



1. Name & Degrees : Amanda Hammond, PharmD, MPH, DABAT

2. Membership Statement: I am a member in good standing of the American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) and the American Board of Applied Toxicology (ABAT).

3. Current Positions

- Critical Care/Emergency Medicine Pharmacist and Clinical Coordinator; Emory University Hospital Midtown, Atlanta, GA (2023 - Present)
- Emergency Medicine PRN Pharmacist, Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta GA, (2021-2022, 2023-Present)

4. Activities Relevant to ABAT

- Diplomate of the American Board of Applied Toxicology (2022–Present)
- Clinical Toxicology Fellowship, Georgia Poison Center (2020-2022)
- Symposium Co-Chair, American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (2024 - Present)

5. Biography

I am a critical care and emergency medicine pharmacist and clinical coordinator at Emory University Hospital Midtown. I spend my days working at the intersection of bedside care and operational/clinical collaboration. I spend most of my time in high-acuity environments, and the rest working tirelessly toward system optimization, successful change management, and increasing visibility of Pharmacy Clinical Services.

Since then, I've stayed most closely connected to toxicology through teaching, ABAT symposium, and continuing to apply tox principles in ICU and ED practice. A lot of what motivates my work is closing the gap between what we know in toxicology and how consistently that knowledge shows up at the bedside.

Communication and collaboration are central to how I approach that work. I serve as a culture champion within my department and am one of a small group of frontline facilitators supporting Emory Healthcare's Cultural Excellence

Journey. In this role, I get to teach and operationalize core communication and teamwork principles across the Emory Healthcare System. That experience has shaped how I lead in clinical environments, focusing on clarity, trust, and making it easier for teams to work well together under pressure.

Before pharmacy, I trained in theater. While giving me a flair for the dramatic and the ability to stop and discuss musicals at any moment, it continues to influence how I communicate. It's deeply influenced how I frame information so it's actually heard, read a room quickly, and adapt in real time to keep a team aligned when things are moving fast. I've also worked as a website designer and professional photographer, experiences that sharpened my thinking about aesthetics, presentation, and creating engaging materials. Outside of work, I've been running a long-standing Dungeons & Dragons campaign for over a decade and enjoy building custom costumes for the Renaissance faire. Those creative spaces have reinforced skills I use every day: storytelling, adaptability, and bringing people together around a shared goal.

6. Position Statement

I am seeking a position on the ABAT Advisory Board to bring a practical, bedside perspective on how applied clinical toxicology is actually being used, and sometimes missed, in modern clinical care.

As a relatively recent DABAT, I've seen how valuable poison center guidance and toxicology expertise can be and how often it's misunderstood or underutilized. When healthcare workers don't fully understand recommendations or how they are developed, it can create skepticism that slows care or dilutes impact. Bridging that gap and making toxicology feel more transparent and actionable is something I care deeply about, and I believe ABAT has a responsibility in as well.

I am also excited about contributing to a broader, collaborative effort to better define the modern role of the ABAT. Building on ongoing conversations within the organization (thank you, Gina and Faisal!!), I would be interested in helping develop a longitudinal project to more clearly characterize where we practice, how we contribute across settings, and how we describe our value to others. As our field continues to intersect with emergency medicine, critical care, and pharmacy specialties, having a clearer, shared understanding of our role becomes increasingly important.

Finally, I think there is a meaningful opportunity to better engage fellows in ABAT work. Fellows are often looking for substantive project experience and ways to contribute beyond conference attendance, while ABAT continues to take on initiatives that require time, coordination, and follow-through. Creating more intentional opportunities for fellows to participate in organizational projects could strengthen both the trainee experience and the work ABAT can accomplish.

I would be excited to contribute in an advisory role and support efforts in all of these areas, as well as those put forward by the other passionate and experienced members of the team!