

Pharmacy Informatics and Supply Chain Leadership (PISCL) Program

Preceptors

Aashish Sreeram, PharmD, Pharmacy Analytics Program Manager

Aashish is a manager on the Pharmacy Analytics and Informatics team where he supports a variety of initiatives and analytics offerings through business intelligence, automation and self-service. Aashish holds a doctorate in pharmacy (PharmD) from the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis, MO. He later completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Tabula Rasa HealthCare in Moorestown, NJ and a PGY2 Pharmacy Informatics and Supply Chain Leadership Residency at Vizient.

Arati Kurani, PharmD, BCPS, Vice President, Advanced Analytics & Informatics

Arati works closely with stakeholders to identify and implement opportunities by benchmarking of utilization and outcomes with the goal of reducing variations in care. Arati began at Vizient as a clinical informaticist, in which role she worked with organizations to identify potential areas of opportunity to improve utilization and outcomes. Arati has also served as clinical coordinator of drug policy and clinical resource management. Arati holds a bachelor's degree in information systems from DePaul University and PharmD from Midwestern University. She completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Rush University Medical Center in 2012.

Azra Behlim, PharmD, MBA, Associate Vice President, Pharmacy Sourcing and Program Services

Azra is responsible for brand/specialty contracting, vaccines, and pharmacy supplier services programs. She also leads the Vizient COVID-19 Vaccine Taskforce. Azra has health care experience in retail, hospital, academic and specialty settings. Prior to joining Vizient, she has worked in the specialty pharmacy industry and also with private equity groups to support both operations and value-based investment opportunities. She holds a PharmD from Midwestern University and master's degree in business administration (MBA) from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

Bryan Shaw, PharmD, DPLA, Senior Director, Pharmacy Analytics and Informatics

Bryan, our fellowship and residency program director, is an informatics-trained pharmacist who oversees the pharmacy analytics and informatics team and supervises all student training experiences. Before joining Vizient as our first PGY2 pharmacy informatics resident, he completed a nontraditional PGY1 pharmacy residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL and has also held various leadership roles within the field of pharmacy informatics. Additionally, he has continued to advocate for the advancement of pharmacy practice and the informatics specialty through ASHP and local organizations. He received his PharmD from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

Bryan Thompson, RPh, MBA, Director, Pharmacy Services, Barnes-Jewish Hospital

Carina Dolan, PharmD, MS, BCOP, Associate Vice President, Market Intelligence, Pharmacy Solutions

Carina specializes in oncology and is responsible for creating and maintaining resources for the Vizient membership related to hematology/oncology and high-cost drugs. Carina has longstanding experience in hematology/oncology in the acute care hospital setting as well as in outpatient chemotherapy infusion centers mostly at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Throughout her career she has continued to expand her role

from clinical pharmacist to clinical coordinator and co-director of a hematology/oncology specialty residency. Carina holds a PharmD from Roseman University School of Pharmacy and is a board-certified oncology pharmacist.

Carl Okerberg, PharmD, MS, MSPH, Manager, Pharmacy Analytics & Informatics

Carl is a Manager on the Pharmacy Analytics and Informatics team. He graduated with his PharmD from Auburn University and completed his post-graduate clinical pharmacy practice training through a PGY1 and informatics training through a PGY2 at University of Michigan Health System. He holds a Master's in Nutrition Science from Auburn and a Master's in Science of Public Health at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Daniel Kistner, PharmD, Group Senior Vice President, Pharmacy Solutions

Dan oversees the entirety of the Pharmacy Solutions team while setting the strategic direction to ensure that members maximize the value they can obtain from the industry's leading GPO pharmacy program. Dan began his pharmacy career as a client account executive managing formularies and clinical analytics for large managed care plans. Dan has a diverse background in the pharmaceutical industry with experience in retail, hospital, specialty, pharmacy benefits management, supply chain management and mail order. One concept has rung true throughout Dan's career: understanding and being able to manipulate "big data" is the key to building calculated savings opportunities in a health care industry that is subject to consistently increasing expenses. Dan is a native of St. Louis, Missouri and earned his PharmD from St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ginger Ertel, PharmD, MBA, Vice President, Pharmacy Member Services

Ginger focuses on providing her client base with comprehensive clinical and financial stewardship opportunities that deliver sustainable value. She brings a depth of senior leadership experience in standardizing formularies, developing consolidated service centers, creating systemization services and processes across organizations. Ginger's skill set includes experience in strategic sourcing; 340B; system organization leadership; technology implementation; computerized physician order entry; standardization of services between facilities, including sourcing and formulary management; interim leadership; retail and specialty pharmacy; development of residency programs; and development, implementation and expansion of new and existing pharmacy services. She received her PharmD from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and her master's in business administration (MBA) with a specialty in health care administration at the New England College, and completed a pharmacy practice residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Gretchen Brummel, PharmD, BCPS, Consulting Director, Pharmacy

Gretchen provides support and direction to the Center for Pharmacy Practice Excellence team and brings more than 20 years of experience in healthcare. Prior to joining Vizient, Gretchen served as a Director of Clinical Pharmacy, Residency Program Director and Pediatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at a large tertiary care academic medical center in Pennsylvania as well as a Pharmacotherapy Specialist for a clinical drug information provider. She also provided consultant pharmacist services to a Wisconsin skilled nursing facility. Gretchen's areas of expertise and professional skills include: clinical pharmacy services; pediatric pharmacotherapy; medication quality and safety; medication cost avoidance strategies; drug shortage and formulary management; medication use policy; clinical research and pharmacy informatics with a focus on pediatrics. Gretchen received her PharmD from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at Meriter Hospital in Madison, WI, and an ASHP-accredited Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She is Board Certified in Pharmacotherapy.

Jared Anderson, PharmD, MS, Clinical Informaticist, Advanced Analytics and Informatics

Jared is a pharmacist and informaticist on the Advanced Analytics and Informatics team. In this role, he identifies areas of opportunity in quality, safety and resource utilization for member facilities, as well as educating member providers and internal stakeholders on leveraging insights from available Vizient analytic tools. Prior to coming Vizient, he was a hospital pharmacy leader supporting hospital operation and analytics. He received his PharmD degree from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in 2009 and his Master's in Health System Pharmacy Leadership from the University of Wisconsin in 2012. He completed a PGY1/PGY2 health system pharmacy administration and leadership residency at UW Health in 2011. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time and getting outdoors with his wife and their two children, Julia and Theo.

Jeni Hayes, PharmD, MS, BCPS, Vizient Senior Clinical Manager, Market Intelligence

Jeni Hayes is a Senior Clinical Manager for Market Intelligence within Pharmacy Solutions at Vizient, a health care performance improvement company in Irving, Texas. In this role, she develops actionable clinical insights and forecasting resources for members and suppliers. Hayes earned her PharmD degree from MUSC Health in Charleston, SC and her Master of Science in Pharmacoeconomics from the University of Florida. In addition, she completed a PGY1/PGY2 Health System Pharmacy Administration residency at MUSC Health and is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Prior to joining the Vizient team, Hayes spent 13 years at MUSC Health in roles related to Outcomes Management, Residency Leadership, and most recently as the Clinical Manager for the Specialty Pharmacy Program.

Jered Bauer, PharmD, Senior Vice President, Pharmacy Analytics & Services

Jered maintains oversight and strategic direction for our industry-leading Pharmacy Analytics and Pharmacy Consulting teams. Jered has over 20 years of licensed pharmacist experience with over 11 years among the GPO business. His professional contributions include multiple publications and many years as an active and involved member of several professional pharmacy organizations. Jered received his PharmD from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. In his spare time, Jered enjoys making quilts.

Jerry Vettemthadathil, PharmD, MBA, Clinical Informaticist

Joseph P. Leiman, PharmD, MBA, Analytics Program Manager, Clinical Insights

Joe is a distinguished Clinical Pharmacist recognized for his expertise in informatics, critical care, and leadership. He holds a PharmD degree and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), along with Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) and Certified Associate of Project Management (CAPM) certifications, showcasing his comprehensive skill set and commitment to advancing the field of pharmacy. Joe's maniacal curiosity is a boon to his work as an Analytics Program Manager focused on drug shortages.

Kevin Baniak, MBA, Director, Pharmacy Analytics & Technology

Kevin has worked at group purchasing organizations in several analytical roles since 2009, and is currently responsible for the Vizient Pharmacy Value Tracker, Drug Budget Forecast and database strategy. Kevin holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a master's in business administration (MBA) from Webster University.

Larry Huang, PharmD, Director, Pharmacy Analytics & Informatics

Larry, our fellowship and residency assistant program director, is from Austin, TX and completed his Doctorate in Pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin. Afterwards, he finished a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Indiana University Health and a PGY2 Pharmacy Informatics Residency at Vizient. He stayed with the Vizient Pharmacy Analytics and Informatics team after completion. Currently, he coordinates the Pharmacy Price Verification

program, assists in various analytics initiatives, and is the residency and fellowship coordinator. In his free time, Larry enjoys working out at the gym, cooking, trying new coffee shops and eating patty melts.

Nikola Markoski, PharmD, MBA, DPLA Manager, Pharmacy Analytics & Clinical Insights

Nikola, our residency and intern coordinator, supports the pediatric population through a relationship with the Children's Hospital Association. In addition, he has assisted in leading efforts surrounding drug shortages and supply chain resiliency by supporting the End Drug Shortages Alliance (EDSA) and serving on various advisory boards related to drug chain assessment, resiliency, and drug shortages. He has a passion for teaching and currently serves as the pharmacy intern coordinator at Vizient, Chair Elect for the Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists (IHP) New Practitioner Network as well as liaison for the IHP Pharmacy Informatics and Technology committee. He graduated with his PharmD and Certificate of Entrepreneurship in 2017, and he completed his MBA in 2019 from Purdue University. He completed his post-graduate training through a PGY1, non-traditional Pharmacy Residency in 2020 and a PGY2, Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership Residency in 2021 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL. He is a 2021 graduate of the ASHP Pharmacy Leadership Academy (PLA).

Richard Barron, RN, Senior Analyst, Pharmacy Analytics

Rick has been in the Vizient family of companies for 13 years. He currently works on the Pharmacy Analytics & Informatics team to provide support to our internal and external teams, by developing custom analyses ad-hoc pharmacy reports. His previous roles have included medical-surgical content specialist and master data management analyst. Rick was an operating room nurse (RN) before joining Vizient.

Saloni Jain, PharmD, MPA, Senior Vice President, Advanced Analytics & Insights

Saloni leads teams focused on supporting analytics across the Vizient's clinical, operational, procedural and ambulatory suite of products. The team closely collaborates with Advisory Services and Performance Improvement groups within the organization on cost reduction, variation in care and quality improvement engagements. Prior to joining Vizient, Saloni served in multiple roles at University Health System Consortium (UHC), including Director of Pharmacy Informatics, working with hospitals to identify and implement opportunities to optimize drug utilization and outcomes. She transitioned to Director of Supply, Operational, and Clinical Analytics, leading multi-disciplinary teams in advancing the cost effective and safe delivery of care. Saloni received her PharmD and Master of Public Administration (MPA) degrees from Drake University. Post-graduation she completed UHC's Alexander Schmidt Fellowship, a two-year opportunity centered on health technology assessment, clinical research and pharmacoepidemiology.

Sara Stahle, PharmD, MS, BCPS, BCCCP, Senior Director, Data Applications and Insights

Sara is a pharmacist with the Clinical Data Applications and Insights team who develops clinical analytics and insights for internal Vizient teams and member hospitals. Before joining Vizient, she worked as a clinical pharmacy specialist in critical care and as a clinical coordinator with experience in drug utilization and formulary management, medication safety and drug shortages. Sara received her PharmD degree from the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and completed her PGY1 pharmacy practice and PGY2 critical care specialty residency training at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. She maintains board certification in pharmacotherapy and critical care pharmacy.

Shannon Sims, MD, PhD, Senior Vice President, Data Operations

Shannon leads work on data warehousing, interoperability and informatics. Prior to Vizient, he was Chief Analytics Officer for both an academic medical center and an early-stage healthcare IT company. Shannon has served on multiple advisory boards related to quality measurement and healthcare IT, including chair roles for

multiple technical expert panels. He received his doctorate in medicine (MD) from Rush Medical College, completed an internal medicine internship at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, was a Robert Woods Johnson Fellow in public health informatics and received his doctorate in philosophy (PhD) in biomedical informatics from the University of Utah.

Stacy Lauderdale, PharmD, BCPS, Associate Vice President, Evidence-Based Medicine and Drug Information

Stacy is responsible for the oversight and development of clinical resources and communications for the Vizient pharmacy membership. Stacy has more than a decade of experience as a drug information specialist in group purchasing organizations. She also has drug information experience in the academic, industry and acute care settings. She holds a PharmD from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and completed a specialized drug information residency at Purdue University/Eli Lilly/IU Health. She is a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist.

Tony Huke, PharmD, BCPS, Senior Pharmacy Executive Director

Dr. Huke received his PharmD from the University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC), School of Pharmacy in 2000 and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at Cox Medical Center in Springfield Mo, in June of 2001. He was employed at Truman Medical Centers (TMC), from July of 2001 to December 2019, holding several titles including: Internal Medicine Clinical Lead Pharmacist, Interim Director of Pharmacy, Interim System Director of Pharmacy Services, Clinical Manager and Residency Program Director, and Director of Pharmacy Services at Truman Medical Center Lakewood. Dr. Huke began a new career opportunity serving as Pharmacy Executive Director with Vizient Inc. starting in January of 2020, where he is providing consultant clinical pharmacy services for Vizient member organizations. Dr. Huke began his involvement in professional service as a member of the Midwest Pharmacy Residency Conference Planning Committee in 2006 and is now the Chair of the Conference Planning Committee. He has been a Board Member of the Greater Kansas City Society of Health System Pharmacy (GKC) since 2009; first as Membership Chair, a position he held for 2-year then a 3-year term as President- Elect/President/Past-President. He served a 3-year term as the President- Elect/President/Past-President and was formerly the Treasurer Elect/Treasurer of the Missouri Society of Health Systems Pharmacist (MSHP) and now serves as the Executive Director of the MSHP Research and Education (R&E) Foundation. Dr. Huke has served on the Planning Committee for the MSHP Spring meeting, Resident Research Day with GKC, The Pharmacy Future Trends Task Force with UMKC, and other committees throughout his career. Dr. Huke has presented at numerous local, regional, and national conferences and student organizations regarding the importance of residency training, planning a career in health systems pharmacy, and is currently the course coordinator for the Hospital Pharmacy elective offered each fall at the UMKC School of Pharmacy.



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