POSTGRADUATE YEAR ONE
AND
POSTGRADUATE YEAR TWO

Pharmacy Residency Programs

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Dear Pharmacy Residency Applicant,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

The Training Site

The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System (VALLHCS) 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
- Previous ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy residency
    - ***Required for PGY2 pharmacy residency applicants only**

Application Procedure (Submit to PHORCAS)

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

Benefits

- Participation in Skills Development Series
- Salary:
    - PGY1 program: $47,005
    - PGY2 program: $50,992
- Health/ Life Insurance (employee contribution)
- Authorized absence to attend the following professional showcases and meetings:
    - Southern California Residency Showcase
    - CSHP Seminar
    - ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
    - VISN 22 Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors Conference
    - Respective specialty area meeting (e.g., CPNP)
- Thirteen (13) days annual leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- Thirteen (13) days sick leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- 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 Practice Post Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System (VALLHCS) is a one-year program designed to provide a comprehensive educational and practical experience intended to introduce the resident to all phases of pharmacy practice. Pharmacists completing the program will be competent to provide direct pharmaceutical care including prescribing and managing drug therapies. An exposure to a wide variety of health care specialty areas will ensure a marketable result with additional experience in education and professional development. Residents will demonstrate professional maturity by developing a personal philosophy of practice excellence, effective management of time, projects, interpersonal relationships and a commitment to professional competency. At the conclusion of the residency, the resident will be eligible for board certification and will be eligible for postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Longitudinal Learning Experiences (Required)

- Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)
- Inpatient Distribution

Required Learning Experiences (5- or 6-week rotations)

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

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

- Additional Subspecialty Clinic
- Community Living Center (Long Term Care)
- Emergency Medicine
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Intensive Care Unit
- Oncology
- Surgical Intensive Care Unit

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

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

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the submitted application. Applicants will be ranked for selection based on qualifications and a personal interview. Four positions will be available for the 2019–2020 residency year.

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

All required application materials for the residency program must be submitted to PHORCAS by:
January 3, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

Purpose

The Practice Post Graduate Year 2 (PGY2) Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System (VALLHCS) is a one-year program 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 Learning Experiences (Required)

- Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM)
- Stratification Tool for Opioid Risk Mitigation (STORM)

Required Learning Experiences (6-week rotations and a 4-week rotation from one of these 3 learning experiences)

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

Elective Learning Experiences (Five 4-week rotations)*

- Substance Use Disorder Treatment **
- Consultation Liaison Psychiatry**
- Pain Management**
- Mental Health Intensive Care Management (MHICM)
- Administration
- Geriatric Evaluation and Management Clinic
- Hospice/Palliative Care
- Specialty Clinic
    - Anticoagulation
    - Infectious Diseases/Antibiotic Stewardship
    - LGBT/Transgender
    - Oncology
    - Women's Health

* *At least one of the electives must be from the selective learning experiences*

** *Selective learning experiences*

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

- Residency Research Project
- Research presentations at College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Annual Meeting and/or VISN 22 Residents, Fellows, and Preceptors Conference
- Education of pharmacy students, PGY-1 residents, and other healthcare professionals
- Disease state presentation – participation and/or presentation
- Journal club – participation and/or presentation
- Medication use evaluation
- Newsletter
- Participation in health fairs
- Participation in departmental and committee meetings

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the submitted application. Applicants will be ranked for selection based on qualifications and a personal interview. Two positions will be available for the 2019–2020 residency year.

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 2019-2020 residency program must be submitted to PHORCAS by **January 6, 2020**.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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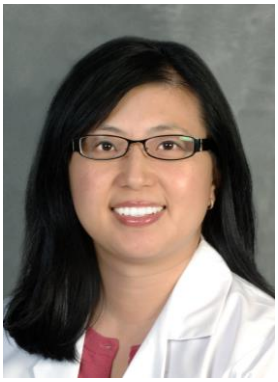
Pharmacy Preceptors

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.

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.

Risa Ishino, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCPS received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Southern California in 2007. She then completed a PGY1 general pharmacy practice residency at VA Greater Los Angeles and a PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency at VA San Diego. After her residency training, she worked at the VA Central California as a psychiatric pharmacist in both inpatient and outpatient settings until she came to the VA Loma Linda in 2013. She is one of the clinical 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.



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 acute inpatient mental health unit. Dr. Chung is an adjunct professor at Loma Linda University, PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Coordinator, and a member of CPNP. Her areas of interest include psychiatric pharmacy and teaching residents/students. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, watching musicals, and spending time with her husband and 4 boys.

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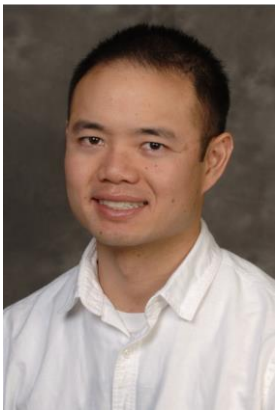
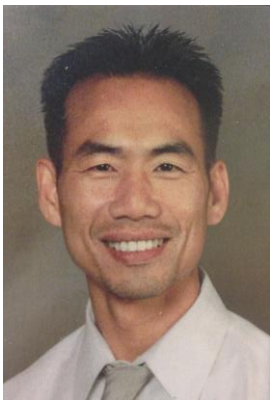
Vanessa Ardon, Pharm.D., BCPS is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2014 from Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency and an Academic Certificate Program with VA Caribbean Healthcare System and the University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy. After completing her residency, Dr. Ardon worked as an inpatient clinical pharmacist at the VA Caribbean Healthcare System. Subsequently, she transferred to VA Loma Linda to work as an outpatient clinical pharmacist and then transitioned to a clinical pharmacy specialist within the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. She provides disease management and therapy optimization primarily for diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidemia. She is passionate about the impact pharmacists can make as an integral part of a health care team, as well as utilizing pharmacists to aid underserved populations in need of medical care. During her free time, she enjoys kickboxing, traveling internationally, trying new restaurants and watching health and crime investigation documentaries.



Gregory Aung, Pharm.D., BCIDP, 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.

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



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

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

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

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.

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 Loma Linda in Ambulatory Care for 6 years, prior to her current position as the Geriatric Program Manager, where she oversees policies related to the Community Living Center/Long Term Care and is an integral member of the interprofessional team. 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 SOP. She has served on both Residency Advisory Committees for PGY1 Pharmacy Practice and PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residencies and enjoys teaching and mentoring future pharmacists.

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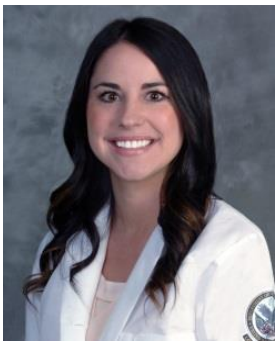
Gina D. Jacob, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 1994. Following graduation, she began working at VA Loma Linda (following in her mother's footsteps). She started as an outpatient pharmacist then shortly thereafter transitioned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



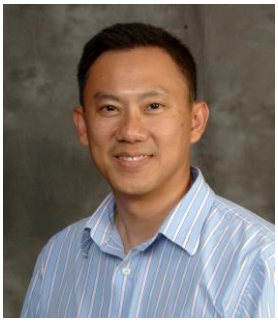
Allie Kaigle, Pharm.D., BCPP received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences located in Boston, MA in 2013. She completed both a PGY1 general practice residency and a PGY2 psychiatry pharmacy residency at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Kaigle is an outpatient mental health clinical pharmacist within the Substance Treatment and Recovery (STAR) program. She conducts medication management services and psychoeducational groups for veterans with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders. She also serves as a preceptor for the PGY1/2 pharmacy residents, a member of the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Advisory Committee, and is Board-Certified in Psychiatric Psychiatry. Her areas of interest include substance use disorders, PTSD, and research. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, going to concerts, and spending quality time with her friends and family.

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

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

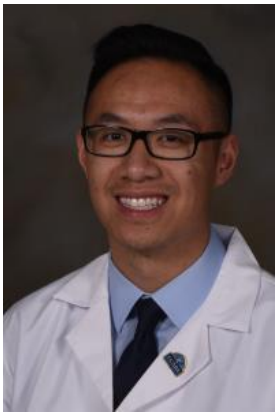
Grace Ly, Pharm.D., BCPS is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California San Francisco in 2002. After completing a residency in Pharmacy Practice at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, she became the Clinical Coordinator at Riverside 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.

Shamshad Muscati, Pharm.D., BCGP 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.



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.

Quynh-Nhu H. Nguyen, PharmD, APh, BCACP, CLS received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Loma Linda University in 2006. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at VA Loma Linda and is a current member of the Residency Advisory Board. She is also an Clinical Assistant Professor at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy. Dr. Nguyen works in the ambulatory care specialty area assisting with formulary management. In addition to being a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist (BCACP) and Advanced Practice Pharmacist (APh), she is a Certified Clinical Lipid Specialist (CLS), one of the only five pharmacists in the state of California being certified. She also runs the Cholesterol Optimization Clinic to manage difficult to control lipid patients. She also started our Secondary Stroke Prevention Clinic to help control risk factors for these high risk patients to prevent recurrent events. She is part of an interdisciplinary team for bariatric surgery patients where pharmacists play a vital role to ensure medication absorption is continued after the procedure. She precepts students, fellows, PGY1 residents and PGY2 residents. She enjoys spending every spare moment to have adventures with her little girls, including frequent visits the happiest place on earth!



Viet Nguyen, Pharm.D. is a former VA Loma Linda PGY1 pharmacy resident and received his Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2017 from Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Nguyen is currently a primary care clinical pharmacist for the Longitudinal Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. His pharmacy areas of interests are geriatrics and reducing polypharmacy. He enjoys playing basketball, traveling, and discovering new places to eat.

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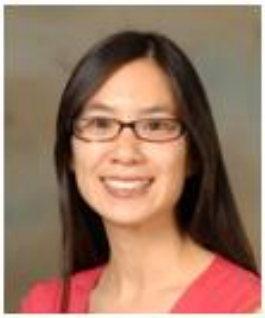
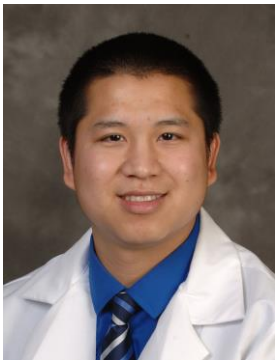
Joyce Dineros Nieves, Pharm.D., BCPS received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Colorado, Denver in 2009. She completed a PGY1 residency in Pharmacy Practice at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and continued working there in the anticoagulation clinic, inpatient pharmacy, emergency department, MICU, and SICU. Dr. Nieves is currently an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist here at VA Loma Linda. She performs MTM, medication reconciliation, and enjoys empowering veterans with knowledge about their medications through counseling. Her areas of interest include infectious disease and student/resident development. In her free time, she also enjoys reading, exercising, fine arts & crafts, Netflix, traveling, and visiting family and friends.

Daniel Patuszynski, Pharm.D. received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2003. He then completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency with an emphasis in ambulatory care at the VA Loma Linda Medical Center. His past experience includes inpatient pharmacy, drug information, and critical care. Currently, Dr. Patuszynski is a Heart Failure PACT Pharmacist. His activities involve optimizing medication regimens for cardiac patients including ACE inhibitors, ARBs, adrenergic blockers, spironolactone, digoxin, nitrates/hydralazine, diuretics and electrolyte replacement. He also monitors response to medications and suggests adjustments as necessary, processes outpatient orders to increase efficiency of medication delivery to patients, processes non-formulary requests, and counsels patients on medications. Recently, he was involved in an NIH grant for Interprofessional Team management of heart failure patients with diabetes. Dr. Patuszynski's hobbies include running and running after his toddler.



Jennifer Patuszynski, Pharm.D., BCACP is a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences in 2003. Following graduation, she completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency with an emphasis in Ambulatory Care at VA Chicago Healthcare System. Dr. Patuszynski is currently a primary care clinical pharmacist specialist within the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. On a comprehensive team with doctors and nurses, she specializes in medication therapy management in diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. Her pharmacy areas of interest include pharmacy workload capturing and coding. Dr. Patuszynski enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters visiting the local Southern California attractions.



Stefan Ta Duc, Pharm.D., BCPS received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 2015. He completed his PGY1 General Pharmacy Practice residency here at VA Loma Linda and has been working as an Inpatient Pharmacist. He has a special interest in training and helping residents get the most out of their Inpatient Operations and staffing experiences. Outside of work, he enjoys playing tennis, Fantasy Basketball, video games, KBBQ, and spending quality time with his friends.

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Jerick San Mateo, Pharm.D. received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2016. Following graduation, he completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at VA Central California Health Care System. Dr. San Mateo is currently a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Opioid Safety and Pain Management. He enjoys fishing, quality time with friends and family, and playing with his dogs.

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Minh Tang, Pharm.D. received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from University of Southern California in 2009. Following graduation, he completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Long Beach Healthcare System. Dr. Tang is currently a primary care clinical pharmacist for the longitudinal Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) education module. His interests include traveling around the world and eating different cuisines.

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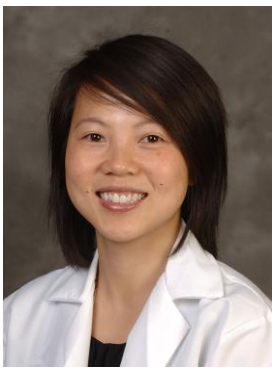

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2019-2020 Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Practice Residents

Hajer Ibrahim, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California in 2019. After completion of her PGY1 pharmacy residency, Dr. Ibrahim hopes to obtain her Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) certification. Dr. Ibrahim chose VA Loma Linda because of her remarkable experiences there during her APPE rotations as a student, the variety of rotations offered that would enable her to become a well-rounded clinical pharmacist, the dedicated, supportive, and passionate pharmacy service and healthcare professionals, the kind and welcoming environment here at VA Loma Linda, working in an integrated healthcare system, and her passion for serving veterans. Dr. Ibrahim's current interests include mental health/psychiatry, internal medicine, administration, teaching, and precepting students. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, swimming, hiking, yoga, going to the beach, trying new cuisines, spending time with her loved ones, and visiting her hometown of Chicago, Illinois.
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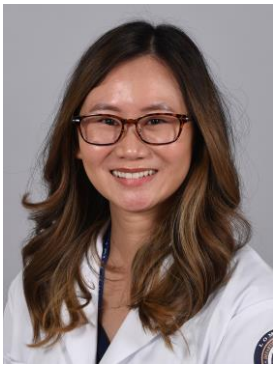

Tanya Lengvilas, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Keck Graduate Institute, School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Claremont, California in 2019. Dr. Lengvilas' experiences working in both inpatient and outpatient pharmacies as a student intern motivated her to apply to well-rounded general practice residencies. VA Loma Linda's residency program stood out to Dr. Lengvilas because it allowed her the opportunity to train in multiple inpatient and ambulatory care practice settings under the guidance of extremely knowledgeable, highly qualified, and passionate preceptors. Dr. Lengvilas' current interests are in oncology, infectious disease, and precepting students. She is honored and thankful to have the opportunity to serve our veterans here at VA Loma Linda. In her free time, she enjoys being with her loved ones, practicing yoga, hiking, and being a good dog mom to her rescue, Wallie.
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Aileen Ludesirishoti, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Regis University in Denver, Colorado in 2019. She hopes to obtain her Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) certification after residency and practice in ambulatory care. Dr. Ludesirishoti chose VA Loma Linda because of the wide variety of rotation offerings for both inpatient and ambulatory care. She felt that VA Loma Linda stood out for learning experiences, but also the kind and genuine staff that she met at the open house and interview. Dr. Ludesirishoti also had interest in serving the veteran population and working in an integrated health system. Her clinical interests include primary care, internal medicine, and geriatrics. In her free time, she likes to snowboard, hike, go to the beach, and go out to eat with family and friends.
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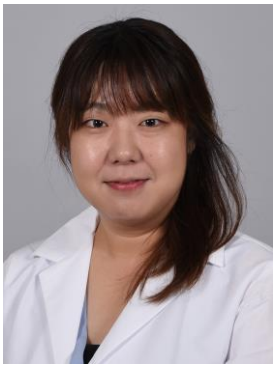

Jennifer Yoo, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2019. After completion of her PGY1 pharmacy residency, she plans to obtain her Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) certification to practice as an ambulatory care pharmacist and involve in precepting and mentoring next generation of future pharmacists. Dr. Yoo chose VA Loma Linda for her PGY1 pharmacy training because of the wide-variety of ambulatory care clinics, supportive learning environment, and many opportunities to work with dedicated preceptors, interdisciplinary teams, and students. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and spending quality time with her family and friends.
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2019-2020 Postgraduate Year Two Psychiatric Pharmacy Residents

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Shannon Mondry, Pharm.D. received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Long Island University Brooklyn, New York in May 2018. She completed her PGY-1 training at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York in 2019. She is originally from Grafton, North Dakota. While attending pharmacy school, Dr. Mondry worked as a pharmacy intern at Duane Reade. She is currently pursuing her PGY2 specialty training in Psychiatric Pharmacy at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. Her professional interests include psychiatric and neurocognitive disorders. Upon completion of her PGY2, Dr. Mondry plans on becoming a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP). She would like to continue her career within the VA, where she also has the opportunity to precept students while being involved in professional organizations and local schools of pharmacy. Outside of pharmacy, Dr. Mondry has a passion for health and fitness, enjoys spending time with friends, the outdoors, and traveling. She is extremely grateful to her family and friends for their continual love and support throughout the years.
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