

Oklahoma City VA Health Care System

PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency (Match # 565155)

Basic Requirements

- U.S. citizenship
- Pharm.D. graduate of an ACPE-accredited pharmacy program in the U.S.
- Possess an active pharmacist's license or be eligible for licensure through any U.S. State Board of Pharmacy. All residents will be required to successfully obtain licensure within 90 days of the start of the program.
- Participate in and adhere to the rules of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Resident Matching Program process
- An interview is required for all applicants.
- Must have successfully completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency.

Overview

This specialty residency program provides an opportunity to train in a variety of infectious diseases pharmacotherapy settings which include; 1) assisting with the direction of an antimicrobial management program, 2) involvement in the infectious diseases consult service, and 3) pharmaceutical care of patients with HIV and other chronic infections in the Infectious Diseases Clinic.

Residency Components

Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

The Antimicrobial Stewardship Program consists of approval of restricted/non-formulary antibiotics and consulting on patients at the request of a medical or surgical team. The program's success has been documented in the literature and is associated with a 40% decrease in antimicrobial expenditures and improvements in quality of care such as decreased length of hospital stay. Throughout the year, the resident will mature into a clinician who can develop, manage, and justify an antimicrobial stewardship program.

Infectious Diseases Consult Service

The Infectious Diseases Consult Service provides expertise to the OU Medical Center and OKC VAMC. The resident will be an active member of the service, directly responsible for the antimicrobial pharmaceutical care provided to OKC VAMC patients being seen by the service. The resident will provide valuable antimicrobial pharmacotherapy information for the team.

Critical Care Stewardship and Interdisciplinary Rounds

The Clinical Pharmacy Specialist (CPS) for Critical Care provides antimicrobial stewardship and pharmacotherapy expertise to the medical intensive care teaching team during daily interdisciplinary rounds. While on rotation with the

CPS, the resident will be an active member of the team, directly responsible for the antimicrobial & pharmaceutical care provided to critically ill veterans in the ICU.

Infectious Diseases Clinic

The Infectious Disease Clinic provides state-of-the-art care for approximately 200 patients with HIV, as well as patients with other chronic infections. The resident will assist the ID pharmacist in the clinic. Together, they are responsible for all pharmaceutical care given to the patients, as well as assisting the Infectious Diseases attending physicians with such matters as the appropriate selection and monitoring of antiretroviral therapy.

Elective Rotations

Elective rotations are available in the residency. Rotations are available in the VA clinical microbiology laboratory, clinical research electives, internal medicine, and other potential settings.

Projects

The resident will be expected to complete at least one significant project within the residency year. Projects may include clinical research, outcomes projects, pharmacoeconomic evaluations, etc. Guidance from the program director is provided throughout the process.

Teaching Opportunities

Opportunities for co-precepting PGY1 residents on their infectious diseases rotation as well as pharmacology teaching opportunities in the OU Medical Center ID fellowship program are available.

About the Program

Application - Pharmacy Residency Program

1. Complete an online application through PhORCAS at <http://www.ashp.org/phorcas>*

Standard Requirements for an application in PhORCAS include:

- Demographics
- Academic History (pharmacy and non-pharmacy colleges attended)
- Transcripts
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal Statement/ Letter of Intent
- Extracurricular activities
- Reference Letters (Must submit 3 Reference Forms through PhORCAS)

2. All materials must be submitted by January 7th

3. Questions may be directed to:

Riley Williams II, Pharm.D., BCPS

PGY2 ID Residency Program Director

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Phone: 405.456.5570

Email: riley.williams2@va.gov

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- An on-site interview is required for all applicants.
- PGY2 applicants must have successfully completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

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Director - Pharmacy Residency Program



Riley J. Williams II, Pharm.D., BCPS is PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency Program Director and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases and Critical Care. Dr. Williams received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) School of Pharmacy in 2012. He completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Palm Beach Atlantic University - Gregory School of Pharmacy in West Palm Beach, FL and a PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency at the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center. He earned board certification as a pharmacotherapy specialist in 2014.

Clinical Preceptors - Pharmacy Residency Program



Rona Furrh, Pharm.D., BCPS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine at the Oklahoma City VA. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2005. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Oklahoma City VA in 2006. Following her residency, she practiced as a consultant pharmacist in the long-term care setting until returning to the VA in 2008. She joined the Internal Medicine Hospitalist Team as a clinical pharmacy specialist, which further integrated clinical pharmacy services within the acute care setting. Dr. Furrh has earned board certification in Pharmacotherapy. She serves as the Presentation Coordinator and is a preceptor for the residency's internal medicine rotation. She has also served as the primary mentor for numerous resident projects and presentations.



Chris Gentry, Pharm.D., BCPS is the Chief of Pharmacy. Dr. Gentry has been at the Oklahoma City VA Healthcare System since 1994 following a fellowship in Infectious Diseases/ Pharmacokinetics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Gentry developed the medical center's highly-successful Antimicrobial Management Program, and is responsible for pharmaceutical care needs of patients in the Infectious Diseases Clinic. He also developed the PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency and served as the Program Director through 2017.

Past Residents - Pharmacy Residency Program

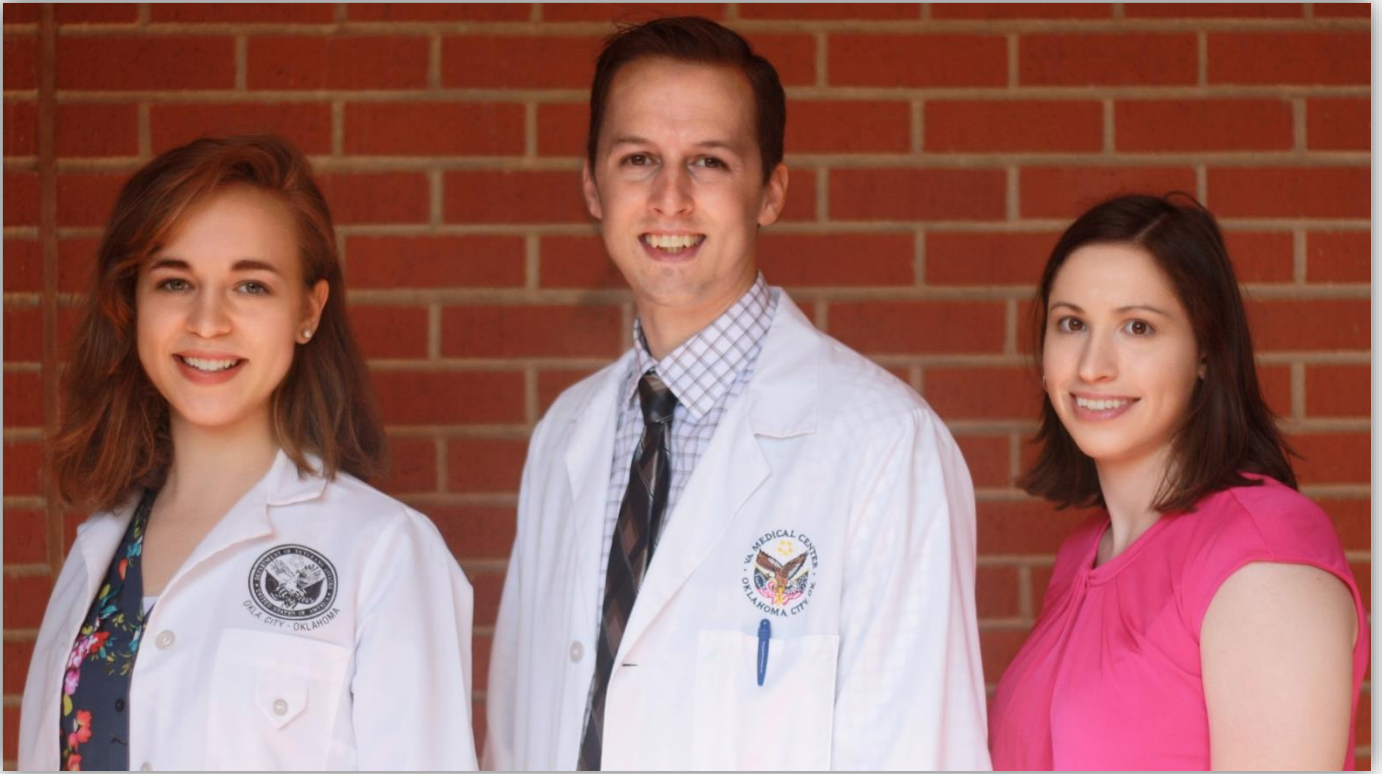
2017-2018 Pharmacy Residents



Left to Right:

Dumitru Sirbu (PGY1), Hanifah Davis (PGY1), Phuong Nguyen (PGY2)

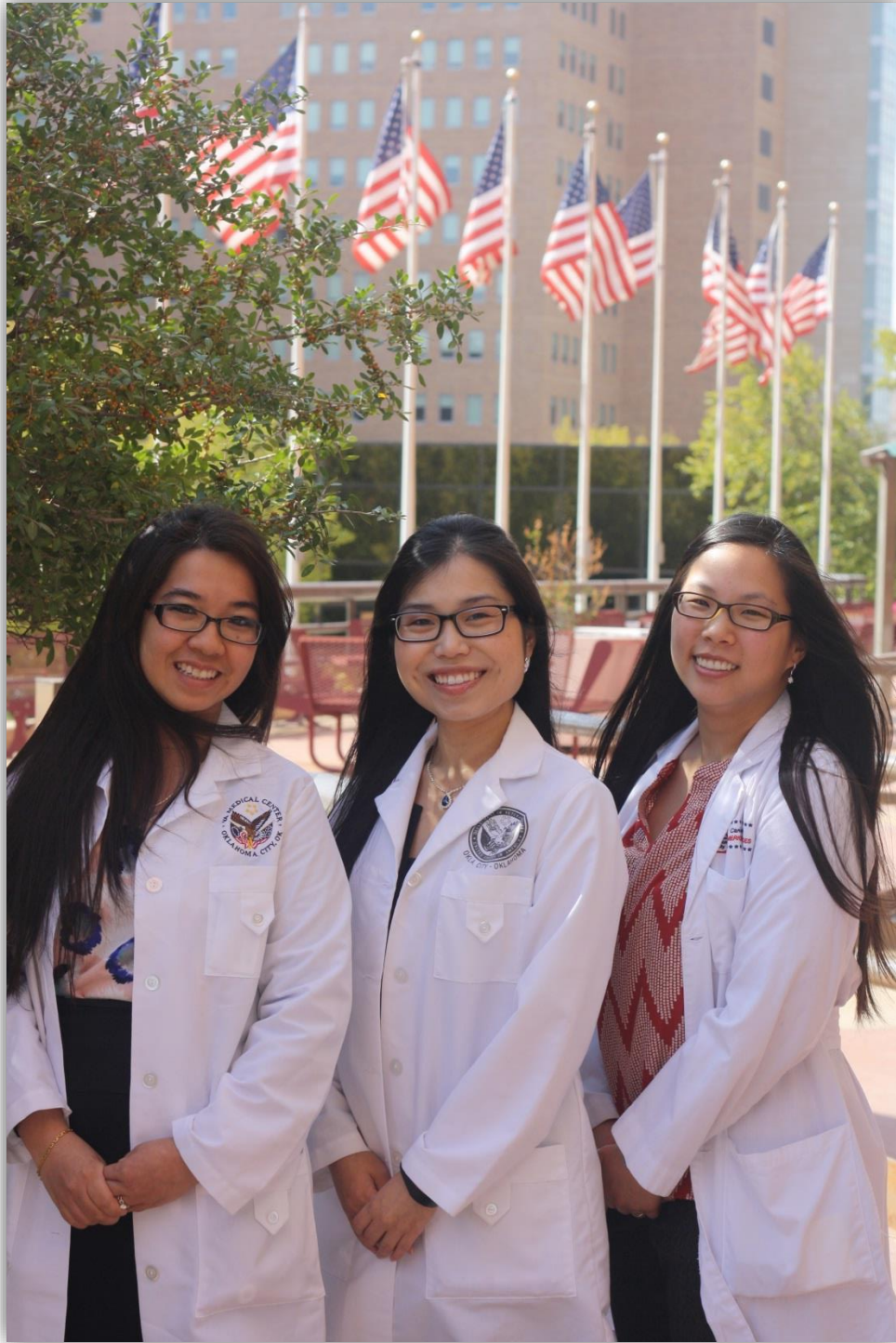
2016-2017 Pharmacy Residents



Left to Right:

Kate Lutek (PGY1), Scott Mirgeler (PGY1), Stephanie Giancola (PGY2)

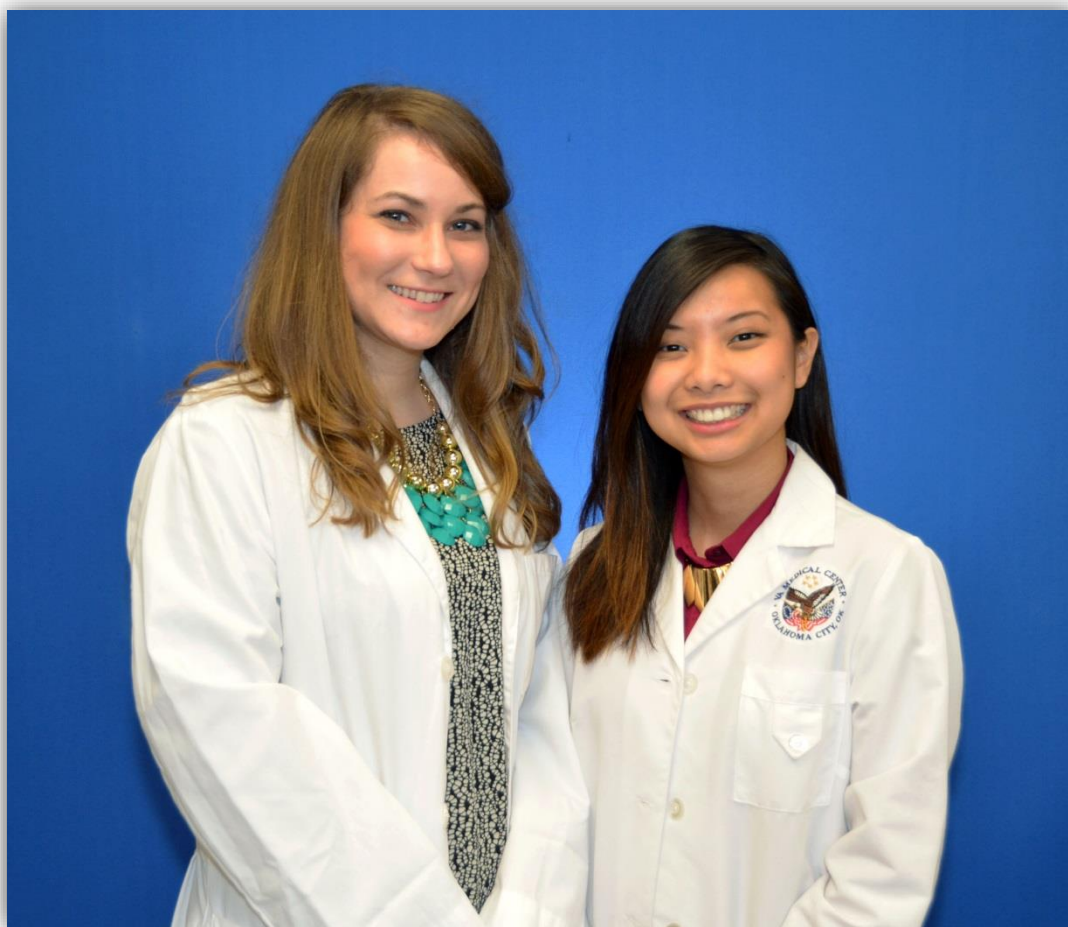
2015-2016 Pharmacy Residents



Left to Right:

Marie Ngan (PGY1), Jennifer Tieu (PGY2), Phuong Kim Abbott (PGY1)

2014-2015 Pharmacy Residents



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Angela Mechelay (PGY1), Yvonne Lai (PGY1)

2013-2014 Pharmacy Residents

Christine Castro (PGY1), Hugh Ngo (PGY1), Riley Williams (PGY2)

2012-2013 Pharmacy Residents

Crystal Luong (PGY1), Thanh-Nga Nguyen (PGY1), Ann Nguyen (PGY2)

2011-2012 Pharmacy Residents

Ann Nguyen (PGY1), Avery Wight (PGY1)

2010-2011 Pharmacy Residents

Frank Lee Boyd (PGY1), Krista Brooks (PGY1), Jenny Chen (PGY2)

2009-2010 Pharmacy Residents

Ruth Garrison (PGY1), Jana Shults (PGY1), Russell Benefield (PGY2)

2008-2009 Pharmacy Residents

Mattea Tate (PGY1), Jessica Thompson (PGY2)

2007-2008 Pharmacy Residents

Heather Kreutz (PGY1), Teresa Nguyen-Truong (PGY1), Quentin Minson (PGY2)

2006-2007 Pharmacy Residents

Janet Pelzel Adams (PGY1)

2005-2006 Pharmacy Residents

Rona Furrh (PGY1), Kristin Busse (PGY2)

2004-2005 Pharmacy Residents

Jennifer Bird (PGY1), Anthony Davis (PGY1), Eric Flaming (PGY2)

2003-2004 Pharmacy Residents

Melissa Gwartney (PGY1), Teresa Lewis (PGY1), Edgar Rios (PGY2)

2002-2003 Pharmacy Residents

Sarah Elizabeth Cobb (PGY1), Erin Callen (PGY2)

2001-2002 Pharmacy Residents

Jamie Winner (PGY2)

2000-2001 Pharmacy Residents

Tammy Breznitsky (PGY2)

1998-1999 Pharmacy Residents

Helen Brantley (PGY2)