

POST GRADUATE YEAR TWO (PGY2)

AMBULATORY CARE RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
College of Pharmacy
Clinical & Administrative Pharmacy

LOCATION: Athens, GA

Hometown: Macon, GA

Pharm.D. University of Georgia College
of Pharmacy

PGY1: Atrium Health Navicent

PGY2: University of Georgia College of
Pharmacy

Pharmacy Interests: Chronic disease
state management, teaching, precepting



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What is one piece of advice you have for future PGY2 residents?

Take advantage of every opportunity offered to you during your PGY1 and PGY2. These opportunities have the potential to expose you to new disease states, patient populations, and specialties, which could change your passion and career path.

How do you think you have grown since starting the PGY2?

Since starting this residency, my clinical skills and teaching/precepting skills have grown greatly. With so many opportunities to independently see patients throughout the year, I know I will be a competent ambulatory care pharmacist by the end of residency. The numerous teaching opportunities, from small group learning to didactic lectures, have prepared me to be confident when working with students. By the end of the year, I will have gained experience to be comfortable taking on any precepting and/or teaching role.

Favorite thing about living in Athens, GA?

Athens has great restaurants! Athens is also a busy town, so there is always something to go see or do like concerts, sporting events, or festivals.

Fun facts: I was an au pair in Italy the summer between my P1 and P2 years!

Tell us about your PGY1 experience and how it prepared you for your PGY2:

My PGY1 experience helped me become confident in my knowledge as a pharmacist. I was challenged in so many aspects from critical care to ambulatory care as well as numerous administrative and management tasks. During my PGY1, I also developed many communication and teamwork skills by working with a variety of healthcare professionals daily. This helped me to deepen my understanding of healthcare roles, and it is knowledge I use today when navigating the VA health system. My PGY1 program also offered an advanced ambulatory care elective, which helped me to develop skills that I use now in my PGY2.

Recent Significant Projects:

At the VA, I have been working on a Quality Metrics project to identify patients in the clinic who would benefit from being seen in the Pharmacotherapy Clinic. I am finding patients with an A1c 8% through a dashboard and scheduling them to be seen by one of our clinic pharmacists. I am also identifying patients who are indicated for statin therapy and am initiating a statin if appropriate. In addition to the project at the VA, I am excited to be working on a research project and conducting a scoping review. At the college, I have been involved in a wide variety of teaching opportunities, including a weekly recitation leader, facilitating skills labs, precepting APPE students, leading interprofessional groups, teaching several didactic lectures, and facilitating cases. Each opportunity has helped me further develop my teaching skills. I am excited to give a Grand Rounds CE Presentation for the Georgia Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists as well as a Ground Rounds CE to the VA pharmacists in our region.

What are your favorite aspects of the PGY2 residency so far: My favorite aspects of the PGY2 residency program so far are the longitudinal learning experiences, the number of teaching opportunities, and the people. With longitudinal learning experiences, I enjoy building relationships with patients, and following up with them over time in order to see the impact of my interventions. The large number of teaching opportunities allows me to build and expand on my teaching skills to become a better teacher and preceptor. I enjoy the teaching opportunities as I have been exposed to many different learning environments with multiple types of students like medical students, nursing students, and social work students in addition to pharmacy. This year, I have enjoyed working with my VA and non-VA preceptors as well as other VA staff and college of pharmacy faculty. Everyone who I have interacted with is very welcoming and is excited to work with the residency program. This residency program allows me to feel like a part of the faculty at the college of pharmacy.