2026 Pharmacy Residents and Preceptors

Our 2026 pharmacy residents are a talented group of professionals dedicated to advancing patient care and pharmacy practice. These residents will work closely with our exceptional preceptors—experienced pharmacists who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to guide, mentor and inspire the next generation of pharmacy leaders.

Meet our 2026 Residents

Brooke Nguyen, PharmD

Brooke is a PGY 1 pharmacy resident at CommonSpirit in Henderson, NV. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Molecular Cellular Biology and her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Arizona. She is licensed in both Arizona and Nevada, having practiced as a community pharmacist before transitioning back to hospital pharmacy. She is interested in Emergency Medicine, but looks forward to exposure to other specialties throughout her PGY1 experience. In her spare time, Brooke enjoys cooking/eating, BTS, and snowboarding..

Lisa Wan, PharmD

Lisa is a PGY1 pharmacy resident at CommonSpirit in Henderson, NV. She is originally from Tucson, Arizona. She graduated from the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy in Phoenix. Throughout her time in pharmacy school, she was extensively involved in leadership, research, and community service. Her practice interests include intensive care, teaching, and research. She hopes to expand these interests throughout her PGY1 experience and with her preceptors' guidance. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys traveling, exploring the Las Vegas restaurant scene, and cooking.

Timothy Cho, PharmD

Timothy is a PGY1 pharmacy resident at CommonSpirit in Henderson, NV. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of California, Riverside, and his Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Roseman University of Health Sciences. His professional interests include critical care and internal medicine, and he is excited to expand his clinical knowledge and develop as a pharmacist throughout his residency year. In his free time, Timothy enjoys running, playing Dungeons & Dragons, and collecting stationary.

Madeline Lemmon, PharmD

Madeline is a PGY2 resident at CommonSpirit in Henderson, NV. She is originally from Charleston, South Carolina and earned her PharmD from the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. She then went on to complete her PGY1 pharmacy residency at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge Louisiana. Madeline's clinical interests include antimicrobial stewardship, gram-negative resistance, and critical care. Outside of rotations, she enjoys coloring in her adult coloring books and spending time outside in nature.

Meet our preceptors

Elizabeth Gonzalez, PharmD, BCPS, MBA

Market Clinical Manager
PGY1 Residency Program Director
PGY2 Residency Program Coordinator
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases
Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy

Dr. Elizabeth González received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of California, Irvine, and her Doctor of Pharmacy and Masters in Business Administration degrees from Roseman University of Health Sciences. She completed her pharmacy practice residency at University Medical Center of Southern Nevada. She earned an Antimicrobial Stewardship Certificate from the Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists. Dr. Gonzalez is credentialed by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS) as a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS).

Dr. Gonzalez joined St. Rose Dominican hospitals in 2006 serving as a clinical specialist in infectious disease. She is director of pharmacology education for St. Rose Dominican's Internal Medicine Residency Program. She is currently the co-chair of the Silver States Scripts Board (Nevada Medicaid Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee).

She is a full member of the American Society of Health – System Pharmacists (ASHP), the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA), and the Nevada Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NVSHP).

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and reading historical fiction

Lisa Krautstrunk, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP

PGY2 Residency Program Director
PGY1 Residency Program Coordinator
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Antimicrobial Stewardship
Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy

Dr. Krautstrunk received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. After completing a pharmacy practice residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan she has practiced as a clinical specialist in critical care and infectious diseases. She serves as a preceptor for both pharmacy students and residents. Dr. Krautstrunk completed her antimicrobial stewardship certification through the Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists (SIDP), is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) and a Board Certified Infectious Diseases Pharmacist (BCIDP).

Dr. Krautstrunk focuses on antimicrobial stewardship initiatives and decreasing rates of hospital acquired infections. She remains active in pharmacy research development and works closely with the pharmacy residents on their required research projects and medication utilization evaluations.

She is a current member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and serves as a peer reviewer for the BCPS and BCIDP preparatory review guide and is a member of the Standard Setting Panel for BCIDP examinations. Dr. Krautstrunk is also a full member of the SIDP, and Making a Difference in Infectious Diseases (MAD – ID).

Chris Hightower, PharmD, MBA, BCGP

Pharmacy Manager

Dr. Christopher Hightower brings a robust academic and professional background to the field of pharmacy. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Cell Biology from the University of California, San Diego, and furthered his expertise with both a Doctor of Pharmacy and a Masters in Business Administration from Roseman University of Health Sciences. Notably, he is also a Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, underscoring his specialized knowledge and commitment to an aging population.
Throughout his career, Dr. Hightower has demonstrated versatile leadership and clinical proficiency. He previously served as Pharmacy Manager at Target and as a Utilization Review Clinical Pharmacist before joining St. Rose Dominican Hospital in 2009. His dedication to St. Rose is evident in the diverse roles he has embraced across all three campuses. He began as a graveyard pharmacist at San Martin, advanced to a med/surg clinical pharmacist at Rose de Lima, and subsequently transitioned to Siena, where he has excelled as a med/surg pharmacist, IV room pharmacist, and now as Pharmacy Manager.
As an active member of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, Dr. Hightower recognizes the critical role pharmacists play in an evolving healthcare landscape. With nearly 92% of older adults managing at least one chronic condition and 81% living with two or more, he is a firm believer that pharmacists are essential in meeting the growing demand for comprehensive senior care. Go Knights Go!

Lisa Rakowski, PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Pediatrics & Neonatology

Lisa Rakowski earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.
With over 30 years of comprehensive pharmacy experience, Lisa has cultivated expertise across several varied practice settings. Prior to finding her passion in pediatrics, her career initially focused on the specialized area of chemotherapy. Beyond her extensive experience, Lisa obtained her BCPS certification and a Pediatric Certification from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), ensuring her practice meets the highest standards for pediatric pharmaceutical care.

Ragini S. Bhakta, PharmD, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Cardiology
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy

Ragini S. Bhakta, PharmD, BCCP, has spent more than 15 years bridging academic excellence and clinical practice as a Professor at Roseman University of Health Sciences and a Cardiology Clinical Specialist at St. Rose Dominican Hospital, Siena campus. Since 2008, she has focused her efforts on inspiring pharmacy students through her teaching in cardiovascular pharmacotherapy while delivering care as a member of the cardiology team. Dr. Bhakta is deeply committed to mentorship and finds great fulfillment in guiding pharmacy residents and students through a layered learning approach that fosters clinical confidence, leadership, and effective communication. Her professional interests center on advancing cardiovascular care, cultivating future pharmacy leaders, and promoting lifelong learning. She has also been active with NVSHP since 2013, serving on the Board of Directors as President and Treasurer.

Ivana Ganeva, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Emergency Medicine

Dr. Ivana Ganeva graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Science from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She then earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Roseman University of Health Sciences in Henderson, Nevada and completed an ASHP-accredited pharmacy practice residency at Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican Hospital.
Upon completion of her residency training, Dr. Ganeva has remained with the St. Rose family as a clinical specialist in the emergency department. In her free time, she enjoys staying active, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.

Brett Krautstrunk, RpH, BCPS, BCIDP
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Antimicrobial Stewardship

Mr. Krautstrunk attended Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. After receiving his degree in pharmacy, he practiced in many areas of hospital pharmacy, including critical care, surgery, pediatrics and administration. He is certified in antimicrobial stewardship through the Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists. Mr. Krautstrunk is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) and Board Certified Infectious Diseases Pharmacist (BCIDP).

At Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican Mr. Krautstrunk is involved in antimicrobial stewardship and rounding with infectious disease physicians to ensure appropriate antibiotic therapy. He is co-chair of the Anti-microbial Stewardship Committee and contributes to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee as well as reviewing policy and procedures for the microbiology lab. Mr. Krautstrunk precepts students for Roseman University College of Pharmacy.

Travis Merkle, PharmD, BCCCP
Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Critical Care Medicine

As early as the age of six, Dr. Travis Merkle wanted to be a pharmacist. His father, a clinical engineer, recommended the career after admiring the passion and knowledge of several pharmacist colleagues. While an undergraduate student at UNLV, Dr. Merkle worked as a pharmacy technician at St. Rose hospitals, which cemented his dream to be a hospital pharmacist in the St. Rose system. Not ready to debark from his native Vegas valley, Dr. Merkle applied to Roseman University of Health Sciences School of Pharmacy (formerly University of Southern Nevada). After graduating with his PharmD in 2007, Dr. Merkle began a pharmacy practice residency at University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, where he piqued his interest in critical care. Moreover, he met his lovely wife Summer during his residency orientation. When he completed his pharmacy residency in 2008, Dr. Merkle began working as an ICU clinical pharmacist at the Siena Campus. In his spare time, he enjoys playing games with his wife and three children, solving escape rooms, sampling delicious cuisine, and spending time with his pets.

Christine Pesqueira, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Critical Care Medicine

Dr. Christine Pesqueira is a Critical Care Clinical Specialist at St. Rose Dominican. She specializes in managing high-acuity patients within the intensive care unit, bringing rigorous residency training and advanced pharmaceutical expertise to the care team.

Dr. Pesqueira earned her Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of Arizona in Tucson, followed by her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. To further refine her clinical skills, she completed both an ASHP-accredited pharmacy practice residency and an ASHP-accredited specialty residency in critical care at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas. Dedicated to patient safety and evidence-based practice, Dr. Pesqueira collaborates closely with multidisciplinary teams to optimize medication therapy in critical care settings

Julie Seidlinger, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Medication Safety

Julie Seidlinger, PharmD, is a graduate of the North Dakota State University College of Pharmacy in Fargo. Following her Doctor of Pharmacy degree, she completed a pharmacy practice residency at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas and then went on to do the George P. Provost Editorial Internship with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists in Bethesda, Maryland. In her current role at Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican, Julie is involved in education and medication safety.

Stacy Henry, PharmD, BCPS, BCEMP
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Emergency Medicine
Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy

Dr. Stacy Henry earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Roseman University of Health Sciences in 2019 and completed her pharmacy practice residency and teaching certificate at St. Rose Siena Hospital. Since completing residency, she has obtained board certifications in both Pharmacotherapy (BCPS) and Emergency Medicine (BCEMP).
Dr. Henry has remained with St. Rose Siena Hospital as a clinical pharmacist in the emergency department, where she also precepts students and residents during their rotations. Passionate about education and mentorship, she serves as an adjunct faculty member at the Roseman University College of Pharmacy, teaching an emergency medicine elective.
Beyond her clinical and academic roles, Dr. Henry advances emergency medicine through involvement in various local and national professional committees focused on clinical operations, education, and research. She also volunteers with the Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Nevada, supporting community preparedness and service initiatives. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family, watching movies, and attending sporting events.

Michael Ta, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine

Dr. Michael Ta received his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychobiology from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Pacific University School of Pharmacy, Hillsboro, OR. He then went on to complete his PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, KS, in which he also obtained his teaching certificate through University of Kansas School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Ta joined St. Rose Dominican hospital system in 2016 as Clinical Specialist in Emergency Medicine

and became board certified in critical care (BCCCP) in 2018. Currently, he serves as a clinical pharmacist in internal medicine at the Siena campus and a preceptor for PGY-1 pharmacy residents and APPE pharmacy students. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, playing tennis, hiking, traveling, and volunteering.

Karen Holmes, PharmD, BCPS
Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Critical Care Medicine

Dr. Karen Holmes received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2009. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at Forsyth Medical center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a specialty residency in critical care at University of Arizona University Medical Center in Tucson. She became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist in 2013.

After residency, Dr. Holmes practiced as a clinical specialist in critical care medicine at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona and King Abdulaziz Medical City in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In both positions she precepted residents in ASHP accredited residency programs. In Saudi Arabia, she also precepted pharmacy students and lectured at the King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences.

Dr. Holmes joined the St. Rose Dominican team in September 2015 as a clinical specialist in critical care medicine.

Razan Sayegh, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Emergency Medicine

Dr. Razan Sayegh, a dedicated advocate for community service with a passion for science, began her healthcare journey as a junior volunteer at Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican, Rose de Lima campus in 2012. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Honors College, where she majored in Pre-Professional Biology. Dr. Sayegh went on to earn her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2019 from Roseman University of Health Sciences in Henderson, Nevada.

Dr. Sayegh joined Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican, Siena campus in 2021 and currently serves as a clinical pharmacist in the emergency department. Dr. Sayegh has an ASHP accredited certification in Emergency Medicine. In her spare time, she loves spending time with family friends, doing Pilates and cycling classes, volunteering for the Goodie Two Shoes Foundation, and trying new food spots.

Megan Farrell, PharmD, BCPS
Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Critical Care

Dr. Megan Farrell received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Roseman University of Health Sciences in Henderson, Nevada, in 2022. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican Hospital. After completing her residency, she earned her Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist certification in 2024.

Dr. Farrell has remained with Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican Hospital where she currently works as a clinical pharmacist in the surgical intensive care unit. In addition to precepting residents, she also serves as a preceptor for pharmacy students. She enjoys the interesting patients and variety of clinical challenges faced daily in the intensive care unit. During her spare time, her favorite hobbies include reading, gardening and hiking.