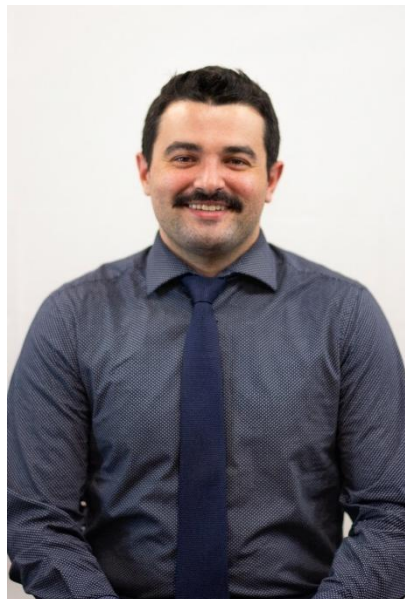


PGY1 Pharmacy Residency – Aurora Health Care Metro, Inc.

Joshua Ameye



Previous Education: PharmD from Wayne State University; BS in Health Sciences from Oakland University

Short Bio: I'm originally from Sterling Heights, Michigan and moved to the Milwaukee area just recently after graduating from pharmacy school. When I have some down time, I like to spend it with friends or going on hiking trips. Some fun facts about me are that I like to bake, I'm chronically over-caffeinated, and you can almost always find me watching a movie.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: My top priority when choosing a residency program was that I wanted to be a part of a larger program where I could learn not only from my preceptors but my fellow residents/APPE students. My second priority was a program that offered a PGY2 program in infectious diseases.

Why Aurora? The interview experience was very enjoyable. Every pharmacist I spoke with was very passionate about their role within the system and the number of pharmacists who remain on staff after completing residency speaks volumes to the community created here.

I wanted to branch out and be able to practice pharmacy somewhere new and Aurora offers a supportive community that helps residents achieve their goals.

Current Rotations: Surgery, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Infectious Diseases, Cardiology, Abdominal Transplant, Medicine, MRICU

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation and Recruitment

Year-long Project: Empiric Vancomycin Utilization for Febrile Neutropenia on Oncology Floors

Future: I plan to pursue a PGY2 in infectious diseases next year.

Edyta Bieber



Previous Education: PharmD from Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy; BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Concordia University Wisconsin

Short Bio: I am from Oak Creek, WI and I attended Concordia University Wisconsin for both undergrad and pharmacy school. In my free time, I enjoy reading, playing tennis, golfing, and cooking Polish food. I also love spending time with my family, friends, and two dogs. A fun fact about me is I am a big hockey fan and my favorite team is the New York Rangers!

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: When searching for residency programs, factors that I considered included programs that offered a supportive environment, PGY2 opportunities, a variety of elective rotation opportunities, residency class size, staffing requirements, and work culture.

Why Aurora? I started my career at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center as a pharmacy technician over 6 years ago and developed a deep appreciation of the culture and environment the system offered. While working as an intern and during my interview for Aurora Health

Care Metro, Inc, it was evident that the pharmacists are passionate about teaching and are very supportive. Additionally, this program offers a multitude of different learning experiences that residents can select from based on their interests.

Current Rotations: Oncology, Cardiology, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Surgery, Critical Care, Medicine, OR

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Staffing, Continuing Education Presentation, Accreditation, and Recruitment

Year-long Project: The Assessment of Pharmacy Technician Workload at a Large, Tertiary Medical Center

Future: My goal is to pursue a PGY2 residency in Oncology

Ryan Blobe



Previous Education: PharmD from Concordia University Wisconsin, BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Concordia University Wisconsin

Short Bio: I grew up in Neenah, Wisconsin, and later relocated to the Milwaukee area for undergraduate and pharmacy school. This move not only benefited my career but also gave me the opportunity to attend many more Brewers games over the years. I also enjoy traveling around the world, "relaxing" in the gym, and spending time beating my friends and family at board games.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: I was looking for a residency program that offered robust learning opportunities while also providing a strong sense of community, and Aurora St. Luke's provides both. The hospital's high-acuity patient population exposes me to complex disease states and unique clinical scenarios that are rarely encountered elsewhere in the state. Additionally, the large residency class allows me to learn alongside other residents from a variety of backgrounds, enriching my training and broadening my perspective.

Why Aurora? As a fourth-year pharmacy student, I was able to complete rotations within several organizations, but none felt like a better fit than Aurora. From day one, the pharmacists were committed to my growth, consistently going above and beyond to support my learning and help prepare me for residency. This feeling is hard to emulate, and I knew if I was going to be completing a rigorous residency program, I would want to do it somewhere where I would have a strong support system and where everyone is working towards the goal of improving the profession of pharmacy.

Current Rotations: Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Transplant, Medicine, Infectious Disease, Admin, MRICU, Surgery

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

Year-long Project: Evaluating Aspirin Prescribing for Primary Prevention in the Elderly

Future: I plan on pursuing a PGY-2 in cardiology.

Corey Brend



Previous Education: Doctor of Pharmacy at Purdue University College of Pharmacy

Short Bio: I'm from Hawthorn Woods, Illinois. In my free time, I enjoy being in nature and staying active through running and hiking. I love food, learning new recipes to cook and spending time with my Catahoula Leopard dog, Belle. I am also a big Chicago sports fan.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: It was very important to me to have a strong and supportive group of preceptors to help me learn in the best environment possible. I am interested in cardiology, critical care, and infectious diseases, so I wanted to go to a residency where I could have rotations in these areas. I have a passion for teaching as well, so I wanted to gain experience precepting students.

Why Aurora? I worked as a pharmacy technician at Advocate Good Shepherd in Illinois, so I was familiar with the system already. I enjoyed working at Advocate over the years, so I knew I wanted to stay in the same system for my residency.

Current Rotations: Cardiology, CVICU, Infectious Diseases, Surgery, Clinical Teaching, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Medicine

Additional Experiences: Medication safety, continuing education presentation, staffing, accreditation and recruitment

Year-long Project: Utilization of Heparin Bridging in a Tertiary Hospital

Future: I plan to pursue a PGY2 in critical care or work as an inpatient clinical pharmacist

Brigid Conroy



Previous Education: PharmD from University of Illinois Chicago Retzky College of Pharmacy; BS in Chemistry from Northern Illinois University

Short Bio: I grew up in Oswego, Illinois where most of my family still live. My dog, Charli, and I moved up to Wisconsin in June and love it so far! We've been spending our free time enjoying the outdoors and eating cheese curds.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing

Residency: During my residency search I looked for programs with a large cohort and the opportunity for a PGY2 in oncology.

Why Aurora? Being from Illinois, I was already familiar with Advocate's reputation and was interested in being a part of their health system. During the ASHP match the team at Aurora Saint Luke's Medical Center left a very positive impression as people I could enjoy working with and learning from.

Current Rotations: Surgery, Oncology, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Surgical ICU, Medicine, Infectious Disease, Cardiology

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

Year-long Project: Improvement of Use of VTE Prophylaxis in an Outpatient Oncology Clinic

Future: After completing PGY1, I'd like to pursue a PGY2 in oncology and work as an inpatient oncology pharmacist.

Griffin Hall



Previous Education: I received my Bachelor's in Biochemistry from North Park University, and my Doctor of Pharmacy with a Master's in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Roosevelt University.

Short Bio: I'm from a small town called Huntley, Illinois and made my way to Milwaukee to start residency. Outside of work, I'm a creative writer with a thriller novel in the works. I also am a foodie, wanting to try whatever new spots I can in Milwaukee alongside my girlfriend. My music taste is all over the place and I'm always down for new suggestions and genres I haven't heard yet!

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: The largest factors for me were a comfortable and inviting environment, an opportunity to teach or interact with a school of pharmacy, and a diverse patient population that would challenge me beyond what I learned in a textbook. Metro, Inc. was a perfect place to find that.

Why Aurora? I had already been familiar with the Advocate Health system when I lived in Illinois and I've directly experienced how well they treat their patients. I wanted to see more outside of the

Chicagoland area as well, so moving over the border to Wisconsin sounded like the perfect plan!

Current Rotations: SICU, Clinical Teaching, Surgery, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Medicine, Cardiology, Oncology

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

Year-long Project: Evaluation of Tenecteplase Kit Retirement in Acute Ischemic Stroke

Future: I plan to hopefully pursue a PGY2 in Critical Care and eventually work as part-time faculty at a pharmacy school!

Jasper Murray



Previous Education: University of Wisconsin - Madison

Short Bio: I was born and raised in Madison, WI. In my free time I love following Wisconsin sports teams including the Brewers, Packers, Bucks and Badgers.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: Large hospital, ability to experience inpatient and ambulatory care rotations, locations

Why Aurora? The size of the hospital and variety of ambulatory electives while still giving me numerous inpatient experiences were very appealing. During my interview everyone was super nice and I could tell how passionate Mike and Emily were about the program.

Current Rotations: Family Medicine Clinic, Surgery, Cardiology, Medicine, MICU, Infectious Disease, Administration/Drug Use Policy

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation and Recruitment.

Year-long Project: Platelet factor 4 immunoassay ordering appropriateness and timing relative to 50% drop in platelets

Future: I am planning to pursue a PGY-2 in ambulatory care and eventually become an ambulatory care pharmacist.

Ina Ramos



Previous Education: B.S. in Biomedical Sciences from Marquette University, Doctor of Pharmacy from University of Illinois - Chicago

Short Bio: I recently moved back to Milwaukee after living in Chicago for a few years during pharmacy school. In my free time I like to try out different coffee shops around the city, listen to/ make music, and read thriller novels!

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: I wanted to be part of a residency program that had a variety of rotations to choose from, and I liked the idea of having a large residency cohort to learn alongside

Why Aurora? During residency interviews, the preceptors and residents were enthusiastic about the program and all it has to offer. I also volunteered at an Aurora hospital when I was in high school, so it feels full circle to be a PGY1 pharmacy resident at St. Luke's!

Current Rotations: Cardiology, Surgical Medicine, Abdominal Transplant, Medicine, Admin-Drug Policy, Oncology Clinic, Cardiovascular ICU

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

Year-long Project: Evaluation of Infusion Related Reactions of Subcutaneous Daratumumab with Omitted Pre-meds Following the 4th Dose

Future: I'm exploring potential PGY2 opportunities in solid organ transplant, or working as an inpatient clinical pharmacist following PGY1

Sabrina Renner



Previous Education: PharmD from University of Iowa College of Pharmacy

Short Bio: I am from Elk Grove Village, IL and I completed both my undergrad and pharmacy school at University of Iowa. In my free time, I love to try new coffee shops, play pickleball, go on long walks, and read on my Kindle (my favorite are rom coms!). I'm also new to Milwaukee so I like to get out and explore the area whenever I can!

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: My top priorities were a wide variety of core and elective rotations, large residency class (to make some new friends!), and to be closer to my family. I also focused on PGY1 sites that had a PGY2 oncology as well, since that is one of my future goals.

Why Aurora? It was very evident during my interview that the people at Aurora are more like a family. The residents at the time had only positive things to say about the program and genuinely seemed happy to be there. I can positively say how supportive the environment is and

how everyone truly wants the best for us residents.

Current Rotations: Oncology, Medicine, Critical Care, Cardiothoracic Transplant, Surgery, Cardiology, Administration/Drug Use Policy

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Recruitment, Accreditation

Year-long Project: IVIG Supplementation Evaluation and Optimization with Concurrent BTCE Therapy

Future: I hope to pursue a PGY2 oncology here at St. Luke's and obtain a BCOP in the future!

Katelyn Sahatijan



Previous Education: PharmD from Concordia University Wisconsin; MPH from Concordia University Nebraska

Short Bio: I am from Jackson, Wisconsin. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, and being outdoors.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: A program with strong rotation options in my interest areas was the biggest factor to me. I also wanted a program that was supportive of their residents and had plenty of opportunities for PGY-2.

Why Aurora? Aurora checked all of my boxes for what I was looking for in a residency program. I completed a few APPE rotations within the Aurora system and had a great experience with preceptors who cared about my learning and growth.

Current Rotations: NeuroICU, Infectious Diseases, Medicine, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Surgery, Cardiology, CICU

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

Year-long Project: Pre-post Review of Vasopressor Titration Practices After Updates to Default Goal Ranges

Future: I hope to pursue a PGY-2 in critical care or become an inpatient clinical pharmacist.

Jayda Vang



Previous Education: PharmD Concordia University Wisconsin

Short Bio: I am from Milwaukee, WI. When I am not working, I enjoy hanging out with family/friends, reading, and watching movies.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing

Residency: The most important factor that I considered when choosing a residency was the rotations that each program offered. I wanted to be able to choose from a good variety of elective rotations. I also considered the size of the cohort, I knew I wanted to be part of a program that had more than one or two other residents because I liked the idea of having a community.

Why Aurora: I chose Aurora because I did a lot of my APPE rotations here and I really enjoyed them. The environment was really welcoming, and I felt like the preceptors were all eager to teach. I also liked the elective rotation options that they offered, I felt like there was a good variation and I was able to find something that I was interested in. Lastly, I liked the idea of having a lot of co-residents as I enjoy having the opportunity to build a community.

Current Rotations: Medicine, Administration, Oncology, Cardiology, Critical Care (SICU), Surgery, NICU.

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment.

Year-long Project: Standardization of Automated Dispensing Machine Profile Devices Across Enterprise

Future: Work as an inpatient clinical pharmacist.

Kyle Weltz



Previous Education: Oregon State University College of Pharmacy

Short Bio: I was born and raised in Keizer, Oregon, and went to school at Oregon State University for my undergraduate degree and continued my education there for my pharmacy degree. I have extensive experience working in both outpatient and inpatient as an intern. I recently moved here to Milwaukee, WI to start my residency journey! Outside of the pharmacy I like hanging out with friends, playing video games, and listening to music.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: One factor that I considered most important was finding a large teaching hospital with a diverse array of mixed and elective rotation options. I wanted the opportunity to be able to see less common disease states and have an option to early commit. Another important factor was finding a residency program with a sense of community

Why Aurora? After phase 1 of the match, I expanded my scope outside of Oregon for phase 2. I found that Aurora had an extensive health-system, diverse rotations, early-commit options, and a large residency size. After I conducted my interview, I knew that the community here at Aurora was top-notch.

Current Rotations: Administration, MRICU, ED, Surg, Cardiology, General Medicine, Infectious Disease

Additional Experiences: Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation

Year-long Project: Update and educate site physicians on institutional guidelines for treatment of uncomplicated Gram-Negative bacteremia in adults.

Future: I plan to pursue a PGY2 in critical care next year or become an inpatient clinical pharmacist, either within Aurora health system or back home in Oregon.