

Residents

PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency

Current Residents



Benjamin Elggren, PharmD

- **Hometown:** St. George, UT
- **Education:**
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy - Salt Lake City, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2023 – 2024)
- **Project:**
 - PGY1: Evaluation of Clinical Resolution in Cellulitis Patients with Negative Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Nasal PCR Results Not Receiving Anti-MRSA Therapy
 - PGY2: Impact of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) alert on the number of BioFire® meningitis/encephalitis (M/E) panels ordered in a large health system
- **Professional Interests:** Infectious Diseases & Hematology/Oncology
- **Hobbies:** Hacky sack, video games, exercising, coffee snobbery, drug rep magnet collecting
- **Favorite things to do in Utah (or look forward to doing):** Hiking in the mountains and deserts

Previous Residents



Rilee Christensen, PharmD

- **Education and training:**
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy - Salt Lake City, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT (2023 – 2024)
 - PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health – Salt Lake City, UT (2024-2025)
- **Project:**
 - PGY1: Comparison of amoxicillin vs. alternative therapy for ampicillin-susceptible uncomplicated enterococcal bacteremia
 - PGY2: Comparative efficacy of clindamycin vs. cefazolin vs. ampicillin/sulbactam in pediatric lateral neck abscesses



Vincent Anella, PharmD

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Pharmacist

Intermountain Health Primary Children's Hospital – Salt Lake City, UT

- **Education and training:**
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy - South Jordan, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Utah Valley Hospital - Provo, UT
 - PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health – Salt Lake City, UT
- **Project:** Characterization of Staphylococcus aureus bacteriuria and outcomes related to Staphylococcus aureus bacteremia in a large health system



David Gillins, PharmD, BCIDP, AAHIVP

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist

Infectious Diseases / Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist

- **Education and training:**
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Utah College of Pharmacy - Salt Lake City, UT
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health McKay-Dee Hospital - Ogden, UT
 - PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Health - Salt Lake City, UT
- **Project:** Prescribing practices for Group A Streptococcal bacteremia



Carly Schenk, PharmD, BCIDP

HIV Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Maine Medical Center - Portland, ME

- **Education and training:**
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy - Birmingham, AL
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Prisma Health Midlands - Columbia, SC
 - PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Healthcare - Salt Lake City, UT (2020 - 2021)
- **Project:** Appropriateness of antibiotic prescribing in the urgent care setting



Sameer Alzaidi, PharmD, BCPS, AAHIVP

Infectious Diseases Pharmacist/Clinical Manager

King Abdul Aziz Specialist Hospital, Saudi Arabia

- **Education and training:**
 - Doctor of Pharmacy, Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy - Ada, OH
 - PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, Tufts Medicine Melrose Wakefield Hospital - Boston, MA
 - PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency, Intermountain Healthcare - Salt Lake City, UT (2022 - 2023)
- **Project:** Optimizing antibiotic treatment for gram-negative bacteremia: Comparative study of low bioavailability to medium/high bioavailability

used for gram-negative bacteremia