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From the Assistant Dean for Experiential Learning

Dear Preceptors,

Happy Summer! While it is typically quiet at the School of Pharmacy in the summer, we know it remains a busy time for you with students on required rotations. We thank you for your continued service to and support of the School.

At graduation for the Class of 2015 in May, it was my honor to recognize our preceptors of the year, who are chosen by our graduating students. Please join me in congratulating the following preceptors on their awards:

- **New Preceptor of the Year**- Matthew Bathula, PharmD, University of Maryland Medical Center
- **IPPE Preceptor of the Year**- Meltem Unal, PharmD, Safeway Pharmacy
- **APPE Preceptor of the Year**- Dave Procaccini, PharmD, Johns Hopkins Hospital
- **Faculty Preceptor of the Year**- Alison Duffy, PharmD, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy



In other news, the newly released ACPE standards for ambulatory care rotations necessitate a change to our current ambulatory care rotation structure. Starting in **May 2016**, we will be offering a 200 hour (five-week) continuous required APPE rotation in ambulatory care in place of our current longitudinal set up of 40 hours. This means students will not have to miss learning at your site in favor of an ambulatory care rotation at a different site. All of our current ambulatory care rotation preceptors, medication therapy management (MTM) sites, and potential community practice sites have been contacted to see how we can work together to implement this change.

If we haven't contacted you already and you or your site would like to join our pool of ambulatory care preceptors, please let us know so we can make your site available for students. Referrals are also welcome. In contemporary pharmacy practice, ambulatory care has been expanded and is now practiced not only in ambulatory care clinics, but also in some community pharmacy and health system settings that deliver patient care in a comparable manner. Sites can include MTM, collaborative practice services or contemporary community practice.

We will continue to share more information on the impact of the new ACPE standards on our program as we have more details.

We truly appreciate all you do for the students and the School. Please contact us at elp@rx.umaryland.edu or 410-706-2432 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Toyin Tofade

Toyin Tofade, MS, PharmD, BCPS, CPCC
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Preceptor Announcements

Bryan D. Hayes, PharmD, DABAT, FAACT, clinical pharmacy specialist and emergency medicine and toxicology manager at the University of Maryland Medical Center, was **promoted to clinical associate professor** at the School of Pharmacy.

Information on eligibility for promotion for clinical track faculty can be found [here](#).

What the ELP Office Needs from Preceptors

Please help us be **100 percent** compliant by doing the following:

- Submit all required midterm and final evaluations by the due date.
- Signed FERPA form.
- Provide us your SSN if you are able to accept honorarium payments.
- Enter site requirements in RxPreceptor.
- Complete two hours of preceptor development each academic year.

Newly Appointed Preceptors

- Jennifer Abernathy, PharmD
- Oluwabukola O. Akinsiku, PharmD
- Chintan K. Amin, PharmD
- Lt. Oluwaseu A. Asante, PharmD
- Barbara Brodman, PhD
- Jennifer Chang, PharmD
- Jessica E. Chasler, PharmD
- Andrew J. Cho, PharmD
- Ian A. Cook, PharmD
- Nicole Ejaz, PharmD
- Karim Elmahri, PharmD
- David L. Everhart, PharmD, MBA
- Trisha N. Exline, PharmD
- Adam B. Gold, PharmD, BCPS
- Hunjoo Ha, PhD
- Ibrahim T. Ibrahim, PharmD
- Golby Jalali, PharmD, BCPS
- Sneha P. Kumar, PharmD
- Austin C. Ladic, PharmD
- Ashley N. Martinelli, PharmD
- Lynda V. McCulley, PharmD, BCPS
- Yared Meaza, BSP
- Mary C. Moss, PharmD, BCPS
- Matthew J. Newman, PharmD
- David L. Ngo, PharmD, BCPS
- Nzelibe C. Nnenna, PharmD, MPH
- Adeolu T. Odewale, PharmD
- Jitan J. Patel, PharmD, MBA
- Rachana Patel, PharmD, BCPS
- Linda Pien, PharmD, BCPS
- Lyndsy E. Pinchevsky, PharmD, MS, BCPS, CPPS
- Alexander M. Pytlarz, PharmD
- Melinda M. Randolph, PharmD
- Lt. Susan Rhee, PharmD
- Brent Sharf, BSP
- CDR Kun Shen, PharmD
- Chad A. Shimek, PharmD
- Adam J. Shimoda, PharmD
- Audrey L. Sindac-Chen, PharmD
- Julie Srorn, PharmD
- Janessa Smith, PharmD, BCPS
- Jennifer L. Trinh, PharmD
- Sarah K. Vee, PharmD
- Eriny Victor, PharmD
- Lindsey M. Whitman, PharmD
- Kesha R. Wright, PharmD

Free CE Course for School of Pharmacy Preceptors

Did you know that as a School of Pharmacy preceptor, you are eligible for a **free 1 contact hour**, ACPE approved continuing education course offered through the School's Center for Innovative Pharmacy Solutions (CIPS) Knowledge Enterprise? This summer, we are offering free enrollment in the P³ Process of Care: Comprehensive Medication Therapy Management course. Simply text the word **Pharmacists** to number **22828** to receive your enrollment code.



The CIPS Knowledge Enterprise offers a wide variety of continuing education courses for pharmacists and other health care providers including the *PharmTechX Certificate I: Leadership & Patient Care Program*.

The **PharmTechX Program** at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy helps current pharmacy technicians advance their practice and take their careers to the next level. Ours is a practice-based certificate training program designed to prepare experienced, highly-qualified pharmacy technicians for advanced clinical practice and leadership roles within their organizations. The program uses online content available through the School's CIPS Knowledge Enterprise, an innovative e-learning platform, along with self-study, practical experiences, and group projects to help individuals already employed as pharmacy technicians at hospitals or in community pharmacies to advance their practice at their own pace and at times most convenient for them.

[Click here to learn more](#). Questions? Contact cips@rx.umaryland.edu or 410-706-3381.

Medical Mission to Kenya and Uganda

In January of this year, I was fortunate to participate in a medical mission trip from Washington, DC to Nairobi, Kenya and then Uganda in collaboration with Rock Church Ministries.

I was invited to participate because of the need for at least one pharmacist on the mission team. On trips like these, there is typically a back-up in the pharmacy because of the lack of appropriate personnel to make recommendations to the mission team's physicians on the utilization of available medications. Based on my experiences on the mission trip this year, I have the following recommendations for those planning a medical mission in future.

1. Start preparation at least one year before the scheduled trip.
2. Read and get information about the host country, its weather, culture, food, and more.
3. Get your passport and other travel documents. Contact the embassy of the host country about visa requirements and health regulations.
4. Consider working with a church, religious, or professional health organization in the host country.
5. Contact the Ministry of Health in the host country in conjunction with a church or professional organization to inform it of the purpose of your medical mission, the venue and date, and to solicit their assistance. Indicate you are providing your expertise and knowledge at no cost to the country or patients.
6. If possible, purchase the medications and medical supplies you need from the host country through reliable and genuine sources. You cannot carry enough medications and supplies for the mission work from your country. Secondly, these supplies are cheaper in the host country.
7. Have the medications pre-packed in standard dosages. For example, amoxicillin 250mg capsules, 30-pediatric and 60-adult, doxycycline 100mg capsules 20, ciprofloxacin 500mg, 10-pediatric and 20-adult; metronidazole 250mg tablets, 21-pediatric and 42-adult.
8. Investigate the common health problems in the district or country where the mission work will be taking place and bring medications to treat those conditions. You can never have too much acetaminophen or pain tablets and antimalarial tablets. Consider including in your medication list: multivitamins, antifungal tablets and creams for topical and vaginal applications, antibiotics, pain medications, ophthalmic, optic and nasal medications, antihistamines, anti-hypertensives, antidiabetics, lidocaine injection 2%, and plenty of disposal gloves if the mission includes dentistry, and hand sanitizer.
9. When placing patients on maintenance medications such as anti-hypertensives, antidiabetics or diuretics always recommend medications that are readily available in the host country and that are effective and low-cost.

For questions on how to set up a medical mission, please contact Dr. Oguntimehin at OGUNTIMB@gunet.georgetown.edu

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Korea Exchange Students Rotations

In the spring semester, the School was pleased to welcome two Korean student pharmacists from EWHA Woman's University who did a rotation at Walgreens with Thomas Kearney, PharmD.

Shown in the picture are Yiseul Han and Suyeon Yim with Dr. Kearney.



Library Access

One of the benefits of being a UMSOP preceptor is having off-site access to *Facts and Comparisons Online* and *Micromedex* from UMB's Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HS/HSL). Though these resources are still available, access is limited to preceptors who are scheduled to take a student for at least one block in the 2015-2016 academic year. This change is due to the HS/HSL's licensing agreements with publishers. If you have questions, please contact Alexa Mayo at amayo@hshsl.umaryland.edu or 410-706-1316.

Keep Your Information Current

The ELP Office would like to remind preceptors to keep their contact information updated in RxPreceptor. The ELP staff uses that information as the primary method of contact with you. If we are unable to contact you, you may lose opportunities to precept students or miss important information about the experiential learning program.

If you are no longer able to precept students because you have changed positions within your organization or have taken a new job with a different company, please let the ELP Office know. We can switch your status to inactive, which will stop the ELP Office from contacting you. Should you subsequently be in a position to precept students, simply contact the ELP Office and we will have our status reinstated as "active."

Also, make sure to update your site information. This is especially important if you change locations. However, in order to attract more students to your site, we suggest "marketing" your site by using the site description feature in RxPreceptor to make your site more appealing to students. Highlight the special services that your site offers. Emphasize relationships with medical practices, hospitals, assisted living facilities, etc. Remember, the more appealing a site is to students, the greater the chance that students will choose your site for a rotation.

You can easily log into RxPreceptor and enter the updated information. If you have questions about access to RxPreceptor or need assistance in updating your information, contact the ELP Office at elp@rx.umaryland.edu.