

Current PGY-1 Residents



Name: Naomi Onofrei

Year: 2025-2026

Major Project: : Improving access to buprenorphine for substance and opioid use disorder

Education: Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science University

Areas of interest: Ambulatory care and Oncology

Why Samaritan: I chose Samaritan for its strong emphasis on both inpatient and ambulatory care, as well as its supportive and collaborative learning environment. Additionally, I am drawn to the community and quality of life in Corvallis.



Name: Anna Mercer

Year: 2025-2026

Major Project: Implementing pharmacogenetic testing at SHS for oncology patients, and utilizing pharmacogenetic results to help select chemotherapy regimens.

Education: Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science University

Areas of interest: Oncology, critical care, emergency medicine, anticoagulation in an ambulatory setting

Why Samaritan: I chose Samaritan for its compassionate and dedicated team, and for the overwhelming support of the residency director who created many opportunities for me to expand upon my areas of interest.

Past PGY-1 Residents



Name: Hala Daghlawi, PharmD

Year: 2024-2025

Major Project: Implementation of a multidisciplinary treatment protocol for Hepatitis C

Education: Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science University

Position after Residency: Inpatient Pharmacist, Samaritan Health System, Inpatient Pharmacist, Legacy Health

Areas of interest: Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease, Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, and Transplant Medicine



Name: Jenna Chamness, PharmD

Year: 2023-2024

Major Project: Assessment of DPD Pharmacogenomic Testing in Fluorouracil and Capecitabine Therapy

Education: Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon

Position after Residency: Samaritan Health Specialty Pharmacy Services

Areas of interest: Ambulatory Care, Specialty Pharmacy



Name: Chris Brain-Hernandez, PharmD

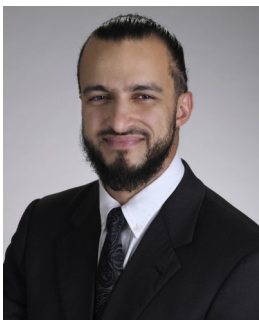
Year: 2023-2024

Major Project: Implementing and evaluating a pharmacist collaborative practice agreement for hyperlipidemia at Samaritan Health Services

Education: Roseman University of Health Sciences, Nevada

Position after Residency: Inpatient Pharmacist, Samaritan Health System

Areas of interest: Inpatient Pharmacy, Ambulatory Care



Name: Kamyar Kian, PharmD

Year: 2022-2023

Major Project: Developing a System-wide Process for Managing Investigational Drug Products in Samaritan Health Services: A quality improvement study

Education: Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran

Position After Residency: PGY-2 Oncology—Kansas University Health System, Kansas

Areas of interest: Oncology

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Name: Emmanuel Anozie, PharmD
Year: 2022-2023
Major Project: Management of buprenorphine during admissions for acute pain or surgery
Education: Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, Hawaii
Position After Residency: Clinical Pharmacist, Ascension Seton Williamson Hospital, Texas
Areas of interest: Clinical Pharmacy



Name: Yvonne Alva, PharmD
Year: 2021-2022
Major Project: Implementing an Electronic Medical Record at a Free Medical Clinic
Education: Western University of Health Sciences, California
Position After Residency: Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, QuadraCare Pharmacy California, West Regional Director for the National Hispanic Pharmacists Association
Areas of interest: Ambulatory Care, precepting, patient advocacy, leadership



Name: Tessa Gourley, PharmD
Year: 2021-2022
Major Project: Anticoagulation Stewardship: Periprocedural Management of Antithrombotic Medications in the Interventional Radiology Setting
Education: Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon
Position After Residency: Clinical pharmacist, Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital
Staff pharmacist, Oregon State University Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine Hospital Pharmacy, Oregon
Areas of interest: Inpatient, Veterinary Pharmacy



Name: Abigail Gheorghies, PharmD
Year: 2020-2021
Major Project: Implementing and evaluating a pharmacist collaborative practice protocol for hypertension at Samaritan Health Services
Education: Washington State University, Washington
Position After Residency: Staff Pharmacist, Northeast Georgia Regional Medical Center, Georgia
Areas of interest: Inpatient Pharmacy

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Name: Joshua Wong, PharmD

Year: 2020-2021

Major Project: Pharmacy-Managed Infusion Financial Advocacy

Education: Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon

Position After Residency: Inpatient & Oncology Pharmacist, Providence Portland Medical Center, Oregon

Areas of interest: Oncology



Name: Santon Shagavah, PharmD

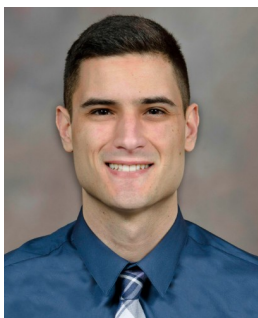
Year: 2019-2020

Major Project: Anticoagulation Effects of Apixaban in Patients with BMI ≥ 40 and/or a weight ≥ 120 kg

Education: East Tennessee State University, Tennessee

Position After Residency: Clinical Pharmacist, Mid-County Health Center, Oregon
Completed PGY-2 in Ambulatory Care at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Areas of interest: Ambulatory Care, Underserved Populations



Name: Joshua Mellander, PharmD

Year: 2019-2020

Major Project: Facilitating a switch from analogue to human insulin in Type-2 diabetics – A collaborative practice-based approach

Education: Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon

Position After Residency: Clinical Pharmacist, Kaiser Permanente Sunnyside Medical Center, Oregon

Areas of interest: Inpatient Pharmacy, Ambulator Care



Name: Chandni Patel, PharmD

Year: 2018-2019

Major Project: Assessing the rate of opioid de-escalation, follow-up, and naloxone prescribing in patients with non-fatal overdoses at Samaritan Health Services

Education: Keck School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, California

Position After Residency: Ambulatory Care Pharmacist at The Portland Clinic, Oregon
Specialty Pharmacist, Providence St. Vincent Pharmacotherapy Clinic, Oregon

Areas of interest: Multiple Sclerosis, Dermatology, Osteoporosis, HIV, and Hepatitis C

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Name: Amber Tillitt, PharmD

Year: 2018-2019

Major Project: Impact of a pharmacist in the medical home on patients with 20 or more medications

Education: Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon

Position After Residency: Infectious Disease Specialty Pharmacist at Samaritan Health Services, Oregon

Areas of interest: Infectious Disease: Hepatitis B/C, HIV treatment and pre-exposure prophylaxis