

VA North Texas Health Care System

Clinical Pharmacy Residency Staff

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Susan Duquaine, PharmD, BCPS, AQID

Associate Chief of Pharmacy

Susan Duquaine is the Associate Chief of Pharmacy, Clinical and Education Programs at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Healthcare System (VANTHCS). In this role, she oversees practice activities for clinical pharmacy specialist staff and works with the Residency Program Directors (RPDs) to facilitate programming for all VANTHCS residency programs. In 2011, she developed the current PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency Program and served as RPD for the program until 2017. Dr. Duquaine received her Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Florida and completed an American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) accredited residency in Critical Care through the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy and VANTHCS. She is affiliated as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor with several schools of pharmacy. She received Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy in 2007 with Added Qualifications in Infectious Diseases in 2011. Dr. Duquaine's practice interests include infectious diseases, antimicrobial stewardship, and pharmacy leadership including the expansion of roles for clinical pharmacy specialists utilizing their scope of practice to improve access to healthcare.

Christyn Mullen-Lee, PharmD, BCACP

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director

Dr. Mullen-Lee is the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director and an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. Dr. Mullen-Lee obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Baylor University in Waco, Texas and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Howard University College of Pharmacy in Washington, D.C. She completed both her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and her PGY2 Ambulatory Care Specialty Residency at VA North Texas Health Care System and Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy in Dallas. Dr. Mullen-Lee is currently board certified in ambulatory care and serves as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy, University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy, University of Houston School of Pharmacy and Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy. Dr. Mullen-Lee remains active in various professional organizations including the DFW chapter of ACCP, DFW Graduate Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity and ASHP. Her research interests include diabetes, hepatitis, tobacco cessation and health care administration.

Kristen Backe, PharmD, BCPP

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Co-Coordinator

Dr. Kristen Backe is a board-certified Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Primary Care-Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) clinic at the VA North Texas Healthcare System. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Butler University (Go Dawgs!) in Indianapolis, IN. She then went on to complete a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at CoxHealth System in Springfield, MO, and a PGY2 Psychiatric Residency at Seton Healthcare/University of Texas at Austin before coming to the North Texas VA in 2015. She was honored to be recognized as a PGY1 Preceptor of the Year for 2016-17 and began her role as PGY1 Residency Program Co-Coordinator in July 2017. Dr. Backe is also a member of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP). In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends and family, walking her dog, and cheering on Da Bears and Butler's basketball team.

Lisa Nguyen, PharmD, BCGP, CDE

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Co-Coordinator

Dr. Nguyen is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care at VA North Texas Health Care System in Dallas. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy in 2007. Dr. Nguyen completed an ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK and an ASHP accredited Geriatrics Pharmacy Specialty Residency in Charleston, WV. Her areas of interest include geriatrics, chronic disease management and research. She is a member of American Geriatrics Society and American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

Lisa Chastain, PharmD

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency Program Director

Dr. Chastain is an Associate Professor in Ambulatory Care at the Texas Tech University HSC School of Pharmacy, Dallas/Fort Worth Campus. Her practice site is at the Fort Worth Outpatient Clinic with the VA North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS). At her practice site Dr. Chastain focuses care in drug therapy management in the area of diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and coronary artery disease. Dr. Chastain has twice been awarded as DFW Preceptor of the Year (2008-2009, 2012-2014) by the students of TTUHSC SOP. Dr. Chastain has also been recognized by TTUHSC as the 2012 Excellence in Leadership Distinguished Alumni and was twice a member of the P3 Teaching Team of the Year (2013-2014, 2016-2017).

Dr. Chastain is the current Residency Program Director for the ASHP-Accredited PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at the Dallas/Fort Worth campus.

Tomasz Z. Jodlowski, PharmD, BCPS (AQ-ID), AAHIVP

PGY2 Infectious Disease Residency Program Director

Dr. Jodlowski is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist focusing on Infectious Diseases and antimicrobial stewardship at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from St. John's University and completed a PGY1 residency at VA Harbor Healthcare System and a PGY2 in infectious diseases at the James A. Haley VA in Tampa, FL. Dr. Jodlowski served as an associate clinical professor at St. John's University rising to the rank of associate clinical professor with tenure. He returned to the VA Maine HCS in March 2015 as an infectious diseases/HIV/HCV pharmacist and transferred to VA North Texas HCS in July 2016. His professional interests include infectious disease topics, medication errors and research. Dr. Jodlowski had the opportunity to publish in a number of peer-reviewed journals and present his research at numerous conferences including the Infectious Diseases Society of America annual meeting.

Marcus A. Kouma, PharmD, BCPS

PGY2 Infectious Disease Residency Program Coordinator

Dr. Kouma is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases at VANTHCS, practicing in multiple areas of ID, including inpatient consults, antimicrobial stewardship, hepatitis C, and HIV. After receiving his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, he went on to complete and ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice residency at the Mann-Grandstaff VAMC in Spokane, Washington and a PGY2 Infectious Diseases pharmacy residency at VANTHCS in Dallas. His primary interests are in the areas of antimicrobial resistance, dosing optimization, and antimicrobial stewardship.

Monica Mathys, PharmD, CGP, BCPP

PGY2 Mental Health Residency Program Director

Dr. Monica Mathys obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. After graduation, she completed a Geriatric Pharmacy Specialty Residency with the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System. Since completing her residency, Dr. Mathys has continued to work in academia and has held faculty positions at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Midwestern University – Glendale, and currently with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. In addition to her teaching responsibilities with TTUHSC, Dr. Mathys serves as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Mental Health at the Dallas VA Medical Center. She provides clinical services to both the geriatric and general psychiatric inpatient teams and is a provider within the geriatric mental health outpatient clinic.

Clinical Pharmacy Residency Preceptors

April Allen, PharmD, CACP

Dr. Allen is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Anticoagulation at the VA North Texas Health Care System. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee in 2002 and completed a Pharmacy Practice with Ambulatory Care Emphasis Residency at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee in 2003. Dr. Allen received her Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider (CACP) recognition in 2010 and currently serves as the VA North Texas Anticoagulation Clinic Point of Contact (POC). Furthermore, she is the creator and coordinator of the Coumadin Initial Visit education classes for the anticoagulation clinic and serves as the anticoagulation representative on the Residency Advisory Council (RAC).

Dr. Allen was an assistant professor with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy from 2004 to 2011 in the Primary Care division. Currently, Dr. Allen serves as adjunct faculty to Texas Tech precepting students and residents. She was recognized by the Texas Tech Board of Regents for Outstanding Practice Achievements in 2006 and co-authored a publication on pharmacy students' role in an outpatient anticoagulation setting in 2010.

Dr. Allen served as treasurer for the Dallas-Fort Worth American College of Clinical Pharmacy (DFW ACCP) and chair of the ACCP Endo-PRN Networking Committee. She continues to be an active member of Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists (TSHP), Metroplex Society of Health System Pharmacists (MSHP), American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP), American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), and Dallas/Fort Worth ACCP chapter.

Frank Chen, PharmD, BCPS

Frank is the Associate Chief of Pharmacy for Bonham Operations at the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center. Frank obtained his Bachelor of Science in 2008, majoring in Neuroscience at the University of California in Santa Cruz. He then received his Doctor of Pharmacy in 2011 at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Worcester. Afterwards, Frank moved to Dallas, Texas, where he completed his PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency in 2012 at the VA North Texas Health Care System.

Frank has been in the pharmacy leadership role since June 2015, first as the Acting Associate Chief of Pharmacy for Clinical and Education Programs, then becoming supervisor at the Bonham facility in October 2015 where he is still today. His professional background includes inpatient and outpatient settings in both public and private sectors, anticoagulation, internal medicine, long-term acute care, rehabilitation, nursing homes/long-term care, domiciliary, precepting and teaching, and pharmacy leadership and administration. Frank is an Adjunct Faculty Clinical Assistant Professor for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy and Adjunct Faculty Clinical Instructor for the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. His professional interests include internal medicine, cardiology, and infectious diseases, as well as self-studies on furthering his leadership effect and empowering collaborative results.

Frank is currently studying to get his Master of Science in Health Care Management. In his spare time, he enjoys playing soccer and piano, practicing kung fu, listening to music, and watching movies.

Kalin M. Clifford, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP

Dr. Clifford is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Division of Geriatrics at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Dallas, Texas. His current practice site is within the North Texas Veterans Affairs Hospital within the Community Living Center (CLC-A), a sub-acute rehab facility as well as the Geriatrics Primary Care Clinic. Dr. Clifford also precepts students on the required Geriatric Clerkship rotation during their Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE) year as well as PGY-1 Residents for a Geriatrics Rotation and PGY-2 resident in Geriatrics and Ambulatory Care.

Prior to beginning his career at Texas Tech, Dr. Clifford received his degree from Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2011. He also completed a PGY-1 in Pharmacy Practice from Columbus Regional Hospital in Columbus, Indiana in 2012 and a PGY-2 in Geriatric Pharmacy Practice from the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy in Baltimore, Maryland in 2013. He also became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 2014 and a Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist in 2016.

Kidest-Mimi Demesse, PharmD

With a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Business administration from University of Texas at Dallas, Dr. Demesse received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from South University in 2009 and completed her Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA North Texas. Upon completion of residency she worked at the VA North Texas Health Care system as a clinical pharmacist in Anticoagulation clinic and currently works as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. She is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She serves as a board member for the Ethiopian Health Professionals Association (EHPA)-DFW. Dr. Demesse's areas of interest include clinical chronic disease management and patient safety.

Cynthia Foslien-Nash, PharmD

Dr. Nash is Associate Chief of Staff for Education at VA North Texas Health Care System. She received her Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences degree from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center - College of Pharmacy and completed an ASHP accredited specialty residency in Psychiatric Pharmacy Practice at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Nash has served the VA North Texas Health Care System since 1987 including ten years in Mental Health Service as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, fifteen years in Pharmacy Service as Associate Chief of Pharmacy for Clinical & Education Programs and currently in the Chief of Staff Office. Dr. Nash with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy was awarded the Crystal APPLE (Academic-Practice Partnerships for Learning Excellence) Award by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in both 2007 and 2008. She is affiliated as Adjunct faculty at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy and the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. Dr. Nash is an active member of several professional societies, including national, state and local participation in ASHP; national and state participation in APhA; ACCP and the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Jenni German, PharmD

Dr. German is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Outpatient Anticoagulation Clinic at VA North Texas Health Care System in Dallas, Texas. She is from Somerville, Tennessee and received her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2005 from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. German completed an ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center in 2006. She worked at Parkland Health & Hospital System assisting in the Anticoagulation Clinic for 3 years after completion of residency. She has been practicing in the Anticoagulation Clinic at the Dallas VA since 2009.

Gerald S. Goodwin, PharmD

Dr. Goodwin a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Ambulatory Care at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System. Dr. Goodwin received his Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (UCHSC) located in Denver, Colorado. After obtaining his Doctor of Pharmacy degree, he completed an ASHP accredited Ambulatory Care Residency at the John Cochran Veteran Affairs Medical Center located in St. Louis, MO. During this residency, he also served as adjunct faculty at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and taught pharmacology to Physician Assistants students attending St. Louis University.

Dr. Goodwin is an active participant in several professional organizations. He is currently a member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and is a proud alumni of the Rho Chi Honor Society. His passion for Ambulatory Care is built on the defining principles of the "Golden Rule...treat others in the manner in which you desire to be treated." Dr. Goodwin is a veteran of the US Army and is committed to fulfilling the VA's mission statement, "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphans."

Jerica Goodwin, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Goodwin is the Surgery Program Manager and an Advanced Practice Pharmacist in Critical Care at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System and is based in Dallas. Dr. Goodwin is affiliated as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. After receiving her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, she completed an ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center and an ASHP Critical Care Specialty Residency at the North Texas Health Care System located in Dallas.

Dr. Goodwin's current clinical practice includes working in the Surgical and Thoracic Intensive Care Units on a multidisciplinary team along with physicians for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. Her primary interests are in the area of Critical Care with emphasis on infectious disease, neurotrauma, and cardiology. Dr. Goodwin's research interests include sedation/analgesia, nutritional and DVT assessment and intensive glucose control in critically ill patients.

Dr. Goodwin actively participates in several professional organizations. She is currently a member of the Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, the Society of Critical Care Medicine, and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She continues to maintain her certifications in BCLS and ACLS, where she serves as an ACLS instructor. Dr. Goodwin participates in several community based organizations where she serves as a volunteer for the Dallas Independent School District and in conjunction with her husband has formed a nonprofit organization, G3, for underprivileged families.

Courtney (Jason) Givens, PharmD

Dr. Givens graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy in May 2013. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency in 2014 and a PGY2 Mental Health Specialty Residency in 2015 at the VA North Texas Health Care System. Dr. Givens is currently a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Mental Health practicing in the Gold Team clinic which serves veterans with mental illnesses and substance abuse. Dr. Givens is a member of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists, Phi Lambda Sigma, and Rho Chi Honor Society. Her practice interests include mental health, substance abuse, and geriatrics. In her free time, Dr. Givens enjoys watching sports, crafting, and spending time with family and friends.

Michelle Horan, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Michelle Horan hails from Gunter, Texas and is currently the Acute Care Surgery Clinical Pharmacist for the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System - Dallas. She received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Texas Tech University HSC School of Pharmacy in 2006. She completed her Pharmacy Practice Residency in San Antonio, Texas through the South Texas Veterans Health Care System and University of Texas in 2007. In 2008 she completed a Critical Care Specialty Resident through the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System - Dallas and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy. Her practice interests include critical care/internal medicine and infectious disease. Dr Horan is currently a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, the Society of Critical Care Medicine, and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. She enjoys traveling, reading, hiking, and photography.

William Jefferson Helton, RPH

Jefferson Helton received a BSPHr from the University of Texas at Austin in 1975 and a MS in Theatre from Texas A&M - Commerce in 2001. He has been with the VA for over twenty years with a variety of positions including staff, management, CLC and HBPC advanced clinical pharmacist as well as having served as a diabetic educator and drug rehabilitation educator.

Jefferson is a Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (FACP), and Fellow of the VHA National Mentor Certification Program. He served as advisor and mentor in the pilot CMOP LEAD Program. He was named the PGY1 Preceptor of the Year in 2012 and 2016. He is an adjunct preceptor faculty member of Texas Tech University, University of North Texas, and University of Texas at Austin. Jefferson has served on the Resident Advisory Counsel for seven years, has been a clinical mentor to PGY1 residents for the last six years, and has been preceptor for over thirty PGY1 residents over the last seven years in geriatric and rural rotations. In addition to his pharmacy work, Jefferson has had five plays published, won five playwriting awards, has acted in several venues, and has served as a musician (guitar, viola, mandolin, bouzouki) in a variety of genres including classical, folk, rock, and Irish music.

Brittany Johansen, PharmD

Dr. Johansen is a Geriatrics Advanced Practice Pharmacist who practices with the Home Based Primary Care IDT at Dallas VA Medical Center. She is originally from Austin, but graduated from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy as a Doctor of Pharmacy in 2006. She then completed an ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at Dallas VA Medical Center & Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in 2007. Her practice interests include Geriatrics, Ambulatory Care and Mental Health. Dr. Johansen is appointed as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy and precepts pharmacy students in their 4th professional year on their Geriatrics rotation; she also precepts both PGY1 residents and PGY2 Geriatric residents.

Savannah Johnson, PharmD, CDE

Dr. Johnson is a graduate of Xavier University of New Orleans. She completed her PGY1 at VA North Texas. Upon residency graduation, she worked as an outpatient pharmacist at VA North Texas. She currently serves as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist Specialist and Adjunct Faculty Clinical Assistant Professor for Texas Tech University Health Sciences, the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. Her interests include diabetes and management.

Katherine A. Kelly, PharmD, BCOP

Dr. Kelly is a clinical pharmacy specialist in hematology/oncology and mainly practices in the outpatient hematology/oncology clinics at the Dallas VA. Dr. Kelly also works for the VHA Pharmacy Benefits Management Services. Dr. Kelly received her undergraduate degree at Texas A&M University and Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Texas At Austin/University of Texas Health Sciences Center San Antonio. Dr. Kelly completed her pharmacy practice residency at the North Texas VA and her PGY-2 hematology/oncology specialty residency at UT Southwestern Medical Center/Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy. She is a member of the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association.

Kevin C. Kelly, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Kelly is a Drug Information Specialist and the Pharmacy Research Program Manager at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System and is based in Dallas. He has been at the Dallas VANTHCS since 1999. Dr. Kelly's areas of interest include formulary management, pharmacoepidemiology, and pharmacoconomics. Dr. Kelly actively participates with professional societies including the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and the Dallas area chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Dr. Kelly received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He completed an ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System. He obtained Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy in 2000.

Betsy Le, PharmD, BCPS, CACP

Dr. Betsy Le is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Acute Care (Internal Medicine) at the VA North Texas Health Care System in Dallas. She received her Bachelor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Kansas and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Maryland. Dr. Le completed an ASHP accredited specialty residency in primary care at the VA Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. She is Board Certified in Pharmacotherapy, Anticoagulation, and also has a certification in Antimicrobial Stewardship.

Dr. Le's practice interests include internal medicine, infectious diseases, geriatrics, and cardiology. She is an active member of American College of Clinical Pharmacy, Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists, Making a Difference in Infectious Diseases, Medical Disaster Response Team, and the Residency Advisory Council.

Rene M. Mani, PharmD, BCOP, BCPS

A Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Hematology-Oncology, Dr. Mani currently practices primarily in the outpatient hematology-oncology clinics at the Dallas VA Medical Center. After receiving his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy (TTUHSC SOP) in May 2013, he completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, TX and an ASHP-accredited PGY2 oncology pharmacy residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX; both residencies were in conjunction with TTUHSC SOP. Dr. Mani has maintained board certification in the specialties of pharmacotherapy and oncology pharmacy since 2014 and 2015, respectively. He is currently a member of the Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) and the Association of VA Hematology/Oncology (AVAHO).

Joy Martindale, PharmD

A Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Mental Health at the VA North Texas Health Care System in Dallas, Dr. Joy Martindale received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency with the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas and an ASHP-accredited PGY-2 psychiatric pharmacy specialty residency with Parkland Health & Hospital System/Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Martindale has published as lead author in pharmacy and medical journals on the topics of geriatric psychiatry and substance use disorders. She is a member of the College of Psychiatric & Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) and in her free time enjoys being outdoors and volunteering with her church and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Rohini Mehdiratta, PharmD

Rohini Mehdiratta is a clinical pharmacy specialist in anticoagulation at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System. She completed her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2008. Dr. Mehdiratta completed her pharmacy practice residency and worked at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. She then transferred to the Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System in Danville, Illinois where she worked in ambulatory care (PACT) and anticoagulation management. She has been working in the anticoagulation clinic at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System since January 2013. Dr. Mehdiratta is currently a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Avian Milton, PharmD, CGP

Dr. Milton is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care in Women's Clinic at VA North Texas Health Care System in Fort Worth Texas. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the Nevada College of Pharmacy in 2004 (Henderson, NV), now known as Roseman University of Health Sciences. Dr. Milton completed an ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson, AZ. After residency completion, Dr. Milton reciprocated her license to Texas where she worked as a traveling consulting pharmacist with OMICARE LTC. Her areas of interest include Geriatrics, Women's health, Chronic Diseases, and Alternative medicines. She has been at VANTHCS since 2011.

Cindy Nguyen, PharmD, BCP

A Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Plano, TX. Dr. Nguyen earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan in 2005. She completed an ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at Kaiser Permanente in Orange County, California and stayed on board as a clinical pharmacist in the Medication Therapy Management and Nephrology clinics. Dr. Nguyen initially joined the VA in 2007 as a PACT pharmacist with the Robert J Dole VA in Wichita, KS. She then transferred to the Michael E DeBakey VA in Houston, TX in 2012 and finally joined the VA North Texas HCS in 2015. She is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and has been a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy specialist since 2008.

Veronica Nieto, PharmD, BCPS

A Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care at VA North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS), Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center in Bonham. Dr. Nieto earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Kansas in 2010 and completed a 2-year Pharmacotherapy Residency with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy and Northwest Texas Health Care System in Amarillo, Texas in 2012. Following residency, Dr. Nieto was an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice for Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy for three years prior to joining VANTHCS in 2015. Dr. Nieto went on to complete her Masters of Science in Health Professions Education from Texas A&M College of Medicine in 2016. She is a member of the American Pharmacists Association and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Her primary interests include health-professions education and chronic disease state management.

Chinonye Nwaokelemeh, PharmD.

Dr. Nwaokelemeh is an Advanced Practice Pharmacist with the outpatient anticoagulation clinic at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Healthcare System in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Nwaokelemeh received his Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2006 from the Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Tallahassee, FL. He then went on to complete an ASHP-accredited Ambulatory Care Residency with the Veterans Affairs of Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. He also has previous experience working as a transplant clinical pharmacist at the Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, FL. His primary interests include anticoagulation and primary care.

Stephanie Okorodudu, PharmD

Dr. Okorodudu is an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System. Dr. Okorodudu received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA in 2004. She completed a pharmacy practice residency from the Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System in Tucson, AZ and then worked as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in an ambulatory clinic with a mental health focus. She has been at VANTXHCS since 2007.

Brianne Parra, PharmD

Dr. Brianne Parra, PharmD, obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. She completed an ASHP accredited PGY-1 pharmacy practice and PGY-2 psychiatric pharmacy residency at William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital in Madison, WI. She currently works as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Diamond Mental Health Clinic at VA North Texas Health Care System.

Steven Pass, PharmD, FCCM, FCCP, FASHP, BCPS

Dr. Pass is a Professor and Vice Chair for Residency Programs at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy and an Advanced Practice Pharmacist in the Cardiopulmonary ICU at Dallas VA Medical Center. He received his BS Pharm and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, and completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and PGY2 critical care residency at University Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. His research interests include the use of antimicrobial agents in ventilator associated pneumonia and sepsis, and medications in advanced cardiac life support. Dr. Pass has been active in several professional organizations, including serving as a Residency Learning System instructor and accreditation site surveyor for ASHP, the critical care PRN chair for ACCP, a past chair of the Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology Section of the Society of Critical Care Medicine, and is currently a member of the TSHP Research & Education Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Pass received recognition as a Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine in 2006 and a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy in 2010.

John Pinsonnault, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP

Dr. John Pinsonnault received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University in Boston, MA. Dr. Pinsonnault then obtained board certification in both pharmacotherapy and psychiatry. He provided care in inpatient psychiatry, emergency psychiatry, and inpatient general medicine at level 1 trauma center Baystate Health System in Springfield, MA. Dr. Pinsonnault was active in Baystate Health's pharmacy and psychiatry residency programs.

Dr. Pinsonnault currently serves as a Psychiatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Dallas VA Medical Center. He provides clinical services as a member of Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI). PCMHI is a multidisciplinary team of mental health professionals (MDs, PharmDs, NPs, nurses, psychologists, and social workers) which serves to treat and triage patients that have previously never received Mental Health care within Dallas VA Medical Center. Dr. Pinsonnault is an avid cross-fitter and was previously a nationally ranked professional bicycle racer.

Anisa Raj, PharmD, BC-ADM

Dr. Anisa Raj is currently a PACT clinical pharmacy specialist at the Fort Worth VA Outpatient Clinic. Dr. Raj received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. John's University in Jamaica, NY in 2007. She then went on to complete a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency – focused in Ambulatory Care at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, VA. Dr. Raj started her career as a primary care clinical pharmacy specialist at the Syracuse VA Medical Center in Syracuse, NY in 2008, and then joined the VA North Texas Health Care System in 2010. Dr. Raj received her Board Certification in Advanced Diabetes Management in 2013. Dr. Raj actively participates with professional societies including Lambda Kappa Sigma, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and American Association of Diabetes Educators. Her primary interests include diabetes and cardiovascular risk reduction

Sachin Shah, PharmD, BCOP, FCCP

Dr. Sachin Shah is a Professor of Pharmacy Practice Department at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) – School of Pharmacy and an Advanced Practice Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist at the Dallas VA Medical Center. He also serves as an Associate Dean for Accreditation and Outcome Assessment at Texas Tech. In past, Dr. Shah established ASHP accredited Hematology/Oncology Specialty Residency program and trained multiple students and residents through his practice. He has been recognized at the University, State, and National levels for his clinical practice. Dr. Shah has been recipient of Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) Clinical Practice Award. Dr. Shah has delivered multiple national presentations and has served as a faculty on the BCOP Preparatory Review Course sponsored by ASHP/ACCP. Dr. Shah has been recognized as a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (FCCP).

Winter J. Smith, PharmD, BCPS

Winter J. Smith, PharmD, BCPS is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy (TTUHSC SOP) and inpatient internal medicine clinical pharmacy specialist at the Dallas VA Medical Center. She received her PharmD degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 residency at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, TX followed by a PGY2 residency at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. She has been a pharmacy residency preceptor for 11 years and previously served as a residency program director for 9 years. She is an ASHP practitioner surveyor for residency accreditation and a member of the ASHP PharmAcademic™ Advisory Committee. She serves as primary preceptor for P3 and P4 pharmacy students. She also teaches in the areas of infectious diseases, inpatient prophylaxis, and clinical problem solving in various courses in the TTUHSC SOP PharmD curriculum.

Rashona Thomas, PharmD, CGP, DAAPM

Dr. Thomas is Clinical Geriatric Pharmacy Program Manager at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Healthcare System and is based in Dallas. She has experience in long term care and hospice settings and currently practices in home based primary care settings. Her areas of interest include pain management and racial disparities in healthcare.

Dr. Thomas received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Texas at Austin and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, Texas. She is a certified geriatric pharmacist and a Diplomat of the American Academy of Pain Management. Dr. Thomas is affiliated as Assistant Clinical Faculty for Texas Tech School of Pharmacy and the University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists and the American Academy of Pain Management.

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