Member Spotlight – Jamie Cavanaugh

Jamie Jurkiewicz Cavanaugh, PharmD, CPP, BCPS is an ambulatory care pharmacist at The University of North Carolina General Internal Medicine Clinic in Chapel Hill, NC. After earning her Doctorate of Pharmacy from The University of North Carolina in 2010, she completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Durham Veteran Affairs Medical Center. She went on to complete a PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Specialty Residency with The University of North Carolina Hospitals.

Following residency, she accepted a position as a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in The University of North Carolina Internal Medicine Clinic, an academic clinic associated with The University of North Carolina Hospitals. The clinic serves approximately 10,700 patients through 36,000 annual clinic visits. Pharmacist run services include anticoagulation, diabetes, chronic pain, medication management, and Medicare Wellness Visits, and hospital follow-up (a transitional care service). Dr. Cavanaugh is the process owner for the hospital follow-up clinic and is the General Internal Medicine Pharmacy Education Coordinator. She enjoys the challenge of caring for vulnerable patients with complex pharmacotherapy regimens as a part of an interdisciplinary team in the hospital follow-up clinic. In her current role, she has the opportunity to interact with pharmacy learners on all levels, from PY1 students to PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residents. Teaching, mentorship, and research bring her professional satisfaction and joy through her varied daily responsibilities.

Dr. Cavanaugh is actively involved at the state and national levels. She has presented at prior NCAP meetings and contributed to the Spring 2016 issue of North Carolina Pharmacist (Billing for Transitional Care Management Services). She has presented at national meetings, including the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP), and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. She serves on the ASHP Section of Ambulatory Care Advisory Group on Compensation and Practice Sustainability as vice-chair. From her experience, she finds her professional involvement to be very rewarding on professional and personal levels, as it leads to opportunities for networking and sharing of knowledge with pharmacists across the country. These relationships are critical to the advancement of the pharmacy profession. Dr. Cavanaugh can be reached at jamie_cavanaugh@med.unc.edu.