

VA Finger Lakes Healthcare System PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Preceptors

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Jill Knight, Pharm.D., BCPS

Residency Program Director

Current Position: Associate Chief of Clinical Pharmacy Services

Hometown: Horseheads, NY

College of Pharmacy: University of Rhode Island

Residency Training (if applicable): Providence VA (equivalent in new terms of PGY1 pharmacy residency with emphasis in ambulatory care)

Rotation(s) Precepted: Orientation, Pharmacy Leadership and Management, Administration

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

I moved to be closer to family and saw opportunity for expansion of clinical pharmacy services. Over the years, I worked in various positions and have seen many of the clinical pharmacy opportunities come to fruition. What keeps me here is the wonderful team I work with along with getting to play a small role in helping provide quality care to the Veterans.

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Ambulatory care (even though I've transitioned into more of a leadership role)

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

Yoga, spend time with friends and family, cook, and read



Kevin Koons, Pharm.D., BCPS

Current Position: Chief of Clinical Support Services

Hometown: Currently Victor, NY. I grew up all over the country, so I don't have just a single hometown.

College of Pharmacy: Ohio Northern University

Residency Training (if applicable): PGY-1 Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center in Huntington, WV

Rotation(s) Precepted: Pharmacy Leadership and Management

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

In short, the Finger Lakes region offers a lifestyle that fits me, the family, and all of our interests!

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Internal medicine, critical care, infectious diseases

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

Play guitar, cook, ski, bike, garden, and most other outdoor activities!



Diana Cowell, Pharm.D., BCPS, MBA

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner (CPP) in Pain Management (Bath and Canandaigua)

Hometown: Cleveland, OH

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended: West Point (BS – Engineering, 2001), New England College (2020-MBA)

College of Pharmacy: University of California – San Francisco

Residency Training (if applicable): PGY-1 Munson Medical Center in Michigan

Rotation(s) Precepted: Pain Management Elective

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

Great people and it's a great location!

Clinical Areas of Interest:

chronic pain, palliative care

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

Hike, camp, and travel!



Lisa Krapf, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner (CPP) in Mental Health (Canandaigua)

Hometown: Near Scranton, PA

College of Pharmacy: Philadelphia College of Pharmacy

Rotation(s) Precepted: Mental Health (Core)

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

My spouse and I both came for employment opportunities, and we stayed because it's such a nice area to live and raise a family.

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

Hiking, travel, textile crafts, and homebrewing. We also foster basset hounds for a rescue.



Bryan Gardner, Pharm.D., MHA

Current Position: QA/QI Facility Program Manager (Bath, Canandaigua, Rochester)

Hometown: Camden, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended: St. Lawrence University

College of Pharmacy: University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy

Rotation(s) Precepted: Medication Management

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

There has been a lot of opportunity to grow, and I am able to have a great work/life balance

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

I spend most of my time at my kids' sporting events. When I'm not there, my family enjoys spending time at my in-laws' camp on Lake Ontario. I love working on home projects, particularly ones focused on energy efficiency (solar, heat pumps, EV's, etc.). I also like to fix discarded lawnmowers and snowblowers to resell them and I am always looking for the best deal!



Hilary Teeples, Pharm.D., BCGP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Canandaigua Community Living Center (CLC)

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended: Syracuse University

College of Pharmacy: Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher University

Rotation(s) Precepted: Geriatrics/CLC Core & Elective

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

I love the small town feel of the medical center and how it's enabled me to develop close relationships and bonds with our veterans. VA FL HCS also encourages pharmacist autonomy to practice at the top of their license so it's a rewarding place to practice!

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Geriatrics, diabetes management & end of life therapeutic management

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

I'm an avid bowler & Kansas City Chiefs fanatic (NFL)! I also enjoy doing arts and crafts and am learning how to fish with my teenage son.



Katherine Koller, Pharm.D., BCPP

Current Position: Facility PMOP Coordinator

Hometown: Meadville, PA and currently residing in Geneseo, NY

College of Pharmacy: Ohio Northern University

Residency Training (if applicable):

PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency – Mental Health Focus: Hunter Holmes McGuire VAMC in Richmond, VA

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy – VA of Western New York HCS in Buffalo, NY

Rotation(s) Precepted: Pharmacy Residency Projects

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

Family, friends, outdoor activities, wineries

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Mental health, pain, substance use disorders, administration and research

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

Spend time with baby boy and 2 precious doodles, lounge in our pool, travel, visit local wineries and practice yoga (I am a certified yoga teacher)



Tessa Kelly, Pharm.D., BCACP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Home Based Primary Care (Bath)

Hometown: Hilton, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended/College of Pharmacy: Wegmans School of Pharmacy, St. John Fisher College

Residency Training (if applicable):

PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System in Montrose, NY

PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency at the Lebanon VA Medical Center in Lebanon, PA

Rotation(s) Precepted: HBPC Core Longitudinal

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

Family and all the beautiful nature/hiking the Finger Lakes region has to offer

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Geriatrics/minimizing polypharmacy, diabetes, COPD

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

I love hiking around all of the beautiful waterfalls and state parks in the region, reading, baking, doing cardio kickboxing, and spending time with family, friends, and my beloved cat, Sebastian!



Darcie Hutchinson, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCGP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner, Home Based Primary Care (Canandaigua)

Hometown: Canandaigua, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended/College of Pharmacy: University at Buffalo

Residency Training (if applicable): PGY1- St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown, OH

Rotation(s) Precepted: HBPC Core Longitudinal, Women's Health elective

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

Family!

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Geriatrics, functional medicine and whole health

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

Camping, photography, and doing DIY crafts!



Jordan Csati, Pharm.D., BCGP, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner, Home Based Primary Care (Rochester)

Hometown: Angola, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended/College of Pharmacy: University at Buffalo

Rotation(s) Precepted: HBPC Core Longitudinal

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

The broad scope of pharmacy and ability to practice at or near the top of our education

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Heart failure, transitions of care, antimicrobial stewardship

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

Golf, hike, ski, sail, and spend time with family. I also love the Buffalo Bills!



Nicholas Piscioti, Pharm.D., BCACP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner in PACT (Rochester), Clinical Services Supervisor

Hometown: Auburn, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended: Cayuga Community College

College of Pharmacy: Albany College of Pharmacy

Rotation(s) Precepted: PACT (Primary Care)

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

My grandfathers were both in the Army (WWII and Korea). I stay because of the joy I receive helping veterans improve their lives.

Clinical Areas of Interest:

All areas of primary care

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

I love the Yankees, Bills, and Autumn walks



Michaela Raes, Pharm.D., BCPP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner – Substance Use Disorders & Mental Health (Bath)

Hometown: Phelps, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended: State University of New York at Buffalo

College of Pharmacy: D'Youville College

Residency Training (if applicable):

PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice – South Texas Veterans Healthcare System in San Antonio, TX

PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy – Western New York VA Healthcare System in Buffalo, NY

Rotation(s) Precepted: Mental Health (Core), Substance Use Disorders (Elective)

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

The Finger Lakes are my home - though I went away for college and residency training, nowhere else felt quite the same. The collaborative environment of this VA has allowed me to build connections with colleagues, and a strong rapport with the Veterans that I serve. Leadership at VA Finger Lakes is incredibly supportive of clinical pharmacy, and the encouragement and feedback that I receive reminds me that my work here is valuable.

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Substance use disorders, motivational Interviewing, harm reduction, mental health, women's health

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

I like kayaking, hiking, bicycling, and enjoying all of the beauty that the Finger Lakes region has to offer. At home, I like to exercise, garden/tend to my exponentially growing population of houseplants, spend time with my two incredible nephews, and snuggle up with my cat named Schrödinger (pictured here).



Diane Tucker, B.S. Pharmacy, Pharm.D.

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner- Anticoagulation (Bath)

Hometown: Hornell, NY

College of Pharmacy: Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Rotation(s) Precepted: Anticoagulation Core Longitudinal

What brought you to the Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

I grew up here and life keeps me here!

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Anticoagulation, diabetes, and cardiology

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

I love to play pickle ball, snow show, bike, and read



Ryan Walker, Pharm.D., BCPS

Current Position:

Inpatient and Outpatient Clinical Staff Pharmacist (Bath)

Hometown:

Wilmington, DE

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended/Pharmacy School:

University of Sciences of Philadelphia

Rotation(s) Precepted:

Inpatient/Outpatient Pharmacy

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/have kept you here?:

My wife and I wanted to be closer to our family and live in a rural area

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Disorders of the liver, infectious diseases

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

I have a homestead, so my family and I like to farm, raise animals, and garden!
My family and I are also very active with our church.



David Goodman, Pharm.D., BCGP, BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Bath Community Living Center (CLC)

Hometown: Bayside, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended: SUNY Binghamton

College of Pharmacy: Albany College of Pharmacy

Residency Training (if applicable): PGY1 at the Pittsburgh VA

Rotation(s) Precepted: Geriatrics/CLC Core and Antimicrobial Stewardship Elective

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

I had the opportunity to apply here as I was completing my residency at the Pittsburgh VA, and I have enjoyed it so much that I've been here ever since!

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Geriatrics, antimicrobial stewardship

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

Most of my free time involves playing sports with my children or watching them play soccer and baseball.



Amy Martin, B.S., Pharm.D., BCPS

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner- Anticoagulation, Anticoagulation Clinic Program Manager (Rochester)

Hometown: Morton, IL

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

College of Pharmacy: University at Buffalo

Residency Training (if applicable): PGY1 at VA Iowa City Health Care System

Rotation(s) Precepted: Anticoagulation Core Longitudinal

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

I transferred from the Iowa City VA to the Rochester VA after my husband was hired at the University of Rochester Pharmacology/Physiology department.

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Anticoagulation, cardiology

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

I love to do yoga and hike in the Adirondacks with my husband and two dogs, Ubiquitous and Aliquot. I also own a jewelry business and do sales online and throughout Rochester.



Nicole Fioravanti, Pharm.D., BCPP

Current Position: PCMHI CPP

Hometown: Fairport, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended: SUNY Geneseo

College of Pharmacy: St John Fisher College

Residency Training (if applicable): PGY1 Dayton VAMC MH PGY2 Cincinnati VAMC

Rotation(s) Precepted: PCMHI

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?: Family and Friends moved me back to Rochester 7/2022 and enjoy working with Veterans and have stayed in the VA !

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Substance use disorders, Insomnia, Weight management

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

Spending time with family, Jogging, Hiking



Alexa Flood, Pharm.D.

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner, Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program

Hometown: Scranton, PA

College of Pharmacy: Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy

Residency Training (if applicable): PGY1 Residency at the VA New Jersey Healthcare System

Rotation(s) Precepted: Substance Use Disorders (Elective)

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

Close to home/family and friends. Great boss and coworkers. Lots to do in the Finger Lakes (wineries, hiking trails and waterfalls, community events)

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Mental health/SUD, primary care

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

Going to the gym, reading, hiking, golfing, swimming (during the summer), spending time with family/friends, traveling



Matthew Pietro, Pharm.D., BCPS

Current Position: PACT Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner

Hometown: Troy, NY

College of Pharmacy: Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Residency Training (if applicable): PGY-1 at the Columbia VA Medical Center

Rotation(s) Precepted: Pharmacy Projects/Research

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

The wonderful Veteran population. Beautiful Finger Lakes. Pharmacy family.

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Endocrinology. Cardiology. Geriatrics.

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

Cook. Play the accordion. Watch soccer. Workout. Pool. Traveling.

A portrait of Kathryn Donoghue, a woman with long, curly blonde hair, smiling. She is wearing a purple top. The photo is partially obscured by a white curved shape on the right side of the slide.

Kathryn Donoghue, Pharm.D.

Current Position: PACT CPP and Academic Detailer

Hometown: Greece, NY

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended: SUNY Oswego (Elementary Education Major); St. John Fisher College: BS in Biology

College of Pharmacy: Albany College of Pharmacy

Residency Training (if applicable): PGY-1 at Buffalo VA

Rotation(s) Precepted: PACT and Academic Detailing

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

During my pharmacy school rotations, hospitals were still using paper charts which were impossible to read. When I started my residency at the Buffalo VA, I absolutely loved CPRS. What has kept me at the VA: I love the patient population, I love the autonomy/prescriptive authority we have as pharmacists, I love making a difference in patient's lives with continued counseling and medication management. My first love was Anticoag; now I thoroughly enjoy DM and of course COPD! Taking on the role of detailer has opened my eyes to the world of SUD and how lives can be changed with treatment. Beyond the opportunities, I have stayed here because of the staff, not just other pharmacists but providers, nurses, social workers. I have met some lifelong friends through the VA. I even met my husband here!

Clinical Areas of Interest:

COPD, SUD, DM....did I say COPD!!

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

Spending time with my family, staying busy raising two beautiful boys, playing cards (Texas Hold'em, Euchre, Spite and Malice), playing Cornhole, vacationing to ADK, star gazing, riding four wheelers at my cottage, sitting around the campfire, attending church and spending time with my horse!



Leanne Kontur, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCGP

Current Position: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for Home Based Primary Care (Canandaigua and Rochester NY)

Hometown: DuBois, PA (20 miles from the stupid groundhog – don't get me started)

Pre-Pharmacy School(s) Attended: University of Pittsburgh

College of Pharmacy: University of Pittsburgh

Rotation(s) Precepted: Home Based Primary Care longitudinal

What brought you to VA Finger Lakes/has kept you here?:

I came to the FLX VA to pursue opportunities in pharmacy beyond a dispensing role in a retail setting. I stay here because serving veterans is rewarding, as well as I get to practice at the top of my license as a pharmacist. Seeing the impact that I make on someone's health/life is the largest motivating factor to keep doing what I'm doing.

Clinical Areas of Interest:

Geriatrics, deprescribing, vitamin B12

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

Hang out with my family, make balloon animals and have sword fights w/ balloon swords, paint, play board games, DIY home improvement projects, just having fun and enjoying the insanity