AWARDS/HONORS

Vadim Blinder, Pharm.D. student
Has been awarded a College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists scholarship to the annual CPNP Annual Conference to be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado in April 2013. He was one of seven students given this award nationally and the award provides complimentary registrations to the annual conference. Blinder and Merril Norton, Clinical Associate Professor, will be presenting a poster, “The Student Pharmacists Chemical Health Scale 2013: High Risk Factors for Substance Use,” at the conference.

PUBLICATIONS

Susan Fagan, Assistant Dean for Clinical Programs at Georgia Regents University and Jowdy Professor


Published Prakash R, Johnson M, Fagan SC, Ergul A. Cerebral neovascularization and remodeling patterns are different in obese and lean models of Type 2 diabetes. PLoS ONE 2013;8(2):e56264, February 18

Jake Galdo, Clinical Pharmacy Educator
Published “Acute Decompensated Heart Failure” in U.S. Pharmacist 2012:38(2): HS2-HS8, with Ashlee Riggs, PGY-1 Community Pharmacy Resident, and Amy Morris, PharmD. candidate

Acute decompensated heart failure (ADHF), an exacerbation of chronic cardiac, pulmonary, and/or renal dysfunction, accounts for most of the $39 billion spent on chronic heart failure. The pharmacotherapy of ADHF has not changed recently, but studies have indicated that most therapy is efficaciously, though not economically, equivalent. Evidence-based, inpatient pharmacotherapy is guided by understanding of the Forrester Hemodynamic subsets and their pathophysiology. Clinical success is dependent not only upon proper inpatient treatment, but also upon the utilization of a discharge team. Pharmacists can bridge the gap between hospital visits and outpatient care by recommending and providing continuity of care. - See more at: http://www.uspharmacist.com/content/d/feature/c/39145/#sthash.ecKW2GUT.dpuf
Sally Huston, Assistant Professor

Dexi Liu, Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences


Matt Perri, Professor

Somanath Shenoy, Assistant Professor
Recently published research article, “TGFβ1 induces apoptosis in invasive prostate cancer and bladder cancer cells via Akt-independent, p38 MAPK and JNK/SAPK-mediated activation of caspases” published in the journal “Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communication” and authored by Ahmad Al-Azayzih, Fei Gao, Anna Goc and Somanath Shenoy, was featured as highlighted article in “Urotoday” website, the world’s leading resource for urology news for health care professionals.

Recently published research article “P21 Activated Kinase-1 (Pak1) Promotes Prostate Tumor Growth and Microinvasion via Inhibition of Transforming Growth Factor β Expression and Enhanced Matrix Metalloproteinase 9 Secretion” published in the “Journal of Biochemical Chemistry” authored by Anna Goc, Ahmad Al-Azayzih, Maha Abdalla, Belal Al-Husein and Somanath Shenoy, is featured in News by the “Atlanta Business Chronicle”. A link to the article is provided below: http://www.bizjournals.com/search?q=%22Somanath+Shenoy%22. This article was also featured in UGA Today, Athens-Clarke News and HealthCanal.com.

Amber Bradley, Clinical Assistant Professor
Presented at the 2013 ASBMT/CIBMTR Tandem pre-conference training course for new practitioners in bone marrow transplant: “Antiemetics in HSCT” and “Pulmonary Complications in HSCT.”


Presented a research poster at the 2013 ASBMT Tandem Conference entitled “Intravenous busulfan pharmacokinetics in conditioning regimens for allogeneic stem cell transplantation: Impact of initial dosing weight on clinical outcomes” with David DeRemer, Clinical Associate Professor and Sarah Evans, PharmD candidate in Augusta

Keith Herist, Clinical Associate Professor
Participated in the AIDS Athens “Return to UGA” panel discussion at the College of Public Health commemorating the 25th anniversary of AIDS Athens.
Vivia Hill-Silcott, Diversity Programs Director
Presented a poster entitled “Cultural Competence Through the Lens of ‘Others’: An Innovative Teaching Project” at the 8th annual UGA Counseling and Diversity Conference

Dexi Liu, Professor and Head, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences
Presented Seminar on “Blocking High Fat Diet-Induced Obesity By Nuclear Receptor Agonists”, Department of Physiology, Georgia Regents University, Jan. 10, 2013.


Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Professor
Presented at the Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics at Georgia Regents University on February 25, 2013. The title of my talk was “Designing modified peptides to study kinase cell signaling.”

Charles McDuffie, Public Service Associate
Presented “The Future of Patient Safety: Managing Medication Errors” on February 19th at the College of Pharmacy in Athens with Trina von Waldner, Public Service Associate

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented The Psychopharmacology of Substance Use Disorders to the Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drugs, and Addiction Services Annual meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee

Trina von Waldner, Director, Continuing Education and Outreach
Following presentations at the 2013 Mental Health Symposium on Feb. 5 in Athens:

Stephanie Phan, Clinical Assistant Professor and T. Vivian Liao, Clinical Assistant Professor
Presented “Improving Continuity of Care for Psychiatric Patients: Bridging the Gap”

J. Russell May, Clinical Professor

Linda Hughes, Public Service Assistant and Deana McEwen, Public Service Assistant
Presented “Before the Pharmacology, Do the Psychology: Collaborations in Mental Health”

Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor
Presented “Addicts Hurt Too: Ethical Considerations in the Treatment of Pain in the Patient with Addiction”

Randy Tackett, Professor
Presented “Clinical Manifestations of Bath Salts Intoxication”

Charles McDuffie, Public Service Associate
Presented “Over the Rainbow: A Mobile Technology Update”

Trina von Waldner, Public Service Associate
Presented “Critical Incident Stress Management: A Role for Mental Health Pharmacists”
“Acyclonucleosides to Ziagen: A Journey” is the topic of the **Second Annual Chu Lectureship**, which will be presented by **Robert Vince**, director of the Center for Drug Design Academic Health Center, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, College of Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota. It will be held on Wednesday, **March 6**, at 11 a.m. in Pharmacy South 201. A reception begins at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

**Glenn Prestwich**, presidential professor of medicinal chemistry and special presidential assistant for faculty entrepreneurship at the University of Utah, will present a seminar on Wednesday, **March 6**, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 101 of the Pharmacy South building. His talk is entitled “Harnessing Hyaluronic Acid: From Cell Therapy to Reducing Inflammation.” The lecture is free and open to the public.

**The 37th Annual Good Manufacturing Practices Conference** will be held at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education from **March 11 to 14**. Sponsored by the UGA College of Pharmacy under the direction of Gary Dykstra, the College’s director of biomedical continuing education and strategic planning, the event is expected to be another successful conference focused on Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policies, guidances, and regulations governing pharmaceutical production. The keynote speaker is Howard Sklamberg, FDA director of compliance for drugs. He is among 10 other FDA presenters, along with speakers from industry and academia. The agenda is attached at the website: http://www.internationalgmp.com/. The registration fee paid after 2/22/13 is $1,295.00. The UGA Student Registration fee is $125.00. Any faculty who want to attend sessions should first contact Gary Dykstra by e-mail at gdykstra@rx.uga.edu or 678-985-6827.