

FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

Jacob C. Lohser, R.Ph., MBA

Chief, Pharmacy Service

Mr. Lohser received his B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Toledo in 1977. He became a Commissioned Officer in the Reserve Corps of the United States Public Health Service following graduation and was stationed at the Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. Mr. Lohser served as a clinical pharmacist for the National Institute of Arthritic, Metabolic, and Digestive Diseases for three years before returning to Ohio in 1980. Between 1980 and 1987, Mr. Lohser practiced as a pharmacist at Mount Sinai Hospital and at Saint Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland where he was the satellite Pharmacist in the Cardiac Care Unit and, later, the Ambulatory Care supervisor. He then became the pharmacy manager and a nursing home consultant for the Central Medical Arts Pharmacy in Cleveland. Mr. Lohser joined the Pharmacy staff at the Cleveland VA Medical Center in 1987. He received a Master's in Business Administration in Health Care from Cleveland State University in 1995. He served as a staff pharmacist, outpatient supervisor, and Assistant Chief of Pharmacy before becoming the Chief of Pharmacy in February of 2014.

Steve Adoryan, R.Ph., BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Critical Care

Mr. Adoryan received a BS in Biology from Cleveland State University in 1975. He then worked as a chemist, and a pharmacy technician. In 1981 he received a BS in Pharmacy from the University of Cincinnati. In 1982 he started a decentralized clinical pharmacy program at The Mount Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland. Responsibilities included rounds with the surgical and medical teams, precepting pharmacy students, and involvement with investigational drugs. From 1997 to 1999 he was at Fairview General Hospital. With two pharmacists and a computer information specialist from Mt Sinai, he started a decentralized clinical pharmacy program, and installed a new pharmacy computer system. He then went to The Louis Stokes VAMC. In 2004 he obtained board certification in pharmacotherapy (BCPS), and became the pharmacist for the intensive care units. Responsibilities include precepting pharmacy students and residents, monitoring parenteral nutrition, medication errors, and resuscitation efforts. He served as president of the Cleveland Society of Health-System Pharmacists in 2003 and 2004.

Leslie Bittner, PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Progressive Care Unit

Dr. Bittner is originally from Cochranton, Pennsylvania. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University in 2011. After graduation, she went on to complete a PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency followed by a PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center (LSCVAMC). She obtained board certification in pharmacotherapy (BCPS) in 2013. Dr. Bittner began working as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist on the Cardiology and Surgical units at the LSCVAMC following residency and currently holds this position. She works closely with the Cardiology and Surgical medical teams to evaluate medication therapy and provide recommendations to ensure safe and optimal use. Clinical services provided include drug therapy monitoring, medication reconciliation, discharge counseling, drug information, and participation in team rounds. She is a co-preceptor for the PGY-1 residents during their Cardiology rotation and is also a preceptor for pharmacy students.

Antonio Carson, PharmD, CGP, CDP
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Geriatrics

Director, PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy Practice Residency Program

Dr. Carson is a 10 year veteran of the US Navy, where he worked at as a pharmacy technician and discovered his love for the profession of pharmacy. Dr. Carson received his Bachelor of Science in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University Of Cincinnati. He completed a PGY-1 pharmacy residency and PGY-2 geriatric specialty residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. Dr. Carson is a certified geriatric pharmacist and a certified dementia practitioner. He is responsible for completing drug regimen reviews and providing pharmacotherapy recommendations for Long Term Care patients, providing pharmacy coverage for Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit and the multidisciplinary geriatric outpatient clinic and serving as preceptor for students and residents and residency program director for the PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency Program. His practice interests include geriatrics and internal medicine.

Danielle N Cooney, Pharm.D. BC-ADM

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Ambulatory Care

Dr. Cooney studied chemistry at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio then graduated from The Ohio State University in June 2005 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She completed an ASHP accredited specialty residency in Primary Care at the Louis Stokes Cleveland Veteran's Affairs Medical Center. She is currently working as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in nephrology at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Responsibilities include precepting pharmacy residents and Pharm.D candidates from pharmacy schools of Ohio including Ohio Northern University, University of Toledo, and The Ohio State University. She is currently working on a study involving A Chronic Care Model to Improve the Care of Patients with CKD. Dr. Cooney also manages a Renal/Anemia Clinic as well as completes all non-formulary requests sent to the renal clinic. She received her Board Certification in Advance Diabetes Management in 2008.

Jeffrey M. Cooney, PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Home-Based Primary Care

Dr. Cooney graduated from Miami University in 2002 with a B.A. in Chemistry and received his Doctor of Pharmacy from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in 2006. He is currently working as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) at the Louis Stokes Cleveland Veteran's Affairs Medical Center. Dr. Cooney serves as a pharmacy consultant for the HBPC interdisciplinary teams servicing veterans throughout the northeastern Ohio area. Primary duties include collaborating with primary care providers to enhance pharmaceutical care in addition to providing pharmacy support during interdisciplinary treatment planning. Other responsibilities include providing pharmacotherapy education to HBPC nursing and precepting pharmacy students from Northeastern Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). Dr. Cooney is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist since 2010.

Matthew A. Fuller, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPP, FASHP

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Psychiatry

Director, PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Practice Residency Program

Dr. Fuller received his BS in pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Cincinnati. He completed a residency in hospital pharmacy from Bethesda Hospital in Zanesville, OH. Following the completion of his training he joined the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Fuller has over 20 years of experience as a pharmacist. His main practice site is acute inpatient psychiatry. Dr. Fuller is currently a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Psychiatry at the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He is also an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and a Clinical Instructor of Psychology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Toledo. Dr. Fuller has received several awards including the Upjohn Excellence in Research Award and the OSHP Hospital Pharmacist of the Year Award in 1994. In 1996 he received the CSHP Evelyn Gray Scott Award

(Pharmacist of the Year). In 2001 he received the OSHP Pharmacy Practice Research Award and in 2003 he received an Outstanding Contribution Award from the VA Healthcare System of Ohio. Dr. Fuller is Board Certified in both Pharmacotherapy and Psychiatric Pharmacy and is an ASHP Fellow. He recently was the President of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists. He has chaired and served as a member of the recertification committee. He has also chaired and been a planning committee member for the Midwest Neuropsychopharmacology Meeting. He is a member of local, state, and national pharmacy organizations and is active in scholarly pursuits. He has presented at local, state, national and international venues. He serves as a reviewer for Archives of General Psychiatry, Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica, Journal of Clinical Psychiatry, American Journal of Health-Systems Pharmacists, and is a member of the Editorial Board, Panel on Psychiatry for The Annals of Pharmacotherapy. In 1998 Dr. Fuller joined Lexi-Comp's editorial advisory panel and is the author of two psychotropic drug information handbooks and a co-author of a drug interactions handbook.

**Colleen P. Hall, Pharm.D. BCPP
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Psychiatry**

Dr. Hall graduated from Duquesne University in May 2010 with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She then completed an ASHP accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center (LSCVAMC) and then continued her training in an ASHP accredited PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the LSCVAMC. After completing her residencies, Dr. Hall joined the faculty at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University as a Clinical Assistant Professor and a Psychiatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Lutheran Hospital. In 2014, she returned to the LSCVAMC where she is working as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Psychiatry. Her responsibilities include serving as a preceptor for psychiatric pharmacy specialty residents, pharmacy residents in other specialties and pharmacy students. Other duties consist of providing clinical pharmacy services for inpatient and outpatient psychiatry. She is an active member of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists and the Ohio College of Clinical Pharmacology and has been a board certified psychiatric pharmacy specialist since 2013.

**Michael Hicho, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Emergency Department**

Dr. Hicho earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy in 2013. After graduation, he completed an ASHP accredited PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at Akron General Medical Center as well as a teaching certificate program at Northeast Ohio Medical University. He began working at the Louis Stokes VA as an inpatient clinical pharmacist after his residency, and he later accepted a position as a clinical pharmacy specialist in the Emergency Department. He works closely with all members of the Emergency Department health care team. His duties include medication reconciliation, discharge education, clinical consultations, drug information, assistance during emergencies, and nursing and medical resident education. He also serves as a preceptor for pharmacy students and residents.

**Laura Kangas, PharmD, BCPS
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Emergency Department**

Dr. Kangas is originally from Cleveland, Ohio. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky in 2009. After graduation she completed an ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Following residency, she returned to Cleveland where she worked as a Clinical Staff Pharmacist at both University Hospitals and the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center. She currently works as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Emergency Medicine at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center. Responsibilities include medication reconciliation, discharge education, non-formulary consults, clinical consultations, and drug information. Other duties include serving as a preceptor for Pharmacy Practice residents and PharmD candidates, and providing education Medical Center staff and students. She received her Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy in 2011.

Christopher Lacey, PharmD, BCPS
Associate Chief, Clinical Pharmacy Services
Director, PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Internal Medicine

Dr Lacey is originally from Erie, Pennsylvania. He earned his Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in May 1999. After graduation he completed a 1 year Pharmacy Practice Residency at Hamot Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania. Following the Residency, Dr. Lacey has since worked at the Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, OH. He obtained board certification in pharmacotherapy in 2002 (BCPS). He is currently the Associate Chief of Clinical Pharmacy Services at the Cleveland VAMC and has been in this position since August 2008. He has been PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director since April 2014. His primary area of practice is Internal Medicine. He is involved with precepting pharmacy residents and students from local pharmacy schools. He is also a member on various committees at both the local and regional level.

Sherry (Sharon) K. Milfred Laforest, PharmD., BCPS
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Cardiology

Dr. LaForest received her B.S. in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Minnesota in 1991 and 1992. She then completed a fellowship in Cardiothoracic Transplantation at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. She joined the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center in July 2008 as the Clinical Specialist in Cardiology and Solid Organ transplantation. Prior to joining the VA, Dr. LaForest held positions as a Clinical Specialist in Heart Failure and Transplantation at Temple University in Philadelphia PA, Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, IN, and University Hospital-Case Medical Center in Cleveland, OH. She currently practices in the Heart Failure Shared Medical Appointment (SMA) group clinic, Heart Failure Discharge Medication Reconciliation Clinic, and with the inpatient cardiology services. She also has ad hoc responsibilities with the electrophysiology and solid organ transplant services. She serves as a preceptor for pharmacy residents and students in cardiology rotations.

Katie Leciejewski, PharmD, BCACP
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Ambulatory Care

Dr. Leciejewski is originally from Cleveland Ohio. She traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana where she earned her doctorate of pharmacy degree from Butler University in 2009. She graduated from Butler University in 2009 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She completed an ASHP accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center (LSCVAMC) and then continued her training in an ASHP accredited PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency at the LSCVAMC. She is currently working as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care at the LSCVAMC. Responsibilities include precepting pharmacy residents and PharmD candidates from various colleges of pharmacy including Butler University, Ohio Northern University, University of Toledo and The Ohio State University. Other duties consist of providing clinical pharmacy services for outpatient internal medicine clinics and shared medical appointments, collaborating with primary care providers to evaluate drug therapy and provide disease state management of diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidemia. She also provides drug information to patients and other health care professionals and responds to therapeutic consults and requests for patient education.

Mary Beth Low, Pharm.D.
Pharmacoeconomics Specialist

Dr. Low graduated from Creighton University in May 1995 with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She completed an ASHP accredited residency in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. She currently works as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Pharmacoeconomics at the Louis Stokes Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Her responsibilities include providing medication use and cost analysis information to VISN pharmacy leadership as well as monitoring performance on medication initiatives to improve patient care and impact drug expenditure. She is knowledgeable in Proclarity and SQL database. Other

duties include participating in the VISN 10 Formulary Council, the LS-VAMC Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, the national PBM Research Steering Committee and both national and local Medication Use Evaluation Committees. She precepts both pharmacy residents and students in MUE and other formulary management experiences. She provides educational in-services to various groups and participates in research activities.

Mandy Miller, PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Emergency Department

Dr. Miller earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 2009. After graduation, she completed an ASHP accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. After residency, she accepted a position as a clinical pharmacist in the Emergency Department at the Louis Stokes VA. Duties include medication reconciliation, discharge education, clinical consultations, drug information, formulary management, assistance during emergencies, nursing and medical resident education. She is involved in order set and protocol development for the Emergency Department, serves on the CPR and Acute Stroke Committees and serves as a preceptor for pharmacy students and residents.

Steve Margevicius, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Anticoagulation

Dr. Margevicius attended The University of Toledo where he earned his Bachelors of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree in 2011 and Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2013. He then completed his PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the St. John Medical Center in Westlake, OH. Dr. Margevicius is currently a Clinical Pharmacist in the Anticoagulation Clinic at Wade Park. Duties include anticoagulation drug therapy management for patients at the Cleveland VAMC as well as telemedicine management for other VISN 10 facilities. In addition to providing clinical pharmacy services to the anticoagulation clinic, Dr. Margevicius is also involved as a co-preceptor and research advisor to pharmacy students and residents. Dr. Margevicius remains involved with various local and national pharmacy organizations such as the Cleveland Society of Health System Pharmacists (CSHP) where he most recently served as Secretary in 2014.

Helen Moon, R.Ph., PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Pulmonary

Dr. Moon has a B.S. in Biology from Bowling Green State University. She also has a B.S. in Pharmacy from The Ohio State University and received her Pharm.D. from University of Florida. She obtained board certification in pharmacotherapy (BCPS) in 2009. She is currently working as a clinical pharmacy specialist in the Pulmonary Clinic and Renal/Anemia clinic at the Louis Stokes Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Her responsibilities include providing clinical pharmacy services for the Pulmonary Clinic, providing drug information to patients and other health care providers..

Kristina Pascuzzi, PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Ambulatory Care

Director, PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency

Dr. Pascuzzi graduated from The University of Toledo in May 1999 with a Bachelors of Science in Pharmaceutical Science, then in May 2001 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She completed an ASHP accredited residency in Pharmacy Practice with emphasis in Ambulatory Care at VA Connecticut Healthcare System in West Haven, CT. She is currently working as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care at the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs. Responsibilities include serving as a preceptor for the PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency program, precepting PGY-1 pharmacy residents, and PharmD candidates from area Colleges of Pharmacy including Ohio Northern University, University of Toledo and The Ohio State University. Other duties consist of providing clinical pharmacy services for outpatient internal medicine clinics and shared medical appointments. This is accomplished by collaborating with primary care providers to evaluate drug therapy and by providing disease state management of diabetes, hypertension and

dyslipidemia, as well as managing patients on anticoagulation therapy. Offering drug information, responding to therapeutic consults and non-formulary consults, as well as requests for patient education are also incorporated throughout the day .

Kelly J. Prymicz, PharmD
Inpatient Clinical Manager

Dr. Prymicz graduated from Ohio Northern University in 2008 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She is currently working as the Inpatient Clinical Manager responsible for the interns, rotational students, administrative and clinical projects as assigned to the inpatient pharmacy. Prior to serving the medical center, Dr. Prymicz was the Pharmacy Operations Manager for a long term care pharmacy opening three pharmacies for both profit and non-profit organizations. At that time, she was serving as speaker for the non-profit Leading Age assisting long term care facilities with cost saving initiatives and best practice implementation guidelines.

Kelsey Rife, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Hepatitis C

Dr. Rife earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University in May 2012. Upon graduation, she completed both her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice and PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Residencies at Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center (LSCVAMC). Dr. Rife is currently a Clinical Pharmacist in the Hepatitis C Clinic. In addition to seeing patients at the Cleveland VAMC, Dr. Rife utilizes telemedicine to educate and treat Hepatitis C patients at the other facilities in VISN 10. Additional responsibilities include working collaboratively with the other facilities to support their Hepatitis C clinics through services such as drug information and managing drug interactions. She also serves as a preceptor for pharmacy residents and students.

Jennifer Roche, PharmD, BCPP
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Psychiatry
Clinical Pharmacy Program Manager

Dr. Roche graduated from the University of Maryland in May 2002 with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She then completed an ASHP accredited specialty residency in psychiatric pharmacy practice at the Louis Stokes Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. She has been a board certified psychiatric pharmacy specialist since 2005. She currently works as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Psychiatry and Clinical Pharmacy Program Manager at the Louis Stokes Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. She is also a member of the P&T committee, Clozapine Treatment Team, Disruptive Behavior Board and Pain Care Advisory Board.

Mandy Young Roesel, PharmD, BCPS
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Internal Medicine

Dr. Young is originally from Butler, Pennsylvania. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Duquesne University in 2008. After graduation, she completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center (LSCVAMC) in Cleveland, Ohio. She is currently an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacy at the LSCVAMC. She provides clinical pharmacy services for the inpatient internal medicine wards. Duties include collaborating with providers to evaluate drug therapy and monitoring, counseling patients, and ensuring appropriate medication use while inpatient and at transition of care. She is involved with precepting pharmacy students and PharmD students from various colleges of pharmacy.

Rikki Rychel, PharmD, BCPS, CDE**Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Ambulatory Care**

Dr. Rychel received her BS in Biology from Syracuse University in 2005 and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from The Ohio State University in 2009. She went on to complete a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center in Columbus, Ohio in 2010. After completion of her residency program she worked as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center until 2011, and then transitioned to a position as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Primary Care at the Kaiser Permanente Cleveland Heights Medical Center. Dr. Rychel began working as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center in 2013 and currently holds that position. Responsibilities include providing clinical pharmacy services for outpatient internal medicine clinics and shared medical appointments. Other duties include collaboration with primary care providers to evaluate drug therapy and provide disease state management of diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidemia as well as responding to drug information requests. She also serves as a preceptor for PGY-1 and PGY-2 pharmacy residents and PharmD candidates from various colleges of pharmacy. Dr. Rychel received her Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy in 2011 and became a Certified Diabetes Educator in 2013.

Katherine Salay, PharmD**Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Internal Medicine**

Dr. Salay earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University in 2012. She then completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center (LSCVAMC). She is currently an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacist at the LSCVAMC, where she provides clinical pharmacy services for the patients on the internal medicine wards. Duties include collaborating with providers to evaluate drug therapy and monitoring, performing medication reconciliation, counseling patients, and ensuring appropriate medication use while inpatient and at transition of care. She is involved with precepting PGY-1 pharmacy residents during their months rotating in internal medicine, as well as pharmacy students from various colleges of pharmacy.

William P. Salem, PharmD**Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor**

Dr. Salem graduated from the Ohio State University in 2008 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. He is currently working as the Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor responsible for the administrative functions of the pharmacy and oversees the daily functions of pharmacists, technicians, and students assigned to the outpatient pharmacy. He served as a pharmacy intern and staff outpatient pharmacist before becoming the Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor in July of 2013. He also serves as a preceptor for pharmacy residents and students

Megan Schoenherr, Pharm.D., BCPS**Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Home Based Primary Care**

Dr. Schoenherr is originally from Elkhart, Indiana. In 2006 she earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Butler University. After graduation she completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center in Cleveland, OH. Stationed in the Parma CBOC, she currently provides clinical pharmacy services to the Home Based Primary Care teams. This program provides care to veterans in their homes throughout northeastern Ohio. Duties include medication profile reviews to evaluate drug therapy, monitoring, and appropriate medication use in the home, as well as providing support and education to the interdisciplinary team. She is a preceptor for the ambulatory care, psychiatry and geriatrics residents. She received her Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy in 2010.

Amy Hirsch Shumaker, Pharm.D, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Infectious Diseases

Dr. Hirsch earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy in May 2002. After graduation she completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Following her PGY-1 year, Dr. Hirsch went on to complete an ASHP accredited PGY-2 training program in Infectious Disease at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, in Cleveland, OH. Dr. Hirsch is currently one of the Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacists at the Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Medical Center and specializes in HIV and Hepatitis. She holds a Senior Clinical Instructor appointment in the Department of Medicine at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine (CASE SOM) for her involvement in the CASE SOM Infectious Disease Fellows Program. In addition to providing clinical pharmacy services to the HIV clinic and GI clinics, she is also involved with numerous research and process improvement projects. Dr. Hirsch also serves as a co-preceptor for pharmacy residents and students on their VA rotations.

Sharanie V. Sims, Pharm.D., BCPS (AQ-ID)

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Infectious Diseases

Director, PGY-2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency

Dr. Sims received her Bachelors of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences from The Ohio State University in 2003 and her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2007 from Howard University in Washington, D.C. After graduation, she completed an ASHP accredited pharmacy practice residency at The Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. Following her Pharmacy Practice Residency, Dr. Sims went on to complete an ASHP accredited specialty residency in Infectious Disease at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH. After completing her residencies, Dr. Sims joined the faculty at Northeast Ohio Medical University (formerly NEOUCOMP) as an assistant professor and Infectious Diseases/Internal Medicine clinical pharmacist at Marymount Hospital. In 2010, she returned to the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, where she is currently the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Disease. She provides clinical pharmacy services to the Inpatient Infectious Disease Consult Service, Infectious Disease Outpatient Clinic, and the Home IV Antibiotic Therapy program. She serves as a preceptor for the PGY-1 and PGY-2 pharmacy residents and students on infectious disease rotations. Dr. Sims is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist with added qualifications in Infectious Diseases and certification in Advanced Antimicrobial Stewardship from MAD-ID.

Sandra Tolbert, Pharm.D., CGP

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Geriatrics

Dr. Tolbert started her pharmacy profession at the University of Kentucky in 1982 where she received her BS degree in Pharmacy. She received her PharmD degree from the University of Kentucky in 1986. In 1987, she completed an ASHP accredited residency in Ambulatory Care at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. She has been employed by the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center since 1987 as a geriatric clinical pharmacy specialist. Dr. Tolbert received a Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy (CGP) and provides clinical services to the Community Living Center (CLC), geriatric outpatient clinics and the Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit. Dr. Tolbert also started a polypharmacy outpatient clinic in geriatrics and works with providers in the management of hypertension and dyslipidemia. She precepts residents and pharmacy students on their clinical rotations in geriatrics and has adjunct faculty appointments with Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University and University of Toledo.

Candice Wenzell, PharmD, BCOP

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Oncology

Dr. Wenzell received a PharmD from Ohio Northern University in 2009. She then went on to complete a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency at Cleveland Clinic followed by a PGY2 Hematology/Oncology residency at The Ohio State University. From 2011 to 2013, she worked at Cleveland Clinic as the inpatient leukemia pharmacist. Responsibilities included daily rounds on the leukemia service, precepting pharmacy residents and students, teaching at the Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy and the Cleveland Clinic medical school, participating and coordinating meetings of the hematology/oncology subcommittee of the Pharmacy and

Therapeutics subcommittee, participating in the chemotherapy medication systems subcommittee, and participation in clinical research studies. In 2013, she obtained certification in oncology (BCOP). In 2013, she started working at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC as the hematology/oncology clinical pharmacist. Responsibilities include creation of an oral chemotherapy clinic, review and approval of nonformulary medications, review of medications for the comparative effectiveness of medical interventions committee, and precepting pharmacy residents and students. Dr. Wenzell is also an active member of the Hematology Oncology Pharmacists Association (HOPA), serving as a member of the publications committee and presenting at the 2014 HOPA Annual Meeting.