Dedicated Preceptors

Preceptors provide direct patient care in many specialty areas and are actively involved in resident teaching and other scholarly activities. The preceptors come from diverse backgrounds and share numerous years of experience and clinical knowledge. Residents at Piedmont have direct access to these and many more preceptors and mentors to optimize the learning experience. All residency program preceptors meet the qualifications outlined by the ASHP.

Executive Director of Pharmacy

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PGY1 Residency: University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital, Birmingham, AL
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Director of Pharmacy and Clinical Nutrition

Kim Butler, PharmD

Education: University of Kentucky; PharmD, Mercer University Atlanta, GA
PGY1 Residency: Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA
Preceptor for: Pharmacy Practice Management (PPM)
Description of rotation: PPM includes participation in director-level meetings, assigned projects, discussions of relevant management topics (performance evaluations, employee relations, budgets, healthcare economics, pharmacy operations), and assigned readings.
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Clinical Manager & Residency Program Director (RPD)
NaaDede Badger-Plange, PharmD, BCPS

Education: BS Pharmacy, University of Toledo; PharmD, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
PGY1 Residency: Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA
Preceptor for: Orientation; Research; Drug Policy and Medication Outcomes; Practice Management (PPM)
Description of rotation: This learning experience will help pharmacy residents enhance their skills in conducting pharmacoconomics and outcomes research that is relevant to a range of pharmacy practice settings. The resident will complete one major primary research project, a medication use evaluation, and a drug monograph or class review.
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Pharmacy Operations Manager

Don Wright, PharmD

Education: BS Pharmacy and PharmD, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
PGY1 Residency: Piedmont Atlanta Hospital/Mercer University School of Pharmacy
Preceptor for: Orientation, Pharmacy Practice Management
Description of rotation: Residents will learn the basics of Piedmont Hospital’s pharmacy system, medication and department policies and procedures, and skills needed to serve as a clinical pharmacist during rotations and during staffing requirements. Training will focus on: Piedmont and department structure; workflow; pharmacists’ responsibilities; using technology for patient care, research and other
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Alexa Ray, PharmD, BCPS

Education: PharmD, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
PGY1 Residency: Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA
PGY2 Residency: Solid Organ Transplant, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Preceptor for: Solid Organ Transplant
Description of rotation: This is a 4-6 week rotation designed to obtain skills and perspective on the management of hospitalized and ambulatory care patients pre- and post-transplant (kidney, liver, and pancreas).
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Deidra Garrett, PharmD, BCNSP

Education: PharmD, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Preceptor for: Nutrition Support/CV ICU
Description of rotation: Nutrition Support is a 4-5 week experience designed to develop skills and competencies in the provision of therapy for patients requiring specialized nutrition support. The scope of patients will include early adult to geriatric and include both floor and ICU patients. The goal of the rotation is to train the pharmacy resident to function as a Nutrition Support pharmacist. This will be accomplished through readings, preceptor lectures, participating in the collection of patient-specific data, assessing for progress towards goals, and adjusting formulations as needed to provide optimal nutrition support.
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Diane Evans, PharmD, BCPS

Education: Pre-pharmacy and PharmD, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
PGY1 Residency: Piedmont Hospital (2003-2004), Atlanta, GA
Preceptor for: Critical Care
Description of rotation: The purpose of the Critical Care rotation is to provide the structure and experience necessary for the resident to become an efficient and effective provider of pharmaceutical care to patients in the critical care setting. The resident will interact with the multidisciplinary team during patient rounds and develop an understanding of the current application of drug therapy to various disease states encountered during rotation.
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Disa Patel, PharmD

Education: BS Biology, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA; PharmD, Mercer University College of Pharmacy, Atlanta, GA
PGY1 Residency: Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA
Preceptor for: Internal Medicine
Description of rotation: This rotation is designed to help residents develop the skills and competencies in pharmaceutical care in the area of inpatient internal medicine. Residents will gain experience in effectively participating in therapeutic decision making, drug therapy selection, monitoring of acutely ill patients, obtaining medication histories, and performing discharge counseling as needed for various disease states. The resident will also participate in multidisciplinary rounds and provide drug information to the team.
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Elizabeth “Cissy” Holland, RPh

**Education:** BS Pharmacy, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

**Preceptor for:** Staffing/PFC

**Description of rotation:** The purpose of the Patient Focused Care staffing experience is to provide the structure and experience necessary for the resident to become an efficient and effective provider of comprehensive medication management for a broad patient population. This is a longitudinal experience designed to provide competency in reviewing and processing orders, time management, supervising and monitoring of auxiliary personnel, and performing direct patient care activities in assigned patient units.

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Hayley Klein, PharmD

**Education:** Pre-Pharmacy, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC; PharmD, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

**PGY1 Residency:** Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA

**Preceptor for:** Informatics

**Description of rotation:** This rotation will help residents develop skills and competencies necessary to provide pharmaceutical care in a variety of patient care areas including internal medicine, the neonatal intensive care unit, and women's services. This will be accomplished by implementing and monitoring drug therapy regimens & participating in multidisciplinary rounds amongst other activities.

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Heather Powell, PharmD

**Education:** Pre-pharmacy & PharmD, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

**PGY1 Residency:** Piedmont Hospital

**Preceptor for:** Critical Care/ CV ICU

**Description of rotation:** The purpose of the Critical Care rotation is to provide the structure and experience necessary for the resident to become an efficient and effective provider of pharmaceutical care to patients in the critical care setting. The resident will interact with the multidisciplinary team during patient rounds and develop an understanding of the current application of drug therapy to various disease states encountered during rotation.

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Jessica Chen, PharmD, BCPS

**Education:** BS Biology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA; PharmD, University of Georgia, Athens GA  
**PGY1 Residency:** Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA  
**Preceptor for:** Emergency Medicine  
**Description of rotation:** The purpose of this rotation is to provide the structure and experience necessary for the resident to become an integral member of the ED healthcare team. It will be a four-week rotation that will focus on emergency medicine which includes strokes, cardiac arrests, STEMI, and infections.  
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Julia Coluccio, PharmD

**Education:** BS Biology, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA; PharmD, Mercer University College of Pharmacy, Atlanta, GA  
**PGY1 Residency:** Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA  
**Preceptor for:** Critical Care  
**Description of rotation:** The purpose of the Critical Care rotation is to provide the structure and experience necessary for the resident to become an efficient and effective provider of pharmaceutical care to patients in the critical care setting. The resident will interact with the multidisciplinary team during patient rounds and develop skills for managing medication therapy for high-acuity, critically ill patients with a broad range of disease states.  
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Kristin N Horton, PharmD, BCPS

**Education:** BS Biochemistry, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA; PharmD, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, Athens, GA  
**PGY1 Residency:** Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA  
**Preceptor:** Internal medicine  
**Rotation:** The purpose of this rotation is to teach the basic skills necessary for the care of internal medicine patients with a focus on end-stage renal disease. Residents will develop skills in comprehensive, patient-focused care, which includes review of medication orders, pharmacokinetics, nutrition support, participation in multidisciplinary team rounds, and much more.  
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**Laura Hallman, PharmD**

**Education:** BS Biology Emory University, Atlanta, GA; BS Pharmacy Mercer University, Atlanta, GA; PharmD, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

**Preceptor for:** Clinical Consult Service

**Description of rotation:** The Clinical Consult Service is a longitudinal rotation that provides the structure and experience necessary for the resident to become an efficient and effective provider of pharmaceutical care to the hospitalized patient. The rotation is designed so that the resident can expand on the skills obtained during the Pharmacokinetics and Nutrition Support experiences.

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**Leah Cochran, PharmD, BCPS**

**Education:** BS Biology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA; PharmD, Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, Atlanta, GA

**PGY1 Residency:** Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA

**Preceptor for:** Critical Care

**Description of rotation:** The Coronary Care Unit (CCU) is a 19-bed intensive care unit specializing in the medical management of cardiac patients. This rotation provides experience in the management of patients with ischemic cardiac disease, heart failure, arrhythmias, hyperlipidemia, and other cardiovascular related issues.

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**Reena Patel, PharmD, BCPS**

**Education:** Pre-pharmacy, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; PharmD, Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn, AL

**PGY1 Residency:** Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA

**Preceptor for:** Drug Policy and Medication Outcomes

**Description of rotation:** This learning experience will help pharmacy residents enhance their skills in conducting pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research that is relevant to a range of pharmacy practice settings. The resident will complete one major primary research project, a medication use evaluation, and a drug monograph or class review.

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Rosemary P Cross, PharmD, BCPS

**Education:** Pre-pharmacy and PharmD, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

**PGY1 Residency:** Piedmont Hospital (2003-2004), Atlanta, GA

**Preceptor for:** Solid Organ Transplant

**Description of rotation:** This is a 4-6 week rotation designed to obtain skills and perspective on the management of hospitalized and ambulatory care patients pre- and post-transplant (kidney, liver, and pancreas).

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Thuy Ommert, PharmD, BCPS

**Education:** BS Biology, BA History, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; PharmD, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

**PGY1 Residency:** University of Illinois Medical Center, Chicago, IL

**PGY2 Residency:** Solid Organ Transplant, University of Illinois Medical Center, Chicago, IL

**Preceptor for:** Solid Organ Transplant

**Description of rotation:** This is a 4-6 week rotation designed to obtain skills and perspective on the management of hospitalized and ambulatory care patients pre- and post-transplant (kidney, liver, and pancreas).

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Todd Parker, PharmD

**Education:** BS Microbiology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA; PharmD, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA

**PGY1 Residency:** Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, GA

**Preceptor for:** Advanced Infectious Disease

**Description of rotation:** The purpose of the Infectious Disease rotation is to provide experience necessary for the resident to become an efficient and effective provider of pharmaceutical care to patients receiving antimicrobial therapy. The rotation is designed to permit the resident to obtain skills and perspective in antimicrobial stewardship.

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## Current PGY1 Resident

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## Past Residents

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<td>April Britt, PharmD, BCPS</td>
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<td>Ryne Roseberry, PharmD</td>
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