

# Rx News

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## AWARDS/HONORS

### **Azza El-Remessy, Assistant Professor**

Appointed as a grant reviewer for the American Diabetes Association for three years

### **Marjorie Shaw Phillips, Clinical Professor and Pharmacist Coordinator for Medical College of Georgia Health**

Was practitioner surveyor for the American Society of Health System Pharmacists-reaccreditation survey of the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Riverside Methodist (Ohio Health) in Columbus, Ohio

### **Trina von Waldner, Director of Postgraduate Continuing Education**

Invited to serve on the Northeast Georgia Mountains Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Board. The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is to improve the health and safety of communities across the country by organizing and utilizing public health, medical and other volunteers. The Gainesville-based MRC as 258 members, including six pharmacists.

## GRANTS

### **Michael Bartlett, Associate Professor**

Received \$37,787 from the Medical College of Georgia for study of axonal memory and transport

### **Tony Capomacchia, Associate Professor**

Received \$4,826 from G&H Brands LLC to formulate a eutectic mixture of lidocaine, thymol and aqueous isopropanol as a solution for topical aerosol delivery

### **Rajgopal Govindarajan, Assistant Professor**

Received a Developmental Research Program award for \$25,000 in direct costs from Emory, Winship Cancer Institute for studying the role of nucleoside drug transporters in governing gemcitabine efficacy in human head and neck cancer

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Doug Anderson, Clinical Associate Director and Director Southwest Georgia Campus**

Published Pharmacogenomics and Warfarin in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy as an editorial discussing the future of pharmacogenomic dosing of warfarin

### **Warren Beach, Associate Professor**

Published a review entitled "Desensitization of Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors as a Strategy for Drug Development" in the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. The review describes a new group of compounds that modulate the nicotinic receptor but are neither agonists or antagonists and their potential use as therapeutic agents.

**Tony Capomacchia, Associate Professor**

Published "Accelerated dissolution testing for controlled release microspheres using the flow-through dissolution apparatus" in *Pharmaceutical Development and Technology*, with **Deborah Strong, James Price**

**Azza El-Remessy, Assistant Professor**

Published a review article in the *Journal of Pharmacotherapy* entitled, "Diabetic Retinopathy: Current Management and Experimental Therapeutic Targets"

**Rajgopal Govindarajan, Assistant Professor**

Published "Facilitated Mitochondrial Import of Anti-viral and Anti-cancer Nucleoside Drugs by Human Equilibrative Nucleoside Transporter-3 (hENT3)" in the *American Journal of Physiology: Gastrointestinal and Liver Physiology* and "The Role of the Equilibrative Nucleoside Transporter 1 (ENT1) in Transport and Metabolism of Ribavirin by Human and Wild-type or Ent1(-/-) Mouse Erythrocytes" in the *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*. Both research projects resulted from postdoctoral work in pharmaceuticals at the University of Washington.

**Greene Shepherd, Clinical Associate Professor**

Published "Frequency of Incomplete Medication Histories Obtained at Triage" in the *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*

**PRESENTATIONS****James Cooper, Professor Emeritus**

Presented "Asthma and COPD in the Older Adult" to the Geriatric Education Conference for health care professionals

**Merrill Norton, Clinical Associate Professor**

Presented the following: Keynote address: "What Is Addiction? The "New" Disease Model," at Duquesne University Mylan College of Pharmacy, Pittsburgh, PA.; "Psychopharmacology Update 2009," at the Georgia Addictions Counselors Association Pharmacology Symposium, Talbott Recovery Campus, Atlanta; "What Is the Student Pharmacist Addiction Probability Scale?" at Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Atlanta; "The Addiction Pharmacy Series: Pain and the Addicted Patient," at the UGA Mental Health Pharmacotherapy Symposium

**Kalen Porter, Clinical Assistant Professor**

Presented student posters, "Evaluation of Completeness of Medication Reconciliation in Compliance with the Joint Commission's Requirements" and "Evaluation of Antimicrobial Surgical Prophylaxis in a Children's Medical Center" at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists meeting