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Loyola University- Chicago

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University

Rotation(s) precepted: Outpatient Pharmacy Staffing

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines?

The opportunity to improve my abilities leading a larger team, new experiences, and learning new operational skills brought me to Hines.

The ability to work directly with the team and my enjoyment with co-workers has kept me at Hines.

Clinical areas of interest:

I enjoy the operational aspect of pharmacy.

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy running, working out, dining out, and classic cars (I still have my 1969 Chevy Camaro I bought in pharmacy school)

Erin Boggs, PharmD

Current Position: Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Manager

Hometown: King City, CA

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: California State University, Fresno; Idaho State University

College of Pharmacy: Idaho State University, 1995

Residency(ies): PGY1 - Washoe Medical Center; Reno, NV; 1995-1996

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care, Anticoagulation, Administration

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The AWESOME Am Care Staff 😊

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Ambulatory care

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Golf, running, watching the Cubs!

Anna Kamuda, PharmD

Current Position: Pharmacy Informatics Supervisor

Hometown: New York, New York

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: n/a → 0-6 program

College of Pharmacy: St. John's University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Residency(ies): PGY1 at Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System, PGY2 in Health-System Pharmacy Administration & Leadership (HSPAL) at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: n/a → will be co-precepting Pharmacy Informatics for the HSPAL program with mentor Dr. Justin Schmidt this current residency year

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Found Hines pursuing an HSPAL PGY2 residency and have stayed due to the wonderful experience I had working with the passionate and motivated pharmacy leadership team. I have also fallen in love with beautiful Chicago, so I couldn't imagine working anywhere else right now!

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Medication safety and Informatics

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? I like to go to SoulCycle or OrangeTheoryFitness classes, try new restaurants, and play with my puppy, Miss Theodora (Teddy) Graham.

Dayna Mitchell, Pharm.D., BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, Formulary Management

Hometown: Danforth, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): Lakeside Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Rotation(s) precepted: PGY1 Formulary and Medication Management, PGY2 Formulary Management and Pharmacoeconomics

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I have stayed at Hines because of the veterans that we serve and the opportunity to work with talented, committed, and compassionate colleagues.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Medication Safety, Medical Informatics, Pharmacoeconomics

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Traveling to national parks, Michigan, and Disneyworld; practicing yoga; following Planet Money, Happier with Gretchen Rubin, and Hidden Brain with Shankar Vedantam podcasts.

Nick Burge, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: PGY-1 Residency Program Director, Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner- Ambulatory Care

Hometown: Lake Zurich, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Illinois Wesleyan University

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago

Residency: Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Administration, Nephrology, Elective Ambulatory Care, Seminar

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Seeing all that a pharmacist could do for patient care as a student rotating in the ambulatory care clinic initially brought me to Hines and attracted me to the residency. Over the years, I've stayed at Hines because of the level of clinical involvement pharmacists are afforded within the VA, the positive provider-patient relationships with the patients we care for, and the colleagues who I have worked with.

Clinical areas of interest: Nephrology/End-Stage Renal Disease; Primary Care; Transitions of Care; Medication Adherence

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? I enjoy training and competing in triathlons, exploring the Chicago dining scene, and traveling with my wife and kids.

Ursula C. Patel, Pharm.D., BCPS, AAHIVP

Current Position: Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Specialist; RPD, PGY2 Infectious Diseases

Hometown: Willowbrook, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois – Champaign/Urbana

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

Residency(ies): PGY1 Pharmacy Practice completed at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Infectious Diseases

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The veteran patient population, the people I work with on a daily basis and opportunities in Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial Stewardship at the VA

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Infectious Diseases, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Research, Teaching

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with family and friends, travel, try new restaurants, binge-watch Netflix

Frank J. Svete, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Nephrology/ PGY1 Residency Program Coordinator

Hometown: Waukegan, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois

Residency: University of California San Francisco

Rotation(s) precepted: Nephrology; Elective Ambulatory Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines?

Practicing as an independent practitioner while working with multidisciplinary medical teams in a collaboration for the veteran population is the primary reason I am here. The involvement with residents and students along with the teamwork and resources of the Pharmacy Service makes this a great place to practice.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors):

Ambulatory Care, Chronic disease management, Nephrology, and Pain Management

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

Watching and playing hockey and other sports, being outside

Manali Szynekarek, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Pharmacoeconomics Program Manager / PGY-2 HSPAL Coordinator

Hometown: Naperville

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): PGY1 and PGY2 at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Pharmacoeconomics

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I did a rotation at Hines VA as a student in anticoagulation. I enjoyed working with the patients and preceptors here.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): pharmacoeconomics and formulary management

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with my husband and son. Read books (mostly romantic comedies). Eat pizza.

Ambulatory Care

Danielle Alsip, PharmD, CDCES, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Primary Care

Hometown: Joliet, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Lewis University

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University

Residency(ies): Hines VA

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care and Advanced Ambulatory Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I choose Hines for my residency program because of the diversity in the program. I had a background in inpatient pharmacy but was pretty sure my passion was ambulatory care. I wanted the opportunity to explore that. I was lucky enough to be able to come back 2 years after my residency to get my dream job as an ambulatory care pharmacist.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Ambulatory Care w/a diabetes focus

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Outside of pharmacy I enjoy watching my daughter play softball. As a family we like to go ziplining, try out different escape rooms and take tropical vacations. I also enjoy spending time w/my neighbors/friends w/regular meals out and driveway hangouts.

Julie Cabrera, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Primary Care

Hometown: South Holland, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Columbia College/Wilbur Wright College

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois Chicago

Residency(ies): PGY1 Hines VA

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care Core and Elective

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Ambulatory Care, Veterans, Coworkers, Precepting

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Ambulatory Care

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? I have 2 small kids so lots of family time. We love to travel – mostly around the United States to either coast. I love photography/movies (previous film major), bike riding and playing golf when I can.

Tiffany Chaddick-Dyas, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Anticoagulation Program Manager/Outpatient Anticoagulation and Home Based Primary Care

Hometown: Addison, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: North Central, College of DuPage

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago

Residency(ies): Hines, VA

Rotation(s) precepted: Outpatient Anticoagulation

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The autonomy clinical pharmacy specialists have here

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Anticoagulation and Geriatrics

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spending time with family

Melissa Dinh, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Anticoagulation

Hometown: Lake in the Hills, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Pharmacy: UIC College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Outpatient Anticoagulation Clinic

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Being able to work with a high level of autonomy, helping a unique patient population, and having supportive colleagues

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Anticoagulation, chronic disease state management

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Travel, explore new restaurants, bake, spend time with family/friends, and indulge in crime documentaries and reality TV

Sherry Hoang, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Ambulatory Care

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University

Residency(ies): Northshore University HealthSystem (PGY1)

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care, Elective Ambulatory Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines?

Autonomy to provide direct patient care and collaboration with a multidisciplinary team

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors):

Ambulatory Care

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

Reading, fitness classes, cooking/dining, travel, spending time with family and friends

Jennifer Javier, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Anticoagulation

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago

Residency(ies): PGY-1 residency at Jesse Brown VA

Rotation(s) precepted: Anticoagulation

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines?

When I first came to Hines, my primary interest was ambulatory care. I have worked in the Anticoagulation and PACT clinics.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors):

Anticoagulation and chronic disease state management

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

Run/exercise, travel, trying new recipes, collect houseplants, read

Milica Jovic, PharmD, BCACP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner-Ambulatory Care-PACT Kankakee and Lasalle CBOCs

Hometown: Chicago

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Loyola University

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Lakeside VA Medical Center (currently Jesse Brown VA Medical Center)

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care (PACT and DOAC), Research, Seminars, MUEs, Newsletters, Administration-Recruitment. Previously an RPD for PGY1 Residency at JBVA for 22 years.

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Caring for patients, managing chronic medical conditions.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): PACT, Anticoagulation

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spending time with family and friends, traveling, and reading.

Eunha Lai, Pharm.D.

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Anticoagulation

Hometown: Northbrook, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University

Residency(ies): N/A

Rotation(s) precepted: Outpatient anticoagulation

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Autonomy to provide direct patient care.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Anticoagulation

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Cooking/dining, traveling with family, watching movies/plays/musicals and playing games with family/friends.

Jennifer Mauldin, PharmD

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Oak Lawn CBOC, Geriatrics Clinic and Tobacco Cessation

Hometown: Bartlett, Illinois

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Marquette University

College of Pharmacy: Palm Beach Atlantic University

Residency(ies): PGY1 at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Love working as a PACT CPS in the VA, recently transferred to Hines VA to be closer to family

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Diabetes, Neurology

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Hiking, reading, cooking, traveling

Jennifer Mucksavage, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care at Oak Lawn

Hometown: Wausau, WI

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of WI, Madison

College of Pharmacy: University of WI, Madison (BS Pharmacy); University of Cincinnati (PharmD)

Residency(ies): University of Illinois at Chicago

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Passion for the ability to have a direct impact on patient care in the ambulatory care setting

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Medication reconciliation and chronic disease state management

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with my family and friends, read, exercise, coach youth sports, spend time outdoors walking, hiking, or biking

Christopher Olson, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Mental Health

Hometown: Barrington, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Illinois State University

College of Pharmacy: University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Residency(ies): PGY1 – Jesse Brown VAMC (Chicago, IL); PGY2 Mental Health – Jesse Brown VAMC

Rotation(s) precepted: Mental Health

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I was excited for the opportunity to join the pharmacy team at Hines to help build up the services pharmacy can provide within the mental health service line. I have appreciated the collaborative nature and support from the pharmacy team and leadership in both pharmacy and mental health.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Psychosis, PTSD, and addictions treatment

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with my family, play with my dog, watch sports, go curling (yes, on the ice with the sweeping), and follow the stock market

Michele Parham, Pharm.D., BCACP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Ambulatory Care

Hometown: Joliet, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of IL- Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: University of IL- Chicago

Residency(ies): Midwestern University- Downers Grove

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I love working with a multidisciplinary healthcare team. I also enjoy the unique patient population we serve at the VA. I have built some really great relationships with both my fellow coworkers and my patients.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): chronic care, specifically diabetes

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? I am a family person. I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I enjoy a good meal, but I hate to cook. There is nothing better than a nice meal prepared by someone else and a good glass of wine.

Gopi Patel, PharmD

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Anticoagulation Management

Hometown: Des Plaines, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Benedictine University

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University, Chicago College of Pharmacy

Residency: Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital PGY1

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Anticoagulation Management

Rotation(s) precepted: Outpatient Anticoagulation Clinic

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I was very impressed with the variety of ambulatory care services that were offered through Hines.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Anticoagulation management in complex patients

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? I enjoy spending time with my dog Jacques. He's a tiny maltese with a big personality!

Katherine (Kate) Petkewicz PharmD, CDCES

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Primary Care Hoffman Estates CBOC

Hometown: Glenwood, IL (childhood) Saint Charles (present)

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Purdue Calumet, Prairie State

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): Pharmacy Practice Residency Midwestern University and Supervalu Focus in Patient Care and Teaching

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care and Advanced Ambulatory Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The ability to work in a setting that embraces pharmacy practice at the highest level as well as a position that allows me to serve as an educator brought me to Hines. A position that challenges me to continuously grow as a provider and increase my knowledge base keeps me at Hines

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Diabetes, CHF, COPD, and transitions of care

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? I spend much of my time caring for 2 young children and husband. We enjoy family games nights frequently and like to travel. One of my favorite activities is working out while watching Food Network shows. I have a passion for cooking and gather ideas for new recipes when I work out. I also listen to podcasts while I exercise and my husband often chuckles at the random "facts" I will work into conversations with him. (all from the podcasts)

Christina Quillian, B.S. Pharm., PharmD, BCPS, FASHP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Ambulatory Care

Hometown: New Orleans, La

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Louisiana at Monroe

College of Pharmacy: University of Louisiana at Monroe (B.S Pharmacy); University of Illinois at Chicago (PharmD)

Residency(ies): University of Illinois at Chicago : Ambulatory Care/Wellness

Rotation(s) precepted: PGY 1 Ambulatory Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Collaboration and team work as part of the PACT team model; CPS scope of practice ; precepting APPE students and Hines residents

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): General Medicine (DM, hypertension, lipid management, cardiology)

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Long distance running, triathlons, travel, book club

Margi Shah, Pharm.D., BCACP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Primary Care/Hepatology-GI

Hometown: Chicago western suburbs

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Wayne State University

College of Pharmacy: Wayne State University

Residency(ies): PGY1 Ann Arbor VA, PGY2 Ambulatory Care Detroit VA

Rotation(s) precepted: PGY1 Ambulatory Care/Specialty Ambulatory Care; PGY2 Liver/Hepatitis

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Expanding CPS role in liver beyond treatment of HCV, mentoring and training learners, and living close to Chicago

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): gout, system process improvement, impact of specialty care on primary care conditions, transitions of care, applied pharmacoconomics, post-transplant diabetes management

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Reading, spending time with family and friends, and exploring local areas

Larry Shively, BS Pharmacy

Current Position: Hines VA Clinical Pharmacist, Anticoagulation

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Missouri – Kansas City

College of Pharmacy: University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): N/A

Rotation(s) precepted: Anticoagulation

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Working for the VA/good patient care

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Anticoagulation

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Exercise, cook, genealogy

Alexandra Shubat, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Anticoagulation

Hometown: Riverside, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: The University of Iowa

College of Pharmacy: _Midwestern University CCP

Residency(ies): PGY1, Hines VA

Rotation(s) precepted: Anticoagulation

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The autonomy to care for patients, the collaboration with other healthcare providers

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): anticoagulation/ambulatory care

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Reading, watching netflix, spending time with family

Jiji Thomas, PharmD, BCACP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Hybrid Ambulatory Care

Hometown: Elmhurst, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Drake University, Des Moines, IA

College of Pharmacy: Drake University, Des Moines, IA

Residency: Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo, MI

Rotation(s) precepted: Ambulatory Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I enjoy having the autonomy within my scope of practice to serve the health care needs of veterans. The strong collaboration of the multidisciplinary team approach in providing care within the VA is why I choose to continue to work within the VA.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Diabetes, anticoagulation

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Baking, arts and craft projects, binge watching tv shows on Netflix.

Inpatient/Acute Care

Kaitlyn “Kait” Acosta, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Emergency Department Pharmacy Program Manager

Hometown: Orland Park, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago

Residency(ies): Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital (PGY1 and PGY2 – Infectious Diseases)

Rotation(s) precepted: Emergency Medicine (elective)

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? As a resident, the variety of rotations offered (strong ambulatory care, opportunities to teach/precept, and acute care experiences), as well as my passion for improving medication use in the geriatric population are what initially brought me to Hines. I love taking care of the Veterans and continuing to learn, which is why I have stayed here!

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Infectious diseases, cardiovascular emergencies, and transitions of care.

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Lately, I spend most of my time playing with my daughter, reading her books, and watching Sesame Street! When I do have free time, I love going to concerts with my husband and traveling to see our favorite bands, cheering on Chicago sports teams (especially the Cubs, Blackhawks, and Bears), and playing with our two cats.

Mara Andersen, Pharm.D.

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Anticoagulation

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago

Residency: Portland VA Medical Center

Rotation(s) precepted: Inpatient Anticoagulation

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The multidisciplinary approach to patient care.

Clinical areas of interest: Anticoagulation

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Yoga, spending time with family and friends.

Dan Carlsen, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner, Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapist Clinical Pharmacist

Hometown: Lake Villa, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Iowa

College of Pharmacy: University of Iowa

Residency(ies): PGY1 Residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago and PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Inpatient Infectious Diseases Consult Service, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy Service, Outpatient Infectious Diseases/HIV Clinic

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? My interests in infectious diseases care brought me to the VA initially to serve as the ID Pharmacy PGY2 given the wide range of rotation experiences offered. Being able to work with my excellent pharmacy colleagues, Infectious Diseases physician colleagues, and the ability to serve veterans at the top of my pharmacy license are what keep me at the VA.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Inpatient Infectious Diseases Consult Service, HIV pharmacotherapy, management of MDR bacterial infections, and outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Traveling, cycling in all its forms (road, mountain, gravel, snow), strategy board games, and trying new restaurants in Chicago with my fiancée

Laura Cotiguala, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner – Internal Medicine

Hometown: LaGrange, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Creighton University

College of Pharmacy: Creighton University

Residency(ies): PGY1: Saint Luke's Hospital, Kansas City MO; PGY2-Solid Organ Transplant: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

Rotation(s) precepted: Internal Medicine

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Hines VAMC has a substantial number of veterans with a history of organ transplantation cared for on the internal medicine services (which is an interest of mine) and is one of the few VA kidney transplant programs. Pharmacists are recognized as providers at the VA and operate at the top of our scope. It was also important to me to practice at a place where pharmacists are visible to patients, and I love that I get to do so much teaching with patients even as an inpatient-focused pharmacist!

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Cardiology, diabetes management, transplant, patient education, transitions of care, precepting

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Hiking (I am trying to visit all the National Parks), traveling, finding new coffee shops/restaurants, exercise, spending time with family and friends, and television!

Alex Gregorowicz, PharmD, MBA, BCCCP

Current Position: Cardiac/Medical ICU Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Hometown: Louisville, KY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Kentucky

College of Pharmacy: University of Kentucky

Residency: PGY1 and Critical Care PGY2: University of Chicago Medicine

Current Position: Cardiac/Medical ICU Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Rotation(s) precepted: PGY1 and PGY2 MICU

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The intense focus on improving the lives of our veterans has been my favorite part of working at Hines. Working with this patient population also opens up unique research options, which I hope to explore here soon.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Antibiotic stewardship, ICU to floor transitions of care, ICU care improvement (i.e. analgesia/sedation protocols), education

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

I am an avid sports fan (Go Bears) and concert enthusiast. I have three-year-old German shepherd mix that keeps me plenty busy in my free time and I recently took up archery.

Amanda Kozlowski, PharmD.

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Inpatient Anticoagulation

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Loyola University Chicago

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University

Residency: Amita Health Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I love having the opportunity to keep those that have served our country healthy and well; I love being able to talk to veterans and counsel and answer their questions pertaining to anticoagulation and general medicine

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Anticoagulation and general medicine

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Going on walks with my husband, 1-year-old son, Remi, and 2-year-old dog, Apollo

Evelina Lin, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner – Internal Medicine

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Health Science and Pharmacy in St. Louis – St. Louis College of Pharmacy

College of Pharmacy: University of Health Science and Pharmacy in St. Louis – St. Louis College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): Vista Health System

Rotation(s) precepted: Internal Medicine

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Since doing a rotation at the St. Louis VA as a P4, I've longed for an opportunity such as this to advocate on behalf for such a treasured and unique patient population. Really grateful to be here to provide direct patient care to them!

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Medication reconciliation, medication safety, geriatrics, transitions of care

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Besides traveling and spending time with friends/family, I enjoy pencil sketching and jog-running. Specific hobbies vary depending on the mood. Lately, it's been trying to get better at playing the guitar and reading more!

Khaja Maghrabi PharmD, BCSP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Oncology

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: UIC

College of Pharmacy: Ferris State University

Rotation(s) precepted: Hematology/Oncology

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Getting to work with the veterans! They've all had such interesting experiences while serving in the military. I've learned as much from them as they have from me. Also, working at Hines, has given me the opportunity to develop and grow professionally as a pharmacist.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Hematology/Oncology, ID and Critical Care

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spend as much time as possible with wife, kids and other family and friends. Take in as much NFL as possible, yes its rough being a Bears fan

Jayne Magrady, PharmD

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Inpatient Anticoagulation

Hometown: Sunrise, FL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Florida

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University CCP

Residency(ies): Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Inpatient/Outpatient Anticoagulation

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Inpatient setting/co-workers

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Anticoagulation, internal medicine

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with my husband and two boys, enjoy the outside, Florida Gator football

Matthew Nelson, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Internal Medicine Program Manager

Hometown: Lombard, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago

Residency(ies): PGY1 University of Chicago, PGY2 Internal Medicine University of Chicago

Rotation(s) precepted: Internal Medicine

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The patient population and the excellent medical and pharmacy staff.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): ID, cardiology, GI/Liver

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spending time with family, gardening, cooking

Leah Nguyen, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner

Hometown: Iowa City, IA

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Iowa

College of Pharmacy: University of Iowa College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): Phoenix VA Healthcare System

Rotation(s) precepted: Internal Medicine

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Caring for our veterans

Clinical areas of interest: Transitions of care, hepatology, emergency medicine

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Listening to podcasts, taking walks with my dogs, Potato and Coco, and exploring Chicago's restaurants.

Nikunj Patel, PharmD, BCGP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Emergency Department

Hometown: Gujarat, India; Mount Prospect, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois, Chicago

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University

Rotation(s) precepted: Emergency Department

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? As far as I know, VA is one of the rare organizations that combines the following: prime focus on superior patient care where organizational financial/revenue related conflicts never supersede excellent patient care, VA provides all the resources that a clinician may need in order to deliver the best patient care experience, VA offers comprehensive care for patients – acute care, chronic care,

mental health, rehabilitation, specialty care -ophthalmology, dermatology etc. Serving in an organization where care truly is holistic and not fragmented.

Clinical areas of interest: Emergency medicine, critical care, infectious diseases, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacogenomics

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

Spend time with family and friends, study and discuss history (and the lessons to learn from it) and spirituality with friends, explore nature

Prachi Patel, PharmD, BCPS, BCOP

Current Position: Oncology Program Manager

Hometown: Darien, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois, Chicago

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois, Chicago

Residency(ies): Froedtert Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Hematology/Oncology

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Working with the veteran population, the high level of interdisciplinary collaboration, and opportunities for VISN-level initiatives.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Optimizing the delivery of oral antineoplastics, developing oncologic supportive care protocols

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Baking, hiking, pilates, long runs on the Prairie Path with my dog Penny, exploring new coffee shops

Anne (Annie) Thorndyke, PharmD, BCPS, BCTXP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Solid Organ Transplant

Hometown: Edina, MN

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)

College of Pharmacy: Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)

Residency: PGY1 Indiana University Health (Indianapolis IN) /PGY2 Barnes-Jewish Hospital (Saint Louis MO)

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Solid Organ Transplant

Rotation(s) precepted: PGY1 Solid Organ Transplant / PGY2 Hepatology and Transplant

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I was drawn toward Hines for the opportunity to help start a new transplant program for veterans in the Chicagoland area. The transplant pharmacist has this unique involvement during all phases of the patient's transplant journey; therefore, there are various practice areas that a transplant pharmacist covers. From immunology, critical care, internal medicine, ambulatory care, infectious diseases, geriatrics, and pregnancy – there is a topic for every learner. The veteran patient population, the pharmacy department, and my interdisciplinary transplant team have made this institution home.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Transitions of care, ambulatory care, ID stewardship, critical care

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? When I am not at the hospital, I can be found spending time with family, friends, and my dog exploring new places in the city of Chicago. From walking through Lincoln park, exploring the different neighborhoods, and trying new food places - there are so many fun things to do in the city. I also enjoy book club, traveling (safely post-pandemic), sculpt yoga, and have recently been converted to indoor cycling.

Jeffrey T. Wieczorkiewicz, Pharm.D., BCPS

Current Position: Associate Professor – Department of Pharmacy Practice

Midwestern University – Chicago College of Pharmacy

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Adult Internal Medicine

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University – Chicago College of Pharmacy

Residency: Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: General Medicine (required), Advanced General Medicine (elective)

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? My interest in Hines was in developing an internal medicine service while being involved in clinical research. I have been able to establish a valued clinical service and have completed research projects. I enjoy precepting and mentoring residents and guiding residents through completing residency projects.

Clinical areas of interest: My clinical areas of interest include infectious diseases, cardiology and hepatology.

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? My free time is filled with my family. I enjoy watching or participating in my kiddos activities. Family time with my wife and kids is the best way to spend whatever free time I have.

Marco Zambrano, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Pharmacy OR & Surgical Program Manager

Hometown: Chicago

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University

Rotation(s) precepted: Hospital Pharmacy, Peri-operative rotation

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I transferred from Jesse Brown VA where I worked in several roles both staffing and clinical for inpatient pharmacy but wanted a new challenge. When I heard of an opportunity at Hines to be a supervisor it was a challenge that I had wanted for myself. During my tour as inpatient

supervisor we were able to expand our staff and clinical opportunities for inpatient pharmacy. More recently I transitioned to my current position where I am excited to continue to expand peri-op services.

Clinical areas of interest: peri-operative management, critical care, safety, and quality.

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Enjoy hiking, boxing, baseball, cooking/dining, architecture and family.

Geriatrics

Kevin Bacigalupo, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Geriatrics

Hometown: Hinsdale, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois – Champaign/Urbana

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois – Chicago

Residency(ies): PGY1 at Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted:

- Geriatrics – Community Living Center (CLC)
- Geriatrics elective – Hospice and Palliative Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines?

- Opportunities for clinical pharmacists to practice at the top of our license
- Medical team acceptance and integration of clinical pharmacists as core team members
- Outstanding team dynamics both within our pharmacy group and between disciplines

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors):

- Geriatrics
- Long Term Care
- Hospice / Palliative Care
- Pain management

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

- Golf, Tennis, Disc Golf
- Spend time with family and try to keep up with my triplets
- Watch mind numbing reality TV (Below Deck, Survivor, anything on Bravo...)

Emily Ellsworth, PharmD, BCGP

Rotation(s) precepted: Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)

Hometown: Caledonia, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Butler University

College of Pharmacy: Butler University

Residency(ies): PGY1: Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, PGY2 Geriatrics: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)

Rotation(s) precepted: Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Being a former resident, I knew the high level of clinical skill and expectations of the geriatrics department at Hines. I also am grateful to be very involved with training residents and students. It is nice to have four of my previous co-residents at Hines as well!

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Geriatric ambulatory care, palliative/hospice care, dermatology, and academia.

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Binge watching Netflix documentaries, swimming, and anything Taylor Swift.

Liancy Gomez Martinez, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Geriatrics/Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)

Hometown: Yauco, PR (land of coffee)

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

College of Pharmacy: University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus; Midwestern University, Chicago College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): N/A

Rotation(s) precepted: Geriatrics, HBPC

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines?

Pharmacist role in different settings, potential for professional growth and development, mentorship structure.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors):

Geriatrics, CKD, DM, transitions of care, deprescribing, medication safety.

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time?

Spending time with my husband and son, traveling, home improvement projects, arts and crafts, cooking.

Annette Kossifologos, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Geriatrics (Long-Term Care)

Hometown: Elmwood Park, Illinois

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Triton Community College

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois

Residency: Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Geriatrics (Long-Term Care)

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The breadth of clinical opportunities for pharmacists, geriatrics and the computerized record system originally brought me to Hines. I've stayed because of the opportunities for clinical growth and the supportive environment with my pharmacy peers.

Clinical areas of interest: Geriatrics, medication reconciliation

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Travel, photography, and butterfly rearing/gardening.

Tripti Kurup, Pharm.D., BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Home Based Primary Care

Hometown: Northlake, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Loyola University Chicago

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy

Residency(ies): PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency completed at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Home Based Primary Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Serving the veteran population, more opportunities to practice as a clinical pharmacist within the VA than the private sector.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): geriatrics, chronic disease state management, transitions in care, polypharmacy, fall risk reduction

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? My free time is spent with my husband, 3 kids, and our families. We're a competitive group and enjoy playing video and board games, soccer, and basketball. I enjoy watching the Chicago Bears and Bulls.

Kavita R. Palla, PharmD, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Geriatrics

Hometown: Woodridge, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: Daley College

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois at Chicago

Residency(ies): University of Illinois at Chicago

Rotation(s) precepted: Geriatrics

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? I completed a PGY2 residency in Geriatrics. VA has always recognized clinical pharmacist contributions towards patient care. There was a position open involving acute geriatric medicine and home based primary care at Hines. My love and passion for Geriatrics brought me to Hines and kept me at Hines VA Hospital

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Geriatrics, Dementia

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with family, travel and reading

Bhairvi Patel, PharmD, BCPS BCGP

Current Position: Long Term Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Hometown: Schaumburg; Albuquerque

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University

Residency: North Chicago VA (currently known as Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center FHCC)

Rotation(s) precepted: Geriatrics – Long Term Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Opportunities in Geriatrics

Clinical areas of interest: Geriatrics

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spending time outdoors, Disability Advocacy, gardening, clean living

Jennifer Stoiner, Pharm.D., BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)

Hometown: Midlothian, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: St. Xavier University, Chicago, IL

College of Pharmacy: Midwestern University – Chicago College of Pharmacy, Downers Grove, IL

Residency(ies): PGY1 – Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Rotation(s) precepted: Home Based Primary Care

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? Geriatrics, Mental Health

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Geriatrics

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? I have 2 toddlers; I don't have free time.

Priya Wirth, PharmD, BCGP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Geriatrics (Long-Term Care)

Hometown: Freeport, IL

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) attended: University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign

College of Pharmacy: University of Illinois - Chicago

Residency(ies): PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency, Jesse Brown VA - Chicago, IL

Rotation(s) precepted: Geriatrics (Long-Term Care)

What interests brought you to Hines/have kept you at Hines? The wide variety of practice areas where pharmacists can have an impact at the VA were very impressive to me as a student on rotation. The supportive relationships I have with my colleagues in pharmacy, the ability to work closely with other disciplines, and the opportunity to serve the veteran population has kept me at Hines VA.

Clinical areas of interest (i.e. transitions of care, geriatrics, medication errors): Geriatrics, medication safety, medication reconciliation

Outside of pharmacy, what do you like to do in your free time? Spending time with my husband and kids, traveling, escape rooms