



1. Name: Jessica V. Rivera Pescatore, PharmD, DABAT

2. Affirmation statement: I am a member in good standing of AACT and ABAT

3. Current positions: Clinical Director, Alabama Poison Information Center, Birmingham, AL
Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, UAB Heersink School of Medicine (volunteer)

ABAT positions:

Diplomate (2017-Present)

Certification Renewal Subcommittee (2020-2025)

Advisory Board Member (2023-Present)

ABAT in Poison Center Leadership Subcommittee (2024-Present)

Co-Chair, Credentialing Subcommittee (2025-Present)

AACT positions:

Antidote Collective, Advocacy Subcommittee (2024-Present)

4. Other relevant activities:

APC National Fatality Review Team (2019-Present)

ACMT affiliate member (2023-Present)

NACCT Lightning Oral Session moderator (2023)

JACP Editorial Board Member (2025-Present)

ABAT Multiple Choice Question Review

AHLS Instructor

5. Platform/first-person statement

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the ABAT Advisory Board over the past three years. My first term has been both meaningful and formative, and I am grateful to have worked alongside and learned from such thoughtful and resolute colleagues. This experience has strengthened my perspective and how I contribute to our shared mission.

During my term, I have remained committed to the priorities outlined in my initial statement, particularly expanding the visibility and integration of Diplomates within adjacent and evolving fields such as emergency medicine. It is essential that DABATs are not only present in these spaces, but actively sought out as clinical toxicology experts. Building on the groundwork of many, I have contributed through invited lectures at distinguished emergency medicine conferences, toxicology-focused publications, and service on the editorial board of a new pharmacotherapy journal. I have also worked to elevate fellow Diplomates into speaker, peer review, and Toxicology Section Editor roles, helping extend the recognition and necessity of our expertise beyond our immediate spheres of influence.

A central passion of mine has been building a sustainable pipeline for future toxicology-trained clinicians, including through fellowship training. Through our poison center, the only site in our state offering clinical toxicology training, we provide immersive experiences for PGY2 Emergency Medicine pharmacy residents across Alabama. I designed these experiences to integrate residents into patient care, education, and scholarship, including co-authoring abstracts presented at specialty conferences and national toxicology meetings. I also teach an elective at our local pharmacy school, increasing exposure to and interest in fellowship training. These efforts expand our organization's reach while actively engaging trainees. I am particularly proud that this approach has fostered ongoing interest in toxicology careers, including recruitment of a former resident to our poison center team who is now pursuing a pathway towards ABAT certification.

I have also worked to expand and clarify pathways for individuals utilizing poison center experience to pursue ABAT credentialing. I brought forward considerations regarding how Certified Specialists in Poison Information are evaluated, particularly when fellowship training is pursued. This led to the development of an application option that recognizes a year of fellowship training by allowing a reduction in required years of certification. I believe this supports motivated candidates, reduces unnecessary barriers, and better aligns credentialing with their depth of experience.

More broadly, this reflects my commitment to maintaining the strength and rigor of our certification while ensuring it remains accessible to those dedicated to the field. As Co-Chair of the Credentialing Subcommittee, I value working directly with prospective applicants to understand their goals, identify gaps, and connect them with mentors or training opportunities to support the development of highly qualified future Diplomates.

In this role, I have also focused on improving operational processes, including a recent transition to a more streamlined electronic application system. These efforts help ensure our application and review processes remain thorough, accessible, and responsive to member needs. In parallel, the Advisory Board has thoughtfully explored pathways for international applicants, balancing expanded access with the maintenance of high standards and appropriate structure.

As the Advisory Board continues to grow and evolve, I value the balance between fresh perspectives and continuity. I aim to contribute the insight gained during my first term while remaining open, collaborative, and grounded in listening. If re-elected, I will continue to bring that same energy, thoughtfulness, and commitment to supporting our members and advancing the mission of ABAT. Thank you for your consideration. It would be an honor to serve a second term on the Advisory Board.

Get to know me!

I am a graduate of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Lakeland Regional Health, followed by a 2-year Clinical Toxicology Fellowship at the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center – Jacksonville. After post-graduate training, I worked as an Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacist for close to a decade while providing consultative services at the poison center. In 2023, I transitioned into a newly developed Clinical Director role at the Alabama Poison Information Center where I also serve as the Clinical Toxicology Fellowship program director. I love moments where pharmacy operations and toxicology expertise intersect and enjoy positioning our center as a resource in formulary management, medication use process improvements, antidote stewardship, clinical protocol development, and electronic health record and smart pump optimization. I have been honored with Preceptor of the Year awards from both pharmacy students and residents and am a recipient of the UAB Medicine Excellence Award.

At home, my 11-year-old dachshund, Frankie, firmly runs the household, and I am incredibly supported by my loving husband, Jarrod, along with our equally sweet pup, Allie. I became an aunt on December 3, 2025, and have not recovered from how quickly my niece, Isla, became my favorite person. My love for her grows by the second! I'm a self-proclaimed foodie, world traveler, and (occasional) fashionista. As such, I'm a firm believer that most problems can be improved with good food, good company, or a well-placed tox-themed accessory.