



JUNIOR OFFICER ADVISORY GROUP
2011-2012 Voting Membership Biographies

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JOAG Voting Member 2010-2012

This is my second year as a voting member of JOAG, serving as the co-chair of the Membership Committee.

I graduated from Rutgers University, where I received a B.S. in Pharmacy and my Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. Upon graduation from pharmacy school, I was called to active duty by the U.S. Public Health Service. My first assignment was at Gallup Indian Medical Center (GIMC) in Gallup, New Mexico, where I completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency. This facility is part of the Indian Health Service (IHS).

After completing my residency, I remained with IHS for five years, serving in both Gallup, NM and Santa Fe, NM. During my time with IHS, my responsibilities included chairing a multidisciplinary medication safety task force, acting as a member of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, serving as Supervisor of Inpatient Pharmacy Services, and serving as the pharmacy Residency Program Director. During my time in Santa Fe, NM, I was also the Philanthropy Chair for the Rio Grande branch of the Commissioned Officers Association (COA).

While stationed in New Mexico, I served as a Northwest New Mexico District Counselor for the New Mexico Pharmacists Association (NMPHA) from 2004 through 2006. I subsequently served as the 2nd Vice President, the 1st Vice President, and then President for this state association, which represents the pharmacy profession in the state of New Mexico. In NMPHA I was responsible for advocating for the pharmacy profession in New Mexico.

In 2009 I transferred to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). I currently serve as a Team Leader in the Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA).

I look forward to working with fellow junior officers during the upcoming operational year.