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Greetings from the Office of Experiential Learning and International Programs at UT! I hope your summer is going well. As we all know, July is a very busy month for pharmacy. Inpatient and community residency programs start either at the end of June or the first of July. Also, the TPA Meeting is conducted this month. This year it is at Point Clear, Alabama, on the Gulf of Mexico. I hope to see many of you there! I noticed recently that there is a lot of dialogue about provider status in pharmacy. It appears that there is real momentum to achieve this at the federal level. Of course, we all know that reimbursement must follow provider status for it to be successful. It appears that 98% of the counties in Tennessee meet the definition of underserved! I know that pharmacists in Michigan are being trained to provide services in Doctors' Offices through the Blue Cross Blue Shield Program. This would be a real boost for pharmacy and certainly change the landscape for experiential pharmacy education. I can think of all kinds of scenarios that would be possible.

I would like to invite you to our series of conferences we will conduct in mid- to late August this year. See the dates and times in this newsletter that include 3 Preceptor Development Conferences and 2 Rotation/Residency Days. It is also notable that the Statewide Residency Showcase this year will be in Murfreesboro on September 30, 2016. Specific information on this event will come from TSHP and TPA. Be sure to look at the Preceptor Spotlight section featuring Dr. Shannon Stewart from the VA in Memphis. She specializes in palliative care. I hope to see you over the next 2 months at a pharmacy event!

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Shannon Stewart is a Clinical Specialist in palliative care at the VA Medical Center in Memphis. She also serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy and precepts P3 and P4 students in palliative care.

Q: What formal pharmacy training did you have before becoming a faculty member? I graduated from UT College of Pharmacy in 1998 and then completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency with Emphasis in Geriatrics at the VA Medical Center in Memphis under Dr. Nathan Rawls. I then worked in Long Term Care as a Consultant Pharmacist for 9 years before returning to the VA Medical Center for palliative care.

Q: Why did you specialize in palliative care and why do you think it is important?

My love has always been geriatrics and palliative care has traditionally fallen under that umbrella. Dr. Nathan Rawls informed me of a Clinical Pharmacy position in palliative care at the VA Medical Center in Memphis in 2008 and it was a chance to come back home. I believe palliative care is important for several reasons. It is frequently a period of extreme stress for patients and families. Often, patients have significant symptom burden and, yet, must make crucial decisions about potential treatment options. Also, there is still the stigma that palliative care is equal to hospice care. Yet, they are actually different in many ways. Both focus on symptom management and keeping patients comfortable but palliative care allows for active treatment of the disease and doesn't have the <6 month life expectancy requirement.

Q: What do you enjoy the most about being a preceptor?

I enjoy the interaction with students and feel that I often learn new things from my students.

Q: What unique learning experience does your site provide for students?

Since I work on a consult service, there is often a wide variety of disease states that are seen on patients each month. In addition, students have the opportunity to work on symptom management skills, especially pain management. Students also observe goals of care discussions, including code status, between myself and patients and/or families.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**Q: What advice would you give to a new preceptor or someone who wants to be a preceptor upon graduation?**

I would first say new graduates should give themselves a chance to get settled in their job (at least 6 months) before taking students. Once they feel more comfortable, then add the preceptor role. Also, always promote life-long learning.

Q: What is it like balancing your personal and professional life?

It is often a challenge. My husband and I both work and he works an opposite schedule. That makes family time somewhat difficult. However, I have discovered that you have to be intentional on scheduling that family time and not letting outside activities dictate all of your spare time.

Q: If you weren't a pharmacist what else would you have done?

I probably would have been an optometrist.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time? Do you have any hobbies?

Mostly spending time with my family. With children ages 13 and 4, I don't really have much time for hobbies. However, one thing I really enjoy is going to musicals at the Orpheum.

NEW PRECEPTORS

Name	Site	Rotation
Adam Sanders	Skyline Medical Center	Critical Care
Adam Wilcox	Summitt Medical Center	IPPE Institutional
Ahmad Adhami	B & B Pharmacy	MTM
Alan Carter	Walmart	Community Management
Amanda Torbett	Erlanger Medical Center	Cardiology
Breanna Carter	Erlanger Medical Center	Critical Care
Brittany White	Erlanger Medical Center	Medicine
Courtney Sutton	Williamson Medical Center	Pediatrics
Demetriania Morrow	FEDEX Healthcenter West	IPPE Community
Drew Armstrong	Regional One Health	Ambulatory Care
Erin Latendresse	TN Valley CBOC - Chattanooga	Ambulatory Care
Heather Weese	Community Health Systems	Medical Information
Jacob Stout	Cherokee Health Systems	Ambulatory Care
Jennifer Miller	St. Thomas Midtown	Advanced Institutional
Jeremy Morte	Vanderbilt University	Cardiology
Jessica Patton	Skyline Medical Center	Critical Care
Jonathan Bain	Centennial Medical Center	Cardiology
Joseph Barone	West Cancer Center	Adult Oncology
Joshi Rushabh	CVS Regiona; Office Knoxville	Community Management
Katerina Webb	CVS	IPPE Community
Kathryn Cartwright	FarmVet	Compounding
Lacy Blackwell	Community Health Systems	Informatics
Lakesha Farmer	West Cancer Center	IPPE Institutional
Laura McElroy	Maury Regional	Medicine
Lindsey Wells	VAMC Memphis	Critical Care
Mary Morgan	Walgreens	IPPE Community
Michael Rikard	Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy	IPPE Institutional
Robert Butler	Maury Regional	Medicine
Shanise Patterson	Methodist South	Emergency Medicine
Steve Johnson	Erlanger Medical Center	Emergency Medicine
Tiffany Diemer	Kroger Pharmacy- Arkansas	MTM
Vishal Ooka	St. Thomas Rutherford	Critical Care
Vishal Patel	Walgreens	IPPE Community
Wes Savage	Regional One Health	Medicine
Zachary Brent	Baptist Memorial Hospital	Emergency Medicine
Zinaida Gugkaeva	Maury Regional	Infectious Disease

FALL CONFERENCES**Preceptors' Development Conference**

UTCOP – Knoxville

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

Residency/ Rotation Day

UTCOP - Knoxville

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

9:00 am to 3:00 pm EDT

Preceptors' Development Conference

UTCOP – Nashville

Thursday, August 11, 2016

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm CDT

Preceptors' Development Conference

UTCOP – Memphis

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm CDT

Residency/ Rotation Day

UTCOP - Memphis

Thursday, August 18, 2016

9:00 am to 3:00 pm CDT

2016 BIG ORANGE BREAKFAST

Join us at the UT College of Pharmacy Big Orange Breakfast during the 129th Annual TPA Conference

Tuesday, July 19th, 2016

6:45am CST

Grand Hotel Marriott Resort

One Grand Boulevard

Point Clear, AL 36564

Cost: \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door

Register at uthscalumni.com/bigorange2016