

University of Colorado Hospital

Current Residents





Cassidy Dixon
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Cassidy Dixon grew up in Wichita, Kansas. She completed her undergraduate studies and Doctor of Pharmacy Degree at The University of Kansas (Rock Chalk!) Cassidy is thrilled to begin her pharmacy career at the University of Colorado Hospital. Her professional interests include critical care and emergency medicine with plans to pursue a PGY2 in one of her areas of interest. In her free time, Cassidy enjoys cooking, working out, and spending time with her family and friends. Cassidy looks forward to hiking, skiing, and exploring all that Colorado has to offer!



Marissa Powell
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Marissa Powell grew up in South Lyon, Michigan, a small suburb in the Metro-Detroit area. She completed her undergraduate studies at Michigan State University (Go Green!) where she received bachelor's degrees in Neuroscience and Psychology. She then attended pharmacy school at the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy. Marissa loves living in Colorado and is thrilled to continue her training as a PGY1 resident at University of Colorado Hospital. Her current professional interests are in oncology, research, and academia. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys cooking, hiking, and spending time with family and friends. Marissa is looking forward to beginning her pharmacy career and continuing to explore more of Colorado!



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Kristin Ridgely was born and raised in Chandler, Arizona and studied Biological Sciences at Arizona State University before pursuing her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Kristin is ecstatic to continue her training with PGY1 residency at University of Colorado Hospital where she has worked as an inpatient clinical pharmacy intern for the past three years. Her current professional areas of interest include solid organ transplant, critical care and emergency medicine, oncology, and internal medicine and she hopes to pursue PGY2 residency training in one of these specialties. Her hobbies include hiking, attending sporting events, spending time with her two sweet kitties, and cozying up with a good crime thriller novel. Kristin is looking forward to spending another year (or more!) in colorful Colorado and taking advantage of the beautiful scenery, excellent breweries, and wonderful weather this state has to offer!



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Megan Vandergriend was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. She completed her undergraduate career at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she received her degree in chemistry, and then completed her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Megan has always felt she belonged near the mountains, so she is ecstatic to be starting her career at the University of Colorado Hospital. Her interests include emergency medicine, solid organ transplant, cardiology, and more. Megan plans to pursue PGY2 training in her interest area upon completion of her PGY1 residency, and hopes to serve as a preceptor for pharmacy students at an academic institution in the future. In her free time, she loves to spend time with family and friends, hike and spend time in nature, and find good restaurants to try. She is looking forward to the beauty of Colorado and sampling the many great restaurants and breweries in the area.



Nicholas Weinberger
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Nick Weinberger was born in Marrero, Louisiana before moving to Dallas, Texas at the age of 10 due to Hurricane Katrina. He completed his undergraduate studies at Collin College and the University of Texas at Dallas. He then moved to Amarillo (Y'all > You guys) for his first two years of pharmacy school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy before moving back to Dallas to finish his last two years of pharmacy school. Nick is beyond excited to move to Colorado to complete a PGY1 at the University of Colorado! He is hoping to complete a PGY2 in either Critical Care or Emergency Medicine with the intent to practice as a clinical pharmacist at an academic medical center to precept pharmacy students. Outside of pharmacy, Nick can be found cooking, playing rugby, hiking all the local trails, or snowboarding (non-gracefully). He is very excited to finally live near the mountains and explore all the great opportunities that Colorado has to offer!



Lauren Wells
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Lauren Wells was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, and received her Bachelor's degree in Spanish from Harding University before moving to Colorado to attend the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy. Lauren has loved her time in Colorado thus far and is thrilled to be able to continue her training as a PGY1 resident at the University of Colorado Hospital after experiencing her favorite clinical rotations at UCH. Her clinical interests include emergency medicine, critical care, and cardiology, and she plans to pursue a PGY2 residency in one of these areas. Lauren loves snowboarding on the weekends with her husband Jake, cooking, taking care of her plants, and hiking with her dog, Goose.