



2023-24 Resident Class

Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt



Meredith Diaz, PharmD PGY2 Pediatrics Resident

PGY1 Residency: Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

Pharmacy School: Belmont University College of Pharmacy

Career Plans: Pediatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Research Project: Evaluation of antibiotic prophylaxis prior to pediatric heart transplantation

Why Monroe Carell : As a PGY1 resident here, I witnessed firsthand the incredible experiences and depth of training this residency offers. The interdisciplinary, teaching-focused rounding teams are so fun to work with because they really value the pharmacists. We have the opportunity to care for patients with a variety of conditions at the highest level of acuity. The preceptors are incredible mentors for my professional and personal life, and I am excited to continue my growth as a practitioner over the next year!

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Erica Gray, PharmD PGY2 Pediatrics Resident

PGY1 Residency: Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Pharmacy School: Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Career Plans: Pediatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, professor at a college of pharmacy

Research Project: Evaluation of pharmacist recommended methadone and clonidine taper recommendations

Why Monroe Carell: I have had several rotations here at Monroe Carell as a student as well as during residency and have loved every minute I have spent here. I appreciate the variety of clinical opportunities and the wide range of patients we are able to care for. The pharmacy-friendly environment and the high-quality interdisciplinary teams make this a great place to grow as a clinical pharmacist. I am so excited to pursue my passion of pediatrics in such an amazing hospital with friendly colleagues.

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Kayla Smith, PharmD

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident

Pharmacy School: Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Career Plans: Pediatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Research Project: LFT elevations after the addition of Trikafta® and subsequent dosing

Why Monroe Carell: When I interviewed for Vanderbilt Children's residency program, what stood out to me the most was the people. Each individual I spoke with was welcoming and overwhelmingly kind. Instantly, I knew that their love for pediatric pharmacy was genuine, and I would be supported and encouraged along the way. Not only do I feel that this program will challenge me and my clinical knowledge, but it will also mold me into the genuine, caring pediatric pharmacist I aspire to be. I am excited to be here and work with such a wonderful team!

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