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Licenses & Certifications

Board Certifications

American Board of Clinical Chemistry (ABCC) certified Diplomat of the American Board of Clinical Chemistry (DABCC). 10/2021

Education

Postgraduate Medical Training

Post-doctoral Clinical Chemistry fellowship accredited by The Commission on Accreditation in Clinical Chemistry (ComACC).

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH. 2017-2019

Graduate Education

Doctorate of Philosophy, Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC. 2012-2017

Undergraduate Education

Bachelor of Arts, Department of Chemistry. University of North Carolina at Asheville. Asheville, NC. 2006-2010

Advising and Mentoring

2020 – Medical Student Rosellen Provost was awarded a competitive summer research fellowship through the VCU College of Medicine. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project pivoted to writing a case-study manuscript for publication.

2021– Medical Technologist masters student Modesola Akala performed her graduate research project with Dr. Williams. She successfully defended her thesis in January of 2021.

Virginia Commonwealth University and Medical Center Appointments

Present

Assistant Professor of Pathology, Collateral, Virginia Commonwealth University August 2019 (in-progress)

VCU Service

VCU faculty senate alternate, 2020

Professional Organizations

May 2017 - Present American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC)

September 2019- Present Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT)

Professional Service (current)

2022-2024 Elected to Position as Chair-Elect for Capital Section of AACC

Teaching – Didactic and Clinical

(CLLS 612), CLS master students

January 2020 to present Chemistry rotation lectures, pathology

residents 04/2020 (in-progress) Toxicology

rotation lectures- pathology residents

09/2019 (in-progress) Pathology Resident

Didactic Conferences (3)

May-July 2020 Summer Fellow Advisor, 3rd year medical

student awarded competitive summer fellowship to work in toxicology lab,

May 2019 Lecturer, Therapeutic Drug Monitoring, Medical

Laboratory Scientist didactic course

Editorial Advisory Boards

Invited to be Chair holder on Document Committee for the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) EP:37 Supplemental Tables for Interference Testing in Chemistry. **2022**

Contributor on editorial committee for a new version of CLSI EP:23 (Laboratory Quality Control Based on Risk Management), **October 2020**

Recent Invited Presentations

Internal/VCU

Reducing Laboratory Turn-Around Times, Pathology Grand Rounds, VCUHS **July 2022**

New Rules in the Old Dominion: Marijuana legalization in Virginia, Pathology Grand Rounds, VCUHS **July 2021**

Toxicology Testing at VCUH: Present and Future Options, Seminar and Discussion, VCUHS Department of Surgery- Division of Transplant Surgery, Transplant Teaching Conference **April 2021**

National

AACC Academy Distinguished Abstract Presentation; Detection of 58 Fentanyl Analogs Using Fentanyl Immunoassays. Annual meeting of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry. **August 2022**

Panel member in the Medical University of South Carolina graduate school career day, discussing clinical chemistry with masters and doctoral students.

November 2020

Pharmacogenomics: General Principles and Relevance to Opioid Addiction, Special Seminar, University of Utah, ARUP laboratories, Clinical Chemistry Section **October 2018**

Phosphoproteomic comparison of osteoblasts stimulated with forteo or biased PTH1R ligand as determined via SILAC, Pathology Grand Rounds, Dartmouth Hitchcock, Medical Center **January 2017**

Phosphoproteomic comparison of osteoblasts stimulated with forteo or biased PTH1R ligand as determined via SILAC, Special Seminar, John's Hopkins Medical Center **November 2016**

Posters or Other Unsolicited Presentations

National

Wolf CE, Pokhai AA, Poklis JL, and **Williams GR**. Detectability of $\Delta 10$ -THC's Chiral Analogs in Urine by Six Commercially Available Homogeneous Immunoassays. The National Institute of Justice Forensic Science R&D Symposium, Orlando FL. *Abstract Accepted* **2023**

Akala MA, Wolf CE, and **Williams GR**. Detection of 58 Fentanyl Analogs Using Fentanyl Immunoassays. Annual Meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. Cleveland OH. **2022** 10/2022

Nanco CR, Poklis JL, **Williams GR**, and Wolf CE. Prevalence of Cannabinoids (Delta-8 & Delta-9 THC and CBD) in urine from Pain Management Compliance Testing. Annual Meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. Cleveland OH. **2022** 10/2022

Karin KN, Holt AK, Smith ER, Taylor AM, Prengaman L, Wolf CE, **Williams GR**, Peace MR, and Poklis JL. Separation and Quantitation of Natural and Unnatural THC Isomers and Derivatives by HPLC-MS/MS. Annual Meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. Cleveland OH. **2022** 10/2022

Akala MA, Wolf CE, and **Williams GR**. Detection of 58 Fentanyl Analogs Using Fentanyl Immunoassays. American Association for Clinical Chemistry annual meeting. Chicago, IL **2022**. 08/2022

Williams GR and Bachmann LM. Surprising findings Using Continuous

Temperature Monitoring. American Association for Clinical Chemistry annual meeting. Chicago, IL **2022**. 08/2022

Colón-Cartagena L, Wolf CE, **Williams GR**. Lead Toxicity in Female Buckshot Victim of Childbearing Age: A Treatment Conundrum. American Academy of Clinical Toxicology- North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology. Virtual Conference **2021** 10/2021

Nanco C, Poklis JL, **Williams GR**, and Wolf CE. Determination of Cannabinoids in Meconium. Annual Meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. Nashville TN. **2021**

Williams GR, Wolf CE, Dooley PN, Wills BK, Bachmann LM; Strontium Interference in Clinical Calcium Assays; Annual Meeting of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry; Virtual Conference; **2020**

Williams GR, Tsongalis GJ, Barney RE, Cook LJ, Geno KA, Nerenz RD; Clinical Utility of Pharmacogenomics; Annual Meeting of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry; Virtual Conference; **2020**

Williams GR, Menlyadiev MR, Bachmann LM, Tolan NV, Vitamin C Interference in Clinical Chemistry Assays; Annual Meeting of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry; Virtual Conference; **November 2020**

Williams GR, Downs JW, Wolf CE, Cumpston K, Wills B; Hypercalcemia and Pseudohypercalcemia from Strontium Supplementation, North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology, Virtual Conference, **August 2020**

Williams, G. R., Gregory J. Tsongalis, Lionel D. Lewis, Robert D. Nerenz. April 2019, MALDI-MS-based Validation of a 107 SNP Pharmacogenomic Panel, Oral Presentation, The Association for Mass Spectrometry: Applications to the Clinical Laboratory annual meeting. Palm Springs CA. **April 2019**

Williams, G. R., Cervinski, M., Assessment of Panhematin interference in commonly ordered chemistry tests. American Association for Clinical Chemistry Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, **August 2018**

Williams, G. R., Pharmacogenomics and Opioid Addiction: Can SNP's predict susceptibility? Brown Bag Oral Presentation. American Association for Clinical Chemistry Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. **August 2018**

Williams, G.R., Bethard, J.R., Berkaw, M.N., Luttrell, L.M., Ball, L.E. Phosphoproteomic comparison of osteoblasts stimulated with forteo or biased PTH1R ligand as determined via SILAC. Human Proteome Organization. Boston, MA, **May 2016**

Williams, G.R., Bethard, J.R., Berkaw, M.N., Luttrell, L.M., Ball, L.E. Phosphorylation Dynamics of PTH Receptor Signaling In Osteoblasts with Biased and Unbiased Agonists. American Society for Mass Spectrometry. St. Louis, MO, **May 2015**

Williams, G.R., Bethard, J.R., Berkaw, M.N., Luttrell, L.M., Ball, L.E. Phosphorylation Dynamics of PTH Receptor Signaling In Osteoblasts. American Society for Mass Spectrometry. Baltimore, MD, **2014**

Williams, G.R., Bethard, J.R., Berkaw, M.N., Luttrell, L.M., Ball, L.E. Phosphorylation Dynamics Of Type 1 Parathyroid Hormone Receptor (PTH1R) Signaling In Osteoblasts As Explored By SILAC Mass Spectrometry. Great Lakes GPCR Retreat. Cleveland, OH, **August 2013**

Williams, G.R., Berkaw, M.N., Luttrell, L.M., Ball, L.E. SILAC-Based Quantitative Analysis of Phosphorylation Dynamics in Osteoblasts Simulated with Parathyroid Hormone (PTH 1-34). American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. Baltimore, MD, **June 2013**

Williams, G.R., Schilling, M., Berkaw, M.N., Luttrell, L.M., Ball L.E. Phosphorylation Dynamics in Osteoblasts Simulated with Parathyroid Hormone (PTH). ASBMB Symposium: Posttranslational Modifications: Detection and Physiological Evaluation. Tahoe, CA, **September 2012**

Recent Publications

Peer Reviewed Publications

Williams GR, Akala Modesola, and Wolf CE. Detection of 58 Fentanyl Analogs using ARK Fentanyl II and Immunalysis Fentanyl Immunoassays. Clin. Biochem. Accepted **2022**.

Williams GR, Downs JW, Wolf CE, Cumpston KL, Tobarran N, Wills BK, Bachmann M, Evaluation of Strontium Interference in Calcium Measurement Procedures and Content in Supplements as Measured by ICP-MS. J Appl Lab Med. Accepted **2022**

Williams GR, Tsongalis GJ, Lewis LD, Barney RE, Cook LJ, Geno KA, Nerenz RD, Potential Impact of Pharmacogenomic Single Nucleotide Variants in a Rural Cauca-sian Population, J Appl Lab Med. Accepted **2022**

Provost RG, Downs JW, Wolf CE, and **Williams GR**; The high cost of low quality: Recurring hypoglycemia in a 63-yo man. Clinical Chemistry journal; 2021 Nov 1:67 (11):1450-1454

Downs JW, Wolf CE, **Williams GR**, Cumpston KL, Kershner E, and Wills BK, Negligible Nux Vomica: Homeopathic Nux Vomica Remedies Don't Contain any Strychnine? Toxicon. 2021 Sep;200:1-2. doi: 10.1016/j.toxicon.2021.06.014

Williams GR, Cook L, Lewis LD, Tsongalis GJ, Nerenz RD. Clinical Validation of a 106-SNV MALDI-ToF MS Pharmacogenomic Panel. J Appl Lab Med. 2020 May 1;5 (3):454-466.

Williams, G.R., Nerenz, R., Not your ordinary rash: A Clinical Case study on Variegate Porphyria. Clin Chem. Jun **2019**, 65 (6) 733-737; DOI: 10.1373/clinchem.2018.291344

Williams, G.R., Cervinski, M.A., Nerenz, R., Assessment of Biotin Interference with Qualitative Point-of-Care hCG Test Devices. Clin Biochem. **2018**. 53:168-170. doi: 10.1016/j.clinbiochem.2018.01.018

Williams, G.R., Bethard, J.R., Berkaw, M.N., Nagel, A.K., Luttrell, L.M., Ball, L.E. **2016** Exploring G protein-coupled receptor signalling networks using SILAC-based phosphoproteomics. Methods. Jan 1;92:36-50. doi: 10.1016/j.ymeth.2015.06.022.

Book Chapters or Monographs

Williams GR and Downs JW, Magnesium, Patty's Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology (7th edition) (Invited Chapter Accepted **2023**)

Williams GR, What operational procedures are essential for clinical laboratory infrastructure standardization? AACC Academy Scientific Short, December 2022.