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Education

- 1997-2001 Doctor of Pharmacy
Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre,
PA
- 1993-1998 Bachelor of Science in Biology
Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Post Graduate Training

- July 2001-June 2002 Pharmacy Practice Residency,
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pittsburgh, PA
- November 2002 ASHP and Geisinger Pharmacokinetics Certification Program
- June 2006 Geisinger Inpatient Anticoagulation Certification Program
- June 2012 MTDM Geisinger Diabetes Certification Program
- July 2012 MTDM Ambulatory Anticoagulation Certification Program
- October 2014 ASHP and MTDM Pain Management Certification Program
- December 2015 MTDM Neurology MS DMT Certification Program

Board Certifications

- 2012-present Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS)

Clinical Experience

- July 2001-June 2002 Anticoagulation Clinic

	VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA
July 2001-June 2002	Inpatient Anticoagulation VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA
Oct. 2001	Geriatric Evaluation Management Clinic VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA
August 2002-Sep 2004	Clinical Pharmacist, Surgery & Orthopedics Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA
October 2004-2010	Clinical Pharmacist, Cardiology, Critical Care, & Internal Medicine Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA
October 2007-2010	Geriatric Assessment Clinic, Dickey Clinic Geisinger Medical Center
September 2008-2012	Clinical Pharmacist, LIFE Geisinger Kulpmont
January 2009-2011	Clinical Pharmacist, HTN Management, Dickey Clinic GIM Geisinger Medical Center
June 2012-2014	Clinical Pharmacist Geisinger MTM SNF program/ Geriatrics
September 2013-2015	Clinical Pharmacist Comprehensive Care Clinic Dickey Clinic, GIM Geisinger Medical Center
July 2014-present	Clinical Pharmacist Neurology Multiple Sclerosis Team & Neuro-Immune Modulation Neuroscience Clinic, Geisinger Medical Center
May 2016-present	Clinical Pharmacist Innovator and Investigator Center of Pharmacy Innovation and Outcomes Geisinger Health System

Project Management and Implementation of Clinical Services:

- Assisted in the Implementation of the Surgery Gastric Bypass Pharmacy Consult Service 2002

- Helped with establishing clinical services in Cardiac Intensive Care Unit 2004
- Helped with establishing clinical services in Special Care Unit and Internal Medicine 2006
- Expanding clinical services in Geriatric Clinic, Dickey Clinic 2007-2010
- Implementation of clinical services & projects LIFE Geisinger including: disease management & provider education, Pharmacist-provider collaboration, drug utilization review, BEERS list tracking, create emergency medication inventory & guidelines, seizure protocol, create appropriate stock inventory, electronic prescribing, create discontinued medication report for contracted pharmacy, palliative care kits, 2008-2012
- Implementation of HTN Clinic & study protocol in internal medicine GIM clinic 2009-2011
- Implementation comprehensive clinical pharmacy geriatric services MTM SNF program (AED, antibiotic kinetics, antimicrobial, antipsychotic management, CKD, CHF, polypharmacy review, metabolic management)
- Develop AED use guidelines neurology & MTDM staff
- Implement BEERS criteria CPSL clinic sites
- Develop clinical pharmacy services Comprehensive Care Clinic (AED monitoring, polypharmacy review, assist diabetes management, metabolics, medication review, develop clinical pharmacy care plans, drug information support, patient medication education)
- Physician, PA, NP, and nursing education on polypharmacy at Geisinger SNF sites
- Develop Clinical Carepath in Management of Multiple Sclerosis
- Help develop MTDM Neurology Clinic for monitoring DMT for patients with MS
- Develop Clinical Carepath for Neuro Immune Modulation Treatment
- Help develop MTDM monitoring service for Neuro Immune Modulation treatments

Teaching Experience

- Sep. 2001 Congestive Heart Failure Education Class (for patients),
VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA
- Jan 2003-April 2009 Pharmacology Instructor
Radiology Technician Students
Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA
- July 2006-September 2008 Internal Medicine Preceptor for pharmacy students &
residents, Geisinger Medical Center

Research Experience

- July 2007-Dec 2008 Evaluation of enoxaparin for DVT prophylaxis in gastric
bypass patients, Geisinger Medical Center.
- January 2009-2011 Effect of Clinical Pharmacy Medication Management &
Nursing Education on BP Control in an Internal
Medicine Clinic, Geisinger Medical Center.
Grassi DM, Rolston D, Sims J.
- January 2016-present GHP Quality Grant study assessing outcomes of MS
Carepath
- February 2015-present Co-investigator Grant proposal: Real world outcomes
medication adherence and cost among patients with
multiple sclerosis using DMT
- December 2015-present Co-investigator Grant proposal: Assessing impact of
MSPT in an MS clinic
- June 2016-present Co-investigator DMT pharmacogenomics project: assess
if Genotype polymorphism associated with specific
Phenotype characteristics of Tecfidera and other DMTs

Publications

- October 21, 2009 “Bone Metabolism and Treatment Options in CKD”

Published in PACE Learning Series CD

July 2010 “Update on Treatment for CKD-MBD” PACE Learning Series CD

Seminars

May 3, 2002 “Use of Gabapentin in Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy”
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

November 14, 2008 “Novel Pharmacotherapeutic Options in Acute Coronary Syndrome” PSHP, Danville, PA

October 21, 2009 “Bone Metabolism and Treatment Options in CKD”
National PACE Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
Published in learning series CD

July 2010 “Update on Treatment for CKD-MBD” PACE Learning Series, National Teleconference

October 2010 “Interpretation and Implementation of Diabetes Guidelines” National PACE Conference, San Francisco, California

July 2012 “Improving Medication Adherence in Elderly” CPSL Case Managers, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA

July 2012 “Polypharmacy and Pharmacy Considerations in the Elderly” CPSL Provider Education Program, Lewisburg, PA

June 2013 “Medication Considerations in the Geriatric Patient” Geriatric Conference, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA

August 2014 “Proposed Clinical Pathway for Management of Multiple Sclerosis” Neurology Grand Rounds, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville PA

Presentations

“The Importance Of Acting Upon A Fraudulent Prescription” Wilkes University, Nov. 1997

“The Effect Of Pharmacist Counseling On Antibiotic Compliance Of Patients” Wilkes University, April 1999

“Prilosec Versus Zantac In The Maintenance Treatment Of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease” Wilkes University, May 1999

“Education On Diabetes And Current Treatments” Presented to nursing staff, Mercy Center Personal Care, Dec. 1999

“Current Treatments For Rheumatoid Arthritis” Nesbitt Hospital, May 2000

“Use of Ginkgo Biloba, Saw Palmetto, And Ginseng As Alternative Treatment Options” Nesbitt Hospital, June 2000

“Treatments In Acute And Chronic Congestive Heart Failure” University Hospital at Syracuse, July 2000

“Pharmacology Of The Antiarrhythmics” Presented to medical team, University Hospital, July 2000

“Vasopeptidase Inhibition In Hypertension” University Hospital, August 2000

“Antipsychotic Side Effects” Inservice to medical team, VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, August 2001

“Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation” Patient case presentation, VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, August 2001

“The Antiarrhythmic’s” Inservice to the nursing staff, VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, August 2001

“Treatment With Aerosolized Insulin For Patient’s With Diabetes” Patient case presentation, VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, October 2001

“Aminoglycoside and Vancomycin Dosing and Monitoring” Inservice to Infectious Disease Team, VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, October 2001

“Treatment of Pseudomonas Bacteremia” Patient case presentation, VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, January 2002

“Treatment With Lymphocyte Immune Globulin, anti-thymocyte globulin (ATG)” Inservice to the oncology nursing staff, Pittsburgh, February 2002

“Use of Gabapentin in Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy” Primary Care Conference, VA Medical Center (Aspinwall), Pittsburgh, March 2002

“Pharmacologic Therapy in Schizophrenia” Patient case presentation, VA Medical Center, (Aspinwall), Pittsburgh, June 2002

“An Aspirin A Day, Is It True What They Say?” Patient education, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, October 2002

“Medication and Gastric Bypass Surgery” Student topic presentation, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, September 2004

“Medication Use In Gastric Bypass Surgery” Geisinger CE credit presentation, Days Inn, Danville, November 2004

“Treatment review for Type 2 diabetes” Resident topic presentation, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, July 2006

“Review of CHF and Pharmacotherapy” Resident & student topic presentation, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, July 2006

“Treatment Options for Community Acquired Pneumonia” Resident topic presentation, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, January 2007

“Review of Pressors in the critical care setting” Student topic presentation, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, April 2007

“Vancomycin and Aminoglycoside Pharmacokinetics” Student topic presentation, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, May 2007

“Monitoring of Aminoglycoside and Vancomycin levels” Nursing Inservice SCU3, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, June 2007

“Argatroban dosing and appropriate PTT monitoring” Nursing Inservice CICU, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, July 2007

“Atrial fibrillation and appropriate anticoagulation” Resident topic presentation, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, November 2007

“New drug information on Pneumococcal Polysaccharide and Zoster vaccines” LIFE Geisinger, Kulpmont, October 2008

“Presentation on use of emergency medications at LIFE Geisinger” Kulpmont, December 2008

“Bone Metabolism in CKD” LIFE Geisinger, Kulpmont, February 2009

“HTN protocol in outpatient internal medicine clinic” Dickey Clinic, Danville, April 2009

“ Educating Seniors On Drug Interactions” Local Senior Centers, 2010-2011

“Polypharmacy in the Elderly” Geisinger SNF sites, East, Central, and West Regions, 2011-2014

“Proposed Clinical Pathway for Management of Multiple Sclerosis” Geisinger Health Plan, Danville, September 2014.

“Pharmacotherapy update in sleep disorders” Henry Hood Research Center, GMC Danville, December 2015.

“Update in DMTs for MS” Henry Hood Research Center, GMC Danville, March 2016.

“Lemtrada drug review for P &T Committee” GMC Danville, April 2016.

Professional Organizations

1997-present	Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity
Sept. 2000-present	American Society Of Health-System Pharmacists
October 2009-2011	National PACE Organization

Honors And Awards

1998-1999	Scholarship Honors From Kappa Psi & Wilkes University
2000-2001	Dean’s List, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA
2004	Certificate of Excellence, Dedication and Achievement CICU

Community Service/ Hobbies

Church activities, golf, reading, exercise, music, fishing, outdoor activities

References

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