



Orlando VA Medical Center's Pharmacy Residency Program Preceptor Profiles

[Natasha Antonovich, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Specialty Care Clinics
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Natasha Antonovich received her BS in Biology and Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Nova Southeastern University. She completed her ASHP accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Orlando VA Medical Center. After completing her residency, Dr. Antonovich continued her career at the Orlando VA Medical Center and her practice experiences include inpatient care, ambulatory care (PACT), and anticoagulation. Presently, she is the clinical pharmacy specialist for the specialty care clinics which include neurology, dermatology, podiatry, ENT, orthopedics, urology, vascular, and plastic surgery. She is a member of multiple professional organizations, a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, and has completed courses in neuroscience from Duke University.

[Kimberly Booth, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Pain Management
Orlando VA Medical Center, Lake Baldwin

Dr. Kim Booth received her BS in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Auburn University. Upon graduation, she worked as a staff pharmacist at Eckerd followed by staff pharmacist and pharmacy manager at a newly established Albertsons pharmacy. Dr. Booth joined Orlando VA Medical Center in 2001. She served as a primary care (PACT) clinical pharmacist for 11 years. During her time in PACT she established a weekly Pain Pharmacy clinic and completed the ASHP Pain Management Traineeship in 2006 to further her skills in pain management. In 2012 when she transitioned to the pain management team. Her current responsibilities include medication therapy management, the Pain eConsult service, and participation in pain management interdisciplinary team meetings for high-risk patients. Dr. Booth is the Co-Chair of the Pain Management Committee, a member of the code team, ACLS instructor and is a preceptor for residents. Her practice interests include pain management, substance abuse, patient advocacy, coordination of care across all specialties and mentoring.

[Melissa Butler, Pharm.D., BCOP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Hematology/Oncology
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Melissa Butler received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2002. She completed a PGY-1 residency at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center in Cincinnati, OH followed by a PGY-2 Oncology Residency at UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL. Prior to joining the team at the Orlando VA Medical Center in 2015, Dr. Butler worked as an oncology clinical specialist at the Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Institute, Florida Hospital Cancer Institute, and UF Health Cancer Center – Orlando Health. Her current responsibilities include involvement with the oral chemotherapy clinic, patient education, oncology order set and policy development, precepting residents, and she also serves as a clinical adjunct faculty member of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Her interests include hematologic malignancies, patient education, and medication safety.

[Jacqueline Byrd, Pharm.D., BCPS, AAHIVP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, HCV/HIV/Infectious Diseases
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Jacqueline Byrd graduated from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville, FL in 2013. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System in Gainesville. Upon completion of residency, Dr. Byrd transferred to the Orlando VAMC where she worked as an outpatient pharmacist at the Lake Baldwin Outpatient Clinic. She then joined the Infectious Diseases Team at the Orlando VAMC where she currently serves as an HCV/HIV/ID Clinical Pharmacy Specialist.

[Natalie R. Ciccone, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Emergency Medicine
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Natalie Ciccone received her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees from Palm Beach Atlantic University. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at Florida Hospital – Celebration Health. After residency, Dr. Ciccone worked for Florida Hospital as a clinical pharmacist in the emergency department, intensive care unit, and primary care. She joined the Orlando VA Medical Center team as the Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in October 2015. She remains active in professional organizations, and currently serves as the Chair of the Public Affairs Council of the Florida Pharmacy Association. Her practice interests include emergency medicine, critical care, medication safety, and health policy and law.

[Cassandra Clement, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Mental Health
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Cassandra Clement received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy residency at Ingalls Memorial Hospital, a community hospital in the suburbs of Chicago. Due to her passion for mental health services she went on to complete a PGY-2 psychiatric pharmacy residency at the Salt Lake City VA Medical Center and became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Dr. Clement has been working as an Outpatient Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Orlando VA Medical Center since completing her residency training. As an overall active member of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) and serving as one of the Community Leaders with the organization for the Substance Use Disorder Strategies (SUDS) Community, she has achieved board certification in psychiatric pharmacy. Dr. Clement has presented research and posters at local and national levels to multidisciplinary audiences focused on substance abuse, overdose prevention strategies, and mental health pharmacotherapy. Her interests include playing the flute, attending performing arts events, and spending time with family and friends.

[Christina Coakley, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Coordinator
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Christina Coakley began her career with the VA as a VALOR student at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. After graduating from the Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy at Palm Beach Atlantic University, she went on to complete a PGY-1 residency in Pharmacy Practice and a PGY-2 residency in Cardiology Pharmacy at the West Palm Beach VA. Following residency, Dr. Coakley worked as an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist before becoming the Inpatient Program Manager. She currently works as the Clinical Coordinator at the Orlando VA. She is also a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist. Her practice interests include cardiology, pharmacy leadership, and telehealth.

[Alicia Decker, Pharm.D.](#)

Pharmacy Supervisor, Outpatient Pharmacy, Lake Nona
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Alicia Decker received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Florida in 2003 and completed an ASHP-accredited Primary Care Pharmacy Practice Residency with the Orlando VA Medical Center (OVAMC) in Orlando, FL. Her professional practice experiences include primary care clinical pharmacy practice, anticoagulation management, medication safety and survey readiness. Dr. Decker is currently the Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor at Lake Nona. Her responsibilities include oversight of the outpatient prescription department for the Lake Nona campus of the OVAMC and the staff assigned to that area. She also serves as an Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) instructor. Dr. Decker's interests include patient and medication safety, risk management, process improvement, and leadership and staff development.

[Kim Edmonds-Rogers, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQ Cardiology, VHA-CM](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT
Orlando VA Medical Center, Lake Baldwin

Dr. Kim Edmonds-Rogers received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida, and completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida. Her professional practice experiences include inpatient and outpatient practice in internal medicine, primary care, and cardiology. Dr. Edmonds-Rogers is a clinical pharmacy specialist in PACT for the Orlando VA Medical Center, and her responsibilities include medication therapy management, patient education, quality management, and resident/student training. Her interests include the prevention and management of cardiovascular diseases, patient advocacy, mentoring, educational development, and team-building.

[Brittany Fries, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQID](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Intensive Care
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Brittany Fries received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida. She completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, AL, followed by PGY-2 training in Infectious Diseases at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL. Upon completion of her PGY-2 program, she started her career as a Clinical Specialist in Infectious Diseases with Orlando Health and later accepted the opportunity to become Assistant Manager for Clinical Pharmacy Services at Arnold Palmer Medical Center. Dr. Fries joined the Orlando VA pharmacy team in early 2015 and currently practices as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Intensive Care. Dr. Fries has been involved with a number of projects related to hospital activation including: building, validating and updating the smart pump library; creation of order sets and menus for multiple hospital services; and creating pharmacy policies and procedures related to inpatient services. Dr. Fries is an active member of the OVAMC Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee and Order Set/Menu workgroup. Her current practice interests include: sepsis/septic shock, parenteral nutrition, fungal infections and treatment, and gram-negative resistance. She is an active member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists, and Florida Society of Health-systems Pharmacists.

[Jean Geber, Pharm.D.](#)

PACT Clinical Pharmacy Specialist
Orlando VA Medical Center, Lake Baldwin

Dr. Jean Geber received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida. She completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. Dr. Geber briefly worked with Indian Health Services in Tuba City, Arizona and has held her current position as a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist at the Orlando VA since 2001. Her responsibilities include disease state management, most frequently with diabetes, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, and anticoagulation. Dr. Geber assists with the longitudinal training of residents during the Primary Care portion of the residency program.

[Teresa Geide, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Director
Pharmacy Program Manager, Infectious Diseases
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Teresa Geide received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and completed an ASHP-accredited Geriatrics Pharmacy Practice Residency with the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System in Gainesville, FL. Her professional practice experiences include inpatient and ambulatory care pharmacy practice in geriatrics, internal medicine and infectious diseases. She is currently the Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Program Manager and the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Director for the Orlando VA Medical Center. Her responsibilities include development, implementation and management of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program; collaborating with Infectious Diseases and other services related to infectious diseases management and antimicrobial stewardship; and PGY1 residency program leadership and development. Dr. Geide was selected as the 2012 Employee of the Year for her development and implementation of the OVAMC Antimicrobial Stewardship Program. Dr. Geide remains active in ASHP as well as the state and local chapters. Her interests include infectious diseases, quality improvement, education, and leadership development.

[Nista Gracien, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacist, Community Living Center (CLC)
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Nista Gracien first joined the Veteran Affairs as a VALOR student at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville, Florida in 2015. She then completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. Currently, Dr. Gracien is the CLC Clinical Pharmacist for the Orlando VA Medical Center. Her practice interests include primary care, geriatrics, and long term care.

[Rebecca Greene, Pharm.D., BCOP](#)

PGY1 Assistant Pharmacy Residency Director
Pharmacy Program Manager, Hematology/Oncology
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Rebecca Greene received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of North Carolina in 2001. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency with the University of North Carolina Hospitals followed by an ASHP-accredited PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency with the South Texas Veterans Health Care System, Audie L Murphy VA Hospital. She spent a year as a clinical pharmacy specialist at Grady Health System before returning to the South Texas Veterans Health Care System, Audie L Murphy VA Hospital. There she spent 8 years as a clinical pharmacy specialist and the residency program director for the PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency. In 2012 she moved to Orlando where she is the pharmacy program manager for hematology/oncology at the Orlando VA Medical Center. Her responsibilities include maintaining an active oral chemotherapy clinic, developing chemotherapy template order sets, presenting to P&T committee, patient education, and teaching residents. Dr. Greene is an active member of the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist Association (HOPA). She has presented locally and nationally on targeted chemotherapy and prostate cancer. She also serves as faculty for the Board of Clinical Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) review course by ACCP and ASHP held yearly where she teaches the prostate cancer and the renal cell/bladder/testicular cancer sections. Her interests include prostate cancer, oral chemotherapy management, and mentoring pharmacy residents.

[Alicia R. Hardy, Pharm.D., BC-ADM, CDE](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Non-VA Contracted Care
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Alicia Hardy is a native of Orlando she graduated from Winter Park High School before matriculating through her Doctor of Pharmacy studies at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. She first joined the VA healthcare system as a Pharmacy Resident in 2007 with the North Florida/South Georgia Health Care System, as a Pharmacy Primary Care Resident assigned to the Tallahassee VA Outpatient Clinic. She remained with the Tallahassee VA Outpatient Clinic for three years where she worked in areas of: anticoagulation, metabolic disease state management, and smoking cessation. She is currently a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist with the Orlando VA Medical Center, assigned to the Non-VA Care and VA CHOICE Program. Her career passion is endocrine related disorders and improving the quality of life through pharmacological management of diabetes for patients and families affected by diabetes. She is nationally certified as a diabetes educator and holds board certification in advanced diabetes management. She enjoys reading, traveling, cooking, and is a food enthusiast.

[Kenneth Hughes, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Pain Management
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Kenneth Hughes received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2011. Prior to attending Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Hughes spent 5 years as a United States Navy Corpsman with specializations in Field Medicine and Pharmacy. Upon graduation, he completed an ASHP-accredited post-graduate year one pharmacy residency at the Fayetteville VAMC in Fayetteville, NC. After completing his residency, Dr. Hughes transferred to the Orlando VA Medical Center. In 2013, he joined the Orlando VA Medical Center's Pain Management Team. His current responsibilities include medication therapy management, the Pain eConsult service (which offers recommendations to providers on high-risk patients), and serving as Co-Chair of the Pain Management Committee and as a preceptor for residents and pharmacy interns.

[Carmen Kam, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Internal Medicine/Surgery
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Carmen Kam received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida in 2011. It was during student rotations that she discovered her desire to continue her professional career within the Veterans Affairs Health System. She went on to complete her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency within the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, and received her teaching certificate from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Her professional experiences include inpatient clinical pharmacy, ambulatory care pharmacy, and internal medicine pharmacy. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS). She recently transferred from the Memphis VA Medical Center and will be one of the Internal Medicine Clinical Specialists at the Orlando VA Medical Center.

[Emiliya Khazan, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Cardiology
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Emiliya Khazan received her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency and an ASHP-accredited PGY-2 cardiology pharmacy practice residency at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. Dr. Khazan also has a teaching certificate from Palm Beach Atlantic University Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy. After residency, Dr. Khazan went on to work as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Cardiology at the Orlando VA Medical Center. Her practice interests include cardiology, precepting, and academia.

[Jacqueline Kill, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Associate Chief, Pharmacy Operations
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Jacqueline Kill is the Associate Chief of Pharmacy Service at the Orlando VA Medical Center. She graduated from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in 2003 and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency in 2004 at the West Palm Beach VAMC. From 2004-2009, she held several management positions at Target Pharmacy, focusing in operations and activating new pharmacies, and ending her career at Target in a leadership position equivalent to a District Manager. In 2009, she returned to the West Palm Beach VAMC as the Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist where she provided direct patient care to Veterans. In 2012, she was promoted to Associate Chief of Pharmacy Service at the WPB VAMC and was Acting Chief for several months in 2013. In 2014, Dr. Kill joined the Orlando team as Associate Chief of Pharmacy where she has focused on improving outpatient operations and has been actively involved in activations of the new facility in Lake Nona.

[Edma I. Medina, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT/CBOC
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Edma Medina received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Palm Beach Atlantic University in 2007. She completed her ASHP accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Lake City VA Medical Center. After completing her residency, Dr. Medina transferred to the Miami VAMC and her practice experiences included anticoagulation, medication therapy management, outpatient pharmacy, and inpatient coverage. She was later certified as a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and relocated to work in ambulatory care as a PACT pharmacist at the Stuart VA CBOC. In 2016, Dr. Medina joined the Orlando VAMC where she works as the clinical pharmacy specialist (PACT) at the Kissimmee CBOC.

[Amanda Medland, Pharm.D.](#)

Pharmacy Program Manager, ESA/Anemia Service
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Amanda Medland received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2004 from the University of Florida and completed an ASHP-accredited Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice Residency with Florida Hospital Celebration Health. Her professional practice experience includes ambulatory care pharmacy practice in internal medicine. Presently, Dr. Medland focuses her clinical work in the Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agent (ESA)/Anemia Clinic and serves as the clinic Program Manager. Her responsibilities include development, implementation and management of the ESA/Anemia Clinic and collaborating with nephrology, hematology/oncology, and other services related to anemia management. In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Dr. Medland serves as chair of the Subcommittee for Research Safety, chair of the Pharmacy Continuous Quality Assessment Workgroup, and as the Pharmacy Representative for the Orlando VA Medical Center Peer Review Committee. Dr. Medland also serves as a member of the Research Leadership. Her professional interests include primary care, nephrology, hematology, and leadership development.

[Melinda Micklewright, R.Ph., BCPS](#)

Pharmacy Program Manager, Anticoagulation
Orlando VA Medical Center

Melinda Micklewright is the Anticoagulation Pharmacy Program Manager at the Orlando VA Medical Center. She graduated from the Medical College of Virginia and completed an ASHP accredited residency at The Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health. She has been a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist since 1997.

[LaTasha Miller, Pharm.D., BCPS, CDE](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Women's Health
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. LaTasha Miller received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and completed an ASHP-accredited Primary Care Pharmacy Practice Residency at Shands Jacksonville, now known as University of Florida Health Jacksonville in Jacksonville, Florida. Her professional practice experiences include inpatient and outpatient practice in internal medicine, primary care and women's health. Dr. Miller is the clinical pharmacy specialist in women's health for the Orlando VA Medical Center, and her responsibilities include medication therapy management, patient education, quality management, and resident/student training. Her interests include women's health, internal medicine, mentoring, and education.

[Deanna Mina, Pharm.D., BCPS](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Deanna Mina received her Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology and Cell Science from University of Florida and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, Maryland with an emphasis on geriatrics. She completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency from the Orlando VA Medical Center. She received her teaching certificate from the University of Florida. Her professional practice experiences include inpatient and outpatient pharmacy practice in ambulatory care, internal medicine, and specialty areas. She is currently a primary care clinical pharmacy specialist at the Orlando VA. She is a preceptor for both pharmacy residents and students. Her areas of clinical interests include primary care, internal medicine, endocrinology, neurology and geriatrics.

Mariellen J. Moore, Pharm.D., Ph.D., BCPS

Pharmacy Program Manager, Research
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Mariellen Moore received her doctorates from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Her dissertation work focused on Clinical, Genetic, and Molecular Predictors of Adverse Metabolic Effects of Antihypertensive Medications. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) and has been a practicing inpatient clinical pharmacist in multiple institutions. She is the Orlando VA Medical Center's first Clinical Research Pharmacist and is working to build the OVAMC Investigational Drug Service. Her professional interests include pharmacogenomics, trial design, ethics, and cardiology.

Hannah Ofori, Pharm.D., BCPS, BC-ADM, CDE

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT/Endocrine
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Hannah Ofori received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. Her professional practice experiences include ambulatory care pharmacy practice in PACT (Patient Aligned Care Team) and Endocrinology Service. Her responsibilities include medication therapy management, patient and family education. Her interests include endocrine, disease state management and education.

Mauricio Patino, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDE, CACP

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT
Orlando VA Medical Center, Lake Baldwin

Dr. Mauricio Patino received his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from The University of Florida. He completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at the Boise VA Medical Center and a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency at the Bay Pines VA HCS. He has worked as an ambulatory clinical pharmacy specialist for the Wichita VAMC and the Portland VAMC. He is an assistant clinical professor with the University of Florida. He is board certified in ambulatory care, anticoagulation, and is a diabetes educator. His responsibilities include disease state management, most frequently with diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and hypertension.

Darren Quarrie, Pharm.D.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Transplant Service
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Darren Quarrie currently serves as the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Transplant Coordination Clinic at the Orlando VA Medical Center. He completed his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Florida A&M University and then completed the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program here at the Orlando VA Medical Center. Dr. Quarrie first became interested in transplant pharmacy during his residency year and now serves as the expert in the subject area. Dr. Quarrie assists in the medication management of patients with kidney, liver, heart, lung, and bone marrow transplants and works closely with specialty physicians in these areas.

[Kimberly Reno-Ly, Pharm.D., BCACP](#)

Associate Chief, Clinical and Inpatient Pharmacy Services
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Kimberly Reno-Ly Graduated with her Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree in 2003 from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She began her career at the VA in Providence, Rhode Island as a specialty resident in Primary Care. She worked there for 7 years as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for PACT and supported multiple specialty clinics, specifically pain management and diabetes. From there she transitioned to Columbia, SC where she worked for four years as the Associate Chief for Clinical Pharmacy Services. She has served as a Primary Care and Administrative preceptor for PGY1 and PGY2 residents, as well as serving as the PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency Program Director while in Columbia. Practice interests include pharmacy leadership, residency training and professional development.

[Elsaris Riefkohl, Pharm.D., BCACP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Elsar Riefkohl received her BS in chemistry from Mary Washington University in 1997 and her Doctorate in Pharmacy from the University of Florida in 2002. She completed post-doctoral residency training at the Malcom Randall VA system's Geriatric Research, Education, & Clinical Center. While completing her pharmacy degree and residency training, she also worked for Shands Hospital Pharmacy. She has been with the Orlando VA Medical Center since 2004, and is currently in an Ambulatory Care position providing clinical pharmacy services, anticoagulation coverage, residency and research oversight.

[Nicholas Scapelito, Pharm.D.](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, PACT/CBOC
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Nicholas Scapelito received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. John's University School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Queens, New York. Dr. Scapelito completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency at the Orlando VA Medical in Orlando, Florida and an ASHP-accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency in geriatrics at the Durham VA Medical Center in collaboration with Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. His professional practice interests include primary care, geriatrics, and administration. He is currently a PACT Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) pharmacist at the Clermont VA clinic. He has precepted both pharmacy residents and students and enjoys staying active in mentoring pharmacy residents. Outside of work he enjoys going to Disney and trying new restaurants.

[Karen Slazinski, Pharm.D., BCPS, AAHIVP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, HCV/HIV/Infectious Diseases
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Karen Slazinski graduated from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville, FL in 1992 and completed a Geriatric Pharmacy Residency at the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System in Gainesville. Upon completion of residency, Dr. Slazinski worked at the Gainesville VAMC as an inpatient Infectious Disease Specialist. During that time she became BCPS and CGP board certified, was an invited speaker at the 1995 ASHP Midyear meeting and was a consultant pharmacist starting antibiotic programs Columbia Hospitals with Simkin, nationally. She has worked with Orlando VA Medical Center (OVAMC) Infectious Diseases Team for 19 years. During that time she began the OVAMC pharmacy residency program, became credentialed by AAHIV, presented multiple Continuous Education programs on HIV and Hepatitis C, acted as study coordinator for three investigational drug trials, and was awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Office of Public Health to train VA pharmacists on Hepatitis C. After helping the OVAMC treat the most hepatitis C patients in the national VA system, she hopes to return to spending more time with her established HIV patients and expand her telemedicine service to those patients at distant facilities.

[Linda Vu, Pharm.D., BCACP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Pharmacoeconomics
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Linda Vu received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and completed an ASHP-accredited Primary Care Pharmacy Practice Residency at James A. Haley VA Medical Center. Her professional practice experiences include inpatient and outpatient practice and primary care. Currently, Dr. Vu is a clinical pharmacy specialist in pharmacoeconomics for the Orlando VA Medical Center.

[Amanda Warstler, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPP](#)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Mental Health
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Amanda Warstler graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston) in June 2014. She completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Nashville, Tennessee VAMC, followed by PGY-2 training in Mental Health. Upon completion of her PGY-2 program, she began her career as an inpatient MH Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Orlando VA. She is an active member of College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP), and her practice interests include substance use disorders, schizophrenia, chronic pain management, and medication safety.

[Peter Wills, Pharm.D.](#)

Pharmacy Supervisor, Outpatient Pharmacy, Lake Baldwin
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Peter Wills comes to us from the Salem VAMC in Salem, Virginia. He is an Army Veteran who graduated from the Medical College of Virginia School of Pharmacy (Virginia Commonwealth School of Pharmacy), and grew up in Roanoke, Virginia. He began his career at Target Pharmacy in Roanoke, Virginia as pharmacist in charge. From Target, Peter transitioned to the Salem VAMC as a staff pharmacist in both the outpatient and inpatient setting. In June 2013, he was promoted to Associate Chief of Pharmacy (deputy director). During this time, in addition to his normal duties, Peter served as a direct supervisor to all inpatient staff and clinical staff, due to supervisor staffing shortages. He moved to Florida with his wife (Casey), his two sons (Jackson and Lachlan), and his 3 pugs. In his free time he enjoys spending time with his family and working in his yard.

Matthew Worsfold, Pharm.D.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Emergency Medicine
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Matthew Worsfold received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency with a focus in acute care with the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in St. Petersburg, FL. After residency he became a clinical pharmacist in the emergency department at the Bay Pines VA. Dr. Worsfold currently works as an Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Orlando VA Medical Center. His interests include Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), critical care and infectious disease.

Ivan S. Itebejac, Pharm.D.

Chief, Pharmacy Service
Orlando VA Medical Center

Dr. Ivan S. Itebejac received his Bachelor's degree in business and economics and his Doctor of Pharmacy from Mercer University. His clinical practice experience includes ambulatory care with emphasis in geriatrics, diabetes, anticoagulation, and hypertension. Dr. Itebejac currently serves as the Acting Associate Medical Center Director and the Chief of the Pharmacy Service at the Orlando VA Medical Center. His responsibilities include leading a team in a complex and contemporary Medical Center. This includes oversight of all facets of Medical Center operations, and inpatient, outpatient, and clinical pharmacy programs. Dr. Itebejac maintains academic affiliations with several Colleges of Pharmacy and has extensive training in leadership, pharmacy administration, resource management, robotics and automation, team building, and Lean Six Sigma principles.