

Quarterly Dose of Pharmacy



KAM CAPOCCIA

Dr. Capoccia, Clinical Professor of Community Care, recently celebrated the 10-year anniversary of her practice site where she provides an accredited diabetes care, education, and support program to the Springfield community. The education and services she provides are free to the community and located in a local grocery store, the Big Y on Cooley Street. Dr. Capoccia is the Residency Program Director for two accredited PGY1 Community-based pharmacy residents. She established a new service for Big Y pharmacists and the pharmacy resident to provide necessary vaccines to the veterans at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.



COURTNEY DOYLE-CAMPBELL

Dr. Doyle-Campbell, Clinical Associate Professor of Ambulatory Care, serves patients with difficult to control hypertension less than three miles from WNE at Trinity Health of New England Medical Group. Within her clinic and beyond, she also has students recognize how Social Determinants of Health influence patients and the role pharmacists play to overcome these societal barriers. Nationally, Dr. Doyle-Campbell is an active member of the American Pharmacists Association, where she serves on the Standing Policy Committee for the Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management (APPM). She recently served on a three-member sub-committee to craft the new business item on Social Determinants of Health, Health Equity, and Social Justice.



SETH HOUSMAN

Dr. Housman is a Clinical Associate Professor of Acute Care, Infectious Diseases (ID) Pharmacy Specialist, and Assistant Program Director for the PGY2 ID Pharmacy Residency practicing at Baystate Medical Center (BMC). At his practice site, Dr. Housman engages his expertise to the ID Consult services providing optimal pharmacotherapy to patients and educating medical and pharmacy fellows, residents, and students. Dr. Housman has engaged in scholarly and quality improvement projects that have led to practice-changing activities. Recently, Dr. Housman has been featured in the local news educating the public about COVID-19 treatments.



COREY LASKEY

Dr. Laskey, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, is a board certified psychiatric pharmacist evaluating patients with major depressive disorders and/or anxiety disorders, and provides related pharmacotherapy recommendations to primary care providers for Trinity Health of New England Medical Group locations in Western Massachusetts. In our community, Dr. Laskey is a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) trainer and has offered and provided MHFA training on campus to almost 200 faculty, staff, and students over the past several years.

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MELISSA MATTISON

Dr. Mattison, Clinical Associate Professor and Director of Interprofessional Education and Community Engagement, operates a no-cost clinic on the WNE campus, counseling and educating patients on weight loss, reducing adverse outcomes from obesity, and making lifestyle changes. Dr. Mattison also works collaboratively with Baystate Health, Umass medical students, and WNE pharmacy students to provide a population-based urban and rural community health population clerkship that partners students with community agencies to teach students what it is like to live and work in the community they serve and advocate for underserved populations.



MARY MCCORMICK

Dr. McCormick, Clinical Instructor, is making connections with area healthcare providers through coordination of an interdisciplinary course that brings Emergency Department physicians from Baystate Medical Center onto WNE campus. She is involved with Prescribe to Save Lives, a nationally funded research project based out of Baystate Medical Center. This research provides Narcan training and awareness, both locally and on the national level, to prescribers who treat high-risk opioid users.



MARISSA OSTROFF

Dr. Ostroff, Clinical Associate Professor of Ambulatory Care, practices at Kidney Care & Transplant Services of New England. There, she provides patient care face-to-face or via telemedicine, prescribes medications, engages in patient counseling, and provides an innovative advanced clinical rotation for our PY4 pharmacy students. Dr. Ostroff practices under a Collaborative Practice Agreement which allows her to prescribe medications under the supervision of the Medical Director. She is part of a multidisciplinary team consisting of physicians, physician assistants, nurses, medical assistants, social workers, and dieticians that provide education and resources to patients. Dr. Ostroff provides care for approximately 400 patients each year.



KATELYN PARSONS

Dr. Parsons, Clinical Associate Professor of Ambulatory Care, created the Pharmacy Consultation Services at MassMutual Financial Group in Springfield, MA in 2013. There she provides comprehensive medication management services to MassMutual employees as a member of the interdisciplinary Wellness Center team in an occupational health setting. She provides webinars to MassMutual employees and immunizes up to 1200 employees per year with help from WNE pharmacy students at the annual flu clinic. She served as the national president of Alpha Zeta Omega Professional Pharmaceutical Fraternity in 2018-2019 and is currently leading the COPHS pharmacy accreditation efforts.



KIMBERLY PESATURO

Dr. Pesaturo, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, will be working with teams of physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals at UMass Medical Center in Worcester to treat hospitalized internal medicine patients. In part, she will work to ensure that home medications are continued upon admission, medications are chosen and given safely and appropriately, and patients are counseled on their medications prior to hospital discharge. Dr. Pesaturo's training is in the field of pediatrics, which she incorporates into her teaching.

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SAMANTHA SULLIVAN

Dr. Sullivan is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine who currently practices at Mercy Medical Center with plans to transition to Hartford Hospital in March 2021. She specializes in liver disease and pulmonary diseases, including asthma and COPD. Dr. Sullivan teaches communications and respiratory therapeutics as well as precepts fourth year students on rotation at her practice site.



SHUSEN SUN

Dr. Sun, Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, works on improving the quality of patient care in the emergency and transitional care settings. At his previous practice site, Holyoke Medical Center, he developed faculty/student supported hospital programs on medication reconciliation and discharged education to patients presenting to the emergency department. Dr. Sun also works on promoting pharmaceutical care globally. Notable areas of activities include providing pharmacy practice training to Chinese pharmacists here in the U.S., teaching summer courses at Chinese pharmacy schools, working with national and international pharmacy and emergency medicine associations, and engaging in journal editing by serving as an associate editor to the *International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy*.



ARIN WHITMAN

Dr. Whitman, Clinical Assistant Professor of Oncology, practices at the UMass Ambulatory Care Center in the Hematology Oncology Clinic. She reviews the electronic medical record of patients on oral chemotherapy to ensure every patient is on appropriate therapy and answers clinical questions from their prescribers or nursing staff. She communicates with each patient to review their specific dosing and administration instructions, side effects, hazardous agent handling precautions, and answers any questions or concerns they may have. Dr. Whitman also coordinates the WNE Pharmacy Summer Camp where 50 Springfield area high school students are selected each June to spend a week on campus to engage in hands-on activities to learn about pharmacy careers and related fields from our pharmacy and occupational therapy faculty and staff.



ANTHONY ZIMMERMANN

Dr. Zimmermann, Clinical Professor of Acute Care, is an essential member of the Intensive Care Unit team at Mercy Medical Center. He is part of the multidisciplinary team in the 16-bed ICU and is involved with recommending the optimal treatment for COVID-19 and other critically-ill patients in the western Massachusetts area. Dr. Zimmermann is a valued member and preceptor of the pharmacy residency program at Mercy and provides several rotations for the pharmacy residents and our PY4 students. He is the founder of our Native Medicinal Garden on campus which is used by the University for education and research purposes.

Dr. Charles Caley, Department Chair of Pharmacy Practice, is a board-certified psychiatric pharmacist with more than 25 years of patient care experience. He is passionate about teaching psychiatric and neurologic pharmacotherapeutics to WNE PharmD students and advancing the role of pharmacists in community mental health care pursuant to the 1953 call from Dr. Robert Felix, inaugural director of the NIMH. Additional support in Pharmacy Practice is attributed to Kim Gallo, Staff Assistant, who has been providing extensive support to the department, college, university, students, and pharmacy residents for nearly 10 years.