

## Pharmacy Residency Programs at The Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

### Pharmacy Residency Programs

The Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center and the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Long Island University, offer the following one-year ASHP-accredited residency programs:

- Pharmacy Practice Residency (PGY-1)
- Critical Care Pharmacy Practice Residency (PGY-2)
- Geriatric Pharmacy Practice Residency (PGY-2)
- Internal Medicine Pharmacy Practice Residency (PGY-2)

### Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

The Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) is an 864-bed teaching, medical and pharmacy university-affiliated, non-profit, private community institution. The Rutland Nursing Home is a 538-bed facility offering skilled nursing, rehabilitation and post acute care services. KJMC is a 326-bed acute care hospital offering a 10-bed medical/surgical and 10-bed cardiac intensive care units, a 20-bed traumatic brain injury and coma recovery unit, a 30-bed geriatric psychiatry unit, a 30-bed ventilator unit, a step-down cardiac care telemetry unit, rehabilitation institute, orthopedics service, cardiac suite, memory disorders program, pain management and treatment center, wound care and hyperbaric medicine center, renal dialysis unit, a vascular laboratory, and a 911-receiving emergency department. The Department of Medicine maintains an independent medical residency program of over 50 physicians and many board-certified faculty.



### Pharmacy Services

The Department of Pharmacy is fully computerized, provides 24-hour pharmacy services, and utilizes a robotic dispensing system. The hospital has a closed loop drug distribution and administration system. Prescribers utilize the Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) system, medication orders simultaneously interface into the Pharmacy Computer System, pharmacists validate these orders, the Pharmacy Robot dispenses medications, and nurses administer medications using barcode scanners. Computer terminals are located throughout the hospital and on medication carts. An Emergency Medicine Satellite Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacist are responsible for medication utilization and delivery to the Emergency Department.

The 19-member Pharmacotherapy Team includes clinical pharmacists specializing in these settings: Critical Care, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Psychiatry, Geriatrics, Long Term Care, Wound Care, Infectious Diseases, and Ambulatory Care.



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## Residency Program Faculty Biographies

PGY -1

Pharmacy Practice Residency

Critical Care Pharmacy Practice Residency

PGY -2

Geriatric Pharmacy Practice Residency

Internal Medicine Pharmacy Practice Residency



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**HENRY COHEN, B.S., M.S., Pharm.D., FCCM, BCPP, CGP**

**Chief Pharmacotherapy Officer  
Director of Pharmacy Residency Programs (PGY-1 and PGY-2)**

**EDUCATION:** Dr. Henry Cohen received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from The Arnold & Marie Schwartz (AMS) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University (LIU) in Brooklyn, NY. He then completed his Master of Science with a Specialty in Pharmacotherapeutics, also from LIU. He then completed a traditional post-baccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from St. John's University College of Pharmacy in Jamaica, NY. His thesis and dissertation was on *Feasibility and Pharmacokinetics of Oral Carbamazepine Loading Doses*. He is a Fellow in Critical Care Medicine of the American College of Critical Care Medicine. He is Board Certified in Psychiatric Pharmacotherapy and certified in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Dr. Cohen is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at The AMS College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of LIU. He is the Chief Pharmacotherapy Officer and the Director of Pharmacotherapy Research, Education, and Residency Programs for the Departments of Pharmacy and Medicine at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. Dr. Cohen is the Coordinator of the PGY-2 Critical Care Pharmacotherapy Residency Program.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Dr. Cohen is the Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Pharmacy Practice*, and the Editor for *The New York State Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*. He has published over 50 text book chapters and manuscripts. Dr. Cohen has published and presented over 50 poster abstracts at national meetings. He has presented over 200 invited lectures on pharmacotherapeutic topics throughout the United States. Dr. Cohen serves as a reviewer for the journals *Critical Care Medicine*, *The American Journal of Health-System Pharmacists*, and *The Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*. He is a member of the national PharMerica Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee. Dr. Cohen has been selected as a member of the National Consensus Standards for Therapeutic Drug Management Quality project at the National Quality Forum. He is a frequent presenter at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and Society of Critical Care Medicine national meetings. His areas of specialty and interest include critical care medicine, geriatrics, neuropsychiatry, and adverse drug events.

**BISHOY LUKA, Pharm.D., BCNSP**

**Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
Critical Care**



**EDUCATION:** Dr. Bishoy Luka received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from The Arnold & Marie Schwartz (AMS) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University (LIU) in Brooklyn, NY. He then completed an ASHP-accredited General Pharmacy Practice residency with emphasis in Toxicology at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY, and an ASHP-accredited Specialty Pharmacy Practice Residency in Critical Care Pharmacotherapy at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) in Brooklyn, NY.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Dr. Luka is a clinical pharmacist specialist in critical care at KJMC. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at The AMS College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of LIU. Dr. Luka is also an Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology for the College of Nursing at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, and coordinates the pharmacology and pharmacotherapy courses for the nurse practitioner programs.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Dr. Luka is a member of the Pneumonia and Acute Myocardial Infarction Core Measures Committee at KJMC. He is a reviewer for the journals *Critical Care Medicine* and *Journal of Pharmacy Practice*. He has presented several poster and abstract presentations. Dr. Luka has also appeared on local Brooklyn television speaking about the pharmacist's role in patient care and medication management. His areas of interest include cardiology, infectious diseases, and toxicology.

**STEVEN B. LEVY, B.S., Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP**

**Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
Internal Medicine and Geriatrics**



**EDUCATION:** Dr. Steven B. Levy received both his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and post-baccalaureate Doctorate of Pharmacy degrees from the University in Cincinnati, OH. He then completed a 2-year ASHP-accredited Specialty Pharmacy Practice Residency in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) in Brooklyn, NY. He is Board Certified in Pharmacotherapy and certified in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Dr. Levy is a clinical pharmacist specialist in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at KJMC. He is the Coordinator of the PGY-2 Internal Medicine Pharmacotherapy Residency Program. Dr. Levy is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at The Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Dr. Levy serves on the Council on Therapeutics for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), is a co-editor of the Royal Counties of the New York Society of Hospital Pharmacists (RCNYSHP) bi-annual newsletter, and serves on the editorial board for *The Consultant Pharmacist Journal*. He has published in medical and pharmacy journals and appeared on a local Brooklyn television program to discuss appropriate use of asthma medications. He is the president-elect of RCNYSHP. He is a member of ASHP, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists, and RCNYSHP. His areas of interest include infectious diseases, pulmonary and thromboembolic disorders, and pain management.

**VALERY L. CHU, B.S., Pharm.D.*****Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
Ambulatory Care***

**EDUCATION:** Dr. Valery L. Chu received both her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and post-baccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from The Arnold & Marie Schwartz (AMS) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University (LIU) in Brooklyn, NY. She then completed a Specialty Pharmacy Practice Residency in Ambulatory Care at the University of California, San Francisco in San Francisco, CA.



**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Dr. Chu is a clinical pharmacist specialist in ambulatory care at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC), in Brooklyn, NY. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the AMS College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of LIU.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Dr. Chu is coordinating the implementation of pharmacy-led ambulatory care services at KJMC. Established services are anticoagulation and smoking cessation. She is the secretary of the Diabetes Committee at KJMC. Dr. Chu is a contributing editor in ambulatory care for *The New York State Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*, and a production editor for the Royal Counties of the New York Society of Hospital Pharmacists (RCNYSHP) and KJMC pharmacy newsletters. She is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists, RCNYSHP, and the American Diabetes Association. Her areas of interest include diabetes management and education, and anticoagulation.

**ANNAHIT DAGLYAN, Pharm.D.*****Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
Psychiatry***

**EDUCATION:** Dr. Annahit Daglyan received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. John's University College of Pharmacy in Jamaica, NY. She then completed an ASHP-accredited Specialty Pharmacy Practice Residency in Psychiatry at the Louis Stokes Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, OH.



**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Dr. Daglyan is a clinical pharmacist specialist in psychiatry for the Departments of Pharmacy and Psychiatry at KJMC. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Dr. Daglyan is a member of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists. She has presented lectures throughout the United States, including The Northeastern Psychiatric Pharmacotherapy Symposium. Dr. Daglyan is the Chairperson for the hospital-wide Adverse Drug Event Committee. She is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists, RCNYSHP, and the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists. Her area of interest is psychiatry.

**ANTONIA ALAFRIS, B.S., Pharm.D., CGP*****Associate Director of Pharmacotherapy Services  
and Pharmacy Residency Programs***

**EDUCATION:** Dr. Antonia Alafris received both her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and post-baccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from The Arnold & Marie Schwartz (AMS) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University (LIU) in Brooklyn, NY. She then completed an ASHP-accredited Specialty Pharmacy Practice Residency in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) in Brooklyn, NY. She is certified in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy.



**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Dr. Alafris is the Associate Director of Pharmacotherapy Services and Pharmacy Residency Programs at KJMC. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at The AMS College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of LIU and an Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology for the College of Nursing at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. Dr. Alafris is the Coordinator of the PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacotherapy Residency Program.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Dr. Alafris is managing editor for *The Journal of Pharmacy Practice*. She has published and presented papers, book chapters, and poster abstracts. Dr. Alafris has presented invited lectures on pharmacotherapeutic topics. She is the President of the Alumni Association for The AMS College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of LIU. Dr. Alafris coordinates the PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacotherapy Residency Program. Her areas of interest include geriatrics and wound care.

**CATHERINE A. MILLARES, Pharm.D., CGP*****Clinical Coordinator  
Geriatric Pharmacotherapy***

**EDUCATION:** Dr. Catherine A. Millares received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the Arnold & Marie Schwartz (AMS) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University (LIU) in Brooklyn, NY. She then completed a 2-year ASHP-accredited Specialty Pharmacy Practice Residency in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) in Brooklyn, NY. She is certified in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy.



**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Dr. Millares is the Clinical Coordinator of Geriatric Pharmacotherapy Services at KJMC. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at The AMS College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of LIU, and an Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology for the College of Nursing at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Dr. Millares has presented at numerous CE seminars and poster presentations at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meetings. She provides experiential and didactic teaching in geriatrics. Dr. Millares is a member of ASHP, New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. She is the recipient of the Pfizer/KJMC Medication Safety Award in 2003 and 2004. Her areas of interest include geriatrics, medication safety, pharmacokinetics, and psychiatry.

**RON LEVY, B.S., R.Ph.***Director of Pharmacy*

**EDUCATION:** Mr. Ron Levy received his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the Arnold & Marie Schwartz (AMS) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University (LIU) in Brooklyn, NY.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Mr. Levy is the Director of Pharmacy at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) in Brooklyn, NY. He is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Mr. Levy is the Chairman of the Medication Error Subcommittee at KJMC. He is also the Team Leader of the Emergency Medication Point of Dispensation Influenza Vaccination Team. In addition, Mr. Levy is a member of the following committees at KJMC: Pharmacy & Therapeutics, Environmental Care, Infection Control, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Special Events, Terrorist Response, Patient Safety, Performance Improvement and the Joint Commission Readiness Committee. He precepts Doctor of Pharmacy Candidates and Pharmacy Practice Residents for the Pharmacy Administration rotation at KJMC. Mr. Levy has served on the Board of Directors for the Royal Counties of the New York Society of Hospital Pharmacists. His areas of interest include hospital pharmacy administration and oncology.

**DENISE E. RICCOBONO, Pharm.D.***Clinical Coordinator  
Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy*

**EDUCATION:** Dr. Riccobono received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. John's University College of Pharmacy in Jamaica, NY. She then completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency (PGY-1) at the New York Harbor Healthcare System Department of Veterans Affairs in Manhattan, NY, and an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Residency (PGY-2) in Infectious Diseases at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Dr. Riccobono is the Clinical Coordinator of Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) in Brooklyn, NY. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at The Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University in Brooklyn, NY.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Dr. Riccobono precepts Pharmacy Practice Residents for the Infectious Diseases rotation at KJMC. She is the Secretary of the Antibiotic Subcommittee at KJMC. Dr. Riccobono is a member of the American Society of Microbiology and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Her area of interest is infectious diseases management in the acute care setting.

**DALIA ABDELMACKSOUD, B.S., Pharm.D.***Assistant Director of Pharmacy*

**EDUCATION:** Dr. Dalia Abdelmacksoud received both her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and post-baccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from The Arnold & Marie Schwartz (AMS) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University (LIU) in Brooklyn, NY. She then completed an ASHP-accredited specialty residency in Infectious Diseases at the Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Bronx, NY.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Dr. Abdelmacksoud is the Assistant Director of Pharmacy at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at The AMS College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of LIU.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Dr. Abdelmacksoud is a member of the Medical Forms and Pharmacy & Therapeutics committees at KJMC. She is the editor-in-chief of the KJMC Pharmacy newsletter. She precepts Doctor of Pharmacy Candidates and Pharmacy Practice Residents for the Pharmacy Administration rotation at KJMC. She is a member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, New York State Chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists, and Royal Counties of the New York Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Her areas of interest include hospital administration and infectious diseases.

**SALVATORE CANNIZZARO, B.S., R.Ph.***Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
Emergency Medicine*

**EDUCATION:** Mr. Salvatore Cannizzaro received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from The Arnold & Marie Schwartz (AMS) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University (LIU) in Brooklyn, NY.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:** Mr. Cannizzaro is a clinical pharmacist specialist in Emergency Medicine at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) in Brooklyn, NY. He manages the Emergency Medicine Satellite Pharmacy, and provides extensive pharmacotherapy services to KJMC's 911-receiving Emergency Department. Mr. Cannizzaro has over 20 years experience in critical care pharmacotherapy. He is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at The AMS College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of LIU.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Mr. Cannizzaro is a member of the Pneumonia and Acute Myocardial Infarction Core Measures Committee at KJMC. He is the Treasurer for the Royal Counties of the New York Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Mr. Cannizzaro's areas of interest include emergency medicine and critical care medicine.

