

PRECEPTOR BIO

RICHARD ROONEY, Pharm.D.,

Dr. Rooney earned his B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Nebraska in 1974 and subsequently earned his Pharm.D. from the University of Nebraska in 1984. He completed post graduate Chief Training Program at the Iowa VA Medical Center in 1985. He currently serves as the Director of Pharmacy at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center since 1987. He has served as an adjunct clinical assistant professor with the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy since his arrival to the VA in 1987. Dr. Rooney serves as the Residency Program Director for the PGY-2 Pharmacy Health Administration Residency since 2009. As well, he is also a certified instructor with the United States Army Reserve where he serves in the capacity of instructor for students/Majors in Command and General Staff College.

ISABEL SANVANSON, Pharm.D.

Dr. Sanvanson earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1999. She began her pharmacy career working at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital (now known as Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center) as a Clinical Pharmacist and as the coordinator of the ambulatory care rotation for 4th year PharmD candidates attending the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy. She joined Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2005 as the Inpatient Pharmacy Supervisor. In March 2008, She was appointed the role of the Assistant Chief for Pharmacy Operations. Dr. Sanvanson serves as the co-chair of the Root Cause Analysis Medication Event team. She also coordinates the VALOR internship program specializing in Pharmacy Administration along with working actively with both PGY-1 and PGY-2 pharmacy residents in the area of pharmacy management and patient safety.

BRETT GEIGER, Pharm.D.

Dr. Geiger earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1997. He completed a one year pharmacy practice residency at the Veterans Affairs Chicago Healthcare System (currently the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center) in 1998. He continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care and formulary manager. He was named the Assistant Chief of Pharmacy for Clinical Services in June 2011. Dr. Geiger was also a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy where he worked part-time as a drug information specialist for 12 years.

MILICA JOVIC, Pharm.D., BCACP

Dr. Jovic earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Lakeside VA (currently the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center) in 1996. She continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in the general medicine clinic at Lakeside CBOC. As well, Dr. Jovic serves as the Residency Program Director for the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency since 1999 and assists in the coordination of the PGY-2 Pharmacy Administration Residency since 2009. She also coordinates the student rotations from the University of Illinois for over 120 students per year. She also serves as a reviewer for the JBVAMC Continuing Pharmacy Education Committee. Dr. Jovic is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

LISA RENE YOUNG, Pharm.D. BCPS

Dr. Young earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 2006. She completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Duke University Medical Center in 2007, and a PGY-2 Infectious Diseases Residency at The Ohio State University Medical Center in 2008. Her current role is as the clinical pharmacy specialist for the Home Infusion Program at JBVA, and also has several Infectious Diseases related responsibilities at our institution. She is the residency program director for the PGY-2 Infectious Disease residency program. Dr. Young also precepts P-4 students and PGY-1 residents throughout the year. Dr. Rene is an adjunct clinical instructor for the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy and a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

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Dr. Abraham earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 2005. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2006. She continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care (Red General Medicine Clinic). Dr. Abraham is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and a contributing author to *U.S. Pharmacist*. Dr. Abraham is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy and has an appointment with UIC IRB as a member and reviewer.

CLARE BERGMAN, Pharm.D., BCPS

Dr. Bergman earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2007. She completed a one year pharmacy practice residency at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 2008. She currently works at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as an inpatient clinical pharmacy specialist, working heavily with the Continuous Living Center. Recently, her practice has expanded to the Chronic Heart Failure Pharmacy clinic. Dr. Bergman is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy and a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

VIKA BURSUA, Pharm.D.

Dr. Bursua received her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy in 2005. She completed a one year pharmacy practice residency at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2006. Dr. Bursua went on to work as an inpatient clinical pharmacist at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. In 2008, Dr. Bursua developed and now continues to manage the inpatient anticoagulation program. She is co-chair of the Anti-Thrombosis sub-committee. Dr. Bursua is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois, College of Pharmacy.

CHAD BRODY, Pharm.D.

Chad received his BS in Pharmacy from the University at Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 2006. He then completed his pharmacy practice residency in 2007 at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. Currently, Chad is the team leader for the discharge pharmacy service at Jesse Brown VA. Dr. Brody is a clinical adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College Of Pharmacy.

SANDRA CALEDA, Pharm.D., CACP

Dr. Calenda received her Pharm.D. from the Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy in 2006. She then completed a one year pharmacy practice residency at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2008. Currently, Dr. Calenda works as one of the primary inpatient anticoagulation pharmacists and also in primary care. Dr. Calenda is also co-chair of the Anti-Thrombosis sub-committee at the Jesse Brown VA.

LEE ANN CARSELLO, Pharm.D., BCPS

Dr. Carsello earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Veterans Affairs Chicago Healthcare System (currently the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center) in 1999. She continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in anticoagulation and primary care. Dr. Carsello serves as Editor of the JBVAMC Pharmacy & Therapeutics Newsletter and as the Continuing Education Administrator for the JBVAMC Continuing Pharmacy Education Committee. She also works for the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12, and serves on the VA National Pharmacy Education Advisory Group.

LEENA CHERIAN, Pharm.D.

Dr. Cherian earned her Pharm.D. from Rutgers University, Ernest Mario College of Pharmacy in 2008. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2010. Currently, Dr. Cherian is a clinical pharmacist working in primary care (Blue General Medicine clinic and anticoagulation telephone clinic).

DANA FRANK, Pharm.D., CGP

Dr. Frank earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2000. She completed a one year pharmacy practice residency at the Veterans Affairs Chicago Healthcare System (currently the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center) in 2001. She continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care and geriatrics. She also works for the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12 on a variety of clinical pharmacy programs. Dr. Frank is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College Of Pharmacy and is a certified geriatric pharmacist.

TANIA JOHN, Pharm.D.

Dr. John received her Pharm.D from the University of Rhode Island in 2004. She completed a pharmacy practice residency in 2005 at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Chicago, IL. Currently, Dr. John is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois, Chicago. She practices as a clinical pharmacy specialist in ambulatory care at the Adam Benjamin Jr. VA clinic, a community based outpatient clinic that is part of Jesse Brown VA Medical Center.

SEEMA KAPADIA, Pharm.D., BCACP

Dr. Kapadia earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 2008. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2009. Her current role is as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care, where she serves veterans within a diabetes case management

clinic. This clinic is targeting uncontrolled patients with a hemoglobin A1c > 9%. Dr. Kapadia is also an adjunct clinical instructor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

BLAIR KAPLAN, Pharm.D.

Dr. Schwartz earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2007. She then went on to complete a one year pharmacy practice residency here at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2008. She currently works at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as an inpatient clinical pharmacy specialist, with a strong focus on patients requiring treatment with chemotherapy and/or biologics and with the Continuous Living Center. Dr. Schwartz is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

HELEN KASIMATIS, Pharm.D.

Dr. Kasimatis earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2000. She completed a one year pharmacy practice residency at the Veterans Affairs Chicago Healthcare System (currently the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center) in 2001. She continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care. She also works for the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12 on a variety of clinical pharmacy programs. She serves as secretary of the VISN P & T committee and co-chair of the VISN MUE subcommittee. Dr. Kasimatis is also a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

JAMES J. KOTEK, Pharm.D.

Dr. Kotek received his Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2007. He then completed his pharmacy practice residency in 2008 at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to his career in pharmacy, Dr. Kotek earned his BS in Psychology and Nursing from Loyola University of Chicago in 1997. Dr. Kotek is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and is currently providing clinical pharmacy services in both the ambulatory care and emergency department settings.

MOLLY KURPIUS, Pharm.D.

Dr. Kurpius received her BS in biological sciences from Northern Illinois University in 2001 and her Pharm.D. from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2005. She completed a one year pharmacy residency in primary care at the Iowa City VA Medical Center in 2006. Currently, Dr Kurpius is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy. She is also a clinical pharmacy specialist in ambulatory care. She is involved in the anticoagulation, diabetes, general medicine and smoking cessation clinics.

HONG T. LAM, Pharm.D.

Dr. Lam earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1998. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Veterans Affairs Chicago Healthcare System (currently the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center) in 1999. She continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in the genitourinary and gastroenterology clinics. Dr. Lam is also a clinical adjunct professor at the University of Illinois.

ERICA H. LIN, Pharm.D.

Dr. Hugo earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2007. She then completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2008. Her current role is as a clinical pharmacy specialist in the multidisciplinary outpatient pain clinic as well as in primary care. Dr. Hugo is also the co-coordinator of the Pain Education School, which is offered to chronic pain patients year-round. She is a member of the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center Pain Committee and is serving as the facility's Pain Point of Contact for the VISN 12 Pain Committee.

CHASITIE LEVESQUE THOMAS, Pharm.D.

Dr. Levesque earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2003. She completed a one year pharmacy practice residency at the Veterans Affairs Chicago Healthcare System (currently the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center) in 2004. She continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in the Chicago Height's CBOC and Women's health clinic (JBVAMC). She also works for the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12 on a variety of clinical pharmacy programs. In addition, she serves as a Pharmacy representative for the National Women's Health Strategic Educational Group. Dr. Levesque is also a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College Of Pharmacy.

SHERYL LOWERY, Pharm.D., BCPS

Dr. Lowery earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2001. Her current role is Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for inpatient care at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. She is also a part of our Nutrition Support Team, Wound Care Team, and is an Advanced Cardiac Life Support instructor. Dr. Lowery serves

as a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy and regularly precepts pharmacy students as well as Jesse Brown VA Medical Center PGY-1 pharmacy residents. Dr. Lowery is also a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

SIMA MADHIWALA, Pharm.D, BCPS

Dr. Mehta earned her Pharm.D. from the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers University in New Jersey in 2008. She completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2009. She currently works as an inpatient clinical pharmacy specialist at JBVA, working heavily with the facility's medication reconciliation efforts. She co-chairs the VISN 12 Medication Reconciliation Team, and serves as the facility point of contact. Dr. Mehta is also an adjunct clinical instructor for the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

NISHA MEHTA, Pharm.D.

Dr. Mehta earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 2009. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency in 2010 and a PGY-2 health system administration residency in 2011. Both of these residencies were completed at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago. She continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacist and pharmaco-economic specialist assisting with outpatient pharmacy and working on various supervisory and leadership projects.

THANI MISRA, Pharm.D.

Dr. Misra earned his Pharm.D. from the University of Houston College of Pharmacy in 2008. He completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency in 2009 and a PGY-2 health system administration residency in 2010. Both of these residencies were completed at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago. He is the current inpatient pharmacy supervisor overseeing the daily operations of the pharmacy. He is focused on continually improving patient care by improving systems and utilizing technology to increase efficiency. He is an active member in the medication event team, Pharmacy Newsletter, P&T committee, CPR team and works closely with the nursing and medicine staff as a routine part of his daily activities. Dr. Misra precepts pharmacy students, PGY-1 residents and PGY-2 residents throughout the year.

JACLYN NG, Pharm.D.

Dr. Ng earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 2007. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2008. Her current role is as a clinical pharmacy specialist in ambulatory care. She is involved in the home based primary care service, the pulmonary, general medicine, and smoking cessation clinics. Dr. Ng is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy. She is a member of the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center Fall Prevention Aggregate Team.

MANISHA PATEL, Pharm.D., BCPS

Dr. Patel received her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois, College of Pharmacy in 2000. She began her pharmacy career at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2000 in the inpatient pharmacy and has served in the capacity of a staffing pharmacist, evening supervisor, home based patient care pharmacist and a clinical pharmacy specialist. Currently, Dr. Patel is a clinical pharmacist in the operating room and the intensive care unit at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center and is board certified in pharmacotherapy. Dr. Patel is also a clinical adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy

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Dr. Patel earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 2008. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2009. Her current role is as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care (Green General Medicine Clinic). Dr. Patel is also a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Dr. Patel is also a clinical adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy

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Dr. Rakhman earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at Rush-Presbyterian Medical Center in 1998. She works at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in the general medicine clinic at Lakeside CBOC and in hemodialysis clinic at JBVA. She serves as a reviewer for the JBVAMC Continuing Pharmacy Education Committee. Dr. Rakhman is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

KARINE ROZENBERG BEN DROR, Pharm.D.

Dr. Rozenberg received her PharmD from the University of Illinois in 1992 and joined the Veterans Administration as inpatient clinical Pharmacy Specialist and later as Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor for UIC students and residents. After two years of inpatient care, she was promoted to the Ambulatory Care clinics at Lakeside with an emphasis on primary care. The disease management role expanded in 1994, working with the Northwestern Medical School GI Service at the VA, managing patients with gastroesophageal reflux and H pylori. In 1999, care for patients embarking on hepatitis C treatment overtook PUD and GERD. In 2002, Dr Rozenberg attended her first HCRC meeting in San Francisco organized by Drs Sue Currie and Helen Yee. This was a tipping point for various roles and projects related to HCV management locally and nationally until 2006 when a HCV care began to decline. Her focus shifted to Informatics solutions and in 2008, the Lakeside and Jesse Brown Hepatitis C clinics were consolidated allowing her to shift gears to build knowledge and relationships with the CPRS coordinators and revamp medication menus and prescribing habits within CPRS. Her informatics role was formalized when she joined VISN 12 in May, 2010. Later the same year, Dr Rozenberg rejoined the HCV work group organized by HCRC, Public Health and PBM for the Boot Camp Education series and to work with various experts to develop the first two National Consults for dabigatran and boceprevir. She currently manages the Hepatitis C Task Force for VISN 12 while maintain an active role in the Ambulatory Care clinic. Dr. Rozenberg has co-authored several manuscripts and has presented at professional meetings. Her qualifications and expertise have been utilized for review of manuscript as well as for review of Disease management guidelines within the Veterans Administration.

NICHOLAS SUPER, Pharm.D.

Dr. Super received his B.A. in biological sciences from The University of Chicago in 2004, then obtained his pharm.D. from The University of Illinois-Chicago in 2009. He completed a pharmacy practice residency in 2010 at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. Following his residency, he worked as an inpatient clinician before transitioning to ambulatory care in February 2011. Currently Dr. Super works in primary care, anticoagulation, women's health and home based care clinics, and coordinates the monitoring of post-transplant medications at Jesse Brown VAMC. Dr. Super is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

ANTHONY M. TARDI, Pharm.D., BCACP

Dr. Tardi received his Pharm.D. from the Purdue University School of Pharmacy in 2009. He then completed his pharmacy practice residency in 2010 at the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital in Maywood, IL. Currently, Dr. Tardi is a clinical pharmacist in primary care at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center with his main practice site being located at the Adam Benjamin, Jr. CBOC in Crown Point, IN.

JUDITH A TOTH, Pharm.D., CGP, CDE, FASCP

Dr. Toth earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1999. She completed a one year pharmacy practice residency at the Veterans Affairs Chicago Healthcare System (currently the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center) in 2000. She continues to work at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care and adverse drug reaction reporting manager. She also serves on JBVAMC's Medication Event Committee. Dr. Toth is a board certified geriatric pharmacist (since January 2002) and a board certified diabetes educator (since May 2003). She is a Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. Dr. Toth is a contributing author to *U.S. Pharmacist* and *The Diabetes Educator*. Dr. Toth is also a Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy.

PATRICK WATERS, Pharm.D.

Dr. Waters received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1982 and his Doctor of Pharmacy in 1983 both from University of Michigan. His PGY1 residency was at the Ann Arbor VAMC 1983 to 1984 and his PGY2 Residency in Infectious Diseases from Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He worked as a clinical coordinator and infectious diseases specialist at Harper hospital from 1985-1987 and then as an Infectious Diseases Specialist at Rush Hospital from 1987- 1990. He was an Infectious Diseases clinical specialist at Lakeside starting in 1990 and transferred to Jesse Brown when Lakeside was closed.

LONYEL WILLIAMS, Pharm.D.

Dr. Williams graduated from University Of Illinois College Of Pharmacy in 1998. She is currently employed at Jesse Brown VA Medical center where she serves as an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. Dr. Williams works on general medicine and surgery floors at JBVAMC. She also serves on the CLC committee as a pharmacy liaison during Interdisciplinary rounds. Dr. Williams is an adjunct Clinical Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

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Dr. Zambrano earned his Pharm.D. from Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy in 2001. His current role is as a clinical pharmacy specialist for inpatient pharmacy (MICU/CCU/SICU/TELE) He is also a clinical adjunct

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