



A New Era

Pharmacy Residency 2024 Annual Report

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Dear prospective applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Boston Medical Center (BMC) and our exceptional residency training programs. BMC is a special place. We have an exemplary mission and a thriving culture, underpinned by a truly remarkable workforce. I hear time and again when talking to colleagues within and outside the Pharmacy Department how grateful they are to be a part of such an amazing team. I could not agree more. I feel grateful every day to be surrounded by awesome friends and colleagues. After reviewing our annual report, I sincerely hope we leave you with the desire to join our remarkable team!

Since our founding, BMC has been “rewriting healthcare.” We are a safety net hospital and an innovative academic medical center that provides cutting edge care. We provide the best clinical care to our patients and ensure we address their social determinants of health. For our patients that experience food insecurity, we connect them to our on-site food pantry to get access to healthy food at no cost. Much of the food in our food pantry is grown at our rooftop garden right in the middle of our campus! For our patients experiencing homelessness, we connect them with our services to find affordable housing. We also just launched a first in the nation program – Clean Power Prescription – that enables BMC providers to write patients a prescription for a reduced utility bill using renewable energy.

The Pharmacy Department has been busy, as well. We helped launch a hospital-at-home program in April so that eligible patients can get the hospital-level care they deserve in the comfort of their own home. We are hiring new positions every month as BMC adds 70 new inpatient beds and 5 operating rooms by May 2025. This ambitious expansion project will be capped off by a beautiful new façade and entryway to the hospital, which will reflect the welcoming, compassionate care we provide every day. Lastly, our Pharmacy Department led the implementation of a novel gene therapy program that can provide a functional cure to the hundreds of patients we care for with sickle cell disease and beta thalassemia.

I invite you to learn more about Boston Medical Center, our pharmacy enterprise, and the many people that make this such a special place to work. Describing all the ways that we improve the lives of our patients is beyond the scope of this letter. You’ll just have to visit us in Boston to learn more!

Sincerely,

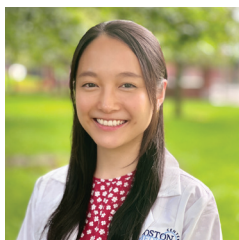


Kevin J Horbowicz, PharmD, BCPS
Associate Chief Pharmacy Officer, Inpatient



2023-2024 Pharmacy Residents Next Steps

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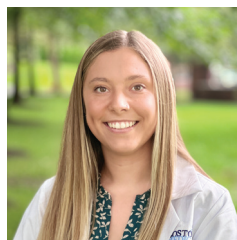
**Momoko Tokuo,
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Ambulatory Care Clinical
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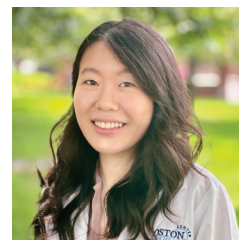
**Sandra Schipelliti,
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Ambulatory Care Clinical
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Center



**Emelia Pendergast,
PharmD**

Hematology/Oncology
Pharmacist at Brigham
Women's Hospital



**Brittany Lam,
PharmD**

Internal Medicine
Pharmacist at Boston
Medical Center



Eric McCurry, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacist at UMass
Memorial Medical Center



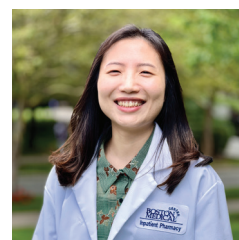
Emily Short, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacist at
Brigham Women's Hospital



Kaitlin Pothier, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacist II –
Surgery at Boston Medical
Center



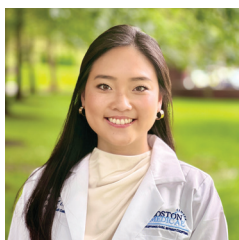
**Lynn Chung,
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Clinical Pharmacist II at
Boston Medical Center



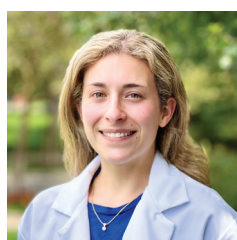
**Temi Sofeso,
PharmD**

Emergency Medicine
Clinical Pharmacist at
Riverside University
Health System



Yumi Oh, PharmD

Critical Care Pharmacy
Specialist at Henry Ford
Health

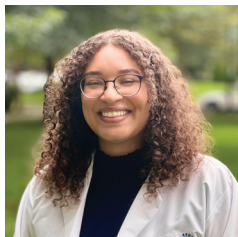


**Kristen Peterson,
PharmD**

Hospital at Home
Pharmacist – Boston
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2023-2024 Pharmacy Residents Next Steps

PGY-2



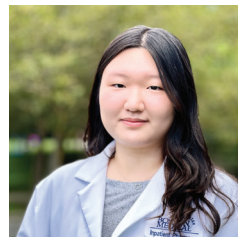
Christine Hancock, PharmD

PGY-2 Emergency Medicine at University of Michigan



Hanna Park, PharmD
PharmDPGY-2

PGY-2 Ambulatory Care at Boston Medical Center



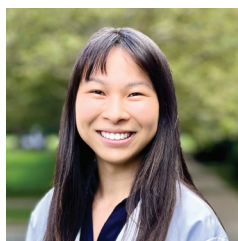
Jiye Park, PharmD

PGY-2 Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital



Sienna Wurl, PharmD

PGY-2 Emergency Medicine at Baystate Health



Uyen Hoang, PharmD

PGY-2 Internal Medicine at Boston Medical Center



Britteny Cherestal, PharmD

PGY-2 Health System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership at Boston Medical Center

2024-2025 Pharmacy Residents Incoming



Christina Jacob: PGY1

Dr. Christina Jacob is from New City, New York. She graduated from Northeastern University in 2024. Her clinical areas of interest are critical care and infectious diseases. Her hobbies include boxing, pilates, exploring Boston and other cities. A fun fact about Christina is that she has sat on an elephant while travelling in India.



Brittney Miller: PGY1

Dr. Brittney Miller is from New Jersey. She graduated from Howard University College of Pharmacy in 2024. Her clinical areas of interest are infectious diseases and emergency medicine. In her spare time, she likes to do yoga. A fun fact about Brittney is that she has a twin brother.



Aliaa Mohamed: PGY1

Dr. Aliaa Mohamed is from Narragansett, Rhode Island. She graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 2024. Her clinical areas of interest are critical care, emergency medicine and infectious diseases. In her spare time, she likes to travel, play tennis, try new restaurants, and go to concerts. A fun fact about Aliaa is that she has been to five countries in the past year.



Ethan Stanley Shell: PGY1

Dr. Ethan Shell is from Saline, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2024. His clinical area of interests are critical care, emergency medicine, and ambulatory care. In his spare time, he likes to play tennis, basketball, and go on random adventures with friends. A fun fact about Ethan is that he has a secret passion for creative writing and would like to write a book one day.



Jennifer Smith: PGY1

Dr. Jennifer Smith is from Columbia, South Carolina. She graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2024. Her clinical areas of interest are internal medicine, ambulatory care, and emergency medicine. Her hobbies include volleyball, running, and thrift shopping. A fun fact about Jenny is that she is in the top 99th percentile of Lana Del Rey listeners on Spotify.

2024-2025 Pharmacy Residents Incoming



Dayana Pimentel-Dominguez: PGY1/2 – HSPAL

Dr. Dayana Pimentel-Dominguez is from Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 2024. Her areas of interest include transitions of care, pharmacy administration, ambulatory care, and oncology. In her spare time, she enjoys running, exercising, going to concerts, dancing, traveling every month, journaling, and listening to audiobooks. A fun fact about Dayana is that she plays the clarinet and had previously wanted to pursue a career as a concert clarinetist.



Shannon Semenko: PGY2 – Emergency Medicine

Dr. Shannon Semenko is from Williston, North Dakota. She graduated from North Dakota State University in 2023. Her clinical interest areas include emergency medicine, trauma, and toxicology. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, reading, spending time with family and friends, and being outdoors as much as she possible. A fun fact about Shannon is that she got a rock stuck in her chin when she was little, which is still there today.



Uyen Hoang: PGY2 – Internal Medicine

Dr. Uyen Hoang is from Houston, Texas. She graduated from Texas A&M School of Pharmacy in 2023. Her clinical areas of interest are HIV, cardiology, and endocrinology. Her hobbies include writing/editing, listening to podcasts, going on walks, and traveling with family and friends. A fun fact about Uyen is that she has seen her favorite TV show, Mad Men, 9 times through.



Tessa Wolf: PGY2 – Infectious Diseases

Dr. Tessa Wolf is from Salina, Kansas. She graduated from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy in 2023. Her clinical interest areas include opportunistic infections and gram negative resistance mechanisms. In her spare time, she enjoys reading romantasy, cooking, catching up on new Netflix series, and trying new restaurant. A fun fact about Tessa is that she likes to collect Funko pop figures of her favorite movie and TV show characters.



Alyson DeRosa: PGY2 – Critical Care

Dr. Alyson DeRosa is from Brighton, Massachusetts. She graduated from Northeastern University in 2023. Her clinical interest area is critical care. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, watching Netflix, and spending time outside when the weather is nice. A fun fact about Alyson is that she did competitive Irish dance for 14 years.

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Christy Ilia: PGY2 – Hematology/Oncology

Dr. Christy Ilia is from Melrose, Massachusetts. She graduated from Northeastern University in 2023. Her clinical interest areas include hematologic malignancies, targeted and cellular therapies, and supportive care management. In her spare time, she enjoys running, reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. A fun fact about Christy is that she has a twin sister who is also a pharmacist.



Hanna Park: PGY2 – Ambulatory Care

Dr. Hanna Park is from Seoul, South Korea and Vancouver, Canada. She graduated from Northeastern University in 2023. Her clinical area of interest is ambulatory care. Her hobbies include traveling and eating. A fun fact about Hanna is that she has traveled to more than 21 different countries.



Kelly Hong: PGY2 – Ambulatory Care

Dr. Kelly Hong is from East Brunswick, New Jersey. She graduated from Northeastern University in 2023. Her clinical interest areas of interest are endocrinology, oncology, and geriatrics. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, exercising, and visiting new places and restaurants. A fun fact about Kelly is that she did kendo for six months when she was in middle school.



Britteny Cherestal: PGY2 – HSPAL

Dr. Britteny Cherestal is from Ocala, Florida. She graduated from Florida A&M University in 2023. Her areas of interest are population health and the impact on social and health equity. Her hobbies include hiking, kayaking, and being out in nature. A fun fact about Britteny is that she recently adopted a kitten during her PGY1 year named Reese's.

Campus Redesign Plans Starts with Yawkey Building

In 2018, the first phase of the BMC campus redesign was completed as we closed the East Newton Campus, merging it with the main campus we use today. In 2023, BMC embarked on the second phase of the redesign, which further expands hospital capacity while revitalizing our existing infrastructure. By the end of 2025, BMC will have 70 new inpatient beds, 5 new operating rooms, and a redesigned Menino lobby.

Through collaborative efforts of all departments, we successfully expanded the Yawkey 5th floor Observation unit. This was achieved by moving 27 beds from Menino observation unit to Yawkey 5 on February 27th. On February 28th, an additional 22 bed MedSurg Unit also opened on Yawkey 5. The pharmacy department assisted and equipped three new medication rooms with this change, and ensured the seamless integration of expanded facilities into our operational framework.

The decision to expand the hospital's capacity and increase the number of beds, had a primary focus on enhancing the quality of care afforded to our patients. To improve patient care and address an alarming trend: about 1,325 patients per month were leaving the hospital without getting appropriate treatment due to overcrowding and admission delays. This situation compromised patient care and affected the wider community. To fix this, the hospital developed a plan to enhance and expand its facilities, aiming to boost both capacity and efficiency.

This successful expansion initiative helped the hospital address existing challenges and enhance our capacity to serve patients in need. Specifically, the relocation of the 27 bed MedSurg unit to Yawkey, coupled with the creation of an additional 22 beds within the new inpatient Yawkey unit, represents a substantial augmentation of our healthcare capabilities. The establishment of the MedSurg unit as a dedicated department within our health system for patients undergoing chemotherapy, underscores our commitment to fostering an environment conducive to healing and comfort, where individuals facing significant health challenges can receive the personalized attention and tranquility they deserve.

Further down the pipeline we will continue to work together to help with expansion plans:

- Plans to open up a new 38 bed Yawkey 5 stepdown unit
- Closing of Menino 5 stepdown unit for upgrades
- Development of 5 additional operating rooms in Menino
- New, modern Menino Lobby

Annual Report

Special Topic

Cell Gene Therapy

Sickle cell disease (SCD) and beta thalassemia are both genetic disorders which predominantly effect people of African descent and can ultimately cause early morbidity and mortality for affected patients. SCD is the effect of a gene mutation that causes a defect in hemoglobin, resulting in misshapen blood cells which can cause strokes, organ damage, and acute pain episodes. Beta thalassemia is a genetic blood disorder causing a defect in the beta-globin gene and can leave patients with lifelong red blood cell transfusion requirements. Recent innovations in cell gene therapy can relieve these patient's burden of disease with the end goals of reducing or eliminating the need for blood transfusions in beta thalassemia patients and alleviating severe vaso-occlusive crisis in SCD patients.

In December 2023, the FDA approved Lovotibeglogene autotemcel (Lyfgenia) and Exagamglogene autotemcel (Casgevy), two of the first cell-based gene therapies for the treatment of SCD. Boston Medical Center's (BMC) Pharmacy Department and Hematology/Oncology Transplant and Cellular Therapy Team worked to promptly add these agents to the BMC formulary and develop a cell gene therapy treatment center to provide vulnerable patients access to these life changing treatments. Betibeglogene Autotemcel (Zynteglo), another novel cell-based gene therapy for the treatment of beta-thalassemia, was added to BMC's formulary in early 2024.

BMC is currently the only hospital in New England to offer breakthrough gene therapy to eligible adults with sickle cell disease. In collaboration with the BMC pharmacy department, the Hematology/Oncology Transplant and Cellular Therapy Team was able to coordinate for the first gene therapy patient to undergo stem cell mobilization and collection at the end of March 2024. This patient is planned for gene therapy with Casgevy later this year and is just the first of many SCD patient's that this team hopes to treat. In an ongoing effort to achieve healthcare equity, BMC is one of the first centers to provide these novel therapies to a disproportionately impacted and highly vulnerable patient population. The organization's mission is to provide exceptional care without exception by providing accessible and advanced healthcare for all continues to be upheld and the hematology/oncology and pharmacy teams are proud to continue to be a part of that mission.

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Overnight Critical Care Coverage

For the last 7 years, critical care coverage at Boston Medical Center (BMC) consisted of coverage on Monday- Friday 7 am to 10 pm and Saturday-Sunday 7 am to 3:30 pm. In order to provide continuous care in the critically ill population, critical care pharmacist coverage was expanded to overnight hours (9 pm to 7 am) on October 15, 2023. Coverage now includes around- the-clock care for adult patients in our ICUs (MICU, CCU, SICU, and NCC) in addition to our pediatric and neonatal patients in their respective ICUs.

Two pharmacists, Emily Nicholson and Sopheaktra Kong, took on this role as BMC's first overnight ICU pharmacists. Emily completed her PGY1 at Saint Luke's then moved onto finishing her PGY2 in critical care at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Sopheaktra has been at BMC after completing his nontraditional PGY1 then stayed on as a clinical pharmacist II. They have become an excellent resource for not only our providers but our nurses as well. Quoting one of the ICU nurse managers, "we're not sure what we did before them." Currently, the overnight critical care pharmacists are responsible for order verification, responding to pages, and responding to code blue, stroke, and rapids. With the expansion of critical care pharmacy services, we hope to continue to improve patient care in the critically ill population around the clock as well as provide new learning experiences for learners at BMC.

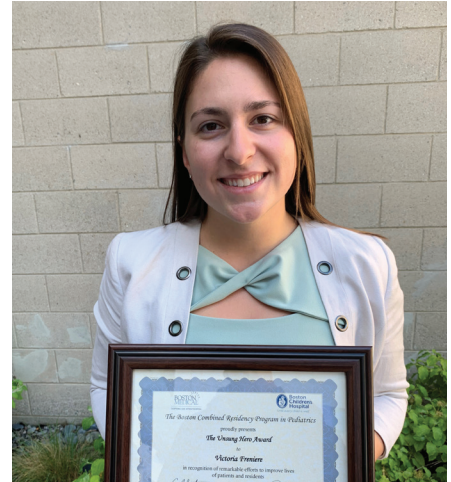
"We're not sure what we did before them."

– ICU nurse manager, about the overnight pharmacists

BMC Unsung Hero Award

Congratulations to Tori Freniere, one of our pediatrics pharmacists, for winning this year's BMC Unsung Hero Award!!

Every year, the physicians nominate and vote on one BMC staff member who goes above and beyond for patient care and helping residents! The Department of Pharmacy was thrilled that Tori was recognized for all of the amazing work that she does at BMC. The award was presented to Tori on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at Boston Children's Hospital. Big kudos to Tori!



Alumni Spotlight: Younos Abdulsattar

Younos Abdulsattar, Pharm.D., BCPS, MBA is currently VP, US Rare Disease Medical Affairs Lead at Pfizer, Inc. Younos received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy at Long Island University and completed his clinical residency training at Boston Medical Center. After residency, he went on to complete his executive MBA from Columbia Business School.

Younos is an accomplished leader with 13+ years of Medical Affairs experience across multiple therapeutic areas and product launches, including Eliquis (apixaban) and Vyndamax (tafamidis). Prior to joining Pfizer, Younos was an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy at Long Island University and a Drug Information Specialist at Lenox Hill Hospital.



What sparked your interest and led you to pursue residency at BMC?

For me, it was the combination of clinical courses in pharmacy school, my preceptors, and rotations. I was intrigued with the clinical pharmacist's role within the medical rounding team and the collaborative effort needed to positively impact patient care.

As I was exploring which residency was right for me, I prioritized a few factors that I felt were critical for my success as a resident. These included geography, number of electives, preceptors & residents, and the environment and support a program was offering. BMC checked all the boxes for me and I'm glad I checked some of their boxes!

What are some skills that you developed or improved during residency that contributed to your success, either early on or even in your current career?

There were several but I would say the top three were communication, preparation, and critical thinking. Communication was the one I underestimated and continually focus on to this day. To effectively communicate, you need to think about your target audience, what's important to say and not say, how to say it and how to be clear and concise. And most importantly, practice, practice, practice! Warren Buffet once said "The one easy way to become worth 50 percent more than you are now – at least – is to hone your communications skills – both written and verbal."

Alumni Spotlight: Younos Abdulsattar

Were there any unique experiences or memories at BMC that stand out to you?

Every day was a unique experience and memory at BMC! As I reflect on that wonderful year, the two things that come to my mind are the learning journey and the relationships established. I wanted a program that would push me to be the best version of me and BMC did not disappoint. One of the unique features of the program was the opportunity to be on call and to manage difficult patient cases, including appropriate use and dosing of direct thrombin inhibitors and aminoglycosides. While it was certainly challenging, it significantly sharpened my clinical skills. Luckily, the sound of the pager stayed in my head just for a little longer post-residency while the learning experience will last forever.

At the same time, the family-oriented, work hard – play hard culture at BMC made the experience memorable. From our joyful clinical retreat a few weeks into the program to our many happy hours to Midyear and Eastern states, I know I speak for all my co-residents when I say, we had a lot of fun!

What advice do you have for incoming graduates on how to be a successful resident?

Firstly, pause and be proud of your success to-date. Don't underestimate how difficult it is to be where you are today – you EARNED your seat! Second, it's important to mentally prepare for the challenging year ahead – the more you acknowledge and expect the challenges, the more you will be ready to embrace and endure it. It won't be easy, but it will absolutely be worth it. Third, be a sponge! Learn from as many preceptors, residents, and HCPs possible. And last, have fun! It is an experience like no other, so make sure you enjoy it to the fullest!

What are some of your current interests and motivations driving your current practice?

It's been an honor to be able to support the Rare Disease community for the past 7+ years. My motivation comes from the huge unmet medical need that exists within this community. There are over 7,000 known rare diseases that collectively affect approximately 400 million people worldwide, with only 5% having an approved treatment option. This patient population has been historically underserved and the work that we are doing has a significant impact on their lives.

When you aren't at work, what do you do to relax?

I'm usually spending time with my wife and 4 kids, sports or entertainment – so I use the word "relax" loosely here. I am a huge NY Knicks fan and I love watching and playing basketball. I also enjoy coaching my son's basketball team, reading, and traveling.

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JULY 2023
Cisco Brewing



Resident and Preceptor first night out! This event provided a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another and indulge in the food trucks at Cisco Brewing on a hot Boston night!

SEPTEMBER 2023

Apple Picking at Lookout Farm
in Natick, MA



Residents and preceptors enjoyed a comfortable fall day in Natick at Lookout Farm. There were so many apple varieties available including Honeycrisp, Cortland, Macintosh, and Golden Delicious. We also enjoyed a few Asian Pears growing nearby. Lastly, we made some new friends with goats on the farm and enjoyed reliving childhood memories on the see-saw.

AUGUST 2023
MSHP Resident Welcome Event



Residents and preceptors were invited to attend the annual MSHP Resident Welcome Event, hosted at Dorchester Brewing. Food and drink tickets were provided to attendees, and both preceptors and residents enjoyed an evening of making new friends and catching up with old ones.

SEPTEMBER 2023
Residency Retreat



Another enjoyable retreat had by preceptors and residents on a beautiful September day. The day was filled with development activities, ice breakers, and team-building activities. Residents and preceptors enjoyed yummy pizza for lunch, and took photos together in the picture-perfect Larz Anderson Park.

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NOVEMBER 2023

Dorchester Brewing



November's REST event was, again, held at one of our favorite spots, Dorchester Brewing. Resident and preceptor turnout was strong with over 15 people attending! With winter quickly approaching, the weather was chilly and crisp. Thankfully, we were all able to gather inside, enjoy delicious drinks, food, and trivia!

JANUARY 2024

Men's Hockey Game



For the January REST event, the Boston Medical Center pharmacy preceptors and residents attended the Northeastern versus Boston University men's hockey game at Matthews Arena. This game was exciting as regulation play ended in a 3-3 tie leading to overtime. Ultimately, Northeastern ended up victorious.

DECEMBER 2024

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting



In December, our pharmacy residents and preceptors attended the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA – where they engaged in recruitment activities and connected with other pharmacy colleagues. Beyond the conference, some of the team members enjoyed visiting Disneyland Park and sharing a fun, team-bonding dinner at Bubba Gump. It was a valuable experience that combined professional development with some well-deserved relaxation and camaraderie.

FEBRUARY 2024

Casino Night



We hosted the 5th Annual Casino Night at the Andi Apartments and it was a great success! There was great attendance from both the residents and preceptor group with nearly 30 of us gathered for fun, games, and great snacks and pizza. Will Black once again was the blackjack dealer and Bryan Gendron on the craps table. Justine in her sparkly dress was the Vanna White of the roulette wheel. Players competed for prizes with our top resident being Temi Sofeso and the top preceptor being Ilda Plasari. Rounding out third place was Eric McCurry.

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MARCH 2024

Match Day Celebrations



In March, some of our residents and preceptors gathered at Castle Island Brewing to celebrate the exciting results of Match Day!

MAY 2024

Eastern States Conference



Did someone say Hershey soap? Shampoo? Lotion? In May, our PGY1 Residency Program Director Olga accompanied the PGY1 residents to Hershey, PA for the Eastern States Conference. Each of the residents presented a platform presentation, and the group also checked out the Hershey Story Museum and the Hershey Gardens!

MAY 2024

Resident Karaoke



As the residency year was coming to a close, the pharmacy residents organized their own karaoke night – creating a lively and memorable evening filled with music and laughter. It was a great opportunity for everyone to unwind. Everyone had a blast singing together and making lasting memories!

Residency Excellence Awards

RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



Sarah Temiloluwa Sofeso, PharmD

The resident of the year award is presented to the BMC resident who demonstrates a positive attitude, provides excellent patient care, strives for continued growth, and supports the education of the next generation of pharmacy learners. Dr. Sofeso truly embodies our institution's model for providing "exceptional care without exception." She shows up each day with a positive attitude and is routinely noted among all preceptors for her ability to display strong ownership of her patients as the primary pharmacist member of the interdisciplinary care team. In addition to developing her strong clinical foundation as an EM pharmacist, she proactively identifies opportunities to improve medication safety through electronic medical record optimization for nursing documentation during resuscitation cases and submits/evaluates medication related safety events. In her role as

Chief Resident, Dr. Sofeso has clearly established herself as a leader among the residency class. She has continued to serve as a role model throughout the year for her peers, and professionally communicates the "hard conversations" between the residency class and residency leadership, as recognized among members of the Residency Advisory Committee. Dr. Sofeso has also emerged as a leader through her appointment as a member of the ACCP Resident Advisory Committee this year. Over the course of her residency training, Dr. Sofeso has demonstrated her dedication to advance the profession of EM pharmacy through various teaching opportunities, including taking on extra presentations for our EM physician assistant conference and presenting a journal club for the ACCP EM PRN. Dr. Sofeso's dedication to learning, passion for patient care, and commitment to the profession of pharmacy make her a role model for her colleagues, and her future trainee's will be lucky to learn from her as a clinician and leader. Congratulations Dr. Sofeso on this well-deserved award! on the residency class but on the entire healthcare team.

PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

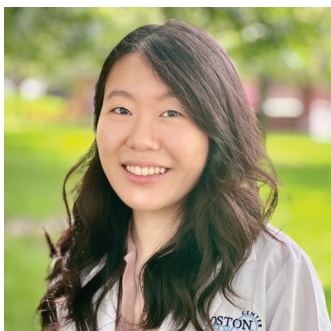
Justine Dickson, PharmD, BCACP

The Preceptor of the Year Award is given annually to a BMC Preceptor that the residency class recognizes for excellence in residency education. This year's award recipient was Dr. Justine Dickson. In the 2023-2024 year, Dr. Dickson was a PGY1 advisor, oversaw several pharmacy residents on rotation, co-chaired the Resident Emotional Support Team (REST), supported PGY1 and PGY2 residency recruitment efforts, and provided extensive support to residents throughout the year. She goes the extra mile to ensure residents feel welcomed and valued, making the transition to a new city seamless. Additionally, she goes above and beyond by helping organize memorable events, including the Annual Casino Night as part of REST, and ensuring that no detail is overlooked during multiple graduation ceremonies. Known for her exceptional precepting, Dr. Dickson meets each resident where they are, helping them reach their full potential by providing tailored guidance and meaningful feedback. Her dedication helps residents truly understand the role of an ambulatory care pharmacist, fostering their professional growth. Her kindness, encouragement, and commitment to celebrating residents' achievements make her a truly deserving recipient of this award. Thank you for your commitment to BMC resident learning and congratulations on this well-deserved Preceptor of the Year Award, Dr. Dickson!



Residency Excellence Awards

SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT OF THE YEAR



Brittany Lam, PharmD and Jiye Park, PharmD

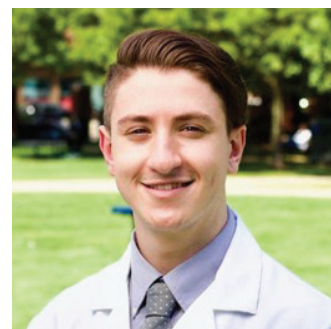
Dr. Lam and Dr. Park established a structured counseling program for HF patients using incredibly limited resources. A big ask for leadership was to avoid “new” services of initiatives that would pull on our already strained pharmacist resources. While there is still oversight from pharmacist in the project, a majority of the ground work is completed by pharmacy extenders. It is often challenging on the inpatient side to determine clinical work suitable for students and in many scenarios direct interactions with patients can be challenging on inpatient rotations. This project checks all of those boxes. Additionally, Dr. Lam and Dr. Park have worked hard to track and report meaningful data and outcomes for their project. They have been able to follow the IHI QI model through PDSA cycles and have used run charts and control charts to represent data. They approached this project with an equity lens and are capturing data on use of interpreter services. They are also pushing to have materials translated. The initial results of their study have suggested a reduction in readmission rates for patients who receive counseling. These data will be presented at the Readmission SteerCo meeting which is a high-level leadership meeting where the CPO will be in attendance. This speaks highly to the level of importance their project and work is the hospital leadership. Furthermore, both Dr. Lam and Dr. Park have been consistent in meeting deadlines and keeping all members of the workgroup informed. Their written work, such as abstracts, posters and slides for conferences have been well done. Both of them have truly “owned” this project and their hard work is evident. Congratulations Dr. Lam and Dr. Park on receiving this award!

not only worked to improve patient care by providing another point of access to a health-care provider, but it also improved the systematic management of critical therapies while elevating the pharmacist's scope of practice in the oncology clinic. Sita and Jessica were also recipients of the "Quality in Safety" award from the national Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association annual conference - this award was given to only 5 projects (all-comers, not residency) in the country. a beacon of inspiration and guidance.

STRONG WORK AWARD

Michael Maiullari, PharmD, BCIDP

The Strong Work Award was developed to acknowledge a pharmacist who maintains a positive attitude and is always support of the residents. The 2023-2024 residency class honored Dr. Michael Maiullari with the award this year! The residency class expressed their sincere appreciation for Dr. Maiullari's constant support – both within the hospital walls and outside. He was always there to check in or to watch a pet if the residents were traveling for a conference! Michael was always friendly and knowledgeable, effortlessly connecting with the residents as a recent graduate himself. He served as a great listening ear and frequently reminded the residents not to take themselves too seriously, helping them find balance amidst their busy schedules. Congratulations Dr. Maiullari on the Strong Work Award!



New Preceptors & Preceptor Activities



Molly Cuvellier, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Husson University School of Pharmacy

Residency: PGY-1 Tufts Medicine - Lowell General Hospital

Practice/research interests: Pediatric and adult HIV, HIV in pregnancy, Antimicrobial Stewardship

Rotation(s): Pediatric Infectious Disease

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Exeter, New Hampshire

What was your path to BMC? I knew coming out of residency that I wanted to work at an academic medical center where I would have the opportunity to practice in different areas to find

my niche. My RPD and my mentor during PGY-1 had both worked at BMC and felt that it would be a great fit for me. They encouraged me to apply after residency, and I have been here ever since!

What do you like most about working at BMC? 100% the people. I cannot say enough great things about my coworkers. I have found lifelong friendships at BMC both in the pharmacy department and with my doctors and nurses!

What are your goals for next year? In the next year, I hope to grow our pharmacy services in the Pedi ID space.



Kaitlin Kuznacic, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: University of Cincinnati James L Winkle College of Pharmacy

Residency: PGY-1: The Ohio State University- Ambulatory Care Track; PGY-2: Ambulatory Care at The Ohio State University

Practice/research interests: chronic disease state management, innovation and new service development

Rotation(s): Ambulatory Care – Renal Medicine

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Cedarburg, Wisconsin

What was your path to BMC? Following my PGY-2 I was interested in exploring a new city and finding a position where I would be able to build a new service which led me to BMC in the renal medicine clinic

What do you like most about working at BMC? The people! Everyone from the patients to co-workers have made working at BMC an absolute joy.

What are your goals for next year? Get more involved in precepting, start working on a quality improvement initiative within the clinic, and most importantly get a puppy.



Victoria Freniere, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Western New England University (Springfield, MA)

Residency: PGY1: New York Presbyterian Hospital, PGY2: New York Presbyterian Hospital Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital

Practice/research interests: Pediatrics

Rotations offered: General Pediatrics, NICU, PICU

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Born: Springfield MA; Raised: Ludlow, MA

What was your path to BMC? I was looking to move back to Massachusetts and have always dreamed of working in Boston.

What do you like most about working at BMC? My colleagues. We have such a great group of pharmacists who support one another in their goals inside and outside of work.

What are your goals for next year? Become BCPPS certified

New Preceptors & Preceptor Activities



MaryRose Maiullari, PharmD, BCPS

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Northeastern University

Residency: PGY-1: The Dimock Center/Northeastern University

Practice/research interests: Dermatology (psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, alopecia, hidradenitis), Teaching

Rotation(s): Ambulatory Care – Dermatology

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Boston, MA

What was your path to BMC? I completed an IPPE as well as two APPE rotations here and found BMC's values aligned a lot with my own. After residency, I rotated in several ambulatory specialty clinics at my previous Boston institution and ended up loving dermatology, which BMC had an available position in.

What do you like most about working at BMC? I enjoy getting to work alongside an amazing team of healthcare professionals and getting to serve a diverse patient population.

What are your goals for next year? I hope to continue expanding the clinical pharmacy services in my clinic and dive into more research and teaching opportunities.



Marwah Alnewais, PharmD, BCACP

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: King Faisal University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Residency: Traditional PGY-1: Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Ambulatory Care PGY-2: MUSC, Fellowship in research and academia: MUSC College of Pharmacy

Practice/research interests: Chronic disease state management including diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, obesity, transitions of care

Rotation(s): Ambulatory Care – Primary Care

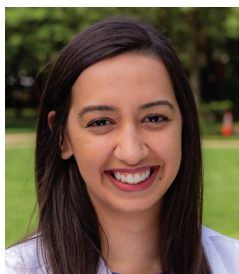
PERSONAL

Born and raised: Alahsa, Saudi Arabia

What was your path to BMC? My path to BMC began when I moved to Boston after residency and fellowship training, driven by the city's reputation for offering extensive opportunities in healthcare. In search of a role that aligned with my career aspiration, I recognized BMC among the top health systems with a well-established ambulatory care practice to fulfill my professional development goals.

What do you like most about working at BMC? I enjoy working in a collaborative work environment alongside my fellow pharmacists, providers and nurses.

What are your goals for next year? I am looking forward to precepting students and residents and getting more involved in research and quality improvement projects.



Ana Safri, PharmD, MBA, BCACP

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Texas Tech University, Emory University

Residency: PGY-1: BMC; PGY-2 Ambulatory Care: BMC

Practice/Research Interest: cardiology, optimizing pharmacy services in heart failure management, chronic disease state management and prevention, promoting diversity within pharmacy

Rotation(s): Ambulatory Care – Cardiology

PERSONAL

Born and raised: born in Pakistan, raised in Memphis, TN

What was your path to BMC? I did both PGY-1 and PGY-2 (Ambulatory Care) at BMC

What do you like most about working at BMC? Our patients, my colleagues, and the value driven care practiced by all healthcare professionals at the institution.

What are your goals for next year? Get more involved in precepting and quality improvement initiatives.

New Preceptors & Preceptor Activities



Michael Maiullari, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Northeastern University

Residency: PGY-1: Cambridge Health Alliance; PGY-2: Boston Medical Center, Infectious Diseases

Practice/research interests: Ambulatory HIV/ID

Rotation(s): Ambulatory HIV/ID and Sexual Health Clinics

PERSONAL

Born and raised: South Boston, MA

What was your path to BMC? I completed my APPE rotation in infectious diseases at Boston Medical Center during my P4 year, which instilled a passion for infectious diseases. I also continued

past my rotation to assist with a PGY-1/PGY-2 resident project throughout that year. I ultimately decided to do my PGY-2 Infectious Diseases at the academic medical center where it all started!

What do you like most about working at BMC? I like that BMC is an academic medical center and there are many opportunities for teaching and learning alongside those practicing at the top of their licenses!

What are your goals for next year? I hope to pursue more opportunities in research and quality improvement within my clinic!



Matthew Palmer, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Roseman University

Residency: PGY1 & PGY2 Critical Care: Cleveland Clinic Akron General

Practice/research interests: Sepsis, Neuro critical care, Teaching

Rotation(s): ICU

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Las Vegas, Nevada

What was your path to BMC? After completing my residency in critical care, I was looking for a new opportunity somewhere that I could continue to improve my skills in various ICU settings. BMC

offered me a unique and intriguing position that aligned with my professional goals. I packed up and continued making my way across the country from Las Vegas to Ohio and now Boston!

What do you like most about working at BMC? The incredible colleagues that I work with each day, the interesting/acute patient population, how valued pharmacy is at this institution, and being able to provide quality care to the diverse and underserved Boston community

What are your goals for next year? To become board certified in critical care and get more involved in precepting students and residents.



Rachelle Kelley, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Western New England University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, 2020

Residency: PGY1 Auburn University Clinical Health Services, 2021

Practice/research interests: diabetes, weight loss, working with underserved communities

Rotation(s): Ambulatory Care – Primary Care

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Fitchburg, MA

What was your path to BMC? I moved to NC after residency and although I really enjoyed it, my family encouraged me to move back. The position I have now was posted on LinkedIn during the

holidays and I decided to apply as it was exactly what I was looking for. The next thing I knew, two months later, I was back in Massachusetts to start at BMC.

What do you like most about working at BMC? The impact we are able to make to help our patients live longer, healthier lives.

What are your goals for next year? Sit for BCACP and CDCES

New Preceptors & Preceptor Activities



Liz Scanlon, PharmD, BCCCP

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: University of Rhode Island

Residency: PGY1- North Shore University, Evanston IL; PGY2- Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee, WI
Practice/research interests: infectious diseases, anticoagulation, pain/sedation in critically ill

Rotation(s): Emergency Medicine

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Chicago, IL

What was your path to BMC? After completing my PGY2 in Critical Care I stayed in Wisconsin working in the Surgical/Trauma and Neurosciences ICUs, while also rotating through other ICUs and the ED. I couldn't stay away from the east coast for too long for many reasons... I came across the ED position here at BMC and once I interviewed here, I knew it was the patient population I wanted to care for and the team I wanted to be a part of.

What do you like most about working at BMC? All of the people at BMC are amazing! I felt so welcomed during my interview and throughout my initial training from the whole pharmacy department & the ED team as a whole. I also love the level of dedication to precepting and professional development that my colleagues have.

What are your goals for next year? I am looking forward to getting more involved with precepting students and residents, getting involved in resident projects, and getting more involved in interdisciplinary committee work.



Kristen Felice, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: University of Michigan

Residency: PGY1 – University of Illinois at Chicago; PGY2 Emergency Medicine – University of Illinois at Chicago

Practice/research interests: Toxicology, sedation in the critically ill, antimicrobial stewardship

Rotation(s): Emergency Medicine – Overnight

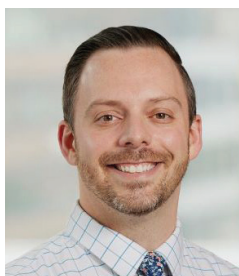
PERSONAL

Born and raised: Troy, Michigan (a suburb north of Detroit)

What was your path to BMC? I've had multiple roles and practice sites in both critical care and emergency medicine in Illinois, South Dakota, and Michigan. Massachusetts is my 4th state of licensure! I came from a community teaching hospital in the Detroit suburbs where I was the only pharmacist in the ED. I was looking for a new opportunity in an academic setting to take care of a diverse population and found a fit at BMC! My family and I moved here in summer 2023.

What do you like most about working at BMC? I enjoy the team approach to patient care, and the great group of coworkers I get to work with.

What are your goals for next year? I am looking forward to becoming more involved in student and resident precepting, both on rotation and with projects.



Douglas Schneidmuller, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Practice/Research Interest: Rheumatology

Rotation(s): Ambulatory Care – Rheumatology

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Green Island, NY

What was your path to BMC? Started with community pharmacy (Rite Aid/Walgreens), then transitioned to BMC Specialty Pharmacy in Hem/Onc. In 2023, took the role as Rheumatology Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

What do you like most about working at BMC? BMC's diverse population

What are your goals for next year? Expand clinical services in my clinic.

New Preceptors & Preceptor Activities



Olga Vlashyn, PharmD, MS, BCPS

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Purdue University

Residency: PGY1/PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration Residency at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Practice/research interests: Clinical management, teaching, medication safety, global health

Rotation(s): Administrative - Education Management

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Born in Ukraine but grew up in Indianapolis, IN

What was your path to BMC? Following the completion of my residency training, I moved to Boston and worked at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as an oncology infusion manager. After a few years in this role, I recognized that I missed working with learners and knew that I wanted to experience additional leadership roles within pharmacy. Stepping into the Education Manager role has provided me with the opportunities to impact the next generation of pharmacists, and I love being a support system for our learners at BMC.

What do you like most about working at BMC? The people – I feel really fortunate to work with some amazing pharmacists that are excited to push the needle forward in how we provide optimal patient care to our patient population.

What are your goals for next year? Professionally, I would like to enhance onboarding for our incoming pharmacy residents and to have a successful ASHP accreditation visit for all of our pharmacy residency programs. Personally, I would like to continue traveling and run a sub 4-hour marathon!



Niamh O'Grady, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: University of California San Francisco

Residency: PGY-1: Yale New Haven Hospital, PGY-2 Internal Medicine: Boston Medical Center

Practice/research interests: Internal Medicine, Obstetrics

Rotation(s): General Internal Medicine, General Cardiology, Obstetrics and L&D

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Born in Melrose, MA but primarily grew up in Sarasota, FL

What was your path to BMC? After completing my PGY-2 here at BMC I decided to stay on as a clinical specialist in internal medicine!

What do you like most about working at BMC? My colleagues and the collaborative environment of our healthcare teams to offer the best care possible for our patients

What are your goals for next year? Getting more involved in our quality improvement projects and sharing the importance of pharmacist involvement in internal medicine and obstetrics with residents and students.



Sita Bhatt, PharmD, BCOP

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: University of Florida

Residency: Cleveland Clinic Florida PGY1, Boston Medical Center PGY2

Practice/research interests: Hematology/oncology- current research includes Duffy null breast cancer patients

Rotation(s): Outpatient hematology/oncology I

PERSONAL

Born and raised: South Florida

What was your path to BMC? My path to BMC was straightforward-I did my PGY2 here and realized I loved the environment, from my patients to the multidisciplinary collaboration, and stayed on

What do you like most about working at BMC? I love my patients, docs, APPs, liaisons, and co-pharmacists!

What are your goals for next year? My goals for next year include obtaining an adjunct faculty role at BUSM or NEU!

New Preceptors & Preceptor Activities



Danielle Famularo, Pharm.D., BCCCP

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: University of Rhode Island '21

Residency: Boston Medical Center PGY1 '22 and Boston Medical Center Critical Care PGY2 '23
Practice/research interests: Cardiac intensive care and cardiac surgery, emergency medicine

Rotation(s): Cardiac ICU and medical ICU

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Hanover, Massachusetts

What was your path to BMC? While I was at URI, I began working at BMC as a med rec tech and completed the LAPPE program. I quickly realized how much I enjoyed working with our patient

population and acutely ill patients, which motivated me to pursue residency. My LAPPEs were also my first introduction to critical care and emergency medicine, and I immediately loved both specialties and how integrated the pharmacists were within the multidisciplinary team.

What do you like most about working at BMC? The ample opportunities to collaborate with and learn from other disciplines with the common goal of optimizing care for our patient population, from both a disease state management and health disparities point of view.

What are your goals for next year? To implement dedicated pharmacy education sessions for the CCU as well as continuing to collaborate with providers who are focused on reducing HF readmissions and improving medication processes/adherence within this space.



Soo Jin Koo, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University

Residency: PGY1 at Atlantic Health System, PGY2 Ambulatory Care at University of Washington

Practice/research interests: Pulmonary and Primary Care

Rotation(s): Ambulatory Care – Primary Care and Pulmonology

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Born in Busan, South Korea; Raised in Seoul, New York, LA, and New Jersey

What was your path to BMC? During my PGY2, I attended Midyear in Las Vegas and met Joe, Brian, and Justine during PPS. During my job search the following Spring, I re-connected with Joe

and was able to move back to the East Coast.

What do you like most about working at BMC? Patients and my colleagues.

What are your goals for next year? Run a half marathon.



Jennifer Alami, PharmD, MS

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: MCPHS University

Residency: PGY1 Eastern Maine Medical Center; PGY2 Boston Children's Hospital

Practice/research interests: Neonatology and pediatric cardiology

Rotation(s): NICU/PICU, Pediatrics

PERSONAL

Born and raised: New Hampshire

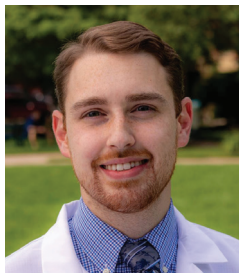
What was your path to BMC? My passion for pediatric pharmacy stemmed from my student experience in BMC's NICU. Ever since then, I knew I wanted to focus my practice in neonatology

while staying in Boston, as the learning opportunities are endless. As I was finishing residency, it felt like fate that I was offered the exact position that inspired my interest just a few years ago!

What do you like most about working at BMC? I love the interdisciplinary collaboration and teaching within the NICU

What are your goals for next year? Hopefully specialize in pediatric pharmacy and make memories with my little family!

New Preceptors & Preceptor Activities



Kyle Champagne, PharmD

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: MCPHS University (Boston)

Practice/research interests: Postoperative nausea and vomiting, postoperative pain management, opioid stewardship, perioperative management of anticoagulation, surgical site infection prophylaxis, Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS)

Rotation(s): Surgery

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Weymouth, MA

What was your path to BMC? After starting as a traditional PGY1 pharmacy resident at BMC, I made the difficult decision to leave the program in favor of pursuing a more operations-focused career path. With immense support from my colleagues, I have since joined the surgery pharmacy group where I have developed a strong passion for perioperative pharmacy care. In my current role I oversee the day-to-day operations of our OR satellite pharmacy and provide clinical pharmacy services to patients in the OR.

What do you like most about working at BMC? I most enjoy supporting our mission of providing exceptional care to underserved patient populations. In addition, working with a diverse group of healthcare professionals (i.e. surgeons, anesthesiologists, perfusionists, etc.) has been an immensely rewarding aspect of my current role.

What are your goals for next year? I look forward to continuing to expand the reach of the pharmacy department within the perioperative space. More specifically, I would like to explore the potential roles and benefits of a Pre-Procedure Clinic (PPC) pharmacist. I am also excited to serve as chair for the Resident Emotional Support Team (REST) Committee for the upcoming residency year.



Yassmeen Marzuq, PharmD, BCPS

PROFESSIONAL

Alma mater: University of Connecticut

Residency: Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center

Practice/research interests: Cardiology, gastroenterology

Rotation(s): Internal Medicine

PERSONAL

Born and raised: Massachusetts

What was your path to BMC? After residency, I practiced as a multispecialty clinical pharmacist. I was hoping to move to a bigger city and was looking for more of a challenge professionally and

BMC happened to hire.

What do you like most about working at BMC? The complexity in patient care and my coworkers.

What are your goals for next year? Expand pharmacy services in the neonatal/pediatric and further develop as a preceptor.

Posters, Presentations & Publications

AMBULATORY CARE

Marwah Alnewais, PharmD, BCACP

Publication:

- **Alnewais ME**, Adams L, Alfahaid AS, Alzaidi S, Weeda ER. Geographic distribution of United States clinical trial sites utilized for guideline changing studies of cholesterol management. *Am Heart J.* 2023;264:174-176.
- **Alnewais ME**, Landolf SL, Bean M, Fermo JD. Successful Anticoagulation With Warfarin After Switching From Rifampin to Rifabutin. *J Prim Care Community Health.* 2023;14:21501319231197588.

Melanie Berry, PharmD, BCACP, AAHIVP

Publication:

- Sax PE, **Berry M.** (2023). *HIV Essentials 10th Edition.* Jones & Bartlett Learning

Poster:

- **Berry M**, Stewart J, Johnstone-Stewart B, Ruiz-Mercado G, Ward T, Gupta T, Johnson S, Jamison-Harris M, Pierre C, Taylor JL. PharmD and RN-led Long-acting Cabotegravir for HIV PrEP Implementation at an Urban Essential Hospital. Poster presented at: International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) Adherence 2023 conference; June 11-13, 2023; Puerto Rico.

Kyle Bertram, PharmD, BCACP, CDCES

Publication:

- Kim DW, Kim E, **Bertram K**, et al. Long-term outcomes and adverse effects of teduglutide in patients with short bowel syndrome: Highlighting hyperamylasemia and hyperlipasemia. *Am J Health Sys Pharm.* 2023 Nov 6: Online ahead of print: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37941451>

Joseph Falinski, PharmD, BCACP

Poster:

- Safri A, Kopzca B, Kaplon S, Norman K, O'Brien K, **Falinski J**, O'Brien M, Yarrington C. Implementation of an Interprofessional Electronic Consult for the Management of Postpartum Hypertension (PPHTN). Poster Presented at: American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Meeting; December 2-7, 2023; Anaheim, CA.

Stacey Kaplon, PharmD, BCACP

Poster:

- Safri A, Kopzca B, **Kaplon S**, Norman K, O'Brien K, Falinski J, O'Brien M, Yarrington C. Implementation of an Interprofessional Electronic Consult for the Management of Postpartum Hypertension (PPHTN). Poster Presented at: American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Meeting; December 2-7, 2023; Anaheim, CA.

Soo Jin Koo, PharmD

Publication:

- **Koo SJ**, Hussain Y, Booth DY, Desai P, Oh ES, Rios J, Audley K. Four-factor prothrombin complex concentrate versus andexanet alfa for direct oral anticoagulant reversal. *J Am Pharm Assoc* (2003). 2023 Nov 11:S1544-3191(23)00376-X. doi: 10.1016/j.japh.2023.11.015. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37952844.

Brian Kopzca, PharmD, BCACP, CDCES

Poster:

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Kelsey Norman, PharmD, BCCP, BCACP, BCPS

Poster:

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Posters, Presentations & Publications

Katelyn O'Brien, PharmD, BCPS, CDCES, BC-ADM

Presentations:

- **O'Brien K**, Salzman RH, /bellini N, Warshaw H. Increase Adoption and Optimization of Technology in Your Diabetes Specialist Role. Presented at: Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES) National Meeting; August 4, 2023; Houston, TX.
- **O'Brien K**, Daws R. Approach Diabetes Distress with Multidisciplinary Evidence-Based Practices. Presented at: Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES) National Meeting; August 5, 2023; Houston, TX.
- **O'Brien K**, Weinstein O, Paul S. Eat to Treat: An Interprofessional Approach to Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME). Presented at the Connecticut Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES) Diabetes Symposium; November 13, 2023; New Haven, CT.
- Safri A, Kopzca B, Kaplon S, Norman K, **O'Brien K**, Falinski J, O'Brien M, Yarrington C. Implementation of an Interprofessional Electronic Consult for the Management of Postpartum Hypertension (PPHTN). Poster Presented at: American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Meeting; December 2-7, 2023; Anaheim, CA.
- **O'Brien K**. Continuous Glucose Monitors: Practical Tips for Pharmacists. Presented at the Connecticut Pharmacists Association (CPA) Mid-Winter Conference; February 8, 2024; New Haven, CT.

Ana Safri, PharmD, MBA

Publication:

- Camara E, **Safri A**, Ko CL, et al. The Implications of Data Aggregation on Propagating Racial and Ethnic Disparities within the Healthcare Landscape: Actionable Recommendations and Considerations for Pharmacists [published online ahead of print, 2023 Oct 19]. J Am Pharm Assoc (2003). 2023;S1544-3191(23)00324-2.

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- **Safri A**, Kopzca B, Kaplon S, Norman K, O'Brien K, Falinski J, O'Brien M, Yarrington C. Implementation of an Interprofessional Electronic Consult for the Management of Postpartum Hypertension (PPHTN). Poster Presented at: American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Meeting; December 2-7, 2023; Anaheim, CA.

CRITICAL CARE

Ava Cascone, PharmD, BCCCP

Poster:

- Wu C, **Cascone AE**. Evaluation of Modified Intravenous Thiamine Dosing and Administration for Prevention and Treatment of Wernicke's Encephalopathy. Poster Presented at: American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Meeting; December 2-7, 2023; Anaheim, CA.

Megan Feeney, PharmD, BCCCP

Publication:

- **Feeney ME**, Sterling K. Successful management of suspected propofol dependence with phenobarbital in an adult patient with COVID-19. Am J Health Syst Pharm. 2023;80(19):1309-1314.

Poster:

- **Feeney ME**, Law AC, Walkey AJ, Bosch NA. Variation in use of medications for opioid use disorder in critically ill patients across the United States. Poster presented at: American College of Clinical Pharmacy Annual Meeting; November 2023; Dallas, TX.

Sopheaktra Kong, PharmD

Poster:

- Gendron BJ, Guthrie A, **Kong S**, Pare J, Farrell NM. Review of Mycoplasma genitalium screening and treatment in the emergency department. Poster presented at: American College of Clinical Pharmacy Annual Meeting; November 2023; Dallas, TX.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Bryan Gendron, PharmD, BCPS

Poster:

- **Gendron BJ**, Guthrie A, Kong S, Pare J, Farrell NM. Review of Mycoplasma genitalium screening and treatment in the emergency department. Poster presented at: American College of Clinical Pharmacy Annual Meeting; November 2023; Dallas, TX.

Posters, Presentations & Publications

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Niamh O'Grady, PharmD

Publication:

- **O'Grady N**, Davis M, McManus D, Topal J, Azar MM, Briggs N. Response to comment on "Dosing implications for liposomal amphotericin B in pregnancy". Pharmacotherapy. 2023 Sep;43(9):992. doi: 10.1002/phar.2864. PMID: 37701938.

ONCOLOGY

Sita Bhatt, PharmD

Poster:

- Sloan J, Ferri G, **Bhatt S**, Lerner A, Abdallah M, Burks E, Sobota A, Thomasson, R. Eliminating Disparities Associated with Duffy Associated Neutrophil Counts. Poster presented at Boston University's Annual Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Showcase
- Pendergast E, Wurl S, Patel J, **Bhatt S**, Jhaveri R. Standardizing Minimum Residual Disease Testing in an Ambulatory Hematology/Oncology Clinic. Poster presented at Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association 2024 Annual Meeting

Alumni Corner Updates

Congratulations to all Boston Medical Center Pharmacy Residency Alumni on your personal and professional achievements! Here are a few highlights from the past year:

Dr. Marisel Segarra-Newnham, BSP, PharmD, MPH ('PGY1' 1991 – in quotes since it was not called a PGY1 residency then) started a company with her twin daughters and husband to sell their giclée art prints and commissions. You can visit the website at www.twinartz.com. She continues to work as an ID pharmacist in West Palm Beach FL.

Dr. Jennifer Trujillo (Sickels)(PGY1 '98) Took a new administrative position University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and am now the Associate Dean for Education (as of Jan 1, 2024).

Dr. Keri Townsend (Roberts)(PGY1 '05 BMC (PGY 2 SOT '06 U of U) recently accepted a position at Sanofi as Clinical Scientist

Dr. Paul Huiras (PGY1 '08, PGY2 CC '10) is the Residency Program Director at St. Cloud Hospital in Minnesota (3 PGY1 residents). He stays involved locally as he was recently elected to fulfill the role of Secretary for the Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (2-year term).

Dr. Devon Trumbower (Lee) (PGY1 '11) In December 2023, accepted a role in Medical Specialty Pharmacy Strategy at Magellan Rx/Prime Therapeutics.

Dr. Kyle Amelung (PGY1 '13) and his wife welcomed their second child in January - a baby girl, Savannah May! Older brother Landon is full of love for the family's addition.

Dr. Jason Mordino (PGY2 CC '13) Moved to Bangor Maine with wife and three kids. Now working as System Director of Clinical Services at Northern Light Health. Call me if you visit Maine!

Dr. Elizabeth (Koczera) Morrow (PGY2 ambulatory care '16) took on a new role as the Clinical Ambulatory Neurology specialist along with her roles as Clinical Primary Care Pharmacist and PGY1 RPD at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She and her husband excitedly welcomed their 1st baby in July 2023!

Dr. David Hughes (PGY2 Onc '18) recently took a new position as a US Medical Director for Pfizer Oncology overseeing strategy for the United States hematology team. He recently celebrated his 5 year wedding anniversary with his wife, Steph.

Dr. Nikitha R. Patel (PGY1 '19, PGY2 IM '20) accepted a job as an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and PGY1 RPD at Penn Medicine - Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She is excited for the next chapter in her career and to be settling down with her husband closer to home.

Dr. Meissane Lee (PGY1 '20, PGY2 Amb Care '21) recently started at Houston Methodist building their first ambulatory care program within the system focused in Endocrinology and Cardiology. She is expecting a baby boy in June 2024.

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Dr. Rimmel Khan (PGY2 Amb Care '20) has taken on a new role as Medical Science Liaison for the Neuroscience-Migraine team at AbbVie in Florida.

Dr. Jessica Freydan (PGY1 '21, PGY2 Onc '22) is a leukemia clinical pharmacist at Massachusetts General Hospital and just presented a CE on updates in chronic lymphocytic leukemia at the NCODA International Spring Forum in Dallas, Texas

Dr. Gideon J. Berdahl (PGY1 '21, PGY2 CC '22) is an adult, pediatric, and neonatal critical care pharmacist at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland, OR. He recently adopted a 5 month-old Golden Retriever named Clark. He is the goodest boy in the world.

Dr. Lynnette Henshaw (PGY2 Onc '21) is working as a clinical pharmacy specialist - Lymphoma at Memorial Sloan Kettering

Dr. Danielle Famularo (PGY1 '22, PGY2 CC '23) continued her career at BMC post-residency as the CCU/MICU pharmacist and is now BCCCP certified. She initiated pharmacy department morbidity & mortality rounds in collaboration with the medication safety team, and recently rescued a puppy named Benny!

Dr. Emily Plasencia (PGY1 '22, PGY2 EM '23) took on a new position as a Senior Clinical Pharmacist in Emergency Medicine at Lahey Medical Center

Dr. Cedric White (PGY2 EM '22) and his wife recently purchased their first home in Southern California and will be expecting their first child (a little girl) in May.

Dr. Jacob Peace (PGY1 '23) recently accepted a new position as an Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Kaweah Health Medical Center in Visalia, California after completing his PGY2 in Emergency Medicine at UC Davis Health.

Dr. Kevin B Nguyen (PGY2 ID '23) recently received academic appointments for Adjunct assistant professor at Drexel University, Salus University, and Delaware Valley University; Physician Assistant Programs. Additionally, his publication for "Ceftaroline for central nervous system infections: case report of a young infant, and scoping review" was recently accepted to The Pediatric Infectious Diseases Journal.

Dr. Sita Bhatt (PGY2 Hem/Onc '23) is currently working as a RPC for the PGY2 Hem/Onc residency program at BMC and also as a clinical specialist. Recently published "Enfortumab-vedotin use for urothelial carcinoma in two patients on hemodialysis" and a poster was presented "Eliminating Disparities Associated with Duffy Associated Neutrophil Counts".



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