POSTGRADUATE YEAR ONE
AND
POSTGRADUATE YEAR TWO

Pharmacy Residency Program

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Dear Residency Applicant,

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

At VA Loma Linda, 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 VA Loma Linda 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 residency programs available at VA Loma Linda include the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency, PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency, PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency, and PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency. Thank you for considering the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. We strongly encourage you to consider our programs. We wish you the best on your important decision and future endeavors.

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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 96 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 VALLHCS 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 (required for PGY1 program applicants only)
- Previous ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy residency or 3 years of equivalent experience (required for PGY2 program 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 residency
Benefits

- Participation in Skills Development Series
- Salary: $45,954 (PGY1 program), $49,784 (PGY2 programs)
- Health/Life Insurance (employee contribution)
- Authorized Absence to attend the following professional meetings:
  - ASHP Midyear
  - CSHP Annual Seminar
  - VISN 22 Preceptor, Fellow, Research Conference
  - Respective specialty area meeting (e.g., CPNP/ASCP/HOPA/AVAHO)
- Thirteen (13) days annual leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- Thirteen (13) days sick leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- Ten (10) paid holidays
- Centralized office work space with access to a personal computer
- Uniform allotment and laundry service
- Free Parking
PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency

**Purpose**

The Pharmacy Practice Post Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is 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.

**Required Rotations (five 6-week rotations)**

- Formulary Management
- Infectious Disease
- Primary Care
- Subspecialty Clinic
  - Cholesterol Clinic
  - Women’s Tele-health Pharmacy
  - Anticoagulation
  - Geriatric Outpatient Clinic
  - Pain management
  - Hepatitis C
- Transitional Care
  - General Internal Medicine

**Longitudinal Rotations (year-round as assigned)**

- Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) medication management – one day per week

**Elective Rotations (two 6-week rotations)**

- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
- Geriatric/ Long Term Care (Community Living Center)
- Health Information Technology
- Inpatient*/ Outpatient Oncology
- Medicine ICU/ Surgical ICU/ Nutritional Support
- Psychiatry
- Transgender
- Pain management
- Women’s Tele-Health Pharmacy

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

- Research project
  - Background preparation, protocol, design, IRB, data collection and analysis
  - Presentation at VISN 22 Conference
  - Manuscript submission to a professional journal
- Journal Club – participation and/or presentation
- Disease State Presentation – participation and/or presentation
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 are available beginning July 1st.

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 January 5, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact:

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PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

Purpose

The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is designed to provide a comprehensive educational and practical experience in behavioral health pharmacy practice. Pharmacists completing the program will be competent to serve as an authoritative resource on the optimal use of medications used to treat individuals with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders with emphasis in the geriatric population. Pharmacists will be able to optimize outcomes of diverse populations of inpatients and outpatients with a variety of psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders and a range of complex problems by providing evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy as an integral part of the interdisciplinary team. Residents will establish collaborative professional relationships with healthcare team members along with prioritizing delivery of care to individuals with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders. Residents will demonstrate leadership and practice management skills, demonstrate excellence in the provision of training and educational activities for health care professionals, health care professionals in training, and the public, and evaluate and improve the medication-use process in mental health patient care areas.

Longitudinal Experiences

- Formulary Management
- Clozapine Management Clinic
- Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM)

Required Rotations (8-week rotations)

- Adult Inpatient Psychiatry
- Outpatient Mental Health Clinic
- Geriatric Psychiatry in Long Term Care (Community Living Center)

Selected Learning Experiences* (4-week rotations)

- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Consultation Liaison Psychiatry
- Neurology

Elective Rotations (4-week rotations)

- Academic Detailing/Administration
- Geriatric Evaluation and Management Clinic
- Hospice/Palliative Care
- Pain Management
- Specialty Clinics (Hepatitis, HIV/ID, Oncology, Women’s Health, etc.)

*Note: Residents will choose a total of four electives; at least one of electives must be from the selected learning experiences.

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

- Research project
  - Background preparation, protocol, design, IRB, data collection and analysis
  - Presentation at College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Annual Meeting and/or VISN 22 Pharmacy Residents and Preceptor Conference
  - Poster presentation at a professional meeting
  - Manuscript submission to a professional journal
- Journal Club – participation and/or presentation
• Disease State Presentation – participation and/or presentation
• Participation in departmental and committee meetings
• Education of pharmacy students, PGY1 residents, and other healthcare professionals

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 are available beginning July 1st.

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

All required application materials for the 2018-2019 residency program must be submitted to PHORCAS by **January 15, 2018**. If you have any questions, please contact:

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PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency*

Purpose
The Pharmacy Practice Post Graduate Year 2 (PGY2) Geriatric Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is designed to provide a comprehensive educational and practical experience in geriatric pharmacy. Pharmacists completing the program will be competent to serve as an authoritative resource on the optimal use of medications used with geriatric patients with complex medication regimens and multiple comorbidities. The resident will optimize the continuum-of-care of geriatric patients; recognizing disease, disorders, syndromes, and psychosocial needs unique to the geriatric population by providing evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy as an integral member of the interdisciplinary team. Geriatric pharmacy resident will demonstrate leadership and practice management skills, demonstrate excellence in the provision of training and educational activities for health care professionals, health care professionals in training, and the public. The geriatric pharmacy resident will contribute to the body of geriatric pharmacotherapy knowledge; at the conclusion of the residency, the resident will be eligible for Board Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy.

Required Rotations
- Acute Care Medicine (2 month)
- Community Living Center (2 months)
- Geriatric PACT (2 months)
- Home Based Primary Care (1 month)

Longitudinal Experiences
- Formulary Management

Selected Learning Experiences**
- Pain Management (1 month)
- Palliative Care (1 month)
- Psychiatry (1 month)

Elective Rotations (4-week rotations)
- Academia
- Anticoagulation
- Critical Care
- Infectious Disease
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Research
- Transitions of Care

**Note: Residents will choose a total of four electives; at least one of electives must be from the selected learning experiences.

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

- Research project
  - Background preparation, protocol, design, IRB, data collection and analysis
  - Presentation at American Society of Consultant Pharmacist (ASCP) Annual Meeting and/or VISN 22 Pharmacy Residents and Preceptor Conference
  - Poster presentation at a professional meeting
  - Manuscript submission to a professional journal
- Journal Club – participation and/or presentation
- Disease State Presentation – participation and/or presentation
- Participation in departmental and committee meetings
- Education of pharmacy students, PGY1 residents, and other healthcare professionals

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the submitted application. Applicants will be ranked for selection based on qualifications and a personal interview. One position is available beginning July 1st.

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

All required application materials for the 2018 - 2019 residency program must be submitted to PHORCAS by January 15, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact:

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PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency*

Purpose

The Pharmacy Practice Post Graduate Year 2 (PGY2) Oncology Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is designed to provide specialty training for pharmacists to develop the skills necessary to ensure optimal drug therapy to cancer patients, to analyze and disseminate drug information to other health care professionals and patients, to investigate and solve complex therapeutic problems in a scientific manner, and to further enhance the verbal and written communication skills of the resident. The resident will be expected to provide care to cancer patients in a wide variety of clinical environments, including outpatient care, surgical, inpatient care, and hospice/palliative care setting.

Required Rotations

- Supportive Care (1 month)
- Hem-Onc (one month each of the following): ALL/CLL, AML/CML, HL/NHL, MM/Transplant
- Med-Onc (one month each of the following): GI, Lung, Breast, Prostate/Ovarian
- Oral chemo/symptom management (1 month)
- Pediatric Oncology/Melanoma (1 month)

Elective Rotations (4-week rotation)

The resident may choose one elective during the residency year. This elective time is used to either tailor additional specific interests of the resident or to further improve upon an already completed rotation. Residents may also repeat an area of interest for this elective rotation.

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

- Research project
  - Background preparation, protocol, design, IRB, data collection and analysis
  - Presentation at American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear, Western States Conference, and/or VISN 22 Pharmacy Residents and Preceptor Conference
  - Poster presentation at a professional meeting
  - Manuscript submission to a professional journal
- Journal Club – participation and/or presentation
- Disease State Presentation – participation and/or presentation
- Participation in departmental and committee meetings
- Presentations and in-services to nursing and/or providers
- Formal staff development seminar
- Education of pharmacy students, PGY1 residents, and other healthcare professionals

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the submitted application. Applicants will be ranked for selection based on qualifications and a personal interview. One position is available beginning July 1st.

Please go online to the following website to access application materials:
http://www.lomalinda.va.gov/clinical_training/pharmacy/Oncology_Pharmacy_Residency.asp
All required application materials for the 2018-2019 residency program must be submitted to PHORCAS by **January 15, 2018**. 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 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Operations Supervisor 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.

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 residency training, she worked at the VA Central California Healthcare System 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 pharmacists 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. Dr. Ishino holds BCPP and BCPS certifications and is a member of the CPNP.

Emily Ishikawa, Pharm.D., BCGP, FASCP received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California San Francisco in 2001, followed by completing a residency in Pharmacy Practice at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. She worked at the VA in Ambulatory Care for 6 years, prior to her current position as the Geriatric Program Manager, where she oversees policies related to Long Term Care and is an integral member of the interdisciplinary team. Some of her clinical responsibilities include comprehensive medication regimen reviews, antimicrobial dosing/monitoring, pain and diabetes management. Dr. Ishikawa is a Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, a Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, and an Assistant Clinical Professor at Loma Linda University. She has served on both Residency Advisory Boards for PGY1 and PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residencies and is excited to advance pharmacy practice by establishing a PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency.

Hamideh Tavakoli-Ahmady, Pharm.D., BCOP received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Western University of Health Sciences in 2000. She is currently the Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacy Program Manager. She completed a hospital practice residency with an emphasis on acute care at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. She is involved in the implementation and enhancement of clinical activities including medication therapy management services in hematology and medical oncology. She holds academic appointments at USC, WesternU, and Loma Linda Schools of Pharmacy. She works closely with the research pharmacist to promote excellent collaboration for administration of investigational chemotherapy and other drugs.
**Gregory Aung, Pharm.D., BCPS., AAHIVP.** received a Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2010 from University of the Pacific, Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy in 2012 and is the Outpatient Infectious Disease Clinical Pharmacist. Following graduation, he completed a PGY1 General Pharmacy Practice Residency at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital and then a PGY2 Infectious Disease Pharmacy Residency at VA San Diego. He then worked as the Infectious Disease Pharmacist at the Salisbury, NC before joining the VA Loma Linda family. He currently holds an academic appointment with Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy and has interests in sports, cooking, concerts, and church.

**Zenaida Capua-Currie, Pharm.D.,** a graduate of the University of Southern California, received her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 1983 and is the Inpatient Pharmacy Clinical Supervisor. She completed a Clinical Pharmacy Practice Residency at University of California, San Diego, and a Cardiology Fellowship at Barnes-Jewish Children’s Hospital of St. Louis. She has worked in Pediatrics, Oncology, Cardiology, Pharmacy Management, and other areas of pharmacy. Dr. Capua-Currie currently oversees the Acute Care and Critical Care Clinical Pharmacy Services, Research Pharmacy Satellite, Oncology Pharmacy Satellite, Community Living Center, in addition to the Anti-Microbial Stewardship, Hepatitis C Pharmacy, and Opioid/Pain Management Pharmacy Programs. She currently holds academic appointment at Loma Linda University, Western University, University of Colorado, UOP and USC Schools of Pharmacy. She has an interest in gardening, cooking and reading in her free time.

**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 Chau, Pharm.D., AAHIVP** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Florida A&M, College of Pharmacy in 1995. He then went on to complete a fellowship in Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research at Southern California Kaiser Permanente. Dr. Chau has several years of experience as a clinical pharmacist in Ambulatory Care, Infectious Disease, HIV, and Outcomes Research at the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. He has also served as an IRB and R&D member for many years. Dr. Chau currently works as the Antibiotic Stewardship Pharmacy Program Manager. In addition to enjoying his interactions with the veterans, he has been heavily involved in mentoring students and residents, and serves as the pharmacy resident research coordinator. Outside of work, he enjoys eating good food with family and friends, playing golf, skiing, and watching sports.
**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 in the inpatient behavioral health unit. She is working on becoming Board Certified in Psychiatry Pharmacy and is an active member of CPNP. Dr. Chung is an adjunct professor at Loma Linda University. Her areas of interest include psychiatric pharmacy and teaching residents/students. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and traveling.

**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 worked previously at Walgreens, Northridge Hospital as an inpatient clinical pharmacist, VA WLA Sepulveda Division in ambulatory care, and as a Kaiser Permanente Fontana drug education coordinator. At VA Loma Linda, she is currently an ambulatory care clinical pharmacist, and lead pharmacist in the education innovation program that promotes and supports the inter-professional training of medical residents, pharmacy residents, and clinical psychology post-doctoral fellows. She is an expert in transgender medicine and lead pharmacist on the national transgender care team that oversees the development and training of providers in transgender health care. She provides national consultation on cross-sex hormone therapy. She provides a great deal of advocacy and support for LGBT Veterans beyond healthcare their needs and is facility’s LGBT Veteran Care Coordinator. Dr. Garcia’s interests include developing resident driven education programs, promoting and participating in scholarly activities, and improving the Veteran experience with a focus on LGBT health care. She enjoys Olympic style weightlifting, functional strength training, aerobic activity, and revels in cooking and creating new recipes, and spending time with family.

**Sevana Ghazarian, Pharm.D.** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Western University College of Pharmacy in 2010. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Loma Linda. Dr. Ghazarian is currently working as a Surgical Services/SICU Clinical Pharmacist. She is interested in research and critical care, and is an active member of CSHP and ASHP. Dr. Ghazarian holds appointments with Western University and precepts students throughout the year. When she’s not working, she enjoys traveling.
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 specialist 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.

Allie Kaigle, Pharm.D., received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences located in Boston, MA in 2013. She completed both a PGY1 general practice residency and a PGY2 psychiatry pharmacy residency here at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Kaigle is one of the outpatient clinical pharmacists in the Behavioral Health Outpatient Services Team (BHOST). In BHOST, she works as a member of the Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP) teams to provide care to the veterans with mental illness. She also serves as a preceptor for the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy residency program at VA Loma Linda. She is an active member of CPNP. Her areas of interest include substance use disorders, research and student/resident development. In her free time she enjoys traveling, going to concerts, spending quality time with family and friends.

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 currently serves as the Women’s Health Clinical Pharmacist to provide women veterans with chronic disease state management, maternity care counseling, and other gender-specific services. As a pharmacist, Dr. Kwan strives to promote health, not just through medications, but by encouraging healthy eating, exercise, and positive activities for a healthier and happier life. Dr. Kwan enjoys mentoring pharmacy interns and residents, 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.
Grace Ly, Pharm.D., BCPS is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California San Francisco in 2002. After completing a residency in Pharmacy Practice at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, she became the Clinical Coordinator at Riverside County Regional Medical Center where she practiced as the Critical Care Pharmacy Specialist. Dr. Ly is currently an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist here at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Ly is also an Assistant Clinical Professor in Pharmacy Practice at Loma Linda University. Her areas of interest include student/resident development and working as part of a multidisciplinary team. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and trying new foods.

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 specialist 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.

Shamshad Muscati, Pharm.D., CGP 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 pharmacy specialist 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.

Phillip Ng, Pharm.D., received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 1999. Following graduation, he completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice with an emphasis in Primary Care and Anticoagulation at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center. Upon completion of his residency, Dr. Ng worked as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist and is currently the Informatics Pharmacist and a member of the Residency Advisory Board. His areas of interest include resident development, data mining and informatics. Dr. Ng spends his free time with his family, coaching soccer, playing music and camping.
Howard K. Nguyen, Pharm.D., BCNSP is a Board Certified Nutrition Support Pharmacist (BCNSP) who 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.

Nhu Nguyen, Pharm.D., BCACP is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist and Advanced Practice Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Loma Linda University in 2006. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Nguyen works in the ambulatory care specialty clinics where she assists with formulary management. She also runs the Cholesterol Clinic, Secondary Stroke Prevention Clinic and provides a Bariatric Pharmacy Service. She precepts students, PGY1 residents and PGY2 residents. She enjoys spending every spare moment having adventures with her little girls, including visiting the happiest place on earth!

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2017-2018 Postgraduate Year One
Pharmacy Practice Residents

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2017-2018 Postgraduate Year Two
Psychiatric Pharmacy Residents

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