Emory University Hospital Recognized as a Magnet Institution

As of January 2014, Emory Healthcare is proud to be the only healthcare system in the state of Georgia to have two Magnet designation hospitals. Emory University Hospital accomplished Magnet status this past January while Emory St. Joseph’s Hospital is in the process of applying for their fifth renewal of Magnet designation, which is required every four years. Not to mention, Emory University Hospital Midtown has applied for Magnet status and is anxiously waiting for submission to The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

ANCC is the crediting body that awards hospitals and healthcare organizations the Magnet designation. A Magnet hospital is the highest level of recognition that can be awarded and is based on the quality of patient care being provided and nursing excellence throughout the institution. Less than 400 healthcare organizations and hospitals across the United States are awarded Magnet status, this is approximately 7% of all hospitals.

What does being a Magnet hospital mean for Emory Healthcare? Magnet designation facilities have been shown to have lower mortality rates, lower hospital acquired infection rates, higher patient satisfaction, and higher job satisfaction among nurses.

Applying for Magnet status is a tedious process, but one well worth it. Please help us congratulate all those part of Emory Healthcare that helped with this outstanding accomplishment.
The American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation is an international professional membership association of healthcare professionals whose goal is to promote blood and marrow transplantation, cellular therapy research, education, scholarly publication and clinical standards. Each year, a Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded to an ASBMT member who has made a significant impact to the field of pharmacy in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and has been in practice for at least 10 years. The award recipient must have exhibited excellence in the areas of publications, presentations, mentorship, and leadership.

This year, Helen Leather was the recipient of ASBMT’s Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Leather completed her PGY-2 Oncology Residency with Emory University Hospital in 1996. Dr. Leather has been an exemplary leader in the practice of pharmacy. She has numerous works and publications to her credit and has long been a widely used subject matter expert for speaking on infectious disease and cancer related topics. Dr. Leather has promoted the practice of pharmacy and served as an excellent role model for others in her field.

Dr. Leather described her involvement with ASBMT: “I started the BMT pharmacist’s meeting 15 years ago. It started as a meeting with 20 people and now attracts 200 registrants. I ran it single handedly for a decade and then brought in others to assist. I was also one of the key members who sought to formalize the pharmacist’s group into a SIG within the organization and served as the first chairman of that group. I sit on the committee of practice guidelines within the main organization and contribute actively to that committee. I am also an editorial board member of the ASBMT journal, Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation, and review manuscripts for inclusion in the societal journal. I have spoken at the annual meeting several times as well. Most recently, I initiated the BMT introductory course, which is now in its third year.”

When asked about receiving her award, Dr. Leather responded: “It was great to be recognized for 15 years of work to better the image of pharmacists amongst our other professional groups.”

Congratulations to 2013-2014 Preceptor of the Year
Mike Hurtik

Mike Hurtik, PharmD, BCPS is the Heart and Lung Transplantation clinical pharmacy specialist and will be the Director of the PGY2 Transplant Residency. Mike was born in Franklin, TN but mostly grew up in South Bend, IN. He earned a bachelors degree in creative writing with a minor in business from the University of Arizona and earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of North Carolina. He completed both his PGY1 and PGY2 in solid organ transplant at Duke University Hospital. Mike enjoys riding bikes, hiking, kayaking, eating, and traveling in his spare time. Some of his favorite travel destinations include Scotland, Cinque Terre, Italy, Cape Town, South Africa, and the Canadian Rockies. He also has a prized vegetable garden in his front yard.

American College of Critical Care Medicine Recognizes Emory RPD

Chris Paciullo, PharmD, BCPS, current PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Director, has been selected as a fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine. This esteemed honor is awarded to practitioners, researchers, administrators, and educators who have made outstanding contributions to the collaborative field of critical care medicine. Fellows of ACCM must be able to demonstrate a collaborative model of critical care, in which the efforts of several disciplines are coordinated to provide optimal patient care.
Program Expansion Across Emory Healthcare

EMORY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL MIDTOWN

Emory University Hospital Midtown (EUHM) is pleased to announce that it will be starting a PGY-1 Residency program in 2015 with two PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residents. Collin Lee, PharmD, BCPS has been a practicing clinical specialist at Emory since 2001, and she is excited to be the residency program director for the EUHM PGY-1 residency. The new PGY-1 program at EUHM will offer individualized, organized training designed to develop residents who are excellent clinicians with abilities in teaching, research, and clinical service.

Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital is also pleased to announce the expansion of its PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency program. In 2015 Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital will be offering two PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency positions. Residents will have the ability to train in one of top specialty-referral hospitals in the Southeast, completing rotations in practice areas such as Cardiology, Emergency Medicine, and Infectious Disease.

PGY-2 Solid Organ Transplant

Emory University Hospital is one of the 10 busiest transplant programs in the country with over 450 projected transplants in 2014. As one of the top transplant programs in the United States, Emory offers a special experience with the ability to be exposed to multiple patient populations with solid organ transplantation. Residents will be trained to practice evidence-based medicine in order to optimize pharmacotherapy regimens for this patient population. Residents will not only develop skills in clinical practice but will be encouraged to pursue individual interests in professional writing, teaching, and precepting.

Michael Hurtik, PharmD, BCPS will be the program director for the PGY-2 residency in Solid Organ Transplant. Dr. Hurtik is the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist on the heart and lung transplant services. Dr. Hurtik’s practice interests include antibody-mediated rejection, immunosuppressant pharmacokinetics and fungal infections involved in the transplant population.

PGY-2 Infectious Diseases

In the coming years, Emory hopes to offer a unique opportunity for PGY-2 training by the creation of an infectious diseases specialty residency. The infectious diseases resident would practice at both Emory University Hospital and Emory University Hospital Midtown. EUH is a tertiary academic medical institution that treats unique patient populations such as cystic fibrosis, bone marrow transplantation, hematological malignancies and solid organ transplant. At EUHM the resident would care for patients with complex conditions as well as gaining experience in ambulatory care by practicing in the Infectious Disease clinic.

The PGY-2 residency in infectious diseases will provide optimal training in order to function as an important member of the healthcare team, and the resident will gain all the knowledge and skills necessary to optimize medication use in patients with infectious diseases. The resident will also be responsible for managing an antimicrobial stewardship program. Steve Mok, PharmD, BCPS will serve as the residency program director. Dr. Mok has been practicing as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Emory University Hospital Midtown since 2010.

Thank you to Collin, Kelly, Mike, Steve, and everyone involved in expanding our residency programs!
Residency Program Director Spotlight

EUH PGY-1
- Christopher Paciullo, PharmD, BCPS
- Clinical Specialist, Cardiothoracic Surgery/Critical Care
- Adjunct Clinical Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

**Practice Interests**
- Mechanical circulatory support
- Advanced hemodynamics
- Renal replacement therapy
- Other interests
- Finding new restaurants and golfing whenever possible

EUHM PGY-1
- Collin Lee, PharmD, BCPS
- Assistant Director of Pharmacy, Clinical Services

**Practice Interests**
- Literature Review/Statistics
- Formulary Management
- Practice Management
- Medication Safety
- Pharmacy Residency Program
- Other Interests
- Coaching basketball

EMORY ST. JOSEPH'S PGY-1
- Kelly Ouellette, PharmD, BCPS
- Clinical Specialist, Cardiology/Anticoagulation

**Practice Interests**
- Cardiology
- Anticoagulation
- Heart Transplant
- Critical Care
- Other Interests
- Travelling as often as possible and doing things outside
Residency Program Director Spotlight

**Critical Care PGY-2**
- Stacey L. Folse, PharmD, MPH, BCPS
- Clinical Specialist, Medicine/Pulmonary Critical Care
- Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- **Practice Interests**
  - Infectious Disease
  - Sepsis
  - Sedation
  - Delirium
  - Glycemic Control
- **Other Interests**
  - Traveling, reading, avid moviegoer, playing piano, and running

**Internal Medicine PGY-2**
- Nicole L. Metzger, PharmD, BCPS
- Clinical Associate Professor - Mercer University College of Pharmacy
- Internal Medicine Clinical Specialist - Emory University Hospital
- **Practice Interests**
  - Infectious Disease
  - Transitions of care
  - Cystic Fibrosis
- **Other Interests**
  - Vacation lifestyle, trying to squeeze in trips no matter how long or short, although adding a toddler has made that more complicated!

**Oncology PGY-2**
- Katherine Sanvidge Shah, PharmD, BCOP
- Clinical Specialist, Hematology Oncology
- Quality/Safety/CPOE - Emory University Hospital
- **Practice Interests**
  - Hematologic Malignancies
  - Bone Marrow Transplant
  - Medication Safety
- **Other Interests**
  - Traveling, cooking, trying new restaurants, spending time outdoors and college football

**Nutrition Support PGY-2**
- Dan P. Griffith, RPh, BCNSP
- Clinical Coordinator, Nutrition and Metabolic Support Service
- **Practice Interests**
  - Glutathione
  - Growth Factor-Nutrient Interactions
  - Dipeptide Glutamine
  - Nutrient Pharmacotherapy
  - Research
- **Other Responsibilities**
  - Research
  - Rotation preceptor for residents and 4th year Mercer pharmacy students
  - 2013 EUH Preceptor of the Year

**Solid Organ Transplant PGY-2**
- Michael Hurtik, PharmD, BCPS
- Clinical Specialist, Heart/Lung Transplant
- **Practice Interests**
  - Antibody-mediated rejection
  - Immunosuppressant pharmacokinetics
  - Fungal infections in the transplant population
- **Other Interests**
  - Eating, traveling, eating, biking, eating, growing vegetables, eating

**Infectious Diseases PGY-2**
- Steve Mok, PharmD, BCPS, (AQ-ID)
- Clinical Specialist, Infectious Diseases - EUH Midtown
- **Practice Interests**
  - Fungal infections
  - Hepatitis C
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Clostridium difficile infection
  - Pharmacoeconomics
  - Pharmacy education
- **Other Responsibilities**
  - Rotation preceptor for University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and Mercer University College of Pharmacy
Dr. Tyler Beardslee is originally from Walnut Creek, California and graduated with a BS in Chemistry from the University of Georgia. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the Mercer University College of Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia. His professional interests include hematology/oncology and solid organ transplant. Following his PGY-1 residency, Tyler hopes to pursue a PGY-2 Specialty Residency in either oncology or solid organ transplant. In his free time, Tyler enjoys spending time with his friends, girlfriend and family while being active in the outdoors, hiking, mountain biking, going to the lake or playing golf.

Dr. Jolie Wells is from Mosca, Colorado and graduated with her PharmD from the University of Colorado in Aurora, Colorado. Her professional areas of interest include critical care and infectious disease. After her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency she plans to complete a PGY-2 Residency in an area of her interest at a large academic center. Outside of pharmacy Jolie enjoys going to baseball games, spending time with her dog, and exploring new restaurants and pubs in her neighborhood.

Dr. Sperry Kotsianas is from Knoxville, TN and received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. Her professional interests include emergency medicine, critical care, and infectious diseases. Following the completion of her PGY-1 practice pharmacy residency, she hopes to further her training by completing a PGY-2 in one of the above areas of interest. Dr. Kotsianas also plans to become board certified and a preceptor to residents and future pharmacists. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys traveling, being outside, and spending time with her family and friends.

Dr. Matt Rubertus is originally from Centerville, OH and graduated with a BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. He then attended the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. His professional interests include critical care and emergency medicine. Following his PGY-1 year, Matt plans to pursue a PGY-2 position in critical care. In his free time, Matt enjoys playing golf, running, and spending time with his family.

Dr. Danielle Schlafer is from Crossville, TN and graduated with a BS in Biochemistry from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, TN. She completed her PharmD at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, NC. Her professional interests include hematology/oncology and supportive care. After completing her PGY1 residency, Danielle hopes to complete a PGY2 specialty residency in oncology at an NCI-designated cancer center, and will pursue board certification. Her long-term career goals include obtaining a position that allows for direct patient care, precepting pharmacy students, and participating in clinical research. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys theater, museums, the mountains, and the colors UT orange and Carolina blue.

Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital

Dr. Mackenzie Houge is from Atlanta, GA and graduated with a B.S. in Applied Biology from the Georgia Institute of Technology. She completed her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Mercer University in Atlanta, GA. Her professional interests include infectious disease, cardiology, and critical care. Following the completion of her PGY-1 residency, she plans to pursue BCPS certification and practice in a medical center that offers opportunities for clinical research. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family, watching movies, and traveling.
Emory University Hospital PGY-2 Residents

Critical Care
Dr. Nicholas Peters is from Indianapolis, IN and received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Butler University in Indianapolis, IN. He completed his PGY-1 residency at TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, TN. His professional interests include sepsis, hemodynamics, antimicrobial stewardship, academia, and leadership. Following the completion of his PGY-2 residency, he plans on being a clinical specialist in an ICU and working at a college of pharmacy as an adjunct professor. In his spare time, he enjoys live music, traveling, trying new restaurants, and supporting Indianapolis sports from the South.

Internal Medicine
Dr. Britta Staubes is from Bolivar, Ohio and graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. She completed her PGY1 residency at Emory Healthcare and her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Mercer University College of Pharmacy. Her professional interests include infectious diseases and pain management. In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her two rescue French bulldogs, collecting nail polish, and snorkeling on tropical islands. In the future, she would like to practice in a teaching hospital with the ability to precept and mentor pharmacy students and residents.

Oncology
Dr. Christine Davis is originally from Millburn, NJ and graduated with a BS in Biochemistry and a BA in Chemistry from the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in Chicago, Illinois. Her professional interest includes hematology/oncology. Following her PGY-2 Specialty Residency in Oncology, Christine plans to pursue a job as an oncology clinical pharmacist. In her free time, Christine enjoys spending time with her family and dogs as well as listening to music and playing tennis.

Oncology
Dr. Sarah Wheeler is from Plant City, FL and received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Her professional interests include oncology, and pain management. Following the completion of her PGY-2 residency, she hopes to practice in a NCI designated cancer center with opportunities for direct patient care and precepting of pharmacy students. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys camping, fishing, line dancing, watching college football games (roll tide!), and spending time with family and friends. Dr. Wheeler is thankful for the ever present support and encouragement from her family and friends.
Resident Research at Emory Healthcare

PGY-1

Tyler Beardslee, PharmD

Jolie Wells, PharmD
Comparative effectiveness of ceftaroline and daptomycin for the treatment of Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections

Sperry Kotsianas, PharmD
Timing and efficacy of anticoagulation reversal strategies in patients with intracranial hemorrhage receiving warfarin

Matt Rubertus, PharmD
Effect of empiric antibiotic coverage for Stenotrophomonas maltophilia on hospital length of stay

Danielle Schlafer, PharmD
A retrospective evaluation of carboplatin dosing and rates of neutropenia and thrombocytopenia

Mackenzie Houge, PharmD
Evaluation of the clinical and economic outcomes of pharmacist conducted admission medication reconciliation.

PGY-2

Nick Peters, PharmD, BCPS
Effect of empiric antimicrobial therapy in gram-negative bacteremia in patients with a beta lactam allergy in the intensive care unit

Britta Staubes, PharmD
Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of a tobramycin nomogram in cystic fibrosis patients

Christine Davis, PharmD
Clinical utility of routine cardiac monitoring in breast cancer patients receiving trastuzumab

Sarah Wheeler, PharmD, BCPS
Novel immunotherapeutics in cytochrome P450

Residents and preceptors visited Wake Forest Baptist Hospital and Mission Hospital on the annual REACH trip
WHERE THE 2013-2014 RESIDENTS ARE NOW

Jessica Rago, PharmD
PGY-2 Resident in Solid Organ Transplant at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO

Spencer LeCorchick, PharmD
PGY-2 Resident in Solid Organ Transplant at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN

Kevin Sponsel, PharmD
PGY-2 Resident in Infectious Diseases at Franciscan St. Francis Health in Indianapolis, IN

Lydia Newsom, PharmD
Clinical assistant professor at Mercer University College of Pharmacy and ambulatory clinical specialist at EUH

Kyle Hampson, PharmD
Gastroenterology and Nutrition Support Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Children’s Mercy Hospital and Clinics in Kansas City, MO

Anthony Hawkins, PharmD
Clinical assistant professor Critical Care at University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in Albany, GA

Caitlin Handler, PharmD
Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL

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We would love to share the Emory Edition and other noteworthy information with them!

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