

VA St. Louis Residency Preceptors



Kari Aiello, Pharm.D., BPCS – Primary Care

Dr. Aiello is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Primary Care. She received her Pharm.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia. She completed her Community Pharmacy residency at St Louis College of Pharmacy. Dr. Aiello currently practices as clinical pharmacist in primary care team A annex and her clinical areas of interest include diabetes and women's health. Dr. Aiello is also an Adjunct Clinical Instructor at St. Louis College of Pharmacy.



Lauren Ash, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPP – Outpatient Mental Health

Dr. Ash is a clinical pharmacy specialist in outpatient mental health care. She received her Pharm.D. from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and completed her PGY-1 Residency at the VA St. Louis Health Care System. She served as an assistant professor at the St Louis College of Pharmacy and practiced in geriatrics and ambulatory care prior to specializing in mental health. Her current clinical area of interest is treatment of substance use disorders. Her hobbies outside pharmacy include gardening, music and spending time with family.



Sarah Bogers, Pharm.D., BCACP, CACP – Internal Medicine/Cardiology

Dr. Bogers is a clinical pharmacy specialist working in internal medicine and cardiology. She received a Bachelor's of Science in Health Science and Doctorate of Pharmacy from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, in 2010. She then completed a PGY-1 residency with an emphasis in Primary Care at the Bay Pines VA in Bay Pines, Florida, in 2011. She stayed on at the Bay Pines VA working in the Emergency Department and the Anticoagulation Clinic before transferring to the St. Louis VA in 2018. Her primary interest areas include anticoagulation, heart failure, diabetes, and traumatic brain injury. Her hobbies include spending time with family and traveling.

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Joy Boresi, Pharm.D., BCPS – Anticoagulation

Dr. Boresi is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Anticoagulation. She received her BS in Pharmacy and Pharm.D. degrees from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She completed her Ambulatory Care specialty residency at Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Boresi currently practices as an outpatient anticoagulation pharmacist for three community-based outpatient clinics and the women's clinic. Her clinical areas of interest include anticoagulation and cardiology. Her hobbies include reading and spending time with friends and family.



Carole Bradley, Pharm.D., BCPS – Administration/Management, Primary Care

Dr. Bradley is Associate Chief of Pharmacy-Clinical Services and a clinical pharmacy specialist in Primary Care. She received her Bachelor of Pharmacy and Pharm.D. from University of Mississippi. She completed her ambulatory care specialty residency at the Central Arkansas Veterans Health Care System. Dr. Bradley serves on several local, VISN, and national VA committees and workgroups focusing on clinical pharmacy practice.



Clare Freund, Pharm.D., BCPS – Primary Care

Dr. Freund is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Primary Care. She received her Pharm.D. from St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 2015. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at Missouri Baptist Medical Center. She completed her PGY-2 Internal Medicine Specialty Residency at the VA St. Louis Health Care System-John Cochran Division. Dr. Freund currently practices as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care at the Franklin County CBOC. Her clinical areas of interest include diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, heart failure, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Her hobbies include traveling, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.

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Christy Grandstaff, Pharm.D., BCPS - Home Based Primary Care

Dr. Grandstaff is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Home Based Primary Care. She received her Pharm.D. from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, then completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at St. John's (Mercy) Hospital in Springfield, Missouri. She completed her PGY-2 Internal Medicine Specialty Residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Missouri. Prior to joining the VA, Dr. Grandstaff served as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, with a practice site in Internal Medicine/Acute Care at St. Luke's Hospital. She also served as the PGY-2 Internal Medicine Residency Director at St. Luke's Hospital. Dr. Grandstaff currently practices in Home Based Primary Care at Jefferson Barracks. Her hobbies include chasing toddlers, doing laundry, and quiet time activities such as reading or running.



John A. Calcaterra, RPh, PA-C, CGP - Home Based Primary Care

Mr. Calcaterra is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Home Based Primary Care. He received his pharmacy degree from the University of Oklahoma. He received his physician assistant degree from St. Louis University. He was in private practice as a physician assistant for 25 years. He practiced as a pharmacist/physician assistant in the United States Air Force Reserve for 28 years before joining the VAMC as a pharmacist. His hobbies include his grandkids, traveling, and working on his daughter's 100-year-old home on "The Hill".



Robert Connell, Pharm.D., BCPP - Mental Health

Dr. Connell is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Mental Health. He received his Pharm.D. from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy. He completed his PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency and PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy residency at the Chillicothe Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Dr. Connell currently practices as the clinical pharmacy specialist for inpatient psychiatry at the Jefferson Barracks VA. Dr. Connell holds an academic appointment as an Adjunct Clinical Instructor for the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

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Kristin Courtright, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCCP – Critical Care

Dr. Courtright is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Critical Care. She received her Pharm.D. from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy. She completed both her PGY1 and PGY2 Residencies at the Phoenix VA Health Care System. Dr. Courtright currently practices as the clinical pharmacy specialist in the surgical intensive care unit. Her clinical areas of interest include critical care, pain/palliative care/sedation management, and cardiology. Her hobbies include travelling, hiking, and reading.



P. Ben Erwin, Pharm.D., BCACP - Anticoagulation

Dr. Erwin is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Anticoagulation. He received his Pharm.D. from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He completed his PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the VAMC in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Erwin currently practices in the Outpatient Anticoagulation Clinic. His clinical areas of interest include anticoagulation and ambulatory care. His hobbies include playing guitar, St. Louis Cardinals Baseball, and spending time with his wife Ashley, son Elliott, and two dogs Sawyer and Finn.



Alexis Hagenhoff, Pharm.D., BCACP – Primary Care, Geriatrics *Residency Coordinator*

Dr. Hagenhoff is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Geriatrics and Primary/Ambulatory Care. She received her Pharm.D. from Butler University and completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy residency at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in St. Petersburg, FL. She was previously the anticoagulation supervisor and a primary care clinical pharmacy specialist at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, IN before joining the VA St. Louis clinical pharmacy team. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, sports, and all outdoor activities.

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Anna Heberle, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDE – Nephrology

Dr. Heberle is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Nephrology. She received her PharmD from Creighton University and completed her PGY1 residency at the Charleston, South Carolina VA and her PGY2 Ambulatory Care residency at the Kansas City, Missouri VA. After completing her residency Dr. Heberle practiced as a primary care and specialty care clinical pharmacy specialist before joining the St. Louis VA healthcare team. Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends, traveling and discovering new local restaurants.



David Jansen, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCACP – Pain Management

Dr. Jansen is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Pain Management. He received his Pharm.D. from University of Missouri at Kansas City and completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Albuquerque VAMC. He was previously a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care at the Chillicothe VAMC and was a clinical pharmacy specialist in ESA management for VISN 15. Dr. Jansen currently serves on several committees, including VISN 15 and local Pain Committee. Dr. Jansen has been recently designated as one of the St. Louis VAMC's pain champions. Dr. Jansen's hobbies include singing in the church choir, hiking/walking and playing word games including Scrabble and Words with Friends. Dr. Jansen is a proud father of 2 preschoolers and husband to wife Maria for nearly 10 years.



Sarah Kay, Pharm.D., BCPS – Primary Care

Dr. Kay is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Primary Care. She received her Pharm.D. from St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 2011 and completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency in 2012 at Schnucks Specialty Pharmacy with St. Louis College of Pharmacy. After residency, Dr. Kay started her career at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Reno, Nevada where she floated throughout inpatient and outpatient clinical care. She currently practices as a primary care clinical pharmacist at Jefferson Barracks Medical Center in St. Louis. Her hobbies include traveling, watching and playing sports, and spending time with family and friends.

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Travis Linneman, Pharm.D., BCPS – Internal Medicine
PGY2 Internal Medicine Residency Program Director

Dr. Travis Linneman is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine. He received his Pharm.D. from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. He completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Linneman serves on a variety of local and national VA committees, holds an academic appointment of Associate Professor at St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and actively practices in both acute care medicine and the treatment of hepatitis C.



Michael Lorenz, Pharm.D., BCPS – Internal Medicine/COMPACT

Dr. Lorenz is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Internal Medicine. He received his Pharm.D. from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He completed his PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency as well as his PGY-2 in Internal Medicine at the VA St. Louis Health Care System-John Cochran Division. Dr. Lorenz currently practices as an Internal Medicine Pharmacist. His clinical areas of interest include Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases.



Jonathan McMahan, Pharm.D., BCPS – Critical Care
PGY1 Residency Program Director

Dr. McMahan is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Critical Care and the Residency Program Director for the PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency. He received his Pharm.D. from Butler University in 2006. He completed his PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency and PGY-2 Internal Medicine residency at the St. Louis VA Medical Center. Dr. McMahan currently practices as the MICU clinical pharmacy specialist. He holds an academic appointment as adjunct faculty at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

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Ryan Moenster, Pharm.D., FIDSA, BCIDP – Infectious Diseases
PGY2 Infectious Diseases Residency Program Director

Dr. Moenster is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Infectious Diseases and the Program Director for the PGY-2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency. He received his BS and Pharm.D. degrees from St. Louis College of Pharmacy and completed two-years of post-graduate residency training at the VA St. Louis Health Care System. Dr. Moenster is also an associate professor of pharmacy practice at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.



Catherine Palladino, Pharm.D., BCACP – Primary Care

Dr. Palladino is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Primary Care based at John Cochran. She received her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2013. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency as well as her PGY-2 Ambulatory Care residency at the Lexington VA hospital in Kentucky. Her clinical areas of interest include hypertension, HIV, health literacy, and health behavior change. Her hobbies and interests include traveling anywhere and everywhere, discovering new restaurants, going on caffeine crawls, competing in triathlons, hiking, yoga, party planning, and spending time with her husband and friends. She is the proud dog mom to Gunner and Pete. She hates the summer and wishes it could be fall and/or winter for the majority of the year.



Gillian Powderly, Pharm.D., BCPS – GI/HCV

Dr. Powderly is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Hepatitis C and GI. She received her Pharm.D. from Midwestern University. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at VA St. Louis Health Care System – John Cochran Division as well as PGY-2 in Infectious Diseases at VA St. Louis Health Care System – John Cochran Division. Dr. Powderly currently practices as a Hepatitis C pharmacist.

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Anna Rivkin, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCCP – Acute Care/Surgery

Dr. Rivkin is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Acute Care/Surgery at John Cochran VA Medical Center. She received her Pharm.D. from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at Saint Joseph Medical Center in Reading, PA. Prior to Coming to the VA, Dr. Rivkin worked at Mercy Fitzgerald hospital as a Clinical Coordinator and a clinical pharmacy specialist in Critical Care. Her clinical areas of interest include critical care, infectious diseases, pain management/palliative care and outcomes research. Dr. Rivkin's hobbies include spending time with her family, cooking, reading and the theater.



Abigail Scarpellini, Pharm.D., CGP – Home Based Primary Care

Dr. Scarpellini is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Home Based Primary Care. She received her Pharm. D. from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Her current practice is with the HBPC program, based out of the VA St. Louis Healthcare System, Jefferson Barracks Division. Dr. Scarpellini serves on the HBPC falls committee and has continued interest in Geriatric medicine. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and outdoor activities.



Nancy Schmees, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDE – Primary Care/Telehealth

Dr. Schmees is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Telehealth. She received her Pharm.D. from Ohio Northern University. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the Jefferson Barracks Division in the Saint Louis VA Healthcare System. Previously, Dr. Schmees was the clinical pharmacist at the Team 2 Annex but currently practices as the Telehealth Clinical Pharmacist with a focus in diabetes management. Her hobbies include traveling, photography and spending time with her son.

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Angelina Scholfield, Pharm.D., BCPS – Primary Care

Dr. Scholfield is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Primary Care at the St. Charles CBOC. She received her Pharm.D. from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. After completing a PGY1 Residency at the Deaconess Health System in Evansville, IN, she practiced as a clinical pharmacist for Deaconess, specializing in ambulatory care and internal medicine. Her clinical areas of interest include Diabetes, Hypertension, Smoking cessation, and Anticoagulation. Her hobbies include traveling, renovating and decorating my “new” home, spending time with family and friends, and playing with and attempting to train my two dogs.



Brian Scholfield, Pharm.D., - Emergency Medicine

Dr. Scholfield is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Emergency Medicine at John Cochran VA Medical Center. He received his Pharm.D. from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Prior to coming to the VA, Dr. Scholfield worked at Deaconess Health System as a clinical specialist in Critical Care, Emergency Medicine, and Infectious Disease. On the weekend, you may find Dr. Scholfield working at Costco or serving as a veterinary pharmacist. His hobbies include sports, home improvement projects, enjoying the company of family and friends, and relaxing with his wife and two dogs.



Sumon Sen, Pharm.D., BCPS – Internal Medicine

Dr. Sen is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Internal Medicine. He received his Pharm.D. from The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. He completed his PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice and PGY-2 Internal Medicine residencies at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Sen currently practices as an Internal Medicine pharmacist at the VA St Louis Health Care System – John Cochran Division, where he also helps in pulmonary, rheumatology, and endocrine departments. His clinical areas of interest include rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis. His hobbies include painting, world traveling, and reading novels.

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**Danielle Skouby, Pharm.D., BCPS – Internal Medicine/Infectious Diseases
Residency Coordinator**

Dr. Skouby is a clinical pharmacy specialist in inpatient Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. She received her Pharm.D. from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She completed both her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency and PGY2 Internal Medicine residency at the VA St. Louis Medical Center. Dr. Skouby currently practices in inpatient internal medicine at the John Cochran division. Her clinical areas of interest are antimicrobial stewardship, rapid diagnostic testing, and MS. Dr. Skouby serves on several local and VISN VA committees and workgroups.



**Julie Spenner, Pharm.D., BCPS – Anticoagulation
Residency Coordinator**

Dr. Spenner is a clinical pharmacy specialist in the Anticoagulation Clinic. She received her BA in Biology at St. Mary's University and Pharm.D. from the University of Minnesota. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at St. Luke's Hospital. Dr. Spenner currently practices as a clinical pharmacist in the Anticoagulation Clinic. Her clinical areas of interest include anticoagulation and outpatient diabetes management. Her hobbies include spending time with her kids and husband, traveling, and all things foodie!



**Alison Stauder, Pharm.D., BCOP – Hematology/Oncology,
Anticoagulation**

Dr. Stauder is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Hematology/Oncology and Anticoagulation. She received her Pharm.D. from Purdue University College of Pharmacy in 2013. She completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY2 Oncology Residency at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana prior to transitioning to her clinical pharmacy specialist position within the Saint Louis VA system. Dr. Stauder currently practices in the oncology clinic at John Cochran, where she manages patients receiving oral chemotherapy medications. Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends, running, cooking, and traveling.

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Besu Teshome, Pharm.D., M.Sc., BCPS – Internal Medicine

Dr. Teshome is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Internal Medicine. He received his Pharm.D. from The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. He completed his Master of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences in conjunction with a two-year specialty residency in Pharmacotherapy at The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. He is also an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. His areas of interest include internal medicine, infectious diseases, and outcomes research.



Jennifer Wear, Pharm.D., BCPS – Anticoagulation, Primary Care

Dr. Wear is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Anticoagulation/Primary Care. She received her Pharm.D. from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the William S. Middleton VA Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Wear served as an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, with a practice site in Primary Care at the John Cochran VA, before joining the STLVAHCS clinical pharmacy team. Dr. Wear currently practices as Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacist at John Cochran. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening and enjoying the outdoors.



Tricia Whittaker, Pharm.D., BCGP, BCPS – Home Based Primary Care

Dr. Whittaker is a clinical pharmacy specialist in Home Based Primary Care. She received her Pharm.D. from Ohio Northern University. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the VA Medical Center in Huntington, WV. Her clinical areas of interest include medication safety and transitions of care. Dr. Whittaker's hobbies include traveling, watching Ohio State football, and all things Disney.