Residency Precepting Team:

Residency Program Directors

Andrew Wilcox, PharmD is Chief of Pharmacy Services at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in 2001. He completed his residency training in Primary Care at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in 2002. Following residency, he worked as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the VA Primary Care Clinic in Rockford, IL. His practice specialized in chronic disease state management and anticoagulation. He transitioned into Pharmacy Administration serving as Assistant Chief of Pharmacy for four years prior to his current role as Chief of Pharmacy, for which he is responsible for proper administrative and professional leadership within the Pharmacy Service. This includes providing leadership, direction, organization, planning and implementation of pharmacy programs within the inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory care sections of the department and throughout the hospital. Areas of emphasis include practice advancement, process improvement, innovative practice models, patient safety, and leadership development. Dr. Wilcox is a graduate of the 2009 ASHP Foundation’s Pharmacy Leadership Academy. He currently serves on the VA Clinical Pharmacy Advisory Board and the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin Practice Advancement Leadership Team.

Maria Wopat, PharmD, BCACP, TTS, graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in 2010. She completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in 2011, followed by a PGY-2 specialty residency in Ambulatory Care in 2012. Later that year, she became a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist as well as a Tobacco Treatment Specialist. Following completion of her residencies, she managed the hospital’s tobacco treatment program, staffed the diabetes and anticoagulation clinics, and reviewed formulary consults. In 2015, she transitioned to a primary care clinical pharmacy specialist position, where she is the pharmacist for 4 primary care providers and sees patients in the Medication Management service. In 2016, she became the PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program Director. She teaches a lecture on diabetes management in the elderly at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, has co-authored the chapter on tobacco treatment in APhA’s Handbook of Nonprescription Drugs twice, and was the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin’s Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year in 2016. She enjoys working with students, residents, and members of other disciplines to help broaden awareness of what ambulatory care pharmacists can do.

Megan Heim, PharmD, BCACP, TTS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care and is the PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency Program Director. She completed her undergraduate coursework at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2008 and the Pharmacy VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) program at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in 2010. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Wisconsin – Madison School of Pharmacy in 2012. Her post-graduate training included a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency in Ambulatory Care and a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. Megan’s clinical practice areas include serving as the Tobacco Treatment Clinic Coordinator and Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Formulary Management and Diabetes.

Theresa Frey, PharmD, BCPP is the residency director of the PGY2 Mental Health Residency program. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy in 2009. After completing the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, she completed the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy residency and joined the pharmacy team as a Psychiatric Clinical Pharmacist in August 2011. She has been a program preceptor since 2011 and served as program coordinator for several years before becoming residency director in 2016. Her clinical work has been in a variety of areas including the Residential Addictive Disorders Treatment Program, the inpatient psychiatry unit, and outpatient psychiatric medication management. Her interest areas include resident/student mentoring, substance use disorders, overdose prevention, motivational interviewing, and severe mental health conditions.
Berook Addisu, PharmD, BCPS is the Associate Chief of Acute Care and Operations. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 2010. Dr. Addisu completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System in Nashville and Murfreesboro, TN. He then completed a PGY-2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration Residency at his current facility. In his current role, he assists with the oversight of inpatient pharmacy services as well as overall operations. He is the Coordinator and a preceptor for the PGY-1/2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration Residency.

Shannon K. Hobson, PharmD earned her B.S. in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 2001 and 2002. Following her Pharm.D., she completed a post-graduate Pharmacy Practice Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in 2003. Since completion of the residency, she has been practicing at the William S. Middleton VA as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and is a Clinical Instructor for the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. She is currently the Drug Utilization Manager at the Madison VA and serves as the primary preceptor for the formulary management residency rotation. Her areas of interest include pharmacoeconomics and formulary management. She was a co-author of the research project that evaluated ezetimibe efficacy on LDL-C lowering in a Veteran population, which was presented as a poster at the 2005 ASHP Midyear Meeting. She has received numerous Special Contribution Awards from the Department of Veterans Affairs VISN 12 Network Director for assistance in implementing pharmaceutical cost-savings initiatives. Her professional memberships include American College of Clinical Pharmacy and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She also is a member of several VISN Committees including Clinical Managers, Adverse Drug Events, and Medication Use Evaluation.

Bryan C. Babler, RPh, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 1980 and completed his 1 year internship at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Marshfield, WI. Bryan joined the pharmacy team at VHA Madison in November, 1982. While working at the Madison VA, he was enrolled in the school of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1984 to 1987. Bryan is currently the informatics pharmacist for the service and was responsible for the implementation and staff training for all of the pharmacy software packages as well as CPOE and BCMA. He is involved in the training of residents and is the preceptor for the PGY-2 Pharmacy Administration Residency informatics rotation.

Tammy Adler, RPh received her B.S. Pharmacy from UW Madison. She joined the Pharmacy team at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in June of 2012 as the Drug Information Pharmacist. Her interests include formulary management, medication safety, leadership development, antibiotic stewardship, anticoagulation, as well as Neurology and Psychiatry. Prior to her time at the VA, she worked at St. Mary’s Hospital in Madison WI for 20 years where she served as the Chair of the Hospital Wide Coordinating Council for the Whole System Shared Decision Making committee structure which focused on the interdisciplinary approach to patient care by integrating front line clinical staff, Nursing Shared governance, and the Executive Hospital leadership into one integrated decision making structure. In addition she was the Drug Information Pharmacist as well as an inpatient Clinical Pharmacist. Her teaching experiences include being a preceptor for the UW Madison School of Pharmacy for a 760 elective rotation in Neurology/Psychiatry as well as being the primary preceptor for Drug Information, Psychiatry, and Family Practice rotations for the Inpatient Pharmacy Residency program at St. Mary’s. She is a preceptor at the VA for the PGY1 and PGY2 Pharmacy residencies as well as serving as a Clinical Instructor for UW. She serves as the facility’s Pharmacy oncology research coordinator presently.
Residency Precepting Team:
Pharmacy Administrative Preceptors

Carol J. Munch, RPh graduated from North Dakota State University with a BS Pharmacy in 1979. After graduating, she worked in small independent pharmacies in Northern Illinois. She joined the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital Pharmacy team in 1992 as a staff pharmacist working in the Inpatient and Outpatient Pharmacy settings. In November of 2007, she became the Inpatient Pharmacy Supervisor. Her responsibilities include overseeing Inpatient Pharmacy operations. She is actively involved in improving the medication reconciliation and discharge processes. She is also involved in the training of students and residents. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering, traveling, golf, and spending time with family and friends.

Brian Erskine, PharmD graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1999 with BS degrees in chemistry education and biology education. Prior to this, Brian worked for the USMC from 1990-1994 as an E-4 corporal focusing primarily on supply administration and computer war simulations. After graduating from UW-Madison, Brian worked at the Verona Area High School in Verona, WI from 2000-2002 teaching freshman general science and sophomore biology. He then returned to UW-Madison and obtained his PharmD degree from the UW School of Pharmacy in 2006. Brian has been working as a staff pharmacist with the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital since 2006, focusing primarily on provision of ambulatory care and formulary management. As a former patient at the Madison VA and as a veteran, he believes strongly in the mission of the VA. He remains interested in the area of teaching, both students and pharmacy residents, and enjoys counseling patients.

Christopher Wians, RPh graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 1990. During his 23 year pharmacy career, he has served as a managing pharmacist in a variety of ambulatory pharmacy settings, from retail chain pharmacy to an outpatient pharmacy in a University teaching hospital. As the outpatient pharmacy supervisor at the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital, he oversees day to day operations for the pharmacy. He has an interest in process improvement and emphasizes customer service for the Veteran population. He is also involved in the training of residents and serves as a Clinical Instructor for UW-Madison pharmacy students.

Ellina Seckel, PharmD, BCACP is the Associate Chief, Ambulatory and Specialty Care, Pharmacy Service at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2013. Dr. Seckel completed her first year of residency in Ambulatory Care and second year of residency in Health-System Pharmacy Administration, both at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. Following residency, she served as the PACT Program Manager overseeing Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) in primary care while maintaining her own primary care practice. After one year, she transitioned into her current role as Associate Chief. Dr. Seckel was selected as VA Under Secretary for Health Gold Status Fellow for her project “Increasing Access to Primary Care” with CPS and has mentored other VA sites in optimization of PACT CPS role. She holds active leadership roles within the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin as well as the ASHP Section Advisory Group on Clinical Practice Advancement. Career goals include advancement of ambulatory care pharmacy practice, both within and outside of VA, and educating national leadership, healthcare colleagues, and the general public on the capabilities of pharmacist providers in a prescribing role.
Jennifer Lis, PharmD, BCACP graduated from the Purdue University College of Pharmacy in 2009. After completing a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, she completed a specialty residency in Ambulatory Care at the Madison VA and joined the pharmacy team at that site as a Clinical Pharmacist in July 2011. Her clinical responsibilities have included working with the outpatient ambulatory clinics (diabetes, anticoagulation) and the formulary management team. Her current role is with the formulary management team. Though she currently works off-site, she enjoys working with residents on drug consults and formulary projects.
Jennifer Dedering, PharmD, BCACP is a 2004 graduate from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. She completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency with Emphasis in Community Care at Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, WI in 2005. She worked at Aurora from 2005-2008 in a hospital outpatient pharmacy and provided pharmacy services in anticoagulation, smoking cessation, diabetes and immunizations. She moved to Madison, WI in 2008 and has since worked at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital where she is currently a clinical pharmacist in the Transplant Clinic and the Inpatient Pharmacy. She is a University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy Clinical Instructor and enjoys working with both pharmacy students and residents. She balances her work life with her family of 3 children, husband, and dog.

Sheryl Dezellem, PharmD, BCACP received both her Bachelor of Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from Washington State University. She completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency with an emphasis in ambulatory care at the Albuquerque, NM VA. She then worked as an Ambulatory Care clinical pharmacist at the Portland, OR VA before taking a break to hike the Appalachian Trail. Sheryl returned to work at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison in the Specialty Residency in Ambulatory Care. Since completing the residency she has worked at the Madison VA with areas of practice including home infusion, nutrition support, medication management, diabetes, and anticoagulation. She is currently the home infusion program manager and a member of the nutrition support team. She holds an appointment at the UW School of Pharmacy as a clinical instructor. She has given presentations and served as a small group facilitator at several UW Extension Service conferences in areas such as lipid management and smoking cessation. Sheryl was nominated for the ASHP Preceptor of the Year Award in 2009 and 2010.

Barry E. Gidal, PharmD is a Professor of Pharmacy and Neurology at the University of Wisconsin Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine. He is a pharmacotherapist in the Epilepsy Clinic at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. He earned his B.S. degree at the University of Utah and his Pharm.D. degree at the University of Washington in Seattle where he also did a residency in pharmacokinetics. Barry practiced as a critical care pharmacist in Southern California before earning his Pharm.D. in 1990. After his residency, he completed a one-year research fellowship in clinical pharmacokinetics at the University of Washington-Seattle. Dr. Gidal joined the UW-Madison faculty in 1991. His practice interests are in the provision of pharmaceutical care to patients with epilepsy. Dr. Gidal’s research interests focus on pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and the metabolic effects of anticonvulsant medications. Dr. Gidal is on the editorial boards for Epilepsy Research, Epilepsia, Epilepsy & Behavior, Annals of Pharmacotherapy, and Pharmacists Letter. He wrote the “Epilepsy” chapter in the DiPiro textbook, Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiologic Approach.

Amanda Ludwig, PharmD, BCACP, graduated from South Dakota State University’s College of Pharmacy in 2013. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in 2014, followed by a PGY2 specialty residency in Ambulatory Care in 2015. Later that year, she became a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist. Following completion of her residencies, she joined the pharmacy team as a PACT Pharmacist at both the Freeport, IL and Rockford, IL CBOC facilities in addition to working in the Rockford Anticoagulation Clinic. Amanda’s ambulatory care practice interest areas include anticoagulation, diabetes, and hepatitis C. She works as part of the pharmacy team to precept UIC pharmacy students at the Rockford CBOC. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading, and traveling.
**Residency Precepting Team:**

**Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Preceptors**

Anita Kashyap, PharmD, BCACP received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Wisconsin – Madison School of Pharmacy in 2012. Prior, she completed her under-graduate coursework at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2008, the Pharmacy VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) program at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in 2010 and was a pharmacy outpatient technician at our VA from 2007-2012. Her post-graduate training included a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency in Ambulatory Care and a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. She presently works as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist within primary care at the VA West Annex. Anita’s practice interest areas include heart failure and diabetes. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Susan Joyce, PharmD, BCACP graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in 2007. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at the William S. Middleton VA in Madison, Wisconsin, in 2008. After completing her residency, she joined the staff at the Madison VA. Her clinical work is focused on provision of anticoagulation and inpatient services. She also works in the home infusion clinic and Community Living Center. She has an appointment through the School of Pharmacy as a clinical instructor and precepts residents and students in the anticoagulation clinic.

Lauren Welch, PharmD, BCPS, CGP graduated from Purdue University in 2008. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Madison VA, in 2009. In 2010 she completed a PGY2 residency in Ambulatory Care with an emphasis in Geriatrics also at the Madison VA. She then joined the Madison VA pharmacy team as a clinical pharmacy specialist where she practiced in several of the Ambulatory Care clinics. She currently works with the Geriatrics interdisciplinary team providing specialty Geriatrics care to rural clinics through tele-health initiatives and e-consults and in the Anticoagulation Clinic. She serves on the hospital Falls Committee and completes medication reviews for all post falls occurring in the inpatient setting. She also serves as the pharmacy representative on the Geriatrics and Extended Care Committee for the Madison VA. She holds faculty/clinical instructor appointments at both the UW School of Pharmacy and UW School of Medicine. She currently is a member of a HRSA grant – Wisconsin Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program. Her clinical interests focus on appropriate prescribing and deprescribing in the older adult. She currently is a member of the American Geriatrics Society, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists and the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin. When she is not working, she is busy being a mom of 2, running and playing tennis, gardening, and traveling with her family.

Diane Johnson, PharmD, BCPS received her PharmD from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in 2007. She completed the Pharmacy Practice Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and then joined the pharmacy team as a Clinical Pharmacist in August 2008. Her practice has primarily been in the Chronic Pain and Anticoagulation Clinics. She is also a staff pharmacist in the inpatient and outpatient pharmacies. She has an appointment through the School of Pharmacy as a clinical instructor and precepts students for both the anticoagulation clinic and in the inpatient pharmacy for 4th year pharmacy students.
Amanda Margolis, PharmD, MS, BCACP graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 2009. After completing the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, she continued to work as an ambulatory care pharmacist in the anticoagulation clinic and allergy clinic. She also completed a MS in clinical investigation through the University of Wisconsin-Madison Institute for Clinical and Translational Research in 2011. She now splits her time between clinic at the Madison VA and research and teaching at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. She precepts residents and students in the anticoagulation clinic and assists the pharmacy department in research endeavors.

Andrea Porter, PharmD graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in 2006. After graduation, she completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado. She has been a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Anticoagulation Clinic at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital since September 2009. Andrea is also an Associate Professor (CHS) at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy and joined the School in November 2008. Her teaching responsibilities include coordinating the Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences courses for first-year Doctor of Pharmacy students and the Integrated Pharmacotherapy Skills courses for second-year students. Andrea is a faculty co-advisor for the largest student professional organization, the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students, which is affiliated with APhA, ASHP, and PSW. She is a preceptor for residents in the Anticoagulation Clinic and during their teaching experience at the School of Pharmacy. Her research interests focus on educational-based scholarship, particularly educational innovation and blended learning, as well as clinical research in the Anticoagulation Clinic.

Anne Marie Mahoney, PharmD graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, in 2008. She completed her Pharmacy Practice Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, in 2009. Afterward, she accepted a position with the facility as a clinical pharmacist. She presently works as a PACT (Patient Aligned Care Team) Pharmacist Provider at the West Clinic, as well as, the Baraboo CBOC. She enjoys mentoring students and precepting residents. In her free time, she enjoys walking, reading, cooking, and spending time with her family.

Cheryl Ray, RPh, CACP received her Pharmacy degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy and completed an internship at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics. Afterward, she remained at UW Hospital as an inpatient pharmacist specializing in general surgery, urology, peripheral vascular and plastic surgery, hematology and oncology. After transitioning to the outpatient clinics to focus on anticoagulation monitoring, patient education initiatives, she initiated and managed the Outpatient Anticoagulation Service for UW Health for a number of years. Cheryl's experience also includes managing an outpatient clinic pharmacy in Wautoma, Wisconsin, serving UW Health East clinic pharmacy and Mail Order Service, specializing in managing transplant patients, and work at several independent retail pharmacies in Wisconsin. She has participated and served on local and national pharmacy organizations including: PSW, ASHP, APHA, and AC Forum. Cheryl's current role is Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Outpatient Anticoagulation Service and in the Outpatient Pharmacy at the Madison Veterans Hospital.
Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Preceptors

Denise L. Walbrandt Pigarelli, PharmD, BC-ADM is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy (CHS) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy, and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. She earned her B.S. and Pharm.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin and then completed a specialty practice residency in ambulatory care at the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin in 1994. She practiced as a primary care clinical pharmacist at the Carl T. Hayden VAMC in Phoenix, Arizona before joining the UW School of Pharmacy in 1996. Professor Pigarelli currently practices at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in the Diabetes Clinic, a practice she created at the facility in 1996; her main pharmacotherapeutic interests include diabetes, hypertension, and hyperlipidemia. Dr. Pigarelli’s research interests include clinical and quality of life outcomes of drug therapy and pharmaceutical care; her academic research interests include outcomes related to instructional design and assessment.

Allison Riendeau, PharmD, BCACP received her PharmD from the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in 2010. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and a PGY2 Geriatrics Specialty Residency at UNC Hospitals and Clinics. Allison then took a position as geriatric and palliative care clinical pharmacy specialist at Kaiser Permanente of GA, where she worked from 2012-2016. Feeling nostalgic for Madison, WI, she rejoined the VA in early 2016 where she currently practices in anticoagulation and pain management with a desire to pursue opportunities in geriatrics and palliative care.

Stephanie Kasten, PharmD received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Purdue University in 2014. Her post-graduate training included a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency in Ambulatory Care and a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. After residency, Stephanie joined the pharmacy team as a clinical pharmacy specialist. Her current areas of clinical practice are in the rheumatology, anticoagulation, and primary care clinics. She also staffs in the outpatient pharmacy, serves as a preceptor for PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents, and guides UW-Madison pharmacy students as a Clinical Instructor. In her spare time, Stephanie enjoys camping, running, cooking, and attending events around Madison.

Heather O’Hearn, PharmD, BCACP, received her PharmD from North Dakota State University in 2011. She completed undergraduate coursework at North Dakota State University and the Pharmacy VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) program at William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in 2009. Upon graduation, she completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. After completing residency training in 2013, Heather joined the pharmacy team. She currently works as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for Central PACT services in addition to anticoagulation clinics and outpatient pharmacy. Her clinical interests include anticoagulation, diabetes and women’s health. In her spare time, Heather enjoys traveling, cooking, outdoor activities and spending time with family, friends and her black lab, Colbie.
Residency Precepting Team:

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Preceptors

Carla E. Staresinic, PharmD, BCACP is currently a Pharmacy Program Manager for the Anticoagulation Service and Ambulatory Care at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1997 and completed her Pharmacy Practice Residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO and her Primary Care Specialty Residency at the Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI. Dr. Staresinic has been working as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Anticoagulation at the Madison VA Hospital for over fifteen years. She currently serves as Chair of the Clinical Pharmacy Practice Council and Pharmacy Professional Practice Evaluation Committee in her present position. She is a Clinical Instructor at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. She was a primary preceptor for the ASHP Research and Education Foundation Antithrombotic Management Traineeship and a site investigator for the VA cooperative trial, The Home INR Study. She has been an invited lecturer on topics related to antithrombotic therapy. Her clinical research interests include new models of delivering anticoagulation care. Additionally, she has been involved in several quality improvement initiatives related to delivery of anticoagulation care at the VA Hospital. She enjoys spending time with her three boys and husband and her hobbies include watching her sons play soccer, cooking, and attending Broadway musicals.

Trisha Seys Rañola, PharmD, CGP, CDE joined the William S. Middleton VA in July 2006 as a Clinical Pharmacist. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in 2002 and completed the Pharmacy Practice Residency at the William S. Middleton VA in 2003. She is the pharmacist on the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital Home-Based Primary Care Team and is currently the pharmacy preceptor for this residency experience. She is also the Assistant Director of the Office of Global Health at the UW-Madison, School of Pharmacy.

Christine A. Sorkness, PharmD, CAE is a preceptor in the Anticoagulation Clinic which she developed in 1979. Dr. Sorkness is a Distinguished Professor of Pharmacy and Medicine (CHS). She received her B.S. and Pharm.D. degrees from the State University of New York-Buffalo. Christine came to the UW School of Pharmacy in 1979 after serving as a faculty member at the State University of New York-Buffalo. She is a clinical investigator with the UW Division of Allergy, Pulmonary, and Critical Care Medicine and has been co-author on numerous papers related to asthma. She co-authors the “Asthma” chapter in DiPiro’s textbook Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiologic Approach. Dr. Sorkness is an investigator with 2 NIH-funded asthma clinical research networks and is a Certified Asthma Educator. She is also a member of the UW Health Sciences IRB and the Senior Associate Director of the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research and Associate Director of the UW Collaborative Center for Health Equity. She is an investigator with the NIH-funded National Research Mentoring Network and one of their Master Facilitators for mentoring training.

Katrina Vogel, PharmD, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 2005. She completed the Ambulatory Care Specialty Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in 2006. She worked as an outpatient pharmacist at Marshland Pharmacy in Beaver Dam from 2006-2008. Katrina returned to the Madison VA in 2008 as a clinical pharmacy specialist and established the pharmacist-managed anticoagulation clinics for the Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in Baraboo, Beaver Dam, and Janesville. She started the Medication Management service for Janesville and Beaver Dam in 2011. She worked in both the Anticoagulation and Medication Management Clinics until 2016 when she expanded her practice with the Janesville PACT Team. Katrina established the longitudinal PGY2 Anticoagulation experience and serves as a preceptor for the PGY1 Janesville PACT rotation. Katrina cherishes the time spent with her three children and husband. She enjoys watching her kids' activities, geocaching, decorating cakes, scrapbooking, and making craft projects.
Residency Precepting Team:

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Preceptors

Robert (Bob) Breslow, RPh is an Associate Professor in the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy having graduated from that school in 1975. Until 1997, his primary practice was hospital-based acute care with a concentration in geriatrics and general medicine. For nearly 30 years, he has maintained a specialty practice in geriatrics. His current and past activities in geriatrics include an active practice in the UW Health outpatient geriatrics clinic, long-term care consulting, pharmacy staff development in a 700-bed skilled nursing facility, pharmacy consultation at Elder Care Options (formerly a PACE model program that is now known as Care Wisconsin), and until June 2016 he was a consultant clinician with the Acute Care for Elders (ACE) consultation service at the University of Wisconsin Hospital. He has taken a 1 year leave of absence from the ACE service to participate as a consultant to a falls prevention project sponsored by the CDC. In his academic role, he teaches two geriatrics elective courses in the School of Pharmacy, coordinates the required hospital-based acute care clerkship for 4th year pharmacy students, is a clinical instructor for the required ambulatory pharmacy practice clerkship, contributes to the Safety and Quality in the Medication Use System course, and is a guest lecturer on geriatrics topics for two School of Pharmacy Pharmacotherapy courses, Physician Assistant Program, Physical Therapy Program, and the School of Nursing. He maintains a clinical practice in the Madison VA’s Osteoporosis Clinic. Bob belongs to a number of professional organizations, both State and National. He is a past president of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin (PSW), Past President of the Pharmacy Alumni Association, Past Chair of the PSW Senior and Long Term Care Section, and Past Chair of the AACP Geriatric SIG.

Orly Vardeny, PharmD, MS, FCCP, FAHA, BCACP is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy and Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a clinical pharmacist at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in the cardiology clinic, where she oversees a Medication Management Clinic for patients with chronic heart failure. The HF medication management team optimizes neurohormonal blockade and assists with monitoring and managing fluid abnormalities in patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction. Orly’s research interests are in novel medications for the treatment of heart failure and efficacy of influenza vaccination approaches in these patients. She leads or is a site investigator for several multi-center trials in patients with heart failure.

Jennifer Wood, PharmD, BCPS graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2006 and went on to complete the Pharmacy Practice Residency at the William S. Middleton Veterans Hospital. She joined the clinical pharmacy staff in July of 2007 and obtained her board certification in pharmacotherapy. She currently works part-time as a PACT (Patient Aligned Care Team) Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care. She enjoys the relationships she develops with patients there and the team based approach to care. When she is not at work, she enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, playing board games, and quilting. She recently had the opportunity to travel to Guatemala for a Medical Mission and is hoping to do this again.

Elizabeth Templeton, PharmD received her B.S. Pharmacy degree from St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1995 and her PharmD degree from University of Florida in 2009. She has experience in retail, hospital, and long-term care pharmacy services, and joined the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in 2000. Elizabeth is the main preceptor in Hepatitis-C & Erythropoietin clinics. Her professional memberships include ASHP and Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin.
Bianca Lezcano, PharmD earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 2014. Her post-graduate training included a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency in Ambulatory Care and a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. After residency, Bianca joined the pharmacy team as a clinical pharmacy specialist. Her current area of practice is in anticoagulation and chronic disease state management. She also staffs in outpatient pharmacy and serves as a preceptor for PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents. Her clinical practice areas of interest include anticoagulation, osteoporosis and geriatrics.

Brandon S. Hayes, PharmD received his PharmD from the University of Iowa in 2003. He completed the Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Albuquerque Veterans Hospital in 2004 and worked at the Tomah VA for four years before joining the pharmacy team at the Madison VA as a Clinical Pharmacist in 2008. His practice has been in the Anticoagulation Clinic and as an inpatient pharmacist.

Erica Wagner, PharmD, BCACP graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison School of Pharmacy in 2013. She completed her PGY1 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, in 2014. She stayed at the Madison VA to complete a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice Residency with a focus on Geriatrics in 2015. She then joined the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital as a clinical pharmacist and presently splits her time working as the PACT Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the VA Beaver Dam CBOC (Community Based Outreach Clinic) and in the Madison VA Outpatient Pharmacy and Anticoagulation clinics. Outside of work, Erica enjoys cooking, utilizing her Spanish and kickboxing. She is also an avid marathon runner. She finished her 10th marathon this past Spring and is planning to run her 3rd Boston Marathon in 2017.

Edward C. Portillo, PharmD graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 2014 and completed the PGY1/2 Health System Pharmacy Administration Residency Program at the William S. Middleton VA Hospital in 2016. Ed joined the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in August 2016 and is heavily engaged in teaching both in Integrated Pharmacotherapy courses, as well as in the growing undergraduate Consumer Self-Care curriculum. Ed’s practice experience includes inpatient, ambulatory care, and leadership training. He currently practices at the Madison VA in medication management clinic, with research interests focused on patient transitions of care in the COPD population.
Rebecca Felkner, PharmD, BCPS graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in 2004. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the Maryland VA Healthcare System in 2005. Following completion of her residency, Rebecca worked to establish an emergency medicine practice at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, MD and then returned to the Maryland VA Healthcare System in 2008 continuing to work in emergency medicine. Rebecca returned to her Wisconsin roots in 2010 becoming an inpatient pharmacist at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital during that time helped to reformat and expand student rotations and develop decentralized pharmacists services. In 2012, Rebecca transitioned to transplant services and has since established clinical pharmacy services for heart, lung and liver transplant patients at the Madison VA. Pharmacy transplant services include the full range of inpatient monitoring, medication education and outpatient medication therapy management.
Residency Precepting Team: Inpatient Pharmacy Preceptors

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Susanne G. Barnett, PharmD, BCPS graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 2004 and completed a PGY-1 General Practice Residency with Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee. Susie joined the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy in October 2008 as a coordinator for the second-year Doctor of Pharmacy student Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences. She also is a co-coordinator of the Pharmacotherapy Lab. Susie’s practice experience has been inpatient with a focus on critical care medicine and infectious diseases. She currently practices at the Madison VA and is involved with antimicrobial stewardship efforts. Her research interests focus on educational based scholarship and improving the health literacy of patients through adequate training and awareness of healthcare professionals.

Paul Lata, PharmD, BCPS joined the Madison VA in 2009. He received his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Iowa and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Wisconsin. While at Bay Area Medical Center, Marinette, WI in 1999, he developed a clinical pharmacist position in an inpatient hospital case management department which is described in the ACCP publication, “Clinical Pharmacy Services: Successful Practices in Community Hospitals.” Also while at Bay Area Medical Center, he developed a pharmacist managed anticoagulation clinic and an inpatient anticoagulation monitoring service. His primary interests are infectious disease, anticoagulation, adverse drug events, and osteoporosis. He currently serves as the Pharmacist Champion for Antibiotic Stewardship at the Madison VA and practices in the intensive care unit. Paul has served as a UW clinical instructor for 15 years. He has published several articles in peer reviewed journals and has given numerous invited oral presentations at state and national meetings. He was the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin Pharmacist of the year in 2014. In his spare time, he enjoys bicycling, cross country skiing, gardening, and playing the violin.

Russ Hynek, PharmD, BCCCP did his undergraduate work in Molecular Biology at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 2001. He is an ICU Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital in Madison. He has been with the VA since 2001 and serves as a University of Wisconsin clinical instructor and residency preceptor. His primary interests are Critical Care and infectious disease. He is involved in designing and implementing several protocols and guidelines at the Madison VA hospital including: Vancomycin dosing, renal dosing of antimicrobials, IV to PO guidelines, Daptomycin dosing guidelines, perioperative antimicrobial dosing protocol, Pain, Agitation, and Delirium guidelines for intubated patients, Therapeutic hypothermia guidelines, Continuous Renal Replacement guidelines, Direct Thrombin Inhibitor guidelines, and improvements to Neuraxial Analgesia Ordering. He also serves on several hospital committees including Antimicrobial stewardship, Infection control, ICU, Sepsis, and Clinical Pharmacy Practice Council. He is also a member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.
Residency Precepting Team:

Inpatient Pharmacy Preceptors

Jessica Moelling, PharmD, BCPS graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison School of Pharmacy in 2008. After completing a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency with the VA Northern California Health Care System, she continued to work for the VA Northern California as a clinical pharmacist in their Community Living Center (CLC). In 2011, Jessica made her way back to Wisconsin and began a position at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison as an inpatient clinical pharmacist as well as helping out in the Madison VA CLC. In 2013, Jessica had the opportunity to work as the CLC pharmacist full time and has been in this role ever since. Her clinical responsibilities include pharmacokinetic monitoring, anticoagulation, performing medication reviews, and precepting PGY1 and PGY2 residents. In her free time, Jessica enjoys traveling, fishing, and playing cards and board games.

Melissa Heim, PharmD, BCCCP received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in 2012. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics in Madison, WI 2012-2014. She later joined the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital as a clinical pharmacist in 2015. She specializes in critical care pharmacy and is a co-coordinator for Seminars in Critical Care, an elective course offered at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy. Melissa precepts residents and fourth-year pharmacy students on their inpatient rotations, and also directs the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Residency Track program at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital.
Residency Precepting Team:

Mental Health Pharmacy Preceptors

**Cynthia Laney, PharmD, BCPP** is a Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the outpatient mental health clinic. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida in 2012. Her post-graduate training included a PGY1 ambulatory care track pharmacy residency in the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System and a PGY2 psychiatric specialty residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. Her clinical responsibilities include medication management in the outpatient and triage mental health clinics, administrative projects for the mental health service line, and precepting students and residents in clinical practice.

**Anna White, PharmD, BCPP** graduated from the Purdue University School of Pharmacy in 2011 and completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital. Following this, she completed the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy residency and joined the Madison VA pharmacy team as a Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in 2013. She currently works as an Academic Detailing Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for VISN 12. In addition, she sees patients in the Mental Health Clinic at the Madison VA and precepts PGY1 residents in outpatient mental health clinics.

**Erica Frazier, PharmD, BCPP** received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Purdue University in 2012. She completed a PGY1 general practice residency at TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, TN in 2013 and a PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin in 2014. She then joined the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital as a psychiatric clinical pharmacist. Her clinical responsibilities include outpatient psychiatric medication management, primary care-mental health integration medication management and administrative projects for the mental health service line. She works as part of the pharmacy team to precept UW pharmacy students, PGY1 residents and PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residents.