

# SSPPS Office of Experiential Education Preceptor News

## Preceptor Spotlight: Gale Romanowski, Pharm D., BCPPS



**Residency Program Director and Pharmacy Education Coordinator Specialist at Rady Children's Hospital**

**Training: University of Michigan Pharmacy School; General Pharmacy Practice Residency focused on Pediatrics at Duke University Medical Center.**

**Specialty: NICU Clinical Pharmacy**

**SSPPS:** *What inspired you to become a preceptor, and how long have you been precepting?*

**Gale:** I have been a preceptor for over 25 years, starting with UCSF students, Pacific Students, USC students and finally UCSD students. My inspiration for precepting is enjoying the enthusiasm that students have for learning.

**SSPPS:** *What is the most satisfying aspect of precepting students?*

**Gale:** I have been a preceptor for over 25 years, starting with UCSF students, Pacific Students, USC students and finally UCSD students. My inspiration for precepting is enjoying the enthusiasm that students have for learning. I love seeing how excited students are to become part of the team, where they finally get to contribute to patient care by utilizing their didactic knowledge that they have learned, together with targeted evidenced based medicine, combined with the practicality and satisfaction of every day problem solving. The APPE year is where everything finally comes together. Students are a spark plug of energy for our staff and our hospital!

**SSPPS:** *Explain how your team and facility benefit from precepting our pharmacy students.*

**Gale:** Our team and facility benefit from precepting pharmacy students from first getting to know the students in their P1 year. When the students are on rotation as P2s doing their IPPEs and as P4s doing their APPEs, we have patient case and disease state discussions. I give them projects and presentations to promote their further learning, which also benefits our pharmacy team. In addition, we hire two UCSD students per year as our interns. Often, at least one of these interns becomes our Pharmacist Resident and eventually one of our RCHSD Staff Pharmacists. The whole circle then completes when these past students become preceptors for the incoming students.

## Retirement Announcement

After 35 years of dedicated service, Dr. James Colbert has announced his retirement from the Skaggs School of Pharmacy effective July 2018. After receiving his B.A. in Biological Sciences from UC Berkeley and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree (Pharm. D.) from UC San Francisco, Dr. Colbert served with distinction as an officer in the U.S. Army and is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

In his role as Associate Dean for Experiential Education and Health Sciences Clinical Professor, his contributions to the school have been immeasurable and have included serving on numerous committees, acting as mentor and advisor to students, teaching classes, and providing oversight and leadership to the Office of Experiential Education. In addition to his contributions to the school, he has served the community through outreach activities.

Over the years Dr. Colbert has published extensively on the subjects of pharmacy education, preceptor development, pediatrics, and sickle cell disease. He also co-founded the Pediatric Pain Service at the UC San Diego Medical Center and created a continuous preceptor development program for clinical preceptors at SSPPS.

Dr. Colbert looks forward to traveling and spending more time with family and friends when he retires. Although retirements are always bittersweet, we congratulate Dr. Colbert on a long and productive career and thank him for his decades of positive contributions to pharmacy education.



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- Physical and VPN access to the UC San Diego [library system](#)
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- Utilize the UC San Diego [shuttle bus service](#) (shuttles serve campus, UC San Diego medical centers and key points off campus)
- May be eligible for reimbursement for [poster presentations and/or meeting registration](#) (see SSPPS website for details)

For questions about the voluntary appointment process, please contact Mandi Walker at (858) 246-0080 or [mjwalker@ucsd.edu](mailto:mjwalker@ucsd.edu)

- After you have your voluntary faculty appointment, contact Andrina Marshall at [amarshall@ucsd.edu](mailto:amarshall@ucsd.edu) to set-up VPN access to library resources (please allow one week for processing)
  - Please provide first name, middle name or initial, last name, and date of birth when you request access.

## Preceptor Development Events

San Diego Society of Health System Pharmacists (SDSHP) and UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy co-sponsored this year's Pharmacy Leaders Breakfast on Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The breakfast was held at SSPPS and the topic was "The Opioid Epidemic." Six area pharmacy leaders delivered presentations:

- Dr. Margaret Mendes' presentation explained the VA Opioid Safety Initiative, strategies to minimize risk, and the pillars of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.
- Critical Care Pharmacist Dr. Shiva Bojak presented the Sharp Memorial Hospital Pharmacy Pain Management Program, described the SMH pain management program, and the challenges of a Pharmacy Run Service.
- Dr. Raffi Simonian's presentation "Recognizing Drug Addiction and Diversion in Health Care Professionals" addressed the problem of drug addiction in health care professionals and taught participants how to identify drug abusers and take steps toward drug diversion.
- Dr. Sally Rafie, Pharmacist Specialist at UC San Diego Health, presented "Implementing an Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution Program in a Health System" which examined the use of naloxone distribution as a harm reduction strategy and the creation of patient education materials.
- Dr. Kenneth Schell's presentation "Controlled Substance Diversion Report Investigation Process" explained the role of pharmacists in diversion oversight, monitoring, and investigation interviews.
- Dr. Terry Vidals, the Pharmacy Operations Manager and Medication Safety Officer for Tri-City Medical Center, presented "Decreasing Opioid Prescribing" and explained the effectiveness of current prescribed opioid regimens as well as methods implemented in the emergency department to combat the opioid epidemic and actions taken to reduce use.

The presentations stimulated lively and productive discussion about an important topic that continues to appear frequently in both news media and academic circles. Having these esteemed leaders in pharmacy share the best practices of their institutions was both engaging and educational.



**Top:** Dr. James Colbert

**Left:** Dr. Colbert and attendees in Skaggs School of Pharmacy classroom



**Top:** (left to right) Dr. Kenneth Schell, Dr. Therese Clark, Dr. Shiva Bojak, Dr. Sally Rafie, Dr. Raffi Simonian, Dr. Maggie Mendes, Dr. Terry Vidals



## Transitions and Achievements

- Anthony Morreale, Pharm.D., MBA, BCPS was awarded the APhA Distinguished Federal Pharmacist Award. The award recognizes pharmacists who distinguish themselves and the profession through outstanding contributions in federal pharmacy practice resulting in significant improvements in the health of the nation and the populations they serve.
- Fela Nosler, Pharm.D. became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) at the end of 2017.

## The Pharmacist’s Letter as an IPPE and APPE Resource

Through our partnership with the Pharmacist's Letter, you have access to the Preceptor Training & Resource Network. Here’s what your access to Preceptor Training & Resource Network includes:

- "ACPE Preceptor CE"(home-based courses and live webinars)
- Sample student syllabi, activities, assignments and schedules
- Targeted professionalism, patient safety and practice-based teaching resources
- PL Journal Club (APPE teaching tools)
- Pharmacy 101 (IPPE teaching tools)

Information regarding access instructions is emailed on a quarterly basis. If you have any questions or require assistance accessing the Preceptor Training & Resource Network, please contact Pam McGlynn at [pmcglynn@ucsd.edu](mailto:pmcglynn@ucsd.edu)

## Reminder of SSPPS Rotation Absence Policy

- Students are to contact both their preceptor and the Office of Experiential Education (Lisa Avery [lavery@ucsd.edu](mailto:lavery@ucsd.edu) for APPEs and Pam McGlynn [pmcglynn@ucsd.edu](mailto:pmcglynn@ucsd.edu) for IPPEs) if they are unable to attend the rotation due to illness or emergency.
- Missed rotation time will need to be made up at the discretion of the preceptor.
- The preceptor’s approval needs to be secured in advance if a student needs to be absent on a scheduled rotation day.
- A plan should be developed by the preceptor and student for the completion of missed time from the rotation, if the preceptor deems necessary.
- Conditions for excused absences: Students are encouraged to attend professional meetings and interviews required for residency application activities. It is the responsibility of the student to organize these dates in ways to minimize the impact on their educational experiences. Students are expected to work with their preceptors when planning/scheduling interview dates.

Links	Questions? Comments? Ideas?
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