



PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency

UCHealth-University of Colorado Hospital/University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy

(ASHP Accreditation #82155; NMS Program Code 514165)

This PGY2 pharmacy residency program builds on Doctor of Pharmacy education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in the specialized area of ambulatory care practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care. Residents who successfully complete this accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification in ambulatory care. Graduates of this program are qualified to practice as a clinical pharmacist and/or become a faculty member at a School of Pharmacy or Medicine.

The University of Colorado is an interprofessional, state of the art academic medical center. Our residents have robust clinical training and educational/academic experiences. Residents gain experience in medical writing and publishing, complete a research project of publishable/presentable quality, and are involved with practice management activities.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES:

Required Longitudinal Rotations (entire 12-months)	
Population Health	Activities within Trinsic clinically integrated network involve targeted strategies to improve quality metrics and care gaps for practices within the UCHealth system.
Academia	Teaching and other educational activities for PharmD students and Medical Residents
Research	Working with a team of faculty members to complete a research project
Required Core Rotations (3-months)	
Family Medicine*	This clinic site is the School of Medicine's interdisciplinary AF Williams Family Medicine clinic and enables a well-rounded experience with a wide variety of patient populations (e.g., children, adults, elderly, pregnant patients) and providers (physicians, medical residents, nurses/nurse practitioners, physician assistants, psychiatrist/psychologists, and health sciences trainees). Clinical pharmacists provide team-based care, consultative services, direct patient care under collaborative drug therapy protocols, and education.
Geriatrics	The Senior's clinic at the UCHealth cares for patients age ≥75 years. Residents gain robust experiences in Transitions of Care services and Annual Wellness Visits.
Primary Care	Several primary care clinics within UCHealth where clinical pharmacists provide care. These include internal medicine and family medicine options, where some also serve as medical resident training clinics.
Population Health – CU Medicine	This experience extends to CUMedicine, which is the physician management group for all School of Medicine providers. Activities include both administrative and clinical care aspects of population health.

*Residents also complete a longitudinal extension

Elective Rotations (over 6 weeks or 3 months)

- Electives are available where University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus faculty practice, including UCHealth, and Children's Hospital of Colorado.
- Electives include: clinical lipidology, cardiology, nephrology, pediatrics, infectious disease, solid organ transplantation, neurology, etc.

The Teaching Certificate Program and A Structured Program to Guide Residents' Experience in Research are required.

REQUIREMENTS: Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (ACPE accredited), PGY 1 residency, Pharmacist licensure in Colorado throughout the duration of the PGY2 program

BENEFITS: Salary is \$69,582 (2025-2026 stipend). Benefits include: healthcare, 15 days of Resident Time Off (and select University holidays), and a travel stipend. Residents are appointed as Clinical Instructors with the School of Pharmacy.

APPLICATION: Interested applicants should provide a letter of intent, CV, academic transcripts, and 3 letters of recommendation using the ASHP Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service.

(<http://www.ashp.org/phorcas>). The application deadline is January 2.

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Name	Year	Education	Residency Project	Current Position
Kaitlyn Haas	24-25	- PharmD: University of Georgia - PGY1: UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital; Aurora, CO	What is the association between the medication adherence hypertension measure and blood pressure control?	Clinical Pharmacist at UCHealth (Solid Organ Transplant Clinic); Aurora, CO
Ghenella Salanio	24-25	- PharmD: Purdue University - PGY1: Ascension St. Vincents; Jacksonville, FL	Qualitative Assessment of Provider Perceptions of Medicare Annual Wellness Visits	Clinical Pharmacist at UF Health (Ambulatory Care); Jacksonville, FL
Alexis Simons	23-24	- PharmD: University of Kansas - PGY1: Aurora Health Care Metro, Inc; Milwaukee, WI	Impact of medications on the incidence of urinary tract infections (UTIs) in patients with type 2 diabetes	Clinical Pharmacist at the University of Kansas Health System (Endocrinology); Kansas City, Kansas
Natasha Virrueta		- PharmD: University of Wisconsin-Madison - PGY1: Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin	Pharmacist-supported electronic outreach to address medication nonadherence for Medicare Advantage enrollees. <i>J Manag Care Spec Pharm.</i> 2025 Jan;31(1):33-41.	Clinical Pharmacist at Froedtert Health (Primary Care); Menomonee Falls, WI
Elisa Worledge		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: Denver Health; Denver, CO	Achievement of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) thresholds in very high-risk atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) patients. <i>J Clin Lipidol.</i> 2025 Jul-Aug;19(4):860-868.	Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA Medical Center; Eugene, OR
Katelyn Currier	22-23	- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center; Vancouver, WA	Evaluation of apixaban anti-xa activity, efficacy, and safety post-bariatric surgery.	Clinical Pharmacy Specialist; Associates in Family Medicine; Fort Collins, CO
Kelly Koon		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: Penobscot Community Health Care; Bangor, ME	Identification of Social Determinants of Education Among Pharmacy Students <i>Am J Pharm Educ.</i> 2024 May;88(5):100691.	Assistant Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Kristin Potthast		- PharmD: University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy in St. Louis - PGY1: University of Missouri Health Care; Columbia, MO	Evaluation of aspirin prescribing and gastrointestinal bleeding in adults 60 years and older in a large academic health system <i>Sr Care Pharm.</i> 2024 Jun 1;39(6):218-227.	Assistant Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Madison Auten	21-22	- PharmD: University of Kansas - PGY1: University of Colorado Community-based	Proportion of Patients Initiated on Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitors that Undergo Up-titration to Achieve Serum Urate Target of < 6 mg/dL Within a 12 Month Time-frame. <i>J Manag Care Spec Pharm.</i> 2025 Sep;31(9):922-927.	Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist: St. Luke's East; Lee-Summit, MO
Trevor Beutel		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: VAMC; Spokane, WA	Characteristics of Patients Treated with Romosozumab as Compared to Parathyroid Hormone Analogs within the UCHealth System: A Cross-Sectional Analysis.	Assistant Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Armen Fstkchian		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: Loma Linda University	Comparison of statin prescribing practices in ASCVD patients with or without CKD. <i>J Am Pharm Assoc.</i> 2025 Jul-Aug;65(4):102395.	Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist: Adventist Health White Memorial; Los Angeles, CA
Anushka Tandon		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: VAMC; Aurora, CO	Primary care versus infectious disease prescriber adherence to human immunodeficiency virus pre-exposure prophylaxis monitoring and prescribing recommendations. <i>AIDS Behav.</i> 2024 Apr;28(4):1270-1275.	Clinical Pharmacy Specialist: VA Medical Center; Chicago, IL

Lindsay Courtney	20-21	- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	Incidence of VTE among COVID-19 positive patients following hospital discharge. <i>Ann Pharmacother.</i> 2022;56(9):981-987.	Assistant Professor: Texas Tech University; Amarillo, TX
Brooke Trudeau		- PharmD: University of Michigan - PGY1: Detroit Medical Center	Characterizing changes in diuretic therapy in patients with heart failure after implementation of an SGLT2 inhibitor. <i>J Pharm Practice</i> 2022 (In press)	Clinical Pharmacist: Denver Health Medical Center; Denver, CO
Ben Hill		- PharmD: West Virginia University - PGY1: Boulder Community Hospital	Medications associated with increased occurrence of urinary tract infections in patients with diabetes and/or heart failure <i>Current Drug Safety.</i> 2022 (in press)	Assistant Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Briana Williams		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: Denver Health Medical Center	Direct oral anticoagulants versus warfarin in patients with single or double antibody-positive antiphospholipid syndrome <i>J Thromb Thrombolysis.</i> 2022;54:67-73.	Assistant Professor: University of the Incarnate Word; San Antonio, TX
Vivian Cheng	19-20	- PharmD: University of North Carolina - PGY1: VAMC, Denver	Prescribing practices of migraine-specific pharmacotherapy associated with emergency department use for migraine <i>Headache.</i> 2021;61:455-461.	Primary Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist: Valley Medical Center; Reston, VA
Joseph Nardolillo		- PharmD: University of Rhode Island - PGY1: Indian Health Service Albuquerque	Retrospective cohort study of statin prescribing for primary prevention among people living with HIV. <i>JSRM Cardio Dis</i> 2021;10:1-10.	Assistant Professor: University of Rhode Island; Providence, RI
Jennifer Tunoa		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: VAMC, Seattle, WA	Early impact of 2018 AHA/ACC/Multisociety Cholesterol Guideline on lipid monitoring after statin initiation. <i>J Clin Lipidol.</i> 2020;14:784-790.	Geriatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist: VA Puget Sound Healthcare System; Seattle, WA
Navya Varshney		- PharmD: University of Michigan - PGY1: University of California San Francisco	Sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitors and risk for genitourinary infections in older adults with type 2 diabetes. <i>Ther Adv Drug Saf.</i> 2021;12:1-8	Internal Medicine/Geriatrics Clinical Pharmacy Specialist: Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center; Baltimore, MD
Marina Maes	18-19	- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: University of Michigan	Evaluation of acute gout prophylaxis prescribing when initiating a xanthine oxidase inhibitor therapy for gout <i>Clin Rheumatol.</i> 2020;40(3):1017-1026.	Assistant Professor: University of Wisconsin; Madison, WI
Natalie Rosario		- PharmD: University of Kentucky - PGY1: Palm Beach Atlantic University	Hispanic patients' perceptions of mental health disorders among a FQHC clinic population.	Assistant Professor: University of Houston; Houston, TX
Marina Stampoulos (Snellings)		- PharmD: University of North Carolina - PGY2: VAMC, Denver	Effectiveness of methenamine for UTI prevention in older adults with varying degrees of kidney function. <i>Ann Pharmacother.</i> 2020;54(4):356-363.	Clinical Pharmacist: University of North Carolina Medical Center; Chapel Hill, NC
Kyle Troksa		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: University of Montana	Effectiveness of a pharmacist-led population health approach to implementing statin therapy in primary prevention patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. <i>J Am Coll Clin Pharm.</i> 2020;3:723-728.	Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist: Banner Health, Northern Colorado; Boulder, CO

Ian Hatlee	17-18	- PharmD: LECOM School of Pharmacy - PGY1: Millcreek Community Hospital	Can pharmacists reduce inappropriate ED utilization? <i>Am J Health-Syst Pharm.</i> 2020;77(14):1153–1157.	Clinical Pharmacist – Digital Medicine Ochsner Health System; New Orleans, LA
Emanuela Mooney		- PharmD: Idaho State University - PGY1: Regis University/Safeway Community	Comparison of clinical pharmacist management of type 2 diabetes versus usual care in a federally qualified health center. <i>Pharm Pract</i> (Granada). 2019;17(4):1618.	Clinical Pharmacist: University of Colorado Health; Colorado Springs, CO
Scott Pearson		- PharmD: University of Wisconsin - PGY1: University of Colorado Hospital	Assessment of chronic disease management among patients with diabetes and coronary artery disease receiving care in a cardiology clinic. <i>J Am Coll Clin Pharm</i> 2018;1:89-94.	Pharmacist Clinical Specialist: Northwestern General Medicine Associates; Edina, MN
Julianna Kluemper (Rivich)		- PharmD: Purdue University - PGY1: VAMC, Denver, CO	Social and Psychosocial Determinants of Health Associated with Uncontrolled Diabetes in a FQHC Population. <i>Diabetes Spectrum</i> 2019;32(2):145-151.	Clinical Pharmacist: University of Colorado Health; Denver, CO
Beth Zeleznikar (Carter)	16-17	- PharmD: NEOCOM - PGY1: University of Colorado Community-based	Focused evaluation of provider usability and preferences with the aspirin guide app.	Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist: Cleveland Clinic; Strongsville, OH
Ashley Daffron (Huntsberry)		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: University of Nebraska Medical Center	Effects of chronic proton pump inhibitor use on kidney function in older adults. <i>Sr Care Pharm</i> 2019;34:325-33.	Assistant Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Morgan Stewart (Payne)		- PharmD: University of Houston - PGY1: The Ohio State University	Changes in pharmacy students' perceptions of underserved populations after a 6-week clinical rotation in a FQHC clinic. <i>Curr Pharm Teaching Learning</i> 2018;10:1149-1153.	Clinical Assistant Professor: University of Texas; Austin, TX
Natalia Pucinelli (Uzal)		- PharmD: Shenandoah University - PGY1: Lancaster General Hospital	Monitoring of recommended metabolic laboratory parameters among Medicaid recipients on second-generation antipsychotics in FQHCs. <i>Ann Pharmacother</i> 2018;52(2):160-165.	Clinical Pharmacist: Community Health Centers of Lane County; Eugene, OR
Michael Kelly	15-16	- PharmD: Virginal Commonwealth University - PGY1: Virginal Commonwealth University	BP goals and treatment in patients 60-79 (without DM or CKD) before and after new JNC8/ASH-ISH recommendations. <i>Ther Adv Cardiovasc Dis</i> 2017;11(2):63-71.	Assistant Professor: Thomas Jefferson University; Philadelphia, PA
Jessica Norman		- PharmD: University of Wisconsin - PGY1: University of Colorado Hospital	The effect of the FDA required label changes on zolpidem prescribing practices based on gender. <i>SAGE Open Medicine</i> 2017;5:1-5.	Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist: University of Wisconsin Health; Madison, WI
Alvin Oung		- PharmD: Massachusetts College of Pharmacy - PGY1: Cone Health	Evaluation of medication adherence in a federally qualified health center. <i>Ther Adv Chronic Dis</i> 2017;8:113-120.	Assistant Professor: University of Wyoming; Denver, CO
Sara Wettergreen		- PharmD: South Dakota State University - PGY1: VAMC, Houston, TX	Comparison of Faculty Assessment and Students' Self-Assessment of Performance during Clinical Case Discussions in a Capstone Course. <i>Medical Teacher</i> 2018;40(2):193-198	Assistant Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO

Cy Fixen	14-15	- PharmD: South Dakota State University - PGY1: University of North Carolina	Retrospective assessment of mean blood pressure in adults aged 60-79 before and after the publication of 2013 ASH/ISH and JNC8 hypertension guidelines. <i>Ther Adv Cardiovasc Dis</i> 2016 Apr;10(2):67-73.	Tele-health Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner - Primary Care: VA Medical Center; Boise, ID
Danielle Fixen (Rhyne)		- PharmD: Wingate University - PGY1: University of Colorado Hospital	The effect of medical marijuana on the frequency of migraine headache in an adult population. <i>Pharmacotherapy</i> 2016 May;36(5):505-10.	Assistant Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Jason Zupec		- PharmD: University of Cincinnati - PGY1: Akron General Medical Center	Evaluation of statin prescribing for secondary prevention in primary care following new guideline recommendations. <i>Ann Pharmacother</i> 2016 Jan;50(1):17-21.	Assistant Professor: University of the Sciences; Philadelphia, PA
Liza Claus (Wilson)	13-14	- PharmD: University of Missouri - PGY1: University of Mississippi	Comparison of New-Onset Gout Incidence in Adults Prescribed Hydrochlorothiazide vs. Chlorthalidone. <i>J Clin Hypertens</i> 2014;16(12):864-868.	Associate Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Rhianna Fink (Tuchscherer)		- PharmD: South Dakota State University - PGY1: Beaumont Health System	Simvastatin and CCBs: A Comparison of Prescribing Practices before and after the U.S. FDA Updates to the 2011 Simvastatin Dosing Standards. <i>Am J Cardiovasc Drugs</i> 2015;15:27-34.	Associate Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
William King IV	12-13	- PharmD: South Carolina College of Pharmacy - PGY1: University of Colorado Hospital	Characterization of diabetes risk factors in patients prescribed chronic statin therapy. <i>Ther Adv Chronic Dis</i> 2014;4(4):206-211.	Clinical Pharmacy Specialist: New Hanover Regional Medical Center; Wilmington, NC
Matthew Kostoff		- PharmD: University of Toledo - PGY1: Akron General Medical Center	Description of long-term bisphosphonate therapy in postmenopausal women in a primary care setting. <i>Int J Women's Health</i> 2014;6:423-428.	Clinical Pharmacist: NewHealth Collaborative; Akron, Ohio
Rachel Lowe	11-12	- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: VAMC, Houston, TX	Clinical and economic description of monitoring in patients on chronic statin therapy. <i>Ther Adv Drug Safety</i> 2013;4(1):4-12.	Assistant Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Angie Thompson		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: Exempla St. Joseph Hospital	Evaluation of type 2 diabetes medication management and diabetes control in patients 65-79 years of age and patients 80-89 years of age at a university health system. <i>Consult Pharm</i> 2013;28(5):296-306.	Clinical Assistant Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Julie Guerin (Alford)	10-11	- PharmD: University of Tennessee - PGY1: University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	Patterns of prescribing statin-based combinations that are high risk for myopathy. <i>Pharmacother</i> 2012;32(7):623-630.	Clinical Pharmacist: Aledade, Inc.; Burlington, VT
Michele Claiborne (Hanselin)		- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: University of Colorado Hospital	Prescribing trends for the treatment of resistant hypertension. <i>Hypertension</i> 2011;58:1008-1013.	Professor and Vice Chair: Regis University; Denver, CO
Chad Martell	09-10	- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: Providence Health System, Portland, OR	Evaluation of thiazide diuretic use on serum potassium and glucose regulation.	Associate Professor: Regis University; Denver, CO
Jonathan White		- PharmD: Midwestern University - PGY1: St. Alphonsus Hospital, Boise, ID	Evaluation of fibric acid derivative use at a university affiliated health system using a medication appropriateness index.	Clinical Pharmacist – Primary Care: Froedtert/Medical College of Wisconsin; Milwaukee, WI

Sarah Marrs (Anderson)	08-09	- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: Denver Health	Determining predictors of response to exenatide in type 2 diabetes. <i>J Am Pharm Assoc</i> 2012;52:466–471.	Scientific Director, Clinical Care Options; Denver, CO
Joseph Vande Griend	06-07	- PharmD: University of Iowa - PGY1: University of Colorado Hospital	Characterization and attainment of LDL-cholesterol goals in high risk family medicine patients. <i>J Clin Lipidology</i> 2009;3:195-200.	Senior Director, Pharmacy Ambulatory Health Outcomes: University of Colorado Health; Aurora, CO
Joel Marrs	05-06	- PharmD: Butler University - PGY1: Mount Carmel Medical Center, Columbus, OH	Dyslipidemia control in an indigent population with medication assistance compared to an insured population. <i>Pharmacother</i> 2008;28(5):562–569.	Ambulatory Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator: Billings Clinic; Billings, MT
Amy Egras (Miller)	04-05	- PharmD: University of Colorado - PGY1: University of California at San Francisco	Comparing a therapeutic statin conversion to a usual care statin conversion. <i>Pharmacother</i> 2008;28(5):553–561.	Associate Professor: Thomas Jefferson University; Philadelphia, PA
Donnie Nuzum	03-04	- PharmD: Texas Tech University - PGY1: University of Colorado Hospital	Evaluating sample medication use in primary care: A sub-study of Applied Strategies for Improving Patient Safety. <i>Joint Comm J Qual & Patient Safety</i> 2006;32:688-692.	Clinical Pharmacist: Avance Care; Matthews, NC
Megan Bestul	02-03	- PharmD: University of Michigan - PGY1: University of Colorado Hospital	Impact of the Women's Health Initiative trial results on hormone replacement therapy use. <i>Pharmacother</i> 2004;24(4):495-499.	Clinical Pharmacist: Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine; Royal Oak, MI
Jessica Milchak (Kill)	01-02	- PharmD: University of Iowa - PGY1: VAMC Tucson, AZ	Development of a core herbal product list and a pharmacist education program within a university-based outpatient pharmacy.	Clinical Pharmacy Specialist: Kaiser Permanente; Longmont, CO
Sunny Linnebur	00-01	- PharmD: University of Kansas - PGY1: VAMC Denver, CO	Retrospective evaluation of antihypertensive effectiveness in clinical practice.	Professor: University of Colorado; Aurora, CO
Eric MacLaughlin	98-99	- PharmD: Medical University of South Carolina - BS: Albany College of Pharmacy	Selection and costs of antibiotics for patients with a reported beta-lactam allergy. <i>Arch Fam Med</i> 2000; 9:722-726.	Professor & Chair: Texas Tech University; Amarillo, TX
Rachana Patel		- PharmD: Butler University - PGY1: VAMC Long Beach, CA	Prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled evaluation of vitamin K1 versus temporary cessation of warfarin therapy in the treatment of excessive anticoagulation. <i>Pharmacother</i> 2000;20(10):1159-1166.	Manager, Clinical Pharmacy Services in Primary Care: Permanente Kaiser Permanente; Aurora, CO