



Georgia Regents Department of Pharmacy and University of Georgia (UGA) College of Pharmacy are **pleased to welcome our new PGY2 Critical Care Residency Program Director, Cathy Pierce**, Pharm.D., FCCM. Best wishes to the previous program director, Trisha Branan, Pharm.D. BCPS, who is now a full time faculty member at UGA.

Cathy Pierce, Pharm.D., FCCM, is Critical Care Pharmacy Specialist/MICU, Pharmacy Critical Care Team Clinical Supervisor and PGY-2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency Program Director.

Cathy Pierce received her BS degree in Pharmacy from Auburn University School of Pharmacy in 1993 and then obtained a post-baccalaureate Pharm.D. at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1995. After graduation, Cathy completed two years of residency, pharmacy practice and Critical care specialty residencies at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in 1997. Cathy's first position was at Grady Health System in downtown Atlanta where she was their first clinical specialist in critical care, practicing in the Trauma Critical Care Unit. During her time at Grady, she precepted pharmacy practice residents and started the critical care specialty residency program. Upon leaving Grady, Cathy worked at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, Georgia as their Clinical Coordinator and helped to expand their clinical pharmacy services. For almost 12 years, Cathy worked at Wake Forest Baptist Health System (WFBH) in Winston Salem, NC, as the Clinical Specialist for Critical Care, establishing their Critical Care Residency Program and serving as the Director of that program; as well as playing an integral role in the training of PGY1 pharmacy residents. Her primary practice was in the MICU; she also supervised a team of 5 clinical pharmacists in the MICU. Cathy joined Georgia Regents Department of Pharmacy in fall 2014 where her main practice site is the medical intensive care unit

Cathy has been involved in several local, national and international professional organizations such as the Atlanta Academy of Institutional Pharmacists (AAIP), ASHP, ACCP, and SCCM during her career and has served in different capacities within those organizations. In 2011, Cathy was honored to achieve Fellow status within the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), which is a multi-disciplinary international critical care medicine society. More recently, Cathy has served on the Board of the Southeastern Residency Conference (SERC) and is the Chairperson of the Steering Committee for the 2015 SERC (April 30 to May 1, 2015).

Cathy has published in peer-reviewed journals and has been an invited speaker at AAIP, the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists (NCAP), and SCCM. Her professional interests include quality improvement, sepsis, sedation/analgesia, end-of-life care and the management of infections in the critically ill population.