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Congratulations to the new ABAT Diplomates

CRAIG COCCHIO



Dr. Cocchio is a clinical pharmacist specializing in emergency medicine, and PGY-2 emergency medicine residency program director at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Health System in Tyler, Texas. Dr. Cocchio is a past chair of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Emergency Medicine Practice Research Network and also the creator, editor-in-chief, at the EM PharmD Blog; focusing on emergency medicine from the perspective of the pharmacist. After completing his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2009, he went on to pursue postgraduate residency training. His PGY 1 year was spent in general pharmacy practice at Saint Michael's Medical Center, with a PGY 2 residency in emergency medicine pharmacy at Rutgers University. In 2012 he returned to Rutgers to take over as director of the emergency medicine pharmacy postgraduate year 2 residency program. He has taken his experience to CTMF and established an emergency medicine PGY-2 and currently focuses his time on direct patient care in the emergency department and various research interests including crotalid snake envenomation, pharmacy education and social media, traumatic resuscitation, sedation and analgesia, and resident education.

SERENA HUNTINGTON



Serena was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. She attended the University of Nevada, Reno, where she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in biology and Bachelor of Arts in psychology. Next, Serena attended the University of San Francisco where she earned her PharmD. It was during her fourth year experiential Advance Pharmacy Practice rotations at the California Poison Control System - Fresno/Madera division that she found her passion for toxicology. The division hired her after her graduation in 2011. Since joining the California Poison Control System, Serena has had the privilege of presenting and publishing numerous poison center studies. In 2017, Serena accepted the Managing Director position at the Fresno/Madera Division. When not living and breathing toxicology, like most managers of a poison center, she can be found yelling and screaming at a hockey game - Go Sharks!

JAMES LEONARD



Dr. Leonard grew up and went to school in the Pacific Northwest. He completed residency training at Providence St. Peter's Hospital in Olympia, WA followed by toxicology fellowship in Maryland. He now lives in Maryland and work at the poison center and a local hospital in the ED and ICU ensuring helping to care for all kinds of patients, but with a special love for poisoning. In his spare time, he enjoys reading fantasy novels, spending time with his wife and dog, running, and playing racquetball or squash.

ADAM OVERBERG

Adam Overberg is a 2010 graduate of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. He worked in a variety of community, ambulatory care, and inpatient settings over the next 5 years before opting to seek residency training. He completed his PGY1 residency at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis, IN, followed by a toxicology fellowship at the Indiana Poison Center. In January 2019, he became the director of the Indiana Poison Center and the toxicology fellowship. In addition to two pharmacy fellows, he precepts pharmacy students from Butler and Purdue Colleges of Pharmacy and PGY1 and PGY2 residents from Indiana University Health and Eskenazi Health. He also maintains active teaching roles at the Butler University School of Pharmacy and Indiana University School of Medicine. His professional interests include novel psychoactive substances, pediatric and adolescent poisonings, and harm reduction.



MADISON SCHWARTZ



Madison Blaise Schwartz was born in Galveston, Texas and grew up in Sarasota, Florida. She attended Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida where she studied biology and the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Jacksonville, Florida. She discovered her passion for toxicology while taking two courses in pharmacy school and rotating at the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center in Jacksonville (FPIC-Jax). After completing a PGY1 residency at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock, Arkansas; she returned to Jacksonville for the toxicology/emergency medicine fellowship at FPIC-Jax and UF Health Jacksonville. She currently works as an emergency medicine pharmacist at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina and as a PRN SPI for FPIC-Jax

ELIZABETH SILVER



Dr. Silver grew up in central New York, and earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2017 from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Albany, NY. It was through one of her APPE rotations at the Upstate New York Poison Center where she found her passion for toxicology. She then completed her PGY-1 pharmacy residency at Grady Health System in Atlanta, GA, followed by a clinical toxicology fellowship at the Georgia Poison Center in Atlanta, GA. Elizabeth has recently started as the Managing Director of the Kansas Poison Control Center at the University of Kansas Health System. In her free time, she enjoys baking, working out, and anything Harry Potter related.

VARUN VOHRA

Dr. Vohra is originally from Toronto, Ontario Canada and completed his undergraduate Medical Sciences degree at the University of Western Ontario. He then completed his Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree from the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, where he began to seriously consider toxicology as a potential career option. From there, he successfully completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, Florida followed by his recent graduation this summer of the 2-year Clinical Toxicology Fellowship program at the SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York. In his spare time, you can find him at the hockey rink, on the golf course, hiking, rooting for my hometown Toronto Maple Leafs, and continually tackling his bucket list items (traveling/exploring all 50 US states now complete!). He's excited to be an ABAT member and is looking forward to the opportunities and experiences ahead.

