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Education

Doctor of Pharmacy	09/2008 – 05/2012
<i>University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy; Minneapolis, MN</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cumulative GPA: 3.786 - Distinction• Class Technologist	
Bachelor of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology	09/2003 – 05/2008
<i>University of Minnesota; Duluth, MN</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cumulative GPA: 3.774 - Cum laude• Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering Minor	

Licenses and Certification

Health Informatics Certification	10/2020 – Present
<i>American Medical Informatics Association; Washington, DC</i>	
Antimicrobial Stewardship Certification	06/2016 – Present
<i>Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists; Austin, TX</i>	
Residency Preceptor Certification	12/2014 – Present
<i>American Society of Health-System Pharmacists; Bethesda, MD</i>	
Pharmacist License	07/2012 – Present
<i>Minnesota Board of Pharmacy; Minneapolis, MN</i>	
Basic Life Support Certification	11/2008 – Present
<i>American Heart Association; Orlando, FL</i>	
Pharmacotherapy Specialist Board Certification	12/2013 – 12/2020
<i>Board of Pharmacy Specialties; Washington, DC</i>	

Professional Experience

Antimicrobial Clinical Decision Support Program Manager	09/2016 – Present
<i>Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Minneapolis, MN</i>	
Fulltime	
Chief of Infectious Diseases: Dimitri Drekonja, MD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Published as lead author in Antimicrobial Stewardship and Healthcare Epidemiology• Reviewing and updating infectious disease treatment recommendations within EHR and online content based on current scientific literature and guidelines• Creating health care automation and generative AI tools as part of national multidisciplinary team including MIT, Microsoft, and other private organization members• Reducing health care costs while also improving care through national programs• Managing and writing work contracts and scientific research manuscripts• Developing automation and AI techniques for efficiency• Programming in SQL, VBA, JS, JSON, HTML for database and app development• Building quality analytics tools and presenting to national healthcare leaders	

- Making pharmacy informatics courses and lecturing in person and remotely
- Precepting students and residents; educating health care personnel
- Member of vaccine, indigenous peoples and antimicrobial stewardship committees
- Performing database management, data analytics, user interface and content development

Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy Specialist 07/2013 – 09/2016

Sioux Falls Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Sioux Falls, SD Fulltime

Inpatient Supervisor: Stacy Hoitsma, PharmD

- Performed medication management and reconciliation for inpatient and outpatients
- Rounded with medical team and responded to on-call pharmacy requests
- Co-chaired medication safety committee and was an antimicrobial steward
- Completed non-formulary, falls, anticoagulation and pharmacokinetic clinical consults
- Precepted students and residents on staffing and acute care rotations

Geriatric Focused ASHP Accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency 07/2012 – 06/2013

Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Gainesville, FL Fulltime

Residency Supervisor: Jacob Tillmann, PharmD

- Completed the Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center traineeship program
- Appointed dually as an intermittent clinical pharmacist

Long-Term Acute Care Hospital Pharmacy Intern 05/2009 – 05/2012

HealthEast Care System; St. Paul, MN Parttime

Director of Pharmacy: Kathryn Schultz, PharmD

- Implemented automated medication dispensing system and pharmacy intern program
- Admixed using sterile technique and trained new interns and technicians

Pharmacy Technician 09/2006 – 05/2008

Falk's Pharmacies; Duluth, MN Parttime

Manager: Kim Newman

- Prepared medications and provided customer service in a community pharmacy

Salvation Army Free Clinic Volunteer 06/2006 – 07/2007

Good Samaritan Clinic; Rochester, MN

Postgraduate Residency Experience

Practice and Project Management 07/2012 – 06/2013

Geriatric Primary Care/Gait and Balance Clinic

Community Living Center, Emergency Department

Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit

Palliative Care

Clinical and Education Program Management

Internal Medicine

Home Based Primary Care

North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System; Gainesville, FL

Clinical Clerkships

Oncology Patient Care	04/2012 – 05/2012
<i>MN Oncology Hematology PA; Maplewood, MN</i>	
Institutional	02/2012 – 03/2012
<i>HealthEast St. John's Hospital Pharmacy; Maplewood, MN</i>	
Ambulatory Care	01/2012 – 02/2012
<i>HealthPartners West Clinic; St. Louis Park, MN</i>	
Acute Care	09/2011 – 12/2011
<i>University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview; Minneapolis, MN</i>	
Community	06/2011 – 07/2011
<i>Hunt Silver Lake Pharmacy; Rochester, MN</i>	
Geriatric Patient Care	05/2011 – 06/2011
<i>Walker Methodist Health Care Center; Minneapolis, MN</i>	
Institutional Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience	07/2010 – 08/2010
<i>Veterans Affairs Healthcare System; Minneapolis, MN</i>	

Publications and Research Experience

Clinical Decision Support Menu for Reducing Unnecessary Urine Cultures - Manuscript, Poster 09/2020 – Present

Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Health Care System; Minneapolis, MN

- Designed and implemented clinical decision support for ordering urine cultures
- [Published in Antimicrobial Stewardship and Hospital Epidemiology](#)
- Poster at 2022 IDWeek Conference in Washington DC
- Implemented within Veteran Affairs Health Care Systems nationwide

Antimicrobial Clinical Decision Support System - Guideline 01-2023 – Present

Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Health Care System; Minneapolis, MN

- Published within the Computerized Patient Record System and online

Automating Clinical Decision Support System Distribution - Poster 03/2018

Veterans Affairs Pharmacy Informatics Conference; Orlando FL

Vancomycin Nomogram - Drug Utilization Evaluation, Zoledronic Acid - Drug Utilization Evaluation 02/2014 – 06/2016

Sioux Falls Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Sioux Falls, SD

Statin Use in Stroke Patients - Retrospective Cohort Study 07/2012 – 07/2013

Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Gainesville, FL

Hydrogel Doxorubicin Delivery - Literature Review 10/2010 – 11/2011

University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy; Minneapolis, MN

Hydrogel Paclitaxel Delivery - Investigational Research 01/2007 – 05/2007

University of Minnesota; Duluth, MN

- [Presented as a poster at the Gordon Research Biomaterials Conference](#) in Holderness, NH

Lectures

“Visual Basic for Applications”, “Clinical Informatics” 01/2019 – Present
Department of Veterans Health Pharmacy Benefits Management; Remote

[“Clinical Decision Support Menu for Reducing Unnecessary Urine Cultures”](#) 05/2024

Minnesota Antimicrobial Stewardship Conference; Remote

“Urine Culture Lab Orders – Know when to hold ’em!”, “There’s an App for That! CDSS MicroGuide App” 07/2021 – 07/2023

Veterans Health Administration Antimicrobial Stewardship Task Force; Remote

ASHP Midyear Review”, “Opioids in Renal and Hepatic Failure”, 04/2014 – 01/2016
“Opportunistic Fungal Pneumonia”, “Stroke Review: Prevention and Treatment”, “Surgical Antimicrobial Prophylaxis”

Sioux Falls Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Sioux Falls, SD

“Statins in Ischemic Stroke Discharges”¹, “Open-Angle Glaucoma”¹, 08/2012 – 06/2013
“Preventing Progression of Chronic Kidney Disease”¹, “Peptic Ulcer Disease with Bowel Perforation”¹, “Procedural Sedation and Analgesia”¹, “Basic Approach to Anemia”¹, “Recurrent Clostridium Difficile Infection”¹, “Pharmacotherapy in Patients with a Feeding Tube”¹, “Bacterial Endophthalmitis Case Presentation”¹, “Opioid Abuse and Misuse”¹, “Treatment of Constipation in the Elderly”²

1. *Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Gainesville, FL*

2. *Lake City Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Lake City, FL*

“Chemotherapy in the Elderly”¹, “Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation”², “Geriatric Pharmacotherapy”³, 06/2011 – 04/2012
“A Bridge Over Troubled Waters: Left Ventricular Assist Devices”⁴, “Prosthetic Joint Infections”⁴, “Antiepileptics in the Elderly”⁵

1. *MN Oncology Hematology PA; Maplewood, MN*

2. *HealthEast St. John's Hospital Pharmacy; Maplewood, MN*

3. *HealthPartners West Clinic; St. Louis Park, MN*

4. *University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview; Minneapolis, MN*

5. *Walker Methodist Health Care Center; Minneapolis, MN*

Conferences and Professional Memberships

New Zealand Hospital Pharmacy Association - Membership	04/2025 – Present
• Attending the 2025 Antimicrobial symposium in Auckland, New Zealand	
Minnesota Antimicrobial Stewardship Conference	05/2024
• Attended the 2024 conference remotely from Minneapolis, MN	
American Medical Informatics Association - Membership	01/2022 – 01/2023
• Attended the 2022 conference remotely from Minneapolis, MN	
Veterans Affairs Informatics Conferences	03/2018 – 05/2019
• Presented at the 2018 conference in Orlando, FL and attended the 2019 conference in St. Louis, MO	
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists - Membership	10/2011 – 10/2015
• Attended the 2011 and 2015 conferences in New Orleans, LA and attended the 2012 conference in Las Vegas, NV	
Rho Chi Mu Chapter - UM College of Pharmacy - Webmaster	02/2010 – Present
Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists - Membership	09/2009 – 09/2013
• Attended the 2010 and 2011 Midyear Clinical Meetings in Minneapolis, MN	
American Pharmacist Association - Membership	09/2009 – 10/2012

Awards, Scholarships and Honors

Stewardship Strong Award - Twice	01/2023 – 01/2024
<i>United States Department of Veterans Affairs; Washington DC</i>	
Competitive award for antimicrobial stewardship quality improvement initiatives	
• Preoperative Antimicrobial Prophylaxis: A Quality Improvement Initiative	
• Urine Culture Lab Orders – Know when to hold 'em	
Spark-Seed-Spread Award	2020
<i>United States Department of Veterans Affairs; Washington DC</i>	
Competitive award for innovations that improve patient health experiences	
• Antimicrobial Computer Decision Support System (CDSS)-MicroGuide Mobile App	
College of Pharmacy Dean's List - Multiple semesters	12/2008 – 05/2012
<i>University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy; Minneapolis, MN</i>	
Awarded for maintaining a high GPA in a doctoral program	
Biology Department Dean's List - Multiple semesters	09/2003 – 05/2008
<i>University of Minnesota; Duluth, MN</i>	
Awarded for maintaining a high GPA in a bachelor of science program	
Kathryn Plotnicky Scholarship, Ed and Alma Turcotte Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, Iron Range Merit Scholarship, Mayo Clinic Scholarship	09/2003 – 05/2008
<i>University of Minnesota; Duluth, MN</i>	
Awarded based on academic merit	

References

Available upon request