



Utah Valley Hospital Pharmacy Residency

Current Residents



Valeria Ortiz Torres, PharmD

- Hometown: Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
- **Education:** Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy Salt Lake City, UT
- **Project:** Improving Healthcare Professionals' Knowledge and Timely Steroid Administration in Patients with Suspected Meningitis
- Professional Interests: Internal Medicine, Ambulatory Care, and Infectious Diseases
- Hobbies: Cooking and traveling
- Favorite things to do in Utah (or look forward to doing): Trying new restaurants and learning to ski



Aleese Palfreyman, PharmD

- Hometown: Bountiful, UT
- **Education:** Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy South Jordan, Utah
- Project: Neonatal Sepsis Monitoring of Empiric Gentamicin Therapy in Low-Risk Patients Versus No Monitoring
- Professional Interests: Pediatrics and oncology
- Hobbies: Baking and spending time outdoors
- Favorite things to do in Utah (or look forward to doing): Going to peach days and visiting farmers makers



Sarah Shwani, PharmD

- Hometown: Kirkuk, Kurdistan
- **Education:** Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy South Jordan, Utah
- Project: Impacts of a Transitions-of-Care Inpatient Pharmacist
- Professional Interests: Exploring various areas of pharmacy practice, with current interests in inpatient care and neurology
- Hobbies: Reading, crocheting, and spending time with family
- Favorite things to do in Utah (or look forward to doing): Exploring nature, trying new restaurants, and enjoying time with family and friends



Kent Wood, PharmD

- Hometown: St. George, Utah
- **Education:** Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy South Jordan, Utah
- **Project:** Comparing door-to-balloon times between Alteplase and Tenecteplase from different major hospitals in Utah
- Professional Interests: Academia, Infectious disease, emergency medicine
- Hobbies: Baking and gaming
- Favorite things to do in Utah (or look forward to doing): Pickleball and hiking

Previous Residents



Benjamin Elggren, PharmD

- Hometown: St. George, UT
- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy Salt Lake City, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2024 – 2025)
- Project: Evaluation of Clinical Resolution in Cellulitis Patients with Negative Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Nasal PCR Results Not Receiving Anti-MRSA Therapy



Anthony Imhoff, PharmD

- Hometown: Tampa, Florida
- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2024 – 2025)
- Project: Comparative Analysis of Door-to-Needle Times for tPA and TNK in Acute Ischemic Stroke Patients



Sarah LaPaglia, PharmD

- Hometown: Hamburg, New York
- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, D'Youville University Buffalo, NY
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2024 – 2025)
- Project: Neonatal Sepsis Monitoring of Empiric Gentamicin Therapy in Low-Risk Patients Versus No Monitoring



Manuel Armenta, PharmD

- Hometown: Taylorsville, UT
- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy Salt Lake City, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2024 – 2025)
- Project: Resident-Led Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) Education Class for Newly Diagnosed Patients



Amy Kiley, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacist

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2023 – 2024)
- **Project:** Bolus-only Bivalirudin Versus Heparin in Patients Undergoing Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement



Rilee Christensen, PharmD

PGY2 Infectious Disease Pharmacy Resident – Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy Salt Lake City, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2023 – 2024)
- Project:
 - PGY1: Comparison of amoxicillin vs. alternative therapy for ampicillin-susceptible uncomplicated enterococcal bacteremia
 - PGY2: Comparative efficacy of clindamycin vs. cefazolin vs. ampicillin/sulbactam in pediatric lateral neck abscesses



Mariko Hunter, PharmD

PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant Pharmacy Resident – Intermountain Medical Center – Murray, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science College of Pharmacy - Corvallis, OR
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2023 – 2024)
- Project: Retrospective Review of Clinical Outcomes when Comparing Tirzepatide to Dulaglutide in Adult Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus at Intermountain Health



Vincent Anella, PharmD

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Pharmacist Intermountain Health Primary Children's Hospital – Salt Lake City, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Utah Valley Hospital Provo, UT
 - PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health – Salt Lake City, UT
- Project: Characterization of Staphylococcus aureus bacteriuria and outcomes related to Staphylococcus aureus bacteremia in a large health system



Lea Ljubicic, PharmD

Internal Medicine Pharmacist
Intermountain Health, Intermountain Medical Center – Murray, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy Salt Lake City, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital – Provo, UT
- Project: Evaluating pharmacist-driven insulin CPA vs physician managed blood glucose in hospitalized patients at Utah Valley Hospital



Parker Robinson, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacist Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital – Provo, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy Salt Lake City, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital – Provo, UT
- **Project:** Opioid use and pain control in GI surgical patients treated with intravenous vs oral acetaminophen



Hayden Gerrard, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacist

Yale New Haven Hospital – New Haven, CT

• Education and training:

- Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
- PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT
- PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Salt Lake City, UT (2022 - 2023)

Project:

- Impact retention of centralized telehealth and embedded pharmacist's interventions on 30-day readmission rates in high-risk transition-of-care patients
- Endocrinology clinical pharmacist service line
- Refill Authorization collaborative practice agreement Update



Regan LeeMaster, PharmD

PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Resident Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital – Provo, UT

Education and training:

- Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
- PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2021 - 2022)
- PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2022 – 2023)
- Project: Comparing length of stay and glucose control between subcutaneous insulin vs IV insulin infusion DKA protocol



Maria Saimbert, PharmD, BCPS

PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Resident Allina Health Abbott Northwestern - Minneapolis, MN

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Florida College of Pharmacy Gainesville, FL
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2021 - 2022)
 - PGY2 Cardiology Pharmacy Residency, Allina Health Abbott Northwestern -Minneapolis, MN
- **Project:** Impact of the addition of sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors on dosing of pre-existing loop or thiazide diuretics in patients with heart failure (HF) at two ambulatory care clinics



Michelle Laird, PharmD, BCPS Clinical Pharmacist Medical Center of Aurora - Aurora, CO

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy -Aurora, CO
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2020 - 2021)
- Project:

 Evaluation of inpatient pharmacist-driven versus physician-driven blood glucose management: A multicenter, retrospective analysis



Liz Shields, PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacist Vail Valley Medical Center - Vail, CO

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy - Aurora, CO
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2020 - 2021)
- **Project:** An analysis of aminoglycoside levels, monitoring and associated acute kidney injury in neonatal and pediatric patients



Natalie Turin, PharmD, BCPS

Pharmacy Analytics Program Manager Vizient - Irving, TX

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Duquesne University School of Pharmacy -Pittsburg, PA
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2020 - 2021)
 - PGY2 Informatics Pharmacy Residency, Vizient Irving, TX
- **Project:** Impact of infectious diseases specialists on outcomes in individuals receiving outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy (OPAT)



Casey Bryant, PharmD, BCPS

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist Methodist Healthcare System - San Antonio, TX

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy - Amarillo, TX
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2019 - 2020)
- Project: A retrospective efficacy and safety analysis of low dose versus high dose 4-factor prothrombin complex concentrate for the management of factor Xa inhibitor-related bleeding



Ali Earl, PharmD, BCIDP

Infectious Diseases / Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist Intermountain Health St. George Regional Hospital - St. George, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy, West Virginia University School of Pharmacy - Morgantown, WV
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2019 - 2020)
 - PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency, Novant Presbyterian Medical Center - Charlotte, NC
- Project: Patient outcomes in ampicillin-resistant Enterococcal UTI treated with amoxicillin



Tyler Gunderson, PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacist

Intermountain Health Riverton Hospital - Riverton, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2018 - 2019)
- Project: Comparing rates of constipation in TKA/THA patients after implementation of a bowel care program



Ashley Holombo, PharmD

Pediatric Pharmacist

University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital - Iowa City, IA

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences - Buies Creek, NC
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2018 – 2019)
- Project: Impact on time to tPA administration comparing medication preparation location in patients with presumed acute ischemic stroke in the emergency department



Rachel Jackson, PharmD, BCPPS

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist

Intermountain Health Primary Children's Hospital - Salt Lake City, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy - Amarillo, TX
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2018 - 2019)
 - PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Primary Children's Hospital - Salt Lake City, UT (2019 - 2020)
- **Project:** Evaluation of the effect of SMOFlipid versus intralipid on TPN-induced cholestasis in the neonatal population



Bailee Binks, PharmD, BCOP
Oncology Pharmacist
MD Anderson Cancer Center - Houston, TX

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2017 - 2018)
 - PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency, Yale New Haven Hospital New Haven, CT
- Project: The impact of G-CSF in patients admitted for the treatment of neutropenic fever



Donna Eom, PharmD Clinical Pharmacist UCLA Health - Santa Monica, CA

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - Henderson, NV
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2017 - 2018)
- **Project:** Postoperative fluid management in open-heart surgery: albumin versus normal saline



Haili Gentry, PharmD, BCPS Emergency Medicine Pharmacist UF Health Shands Hospital - Gainesville, FL

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2017 - 2018)
 - PGY2 Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Residency, Medical University of South Carolina - Charleston, SC
- **Project:** The role of IV acetaminophen in post-surgical patients



Becca Christiansen, PharmD, BCPPS Clinical Pharmacist, Women's and Newborn Health Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2016 - 2017)
- Project: Evaluating mortality in patients with massive pulmonary embolism receiving low dose versus standard dose tissue plasminogen activator (tPA)



Andrew Good, PharmD, BCPS
Clinical Pharmacist
Intermountain Health Alta View Hospital - Sandy, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2016 - 2017)
- **Project:** Compilation of antibiotic susceptibility of uropathogens in the emergency department to create a department specific antibiogram



Aubrey Pimsakul, PharmD, BCPS Clinical Pharmacist, Behavioral Health Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT

- Education and training:
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy Salt Lake City, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital -Provo, UT (2016 - 2017)
- **Project:** Utilization of 340B funding to develop a pharmacy driven diabetes starter kit for pediatric patients newly diagnosed with diabetes during hospital admission