

Clinical Pharmacy Specialists

Audis Bethea, Pharm.D., BCPS, is a clinical pharmacy specialist practicing with the trauma/surgery service at the General hospital of CAMC. Dr. Bethea received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from Medical University of South Carolina. In June of 2003 he completed two years of residency training at Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems where he focused on pharmacy practice in Internal Medicine and Critical Care. Dr. Bethea's research experience includes a retrospective analysis of antifungal exposure and the incidence of non-albicans fungal infections. He has also designed and implemented randomized, prospective studies including a study on acetylcysteine's effects on amphotericin B induced nephrotoxicity as well as a study of hydrocortisone versus the combination of hydrocortisone and fludrocortisone for the treatment of adrenal insufficiency during septic shock. Dr. Bethea serves as the director of the PGY1 residency in pharmacy practice.

Patrick Dunn, Pharm.D., is a critical care specialist in the medical intensive care unit at Charleston Area Medical Center. He also serves as a consultant for the surgical intensive care unit as well as the coronary care units of CAMC. Dr. Dunn obtained his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from West Virginia University in 2005. Patrick completed pharmacy practice (2006) and critical care residencies (2007) at CAMC. He is currently conducting research involving the use of enteral naloxone to prevent decreased gastric motility in trauma patients.

David P. Elliott, PharmD, CGP, FCCP, FASCP, is Professor and Director of Clinical Pharmacy Programs at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University-Charleston Division. Dr. Elliott practices, teaches, and conducts research in geriatrics. He is the pharmacist in the 65 Plus Clinic of the Geriatric Centers of Excellence for the Kanawha Valley. Dr. Elliott has been in West Virginia since 1984 after spending three years on faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Manitoba in 1978 and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree and Adult Medicine Pharmacy Residency from the University of Texas in 1981. Dr. Elliott is an active member of the following professional organizations: AACP, ACCP, ASCP, ASHP, American Geriatrics Society, and WV Geriatrics Society, and serves as director of the PGY2 residency in geriatrics.

Tina M. Grof, Pharm.D., is the clinical pharmacy specialist in the emergency department at CAMC – Memorial hospital. Tina received her Bachelor of Science Degree in 2002 at West Virginia Wesleyan College and Doctor of Pharmacy in 2006 at West Virginia University. She has completed her pharmacy practice residency and critical care pharmacy residency at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina and the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, Virginia, respectively.

Chadrick Lowther, MS, Pharm.D., is an internal medicine clinical specialist at CAMC Memorial Hospital. He received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from West Virginia University (WVU) School of Pharmacy and completed a two-year specialty residency in pharmacotherapy at Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Lowther also holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Exercise Physiology from WVU and served as a director of a cardiopulmonary rehabilitation center in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Lowther has an interest in cardiovascular medicine and has conducted intravenous compatibility research with nesiritide. His other research has targeted the use of enoxaparin in patients with renal dysfunction and appropriate use of intravenous immune globulin.

Melissa M. Malatesta, Pharm.D., is a clinical pharmacy specialist practicing in the emergency department at the Memorial hospital of CAMC. Dr. Malatesta received her Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia in May 2006. In June of 2008 she completed two years of residency training at York Hospital, in York PA where she focused on Critical Care.

Pam McDevitt, Pharm.D., BCOP, has 20 years of service as a pharmacist at Charleston Area Medical Center. She received her Bachelor of Science degree at West Virginia University and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Kentucky. Her practice areas include oncology and palliative care. Dr. McDevitt practices at the David Lee Cancer Center – Cancer Care Center of Southern West Virginia, which is among the top 100 cancer centers in the country.

Brian McKinzie, Pharm.D., is a critical care specialist in the Open Heart Recovery Unit at CAMC Memorial hospital. Dr. McKinzie received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Missouri in 2002 and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 2006. He then went on to pursue his pharmacy practice and critical care specialty residencies at the Medical University of South Carolina (2006-2008). Dr. McKinzie's research interests include the prevention of alcohol withdrawal in the intensive care unit.

Carol A. Morreale, Pharm.D., BCPS, is a clinical practitioner at CAMC. Her practice areas include the medical intensive care services and consulting for the neuro-intensive care service. Dr. Morreale received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Temple University School of Pharmacy and completed two years of residency training at Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems with a focus on adult critical care. She also has a degree from Rutgers University in clinical nutrition. Dr. Morreale has conducted research in the areas of neuromuscular blockade use in the PICU population as well as a retrospective study on the differences in nephrotoxicity between patients receiving conventional amphotericin B and amphotericin B lipid complex. She is currently involved in studies looking at fluoroquinolone use and event of c. difficile, and a multi-center study looking at sedation practices in adult ICUs. Dr. Morreale serves as the director of the PGY2 residency in critical care.

Elizabeth J. Scharman, PharmD, ABAT, BCPS, is a tenured Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at West Virginia University. She received a B.S. in Pharmacy (1986) from Butler University and a Doctorate of Pharmacy (1991) from Virginia Commonwealth University (Medical College of Virginia) then completed a Clinical Toxicology Fellowship (1992) at the Pittsburgh Poison Center. She is currently the Director of the West Virginia Poison Center, a position she has held since July 1992. She became a Diplomate of the American Board of Applied Toxicology (ABAT) in 1992 and became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 1995. She is currently Past-President of ABAT, and the Deputy Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator for West Virginia. She has been on the Coding/Quality Assurance Sub-Committee for the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) since 1995 and has been the Chair since 2002. She is involved in multiple disaster related projects and committees in West Virginia and serves as the Treasurer of the Kanawha/Putnam Emergency Planning Committee. Her service to the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (AACT) includes being a current member of the Board of Trustees and serving as the editor of AACTion, the organization's newsletter, since late 2001.

Shelley Schliesser, Pharm.D., is the coordinator of the Drug Information Center at Charleston Area Medical Center. Dr. Schliesser received her Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Toledo. She then went to the University of Kentucky Medical Center to obtain her Pharmacy Practice and Drug Information Specialty residencies. In addition to drug information, Dr. Schliesser is involved in adverse drug reactions, formulary management, medication use evaluations, and alternative medicines.

Rebecca Talbert, Pharm.D., BCPS is a clinical pharmacy specialist at CAMC. Her practice areas include internal medicine and renal transplant. Dr. Talbert received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in 2002 and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at Clarian Health in Indianapolis, Indiana. Prior to joining CAMC Dr. Talbert practiced as a clinical pharmacist in Ohio where her practice areas included medical/surgical intensive care, cardiovascular critical care, and neuro-intensive care. Dr. Talbert's research experience includes a retrospective analysis of nesiritide use within a community hospital and subsequent development and implementation of a nesiritide usage protocol. She also has publications reviewing the detection and measurement of catatonia, dual diagnosis of substance related and mental health illnesses, and PTSD among the Veteran population.

Lisa Tarakji, Pharm.D., is a clinical specialist in internal medicine at Charleston Area Medical Center. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 2001 and Doctor of Pharmacy in 2006 from West Virginia University. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at CAMC in 2007. In addition to teaching and mentoring residents and students, Dr. Tarakji has focused her research on communication and the development of collaborative practices in the hospital setting.

Christine Teague, Pharm.D., MPH, BCPS, obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia. She completed a residency in Infectious Disease at the University of Rhode Island and received a Master of Public Health degree from West Virginia University. In addition to her Board certification, Dr. Teague has also received Added Qualifications in Infectious Disease from the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. Dr. Teague is program director for the Ryan White Outpatient HIV Program at CAMC and is co-director of CAMC's antimicrobial stewardship program.

Chris Terpening, PhD, PharmD, is an Assistant Professor at West Virginia University-Charleston Division. He holds a joint appointment in both the Departments of Clinical Pharmacy and Family Medicine. Dr. Terpening has a background in basic science research. He received his initial bachelor's degree, in biochemistry, from the University of Texas, and a PhD in biochemistry from the University of Arizona. This was followed by four years of post-doctoral fellowship at Colorado State University. After deciding to follow a more clinical career path, he returned to school and received his Bachelor's and PharmD degrees from the University of Colorado. He then completed a two-year specialty residency in Family Medicine at the University of Florida. Dr. Terpening now serves as an educator and preceptor for family medicine residents, interns, medical students and pharmacy students. He runs a Pharmacotherapy Clinic at two different clinic sites in the Kanawha Valley and pursues his varied clinical research interests. Dr. Terpening has been an author on over 30 articles, cases, and book chapters, and serves as Chair of the Ambulatory Care Panel of the Editorial Board for *Annals of Pharmacotherapy*. He also serves on the WVU/CAMC Institutional Review Board and the West Virginia Drug Utilization Review Board.