

# Medical Communications Fellowship Program

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## Connected Solutions & Fearless Communication

MedVal Scientific Information Services, LLC, and PharmaWrite Medical Communications, LLC, are independent full-service medical communications companies within the ClinicalMind family of companies with the shared passion for providing clients with unparalleled scientific expertise to help meet their challenges in a continually changing and demanding healthcare environment. Our seasoned and diverse scientific team of professionals, holding advanced degrees in their respective fields, offers decades of experience in effectively communicating educational messages through print and digital means, live meetings, and social media.

## Perfecting the Science of Medical Communication

MedVal and Pharmawrite provide a comprehensive portfolio of services to the pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device industries. We specialize in content development, publication planning, medical & regulatory writing, medical monitoring and social listening, and global meetings. Both companies have an innovative and collaborative approach to helping our clients meet their various prelaunch, launch, and post-launch challenges. Our core values are science, compliance, strategy, and service. We are committed to communicating the scientific rationale, the data, and the clinical considerations in the most appropriate and most effective mediums.



## Fellowship Program Overview

MedVal Scientific Information Services, LLC, and PharmaWrite Medical Communications, LLC, are jointly offering a fully remote, one-year Medical Communications Postdoctoral Fellowship starting July 2024. Fellows will gain exposure to various therapeutic areas and treatments throughout many phases of development. The program also offers additional leadership, networking, and professional development opportunities through partnership with the Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO).

### Fellowship Program Goals and Opportunities

- Develop a foundation for a career in medical communications through training and exposure to various aspects of the industry
- Learn how to work in a team-based environment and consistently deliver projects on deadline and within budget
- Work closely with medical writers, editors, graphic designers, scientific managers, and meeting planners and interact with clients at meetings
- Utilize library services and medical librarians to research subject matter of importance for our clients and their products
- Participate in International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) events
- Gain exposure to networking and professional development opportunities through IPhO

### Benefits and Additional Opportunities

The fellow will receive a competitive stipend and benefits package, including:

- Medical, dental, vision, and life insurance package
- 5 days of vacation
- At least 9 paid holidays during the year, 5 sick days, and 1 floating holiday

Upon successful completion of the fellowship program, MedVal and PharmaWrite will award the fellow a professional certificate.







## Therapeutic Experience

By working with various companies, the Medical Communications Fellow will have the opportunity to expand their breadth of experience in many therapeutic areas including:

- Cardiology
- Endocrinology
- Geriatrics
- Hematology
- Immunology
- Infectious Disease
- Men's Health
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Pain
- Rare/Orphan Disease
- Schizophrenia
- Women's Health

## Fellowship Director

### Megan McEntire, PharmD, CMPP™



**Director, Scientific Communications**  
**Director, Medical Communications Fellowship**

*Membership in the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), American Medical Writers Associations (AMWA), Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO), International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) Membership*  
*Previous service on the ISMPP Membership Committee*

Dr. Megan McEntire's current role as Director of Scientific Communications enables her to interact with clients and key opinion leaders on a personal basis to facilitate dissemination of medical knowledge. She has experience in publication planning, scientific manuscripts, advisory board meetings, competitive surveillance reporting, as well as gap analyses and key opinion leader (KOL) analyses. Megan graduated from East Tennessee State University, completing a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, with a concentration in Biochemistry, and worked in the chemical industry. However, her passion was to help people in the healthcare field, so she returned to further her education at the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University, where she received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Megan completed the MedVal/PharmaWrite Medical Communications Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. She also serves as a preceptor for APPE PharmD students.

## Current Fellows

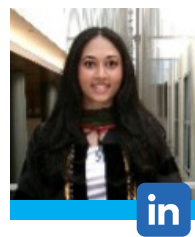
### Elena Dang, PharmD



**Postdoctoral Fellow**  
**The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy**

*Current Co-Lead for the Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO) Annual Meeting*

### Kushali Patel, PharmD



**Postdoctoral Fellow**  
**Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University**

*Current membership in the Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO) Professional Programming Committee*

## IPhO Partnership

The MedVal/PharmaWrite Medical Communications Fellowship Program has a collaborative partnership with IPhO. Through IPhO, the Fellow has the option to gain exposure to industry leadership, networking, and professional development opportunities.

### Opportunities Within IPhO Partnership

#### Mentorship

Fellows will receive mentorship from IPhO leadership, including priority access to IPhO's network of advisors through Mentor Match, a system containing over 2,000 established industry pharmacists ready to assist with fellow career development

#### Organizational Leadership

Fellows will be members of the IPhO National Fellows Council (NFC), with priority in holding leadership positions to develop and practice cross-functional leadership skills in the following committees: Fellows Development, Student Development & Professional Programming

#### Teaching Experience

Fellows will have an opportunity to be an instructor for IPhO Institute for Pharmaceutical Industry Learning (webinars), as well as provide guidance to hundreds of student pharmacists at 100 IPhO chapters

#### Professional Development

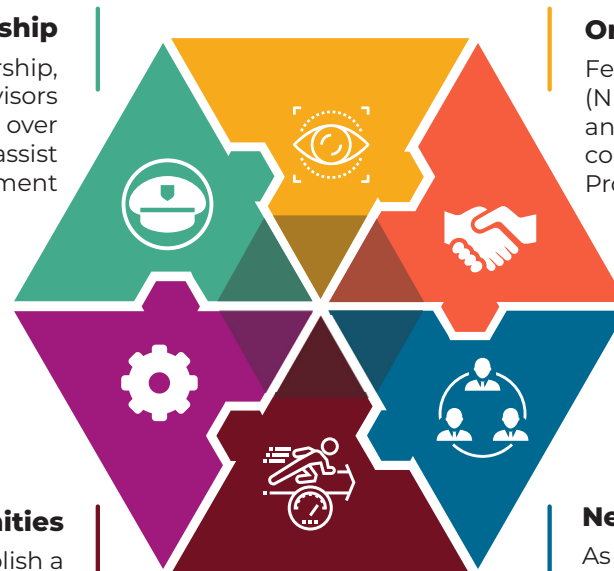
As a part of the IPhO NFC, Fellows will have access to fellow-targeted career development programming, such as webinars and live events

#### Publication Opportunities

Fellows can conduct research and/or publish a poster/paper/article in conjunction with an IPhO leadership team member

#### Networking Opportunities

As a part of the IPhO NFC, Fellows will have the opportunity to network with over 70 fellows across the country in various programs and functional areas, along with exclusive access to a Fellows Directory of over 350 current fellows



Contact the National Fellows Council Co-Chiefs at [fellows@industrypharmacist.org](mailto:fellows@industrypharmacist.org)

# Candidate and Application Requirements

To be eligible, candidates must graduate from a Doctor of Pharmacy Program, become licensed, and possess good communication and interpersonal skills.

✓	All application materials must be submitted by <b>December 15, 2023</b>
✓	Curriculum Vitae
✓	Letter of Intent
✓	Official College of Pharmacy Transcript <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please submit electronic official transcripts to <a href="mailto:fellow@pwmvsci.com">fellow@pwmvsci.com</a></li></ul>
✓	Three (3) Letters of Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Letters should be individualized and emailed directly to <a href="mailto:fellow@pwmvsci.com">fellow@pwmvsci.com</a></li><li>• Do not submit these via the ASHP Residency Applicant Recommendation Request Form</li></ul>
✓	Writing Sample <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research abstract, poster presentation, article, drug monograph, etc.</li></ul>

Application materials can be emailed to [fellow@pwmvsci.com](mailto:fellow@pwmvsci.com) or submitted through IPhO's FellowMatch at [www.industrypharmacist.org/fm\\_landing.php](http://www.industrypharmacist.org/fm_landing.php)

## Application Timeline

- Initial phone interviews will be offered to eligible candidates on a rolling basis after a CV, a letter of intent, and 1 writing sample are received
- Competitive candidates will be asked to complete a writing test
- Virtual final interviews will be held on a rolling basis, during which candidates will be asked to deliver a presentation to staff



## Mentoring Team

### Louis P. Greco, PharmD, CMPP™



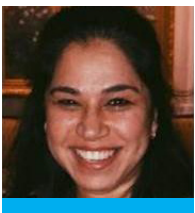
**President, PharmaWrite Medical Communications, LLC**  
**Managing Director, MedVal Scientific Information Services, LLC**  
**Senior Vice President, Clinical Mind, LLC**

*Membership in International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP)*

*Previous service as faculty at the ISMPP Annual Meeting and on the ISMPP Membership Committee*

Lou Greco is President of PharmaWrite Medical Communications, LLC, as well as Managing Director of MedVal Scientific Information Services, LLC. Lou earned his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Rutgers University College of Pharmacy and also served as the Director of Continuing Education at the College of Pharmacy prior to starting his career in medical communications. He has over 20 years of experience in publications and medical communications, predominantly serving clients in the pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical, and medical device industries. Lou's strengths lie in the development and implementation of strategic communication platforms and plans. As a senior executive, his responsibilities include business development, contracting, proposal development, budget tracking, and recruitment of highly capable medical writers and director-level account leads.

### Rosie J. Lynch, RPh, CMPP™



**President, MedVal Scientific Information Services, LLC**  
**Managing Director, PharmaWrite Medical Communications, LLC**  
**Senior Vice President, Clinical Mind, LLC**

*Membership in the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacists Association (HOPA)*

*Previous service as faculty at the ISMPP Annual Meeting and on the ISMPP Board of Trustees*

As President of MedVal and Managing Director of PharmaWrite, Rosie Lynch is in charge of expanding strategic vision, developing new business initiatives, maintaining thought leader relationships, and managing strategic alliances with other organizations and associations. Rosie earned her Bachelor of Science degree at Rutgers University College of Pharmacy and has over 30 years of medical communications experience developing educational, strategic, and tactical initiatives for the pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical, and medical device industries. Rosie's marketing and business development expertise, scientific background, and managerial skills have enabled her to design and implement programs with proven return on investment. She is responsible for starting the pharmacy internship program at Rutgers University College of Pharmacy and was involved in the highly successful launch of Claritin.

# Mentoring Team

## Brian Atkinson, PhD, CMPP™



### Senior Director, Scientific Communications

Dr. Brian Atkinson has over 20 years of experience as a researcher and medical writer. Brian received his Doctorate in Pharmacology from Emory University in Atlanta, GA, where he focused on the pharmacology and regulation of adrenergic receptors, and then completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in pharmacology and regulation of dopamine receptor subtypes. During his career at MedVal/PharmaWrite, Brian developed over 25 priority presentations and publications, oversaw publication development, and participated in advisory boards. Then, at Bristol-Myers Squibb he was Lead Medical Writer for the Immunoscience and CNS franchises, where he worked on priority presentations and publications in transplant immunosuppression (Nulogix®), rheumatoid arthritis (Orencia®), psoriatic arthritis (clazakizumab), and acute migraine therapy (CGRP antagonist). Brian's work as the principal writer for Nulogix resulted in 12 published manuscripts and 19 oral presentations at scientific and medical congresses.

## Robert Gilbert, STL, CMPP™



### Director, Scientific Communications

*Membership in the International Publication Planning Association (TIPPA) and an associate member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)*

Robert Gilbert has 20 years of experience with MedVal/PharmaWrite, including management of 20 publication plans for 27 products (7 launch; 5 line extensions) for 14 pharmaceutical companies. This work has included successful publications in *JAMA*, *The Lancet*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, and many other top-tier journals. Robert has managed over 50 advisory board, speaker training, and regional consultant meetings in addition to numerous, well-attended multidisciplinary summits and CE symposia. Robert has also written regulatory reports submitted to the US Food and Drug Administration, facilitated workshops on medical writing, and directed the creation of clinical and caregiver websites for patient advocacy organizations. For 8 years, Robert studied in Europe and remains proficient in French, German, and Dutch. His academic expertise is in text hermeneutics, classical literary theory, and several ancient languages (Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Aramaic, Moabitic).

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### Jennifer Kent, PhD, CMPP™

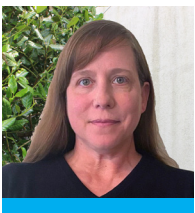


#### Director, Scientific Communications

Dr. Jennifer Kent partners with clients to provide strategic insight and execution of a variety of projects, including publication plans, publication development, and clinical study documents, as well as other regulatory submissions in the areas of hematology/oncology, oncology supportive care, gastrointestinal disorders, and men's health. Jennifer has experience in researching and creating primary and secondary peer-reviewed articles such as abstracts, posters, and slide presentations as well as developing content for advisory boards targeted to different audiences covering a variety of therapeutic areas.

Jennifer earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Wittenberg University. She went on to receive her PhD from the University of Delaware, where her dissertation involved research on the impact of recombinant vaccines against an avian oncogenic herpesvirus. Prior to joining MedVal/PharmaWrite, Jennifer was a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Nigel Fraser at the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Microbiology where she studied the regulation of gene expression of herpes simplex virus type 1, presented several abstracts at local and international virology meetings and published articles in peer-reviewed journals, such as the *Journal of Virology* and the *Journal of Neurovirology*.

### Susan Martin, PhD, CMPP™



#### Director, Scientific Communications

Dr. Susan Martin engages with clients and key opinion leaders to communicate research results and medical information effectively and clearly across a variety of formats. She provides oversight for the development of traditional print and electronic publications, systematic literature reviews, abstracts, posters, slide decks, and Medical Science Liaison presentations. She also partners with clients to develop publication plans, strategic communications platforms, and advisory boards. Dr. Martin has managed publication activities across the pharmaceutical drug development lifecycle (preclinical through post-launch), including health economics and outcomes research. Dr. Martin has worked in the medical communications and publication planning field for over a decade and has earned her

Certified Medical Publication Professional (CMPP) credential through ISMPP.

## Mentoring Team

### Sarah Mizne, PharmD, CMPP™



#### **Associate Medical Director/Senior Medical Writer**

*Membership in International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) and American Medical Writers Association (AMWA)*

Dr. Sarah Mizne works closely with clients and authors to develop scientific publications, including original research articles, reviews, supplements, and abstracts; posters and slide decks for meeting presentations; and educational training materials. She has additional experience in publication planning, scientific platform development, advisory boards, and competitive surveillance reporting. During Sarah's 10+ years with MedVal/PharmaWrite, she has gained extensive expertise in therapeutic areas of endocrinology, epilepsy, and hematology/oncology. Sarah received her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Tennessee and her PharmD degree from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. Upon completion of her doctoral training, she completed a fellowship in medical communications with MedVal/PharmaWrite. Sarah currently holds pharmacy licenses in the states of New Jersey and New York.

### Sandra M. Aguero, PharmD, BCPS



#### **Medical Writer**

Dr. Sandra Aguero collaborates with clients and health professionals to prepare abstracts, posters, manuscripts, and slide decks for presentation of scientific information. She is experienced in delivering executive summaries for advisory boards and particularly enjoys conducting literature searches and providing surveillance reports when requested. Dr. Aguero received her PharmD from the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Einstein Medical Center the following year. Before joining MedVal/PharmaWrite, Dr. Aguero worked as a Clinical Pharmacist in the areas of general medicine and critical care. She was Clinical Assistant Professor at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University, in Piscataway, New Jersey, with a clinical practice at Hoboken University Medical Center. She went on to serve as Clinical Pharmacist in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Einstein Medical Center, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and subsequently became Clinical Manager, overseeing the clinical services and pharmacy residency program at Einstein.

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## Jonathan Mitchell, PharmD



### Medical Writer

Dr. Jonathan Mitchell's duties as a medical writer include developing scientific abstracts, posters, and manuscripts, educational slide decks, publication plans, key opinion leader searches, advisory boards, and executive summaries. Jonathan received his PharmD from the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy in Findlay, OH, where he performed research in biology and medicinal chemistry. Following this, he completed a 1-year postdoctoral medical communications fellowship with MedVal/PharmaWrite and served as Adjunct Clinical Instructor at the University of the Sciences College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, PA. During his time as an instructor, he led journal club discussions and guided students during scientific literature searches. Jonathan has been with MedVal/PharmaWrite as a medical writer for over three years and has experience with projects in hematology/oncology, neurology, renal disease, pain management, and men's health.

## June Stevens, PharmD



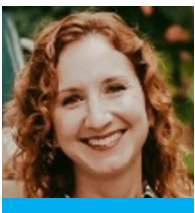
### Medical Writer

Dr. June Stevens has been a pharmacist for over 10 years and received her PharmD from the University of New Mexico, where she gained rotational experiences with the Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program, Indian Health Services, and University of New Mexico Level 1 Trauma Center. Before joining MedVal/PharmaWrite, June practiced as a pharmacist primarily serving patient populations with low health-literacy rates and high rates of mental disorders, substance use disorder, and diabetes. She collaborated with clinicians and patients to select, initiate, and modify medication treatment plans, and identify gaps in therapy and potential adverse medication interactions. June also worked as a freelance medical writer, performing gap analyses to support medical educational grant funding. Therapeutic areas she has written about include bipolar disorder, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and chronic lymphocytic leukemia. June joined MedVal/PharmaWrite in 2022 and has worked on projects in epilepsy, rare/orphan diseases, and medical devices.



# Mentoring Team

## Cynthia Gioiello, PharmD



### Associate Medical Writer

*Membership in the Children's Oncology Group (COG), American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), and the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP)*

Dr. Cynthia Gioiello has over 15 years of clinical pharmacy experience, with a focus in adult and pediatric hematology and oncology. Cynthia received her PharmD from the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, and subsequently completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at the University Medical Center of Princeton, Princeton, NJ. Dr. Gioiello started her career in academia as a clinical assistant professor at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Piscataway, NJ, where her passion for oncology developed.

Prior to joining MedVal/PharmaWrite, Cynthia's clinical practice was at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Ft. Myers, FL, where she provided clinical pharmacy services for both inpatient and outpatient pediatric hematology and oncology patients. She has extensive experience in teaching, precepting, and hospital practice. Cynthia's areas of expertise include adult and pediatric hematology/oncology, investigational chemotherapy, anticoagulation, and immunology. She has presented posters at national meetings and has performed focused research on iron replacement therapy and stress ulcer prophylaxis.

## Elizabeth Claus, PharmD



### Associate Medical Writer

Dr. Elizabeth Claus' duties as an associate medical writer include developing posters, abstracts, manuscripts, slide decks, publication plans, advisory boards, executive summaries, literature searches and literature surveillance. Elizabeth received her PharmD from the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy, in Findlay, OH, where she completed research in drug addiction, interprofessional education, and oncology. Following this, she completed a 1-year postdoctoral medical communications fellowship with MedVal/PharmaWrite and served as Adjunct Clinical Instructor at the University of the Sciences, in Philadelphia.

During her time as an instructor, she was involved in small group teaching, precepting APPE students and delivering a CE presentation to pharmacists. Elizabeth joined the team as a medical writer in 2022 and has experience with projects in rare diseases, hematology/oncology, rheumatoid arthritis, ulcerative colitis, neurology, and pain management.

## Mentoring Team

### Margaret (Peg) L. Bader, CMPP™



#### **Senior Manager, Scientific Communications**

*Membership in International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP)*

As a Senior Manager of Scientific Communications, Peg Bader assists with management of the publication development process and oversees the Publications Operations team. She also serves as a resource for data analysis and report generation. Peg has worked in the areas of oncology, hematology, nephrology, inflammation, rare diseases, anti-infectives, and metabolic disorders. Peg came to MedVal/PharmaWrite with nearly 20 years of administrative and marketing experience in an executive environment. Prior to joining the MedVal/PharmaWrite team, Peg worked at Prudential Insurance Company of America and Prudential HealthCare/Aetna U.S. Healthcare. She received her education at Berkeley College in Woodbridge, New Jersey.

## IMPORTANT RESOURCES



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