

NEWSLETTER

MEET THE PEDIATRIC PULMONARY CENTER TRAINEES



Melanie Lam is a PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy resident for Banner University Medical Center -Tucson and the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. She graduated with her PharmD from University of Southern California and completed a PGY1 residency at the Antelope Valley Hospital in northern Los Angeles county. During this year, she will work with the other pharmacy trainees and the UA PPC pharmacy faculty/clinical pharmacist, Dr. Hanna Phan, to help optimize your/your child's medication therapy. Melanie enjoys being outdoors whether it is exploring new hiking trails with her dog or snowboarding during the winters.



Tyler Eastep is a third-year PharmD student at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy and a pharmacy trainee with the Arizona Pediatric Pulmonary Center (UA PPC). He works with the other pharmacy trainees and the UA PPC pharmacy faculty/clinical pharmacist, Dr. Hanna Phan, to help optimize your/your child's medication therapy. You'll see Tyler in the various PPC clinics, including pediatric severe asthma and cystic fibrosis. His hobbies include making (and drinking) coffee and playing tabletop games.



Kalia Anderson is a second-year PharmD student at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. She completed pre-requisites and undergraduate Nutritional Sciences coursework at the University of Arizona. She works with the other pharmacy trainees and the UA PPC pharmacy faculty/clinical pharmacist, Dr. Hanna Phan, to help optimize your/your child's medication therapy. You'll see Kalia in the various PPC clinics, including pediatric severe asthma and cystic fibrosis. Her hobbies include traveling, painting, and spending quality time with friends, family, and her husky, Luna.



Stephanie Bradshaw received a BS in Nutritional Science, dietetics emphasis, as well as a minor in psychology and biochemistry from the University of Arizona. She is in the process of completing the Professional Science Master's in Applied Nutrition, in which her summer capstone project has been with Milk and Honey, a local specialized breastfeeding support organization. The goal of her project is to increase the accessibility of care to breastfeeding families that require one-on-one support. She was a part of the 2017-2018 cohort for the ISPP dietetic internship at the University of Arizona and in July 2018 became a Registered Dietitian-Nutritionist. She recently accepted a pediatric dietitian position with Chiricahua Community Health Center in Sierra Vista. Her career goals are to specialize in children's nutrition.



Katie Katsareli is a former teacher who moved to the United States from Greece (where she was born and raised) to pursue her Master's in Special Education at the U of A. Her students' special needs and abilities during her work as a special education teacher sparked her interest in healthcare, which resulted in her "converting" into Nursing in 2015. She has since worked in Neurology/Neurosurgery and Emergency Medicine with both adult and pediatric patients. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Pediatric Nursing Practice degree, while working full time at the BUMC-Tucson Emergency Department and raising her 5-year-old daughter. She is really excited to be part of the PPC and looks forward to forming meaningful relationships with parents, patients, and healthcare professionals alike.

MEET OUR NEW CF SOCIAL WORKER



My name is Randee Luben. I am a licensed social worker in the state of Arizona. I received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Arizona in Family Studies and Human Development in 2009 and a master's in social work from Arizona State University in 2016. My passion is working with children and families in the community. I have experience working with children with a developmental disability as well as children in the behavioral health system. I have had the opportunity to serve as a school counselor, marriage and family therapist, and veteran's therapist as well. I try to live an active lifestyle and I really enjoy being outdoors. I enjoy hiking, running, dancing, and traveling. I like to sing and appreciate all types of music.

CF RESEARCH UPDATE

The CF clinical research team is excited to share that our center is actively participating in and recruiting for several new research studies. Currently we are working on Vertex VX-445-102 and 103 studies that are looking at people over the age of 12 with at least one deltaF508 mutation in a study of a triple combination drug to treat the underlying disease. This study is fully enrolled, but we are also starting two studies with another company, Proteostasis, that has its own drug combination to treat the underlying disease. We also are starting a new study to have people use a new mobile app for medication and therapy reminders to see whether or not this would be a useful tool. We will be telling you about these studies in clinic, so be ready. Lots of exciting new things coming this way.

DRUG RECALL ALERT

We are sharing with you information we received from the CF Foundation and FDA about a drug recall. If you have used or purchased CVS Health 12-hour Sinus Relief Mist, please see this FDA warning about the potential for Pseudomonas aeruginosa in the product and what you should do: <https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm616189.htm>

If you have used the products listed in the weblink, please contact the CF Clinic.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CF Clinic.

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