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## **FELLOWSHIP IN COMMUNITY PHARMACY PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH**

This 2-year Fellowship program was established within the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh in 2007. The goal of this Fellowship program is to provide graduates with a strong foundation in scholarship pertaining to community pharmacy practice with an emphasis placed on developing community pharmacy practice leaders and future faculty members. This year, we are specifically recruiting for a fellow in partnership with Asti's South Hills Pharmacy. The fellow will be a key member of the Asti's South Hills Pharmacy team and our school's community-based research, innovation, education and practice initiatives.

### **Core Learning:**

The core learning experiences of the Fellowship program consists of mentored practice development and research (approximately 80%-90% of the fellow's effort) with the remaining time devoted to teaching and/or community-based direct patient care. Specific activities are individualized to meet the fellow's interests and career goals. The program co-directors and a committee consisting of community practice leaders, including Asti's South Hills Pharmacy, and faculty members with expertise in community pharmacy practice and health services/health outcomes research advise the fellow. The fellow meets weekly with program co-directors and every 6 months with the full committee.

### **Practice Partnerships:**

Community Pharmacy Practice: Asti's South Hills Pharmacy – primary practice partner

The Fellow will also have the opportunity to work with:

- Pennsylvania Pharmacist Care Network/CPESN: over 150 pharmacies in Pennsylvania, and partnership with CPESN USA nationwide
- Public Health: Allegheny County Health Department and PittCoVax Center (University-wide vaccinations)
- Underserved Care: Grace Lamsam Program for the Underserved
- Family Medicine: UPMC St. Margaret Family Health Centers, Renaissance Family Practices

### **Mentored research and Practice Development activities:**

The ACCP Guidelines for Clinical Research Fellowship Training Programs list several skills that are essential to achieving competency in clinical research. In the community practice research fellowship, the majority of these skills are developed through the completion of practice development and research under the guidance of the fellowship co-directors and practice preceptors. As part of these research efforts, the fellow is required to gain experience in grantsmanship through authoring and submitting at least 1 grant application for funding consideration. The fellow is also required to gain experience in the scholarship of teaching, providing the opportunity for course material design and formal evaluation.

The fellow will work closely with the Asti's South Hills Pharmacy team in the growth and evaluation of patient care services. The pharmacy is a leader within the Pennsylvania Pharmacist Care Network/CPESN USA. This affords consideration opportunity to collaborate with this clinically integrated network and the growth and evaluation of patient care services statewide.

A competitive stipend with benefits and travel support is provided. Applicants should possess a PharmD degree and preferably have prior residency experience relevant to community practice.

### **Fellowship Graduates:**

2007-09:	Margie E. Snyder, PharmD, MPH: Associate Professor (with Tenure), Purdue University
2013-15:	Jennifer L. Bacci, PharmD, MPH, BCACP: Assistant Professor, University of Washington
2016-18:	Hannah Renner, PharmD, MPH: Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, UPMC Health Plan
2019-2022:	Sophia Cothrel Herbert, PharmD: Current Fellow
2020-2022:	Kelsey Hake, PharmD: Current Fellow

### **Fellowship Graduate Publications based on work completed during Fellowship:**

1. Berenbrok LA, **Renner HM<sup>^</sup>**, McGivney MS, Coley KC. A value-based model for incentivizing adult immunizations at community pharmacies. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2019;59(6):539-544. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.japh.2019.03.005>
2. Sutt AR#, Pagliaro AM#, Wilson E, **Renner H<sup>^</sup>**, Hall D, Berenbrok LA, McGivney MS, Coley KC. Facilitating Pandemic Influenza Vaccination Implementation in Grocery Store Chain Community Pharmacies. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2019;59(6):848-851. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.japh.2019.07.001>
3. Carroll J<sup>^</sup>, McGivney MS, Grapsy J#, **Renner H<sup>^</sup>**, McCormick K, Cooney SS, Coley KC. Development of a Prescription Dispensing Data Infographic to facilitate collaboration between community pharmacists and prescribers. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2019;59:232-237. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.japh.2018.11.014>
4. Bacci JL, Bigham KA, Dillon-Summer L, Frail C, Hamada CY, Lantaff W, McGivney MS, **Renner H**, Snyder ME, Curran GM. Implementation and evaluation approaches in community pharmacist patient care services: a scoping review. *J Am College of Clin Pharmacy* 2019;2(4). <https://doi.org/10.1002/jac5.1136>
5. Dombrowski SK, **Bacci JL**, Klatt PM, Osborne MA, Castelli G, Burns A, McGivney MS. Financial models utilized throughout the United States by non-academic, outpatient primary care practices to justify incorporation of pharmacists in team-based primary care. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2019. (2019), doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.japh.2019.02.005>.
6. Snyder ME, Frail CK, Gernant SA, **Bacci JL**, Colip L, Ferreri SP, Hagemeyer NE, McGivney MS, Rodis JL, Smith MG, Smith RB. Fellowships in Community Pharmacy Research: Experiences of Five Schools and Colleges of Pharmacy. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2016; 56: 316-322.
7. McCartney EM, **Bacci JL**, Ossman KL, Richardson RM, DelPizzo DM, DeJames JR, McGivney MS. Mobile application features sought after by patients of a grocery store chain pharmacy. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2016;56:62-66.
8. **Bacci JL**, Akinwale TP, Adams AJ, McGivney MS. Exploring community pharmacy shared faculty contributions to practice, teaching and scholarship. *Am J Pharm Ed* 2016; 80(7) Article 115.
9. **Bacci JL**, McGrath SH, Pringle JL, Maguire MA, McGivney MS. Implementation of targeted medication adherence interventions within a community chain pharmacy practice: The Pennsylvania Collaborative. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2014; 54(6): 584-93.
10. Elrod SE, **Snyder ME**, Hall DL, McGivney MS, Smith RB. Practice Change in Community Pharmacy: A Case Study of Multiple Stakeholders' Perspectives. *INNOVATIONS in Pharmacy* 2012; 3(3): Article 82.
11. Osborne MA, **Snyder ME**, Hall DL, Coley KC, McGivney MS. Evaluating Pennsylvania pharmacists' provision of community-based patient care services to develop a statewide practice network. *INNOVATIONS in Pharmacy* 2011; 2(4): 1-9.
12. Pringle J, Melczak M, Aldridge A, **Snyder M**, Smith, R. Study of Medication Adherence and its Relation to Therapeutic Alliance: Results of an Innovative Practice in Community Pharmacy and Medication Therapy Management. *Innovations in Pharmacy*. 2: 1-15, 2011.
13. **Snyder ME**, Rice KR, Primack BA, Somma McGivney M, Pringle JL, Smith RB. "Exploring Successful Community Pharmacist-Physician Collaborative Working Relationships Using Mixed Methods" *J Soc Admin Pharm* 2010;6(4):307-323.
14. Rickles NM, Brown TA, McGivney MS, **Snyder ME**, White KA. Adherence: a review of education, research, practice, and policy in the United States. *Pharmacy Practice (Internet)* 2010 Jan-Mar;8(1):1-17.
15. **Snyder ME**, Meyer SM, Somma McGivney M, Smith RB. A Pilot Study: The Design and Preliminary Evaluation of Web-based Materials to Teach Pharmacist-Physician Collaboration During Community-based Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences. *International J Pharm Ed & Prac (Internet)* 2010;6(1).
16. Harriman McGrath S, **Snyder M**, Garcia G, Pringle JL, Smith RB, Somma McGivney M. Physician Perceptions of Pharmacist-Provided Medication Therapy Management (MTM): A Qualitative Analysis. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2010;50:67-71.

17. **Snyder ME**, Zillich AJ, Primack BA, Rice K, McGivney MA, Pringle JL, Smith RB. Exploring successful community pharmacist-physician collaborative working relationships using mixed methods. *Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy*. 6 (2010) 307–323
18. Garcia G, **Snyder M**, Harriman S\*, Smith RB, Somma McGivney M. Generating Demand for Pharmacist-Provided Medication Therapy Management: Identifying Patient Preferred Marketing Strategies. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2009;49:611-616.

**Application includes:** Letter of Intent, CV, three letters of recommendation, and a statement of practice development and research interests (1-2 pages describing vision for community-based research and practice advancement).

**Applications due by June 11, 2021 to Alison Zappa:** [aaz13@pitt.edu](mailto:aaz13@pitt.edu) Applications will be reviewed upon receipt.

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