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Longstreet Clinic



Dr. Mandy Reece, Hollie Manning (Class of 2018), Dr. Ralph DeFronzo, and Kerry Ward (Class of 2018) met at the Longstreet Clinic, P.C. on September 9, 2017. Dr. DeFronzo is world renowned endocrinologist who serves as Deputy Director of the Texas Diabetes Institute.

Kappa Psi SEP Assembly



On September 23, 2017, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Brothers from PCOM and Mercer University gathered in Jacksonville, FL for the Southeastern Province bi-annual convention.

Clinical Pocket Guide

Oliwier Nowak

Class of 2019, ASHP-SSHP Professional Development Chair

For most of us, fourth-year rotations are right around the corner, being able to recall different disease states with their treatments quickly and accurately can be a scary thing. Students spend a lot of time looking for the most reliable resources to find the correct answers. Having access to current treatment guidelines at the tip of your fingers or the bottom of your white coat pocket is a necessity. Knowing the answers may be a deciding



Oliwier Nowak and Michael Cooley
(Class of 2019)

factor to impress your preceptor and land that dream job or residency. PCOM's ASHP-SSHP Clinical Pocket Guide is a pocket-sized reference booklet with first line options, expected side effects, the Cockcroft-Gault formula and fishbone diagrams.

This past summer I had the opportunity to work with a group of my fellow classmates on The Clinical Pocket Guide for students and residents to use on rotations. We worked with Dr. Shari Allen, Dr. Edo-Abasi McGee, Dr. Drew Cates, Dr. Candis McGraw-Senat and other PCOM faculty. Together we created a pocket-sized companion to be utilized as a brief reference in aiding quick applications of what we've learned during our time at PCOM, into a

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2017 Metro Atlanta Heart Walk



APhA-ASP members David Luong (Class of 2019), Mathew Tran (Class of 2020), Wesley Fischer, Judy Nguyen, Haeju An, Najra Maric, Jenny Chang, Linda Nguyen (Class of 2019) supported the American Heart Association by participating in the 2017 Metro Atlanta Heart Walk in awareness of heart disease and stroke on September 23, 2017. The AHA raised over \$2 million from the event.

Student Research



Under the guidance of Dr. Xinyu (Eric) Wang, Teena John (Class of 2019) analyzes the anti-myeloma effect of certain compounds. These compounds include imidazole and methyl derivatives of a synthetic oleanane triterpenoid, 2-cyano-3,12-dioxoleana-1,9-dien-28-oic acid (CDDO) which are derived from plants are shown to have pharmacologic activity towards inhibiting proliferation of certain tumor cell lines.

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small on-the-go format.

Our handbook complements the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) didactic curriculum. It is composed of tiered sections which include, but are not limited to: Cardiovascular, Dermatological, Ear/Nose/Throat, Endocrine, Gastrointestinal, Gynecologic/Obstetrical, Hematologic, Infectious Diseases, Musculoskeletal/Connective Tissue, Neurological, Oncological, Ophthalmic, Psychiatric/Behavioral, Renal/Fluid/Electrolyte, Respiratory, Urological, Special Populations, and Toxicology.

Our team originally consisted of six individuals and has since grown to a total of 28 authors and editors. Our goal is to provide a standard to help fellow classmates stay informed, involved and have the correct tools at their disposal to make the most accurate health care decisions possible for their patients.

Working on this pocket guide was one of my most enjoyable, memorable project and learning experience of the summer. Working on each disease state was a rewarding experience that enabled me to enhance my clinical and leadership skills, but most importantly better prepare me for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX).

I look forward to continuing this ambitious project and providing my classmates with a reliable and easy-to-use guide for the everyday pharmaceutical professional. Speaking on behalf of everyone on the team, we are all truly proud and excited to pass on the torch for the next generation of student pharmacists coming through the doors of PCOM.

Please contact Michael Cooley at michaelcool@pcom.edu or myself at oliwierno@pcom.edu if you are interested in getting involved with the PCOM's ASHP-SSHP Clinical Pocket Guide.

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Christopher Moses, Robin Harrell (Class of 2019), Timothy Coyle (Class of 2020), Wesley Fischer, Andrew Schaefer, Tibebe Nigatu (Class of 2019), Brad Allgood, Brandon Dang (Class of 2020), Ricky Ayoung-Chee, Tai Kyung Kim, James Hernandez, Seunghyun Lee, Haeju An, Stephen Alvarez, Sharie Artis-Hood (Class of 2019), Alyssa Beltran, Taylor Bailey (Class of 2020), Ektaa Brahmabatt, Bernadette Boronea, Hannah Park, Danthanh Bach, Jung Jung Shang (Class of 2019)

AADE Fellowship

Dr. Sara Reece, PHARMD, CDE, BC-ADM, FAADE
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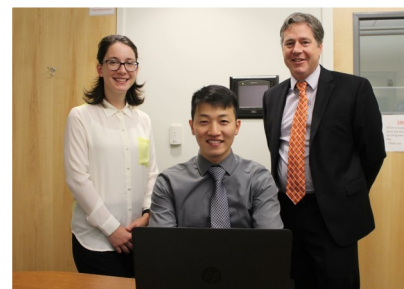
Working with patients with diabetes has been the most rewarding part of my medical and teaching career. I find the patients are genuinely appreciative for any help provided to them to improve their quality of life. Along the journey of my career, my very first experience being a diabetes educator occurred back in 2002. I managed the Mohawk Industries site of the Patient Self-Management Diabetes (PSMD), a project of the American Pharmacists Association. A few years later, I again had the opportunity to serve as a diabetes educator during my tenure at Georgia District 2 Public Health.



My passion for working with patients with diabetes has developed throughout my professional journey. After I joined the faculty of PCOM in 2010, I became actively engaged in the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE). AADE is a multidisciplinary professional organization with over 14,000 members and a

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ACCP Virtual Fair



The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) held a Virtual Pharmacy School Fair to engage with prospective pharmacy students of which Lidia Aldea, Dr. Jiehyun Lee, and Interim Dean Michael Lee represented PCOM on October 3, 2017.

Residency Showcase



On September 29, 2017, Christopher Moses, Sharie Artis-Hood, Wesley Fischer (Class of 2019), John Thomas Rust, D'marcus Carroll, Kevin Darcy (Class of 2018), Haeju An, Laurice Mata, Linda Nguyen (Class of 2019), Catrina Hill, Sirena Hu (Class of 2018) interacted with residency program directors at the Residency Showcase at Mercer University, Atlanta, GA.

Rho Chi Induction



The Epsilon Delta Chapter of Rho Chi Academic Honor Society welcomed 19 new members from the Class of 2019 third-year pharmacy students on October 11, 2017 at the 1818 Club in Duluth, GA.

Employee Recognition



More than thirteen employees at GA-PCOM were awarded for their service on October 19, 2017. Dr. Srujana Rayalam was recognized for her five years of service, presented by Dr. Avadhesh Sharma. Dr. Sonia Thomas and Dr. Dusty Lisi were also recognized.

ISPOR Bowling



ISPOR pharmacy student members, Krishan Bajnath, Jonathan Park (Class of 2020), James Hernandez, Ricky Ayoung-Chee, David Luong, Oliwier Nowak, Bernadette Boronea, Ektaa Brahmabatt, and Judy Nguyen (Class of 2019) strategized projects and events for the upcoming year over bowling at Main Event in Suwanee, GA on October 20, 2017.

NCPA Membership



On October 25, 2017, NCPA student members developed the annual calendar for the upcoming academic year at Food Terminal in Chamblee, GA.

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strong focus of improving diabetes care. It took me time and persistence to find meaningful opportunities to serve. While attending the 2011 Annual Meeting, I worked diligently networking with fellow educators. My focus was to learn how to jump feet first into serving through AADE. I recall a conversation with Dr. Sue Cornell, in which I shared my aspiration to get involved and serve through AADE. After that discussion, Dr. Cornell agreed to become my mentor.

My first assignment in AADE was reviewing scholarship applications for the Pharmacy Community of Interest (COI). I joined the leadership team in fall 2012, and assisted with planning the 2013 Annual Meeting as a member of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee. I continued my service within the Pharmacy COI as COI Leader for 2014, where the role included coordinating networking sessions at the annual meeting, writing monthly blogs and securing volunteers for committees. During this time, I was selected to serve on the Member Affiliate Council as a co-facilitator, which involved generating dialogues and collaborations among all COI leaders.

Within AADE there are state coordinating bodies (one per state) and local networking groups (LNG) within each state to address local needs. As communications chair for the Atlanta LNG, I directed all communications for quarterly meetings and options for volunteer opportunities. In summer of 2015, I was nominated as a candidate to serve on the national board and was elected by the membership to serve a three-year term on the AADE Board of Directors that began in 2016. In this role, I actively participate in board meetings and serve on board committees. My first year, I served on the Stakeholders and Member Relations committee. This year, I have the privilege of serving as Chair, Planning and Development committee as well as serving on the Governance Committee.

AADE fellows are recognized for outstanding contributions to diabetes education through education,

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clinical practice, health policy, or research. To be eligible for selection as a Fellow, the following minimum requirements must be met: a minimum of 5 consecutive years of membership, 10 years' experience as an educator in diabetes education, involvement at both local and national levels, and be a leader making outstanding contributions to AADE. A few months ago, I was greatly honored to be selected as a Fellow of AADE. My goal with regards to AADE is to encourage, empower and mentor other diabetes educators to become and remain actively engaged in AADE.

Apotex Internship

Teena John
Class of 2019

This past summer, I had an incredible opportunity to do an internship in the department of Global Regulatory Affairs at Apotex, Inc. Apotex is a generic pharmaceutical company based largely in Canada but expanding the United States. Throughout, I was introduced to the regulatory procedures required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to bring a generic drug into market. This involved learning about several guidelines for industry that the FDA has released in effort to speed the approval of generic drugs, provide more competition, and lower-cost alternatives. I learned about the different modules contained in a Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) submission. I also learned about the response letters and various types of deficiencies that can be issued by the FDA regarding pending submissions.

Over the course of a few months, I was given various responsibilities which included research projects, presentations, and participation in department meetings.

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Kappa Psi Pumpkins



Kappa Psi Brothers including Hannah Southerland, Lauren Batts, Wesley Fischer, Sharie Artis-Hood, and Ayodeji Oluseye (Class of 2019) along with Sumil Patel (Class of 2019) brought the season of fall to the GA-PCOM campus with their carved pumpkins on October 25, 2017.

Diabetes Awareness



APHA-ASP Operation Diabetes organized a field day competition on October 27, 2017 for pharmacy students and their friends and family to raise funds for the Endo Clinic and awareness of gestational diabetes. Congrats to first-year pharmacy students on bringing home the trophy.

Clinical Skills Competition



ASHP-SSHP held their annual Pharmacy Clinical Skills Competition on October 28, 2017. Winners Nerea Irusta and Catrina Hill (Class of 2018) participated with Sirena Hu, Haley Ethredge, Anna-Kay Forrester (Class of 2018), Wesley Fischer, Michael Cooley, Hien Vo, Najra Maric (Class of 2019), and Lauren Avery (Class of 2018).

DEA National Drug Take Back



Snellville City Council recognized APhA-ASP and the Snellville Police Department for their continuous hard work to keep narcotics and other prescribed medications out of unwanted hands in the DEA National Drug Take Back initiative on October 23, 2017. Photos feature the Snellville Police Department along with pharmacy students, Erish Malonzo (Class of 2018), Ricky Ayoung-Chee, Wesley Fischer, Linda Nguyen, Najra Maric, Kevin Moy (Class of 2019), Nandi Rosier, and Nikki Dillard (Class of 2021).

Dress the Professor Halloween



The Student American Academy of Osteopathy (SAAO) at GA-PCOM hosted a Halloween fundraiser of which students and faculty of all programs donated money towards a costume for a professor to dress in on October 31, 2017. The photo features Dr. Brent Rollins, Bridget Bexho, Julie Stevens, Dr. Caroline Champion, Dr. Drew Cates, Dr. Sonia Thomas, Dr. Gregory Smallwood, Lidea Aldea, Dr. Candis McGraw, Dr. Dusty Lisi and other faculty members.

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In addition, I had the responsibility of providing monthly updates to the regulatory and marketing departments consisting of major news and developments within the U.S regulatory landscape. It was particularly interesting to see the generic competition to be first to file when patents for brand products are close to expiration or have become invalidated.

The first project I was tasked with was presenting on various types of citizen petitions submitted to the FDA. Citizen petitions are requests made to the FDA to issue, amend, or revoke regulated products or agency procedures. One of the benefits for generic companies that can result from these petitions is obtaining permission from the FDA to submit a ANDA for a product that differs from the reference listed drug whether it may be a change to the dosage form, strength, or route of administration. Following my presentation, the Vice President of Global Regulatory Affairs gave me a project of breaking down a citizen petition recently granted by Janet Woodcock, director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the FDA. This petition allowed an open docket for scientists and industry experts to suggest alternative methods for bioequivalence testing that would obviate the need for blood level studies to establish bioequivalence between brand products and generics. This was a great experience for me to research into a fresh industry topic and inform directors from several departments including Research & Development and Pharmacokinetics.

Overall, the internship program at Apotex was extremely rewarding and informative. I learned much more than I could have ever expected over the span of two months. As a pharmacy student, it was interesting to see all the legwork and regulations put in place to receive approval from the FDA for drugs products that we learn about daily. This experience was both academically and professionally challenging and gave me a real-life look into the role pharmacists can play in the industry setting.

Meet Lala

Lilytte Tagala

Class 2021, P1 Class Representative

First and foremost, I just want to thank my fellow pharmacy classmates of 2021 for electing me as your P1 Class Representative. I am truly honored and humbled to be elected to this position. The best part about being chosen as your class representative is being able to share this journey with each and every one of you. In such little time, you have been my second family and I will do my best to be a great class representative to our class and the school as a whole. You may not know, my name is Lilytte Tagala but most people know me as "Lala". I was born and raised in Baltimore. I graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with a Bachelors degree in Molecular Biology. Similar to everyone, I moved to Georgia a few months ago to chase my dreams in becoming a pharmacist. As your class representative, I am excited for the plans that I have in store for my P1 classmates such as planning a professional fashion show and taking part of many different festivities that will bring us closer together as one. My advice to everyone is, "Never let anyone stop you from chasing your dreams... the journey will not be easy, but always remember if it doesn't challenge you it will not change you... Just keep your eye on the prize."



Lilytte Tagala welcoming the Class of 2021 at the White Coat Ceremony



White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2021 took place on October 22, 2017 at the Infinite Energy Theater in Duluth, GA.

