



# **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 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 and PharmaWrite are jointly offering a fully remote, one-year Medical Communications Postdoctoral Fellowship starting July 2025. 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**

### Jonathan Mitchell, PharmD, CMPP™



#### Senior Medical Writer Director, Medical Communications Fellowship

Membership in the American Medical Writers Associations (AMWA), International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) Membership

Dr. Jonathan Mitchell is a Senior Medical Writer at MedVal Scientific Information Services, LLC and PharmaWrite Medical Communications, LLC, where his duties include work on scientific abstracts, posters, and manuscripts, educational slide decks, publications planning, 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 joined MedVal/PharmaWrite as a medical writer in 2020 and has experience with projects in hematology/oncology, neurology, renal disease, pain management, and men's health.

## **Current Fellow**

## Samantha Mei, PharmD



#### **Postdoctoral Fellow**

**University at Buffalo, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences** *Current Co-Lead in the Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO) Professional Programming Committee* 

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## **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**



#### **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

#### **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

#### **Networking Opportunities**

As part of the IPhO NFC, Fellows will have the opportunity to network, both in-person and virtually, with Fellows across the country in various functional areas from both IPhO and non-IPhO Fellowship programs

Contact the National Fellows Council Co-Chiefs at 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 22, 2024</b>	
~	Curriculum Vitae	
~	Letter of Intent	
~	Official College of Pharmacy Transcript • Please submit electronic official transcripts at <u>https://www.clinicalmind.com/cm-careers</u>	
~	<ul> <li>Three (3) Letters of Reference</li> <li>Letters should be individualized and submitted at <u>https://www.clinicalmind.com/cm-careers</u></li> </ul>	
~	<ul> <li>Writing Sample</li> <li>Research abstract, poster presentation, article, drug monograph, etc. submitted at <u>https://www.clinicalmind.com/cm-careers</u></li> </ul>	

Application materials can be submitted at <u>https://www.clinicalmind.com/cm-careers</u>, after the application goes live on October 1, 2024

## **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
- Video interviews will be scheduled with competitive candidates on a rolling basis following phone screening
- · Competitive candidates will be asked to complete a writing test
- Virtual final interviews will be held in early January on a rolling basis, during which candidates will be asked to deliver a presentation to staff

### Louis P. Greco, PharmD, CMPP™



#### President, PharmaWrite Medical Communications, LLC Managing Director, MedVal Scientific Information Services, LLC Senior Vice President, ClinicalMind, 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

Dr. 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.

### Jeff Stumpf, PhD, CMPP™



#### Executive Vice President, MedVal Scientific Information Services, LLC/PharmaWrite Medical Communications, LLC

Dr. Jeff Stumpf is the Executive Vice President of MedVal/PharmaWrite, where he leads day-to-day operations, oversees all account teams, and strategizes company growth. He holds a PhD in Genetics from Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, and is a Certified Medical Publications Professional (CMPP) through ISMPP.

With extensive experience in medical communications, Jeff has successfully led teams in developing a wide range of deliverables, including publication plans, scientific platforms, literature analyses, abstracts, manuscripts, posters, systematic reviews, consensus documents, slide presentations, infographic brochures, video abstracts, and white papers. His expertise

spans various therapeutic areas, such as HIV, breast cancer, rare diseases, ophthalmology, osteoporosis, oncology/bone metastases, and inflammatory, pituitary, and metabolic diseases.

Jeff is also skilled in facilitating advisory boards, strategic workshops, and publication planning meetings. Before transitioning to medical communications, he conducted over 10 years of microbiology and genetics research, focusing on human mitochondrial and bacterial DNA replication and mutagenesis.

### Brian Atkinson, PhD, CMPP™



#### Vice President, Scientific Strategy

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<sup>®</sup>), rheumatoid arthritis (Orencia<sup>®</sup>), 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.

### Jennifer Kent, PhD, CMPP™



#### Vice President, Scientific Strategy

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*.

### **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).

#### Megan McEntire, PharmD, CMPP™



#### **Director, Scientific Communications**

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.

### 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.

### 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



#### **Senior Medical Writer**

Membership in American Medical Writers Association (AMWA)

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.

### John Watson, PhD, CMPP™



#### Senior Medical Writer

Dr. John Watson is a senior medical writer with experience in the development and publication of primary and secondary peerreviewed articles; abstracts, posters, and slides for major medical congresses; and other written materials such as global scientific platforms and lexicons, advisory board and steering committee reports, MSL slide decks, and medical briefs. John completed his postdoctoral studies at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA, where he identified novel G-protein heterotrimeric protein subunits and characterized their signaling properties, and developed G-protein subunit-specific polyclonal antibodies for Western blot and tissue-binding experiments. He received his PhD from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Public

Health, for research on molecular mechanisms in CYPIAI-mediated chemical carcinogenesis. Prior to becoming a medical writer, John was a senior research investigator in the Lead Discovery and High-Throughput Screening group at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Wallingford, CT, where he specialized in ligand binding and signal transduction assays for G-protein-coupled receptors as drug targets for neuroscience, immunology, and oncology, as well as for metabolic and cardiovascular diseases. He also prepared preclinical study reports to support NDA submissions.

## June Stevens, PharmD, MWC<sup>®</sup>



#### **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.

### Cynthia Gioiello, PharmD



#### **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.

### 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.

### Elena Dang, PharmD



#### Associate Scientific Manager

Dr. Elena Dang is an Associate Scientific Manager with growing experience in utilizing publication management software to ensure the timely generation and delivery of scientific abstracts, posters, oral presentations, and manuscripts. She earned her PharmD from the University of Texas at Austin, where she held several local and national leadership roles, published two manuscripts, and presented several posters at conferences. During this period, she also developed her skills as a scientific content writer, authoring numerous patient-facing articles on allergies and over-the-counter (OTC) products. Elena completed the Medical Communications Fellowship at Medval/PharmaWrite, gaining invaluable medical writing experience in hematology, oncology, and cell and gene therapy. She precepted APPE students, served as a Co-Lead of the IPhO Annual

Meeting committee, and spear-headed and presented research on AI and Plain Language Summaries at the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) Annual Meeting in 2024. Additionally, she has contributed to the AI Task Force for ClinicalMind, exploring innovative applications of artificial intelligence in medical communications, and helped generate internal education on publication extenders and web-based metrics.

### **Stephen Bublitz, ELS**



#### **Senior Medical Editor**

Stephen Bublitz is a Senior Medical Editor, who edits, formats, fact-checks, and submits manuscripts, abstracts, posters, and other medical communications materials. After completing a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in English and History at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, MI, Stephen was trained as a copy editor at the American Geophysical Union, the world's largest organization of Earth and space scientists. Previously, Stephen was a medical editor at Ashfield MedComms, where he worked on several manuscripts published in high-tier medical journals (eq. JAMA Oncology,

Lancet Oncology) and participated extensively in editing projects for scientific platforms, MSL training modules, MSL slide decks, advisory board materials, FAQ documents, PI/SmPC decks, and product launch materials.

He is a certified Editor in the Life Sciences (ELS) from the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (BELS), where he is also a board member and committee chairperson. In addition to the Fellowship Mentoring team, he participates on a variety of initiatives at MedVal/PharmaWrite and was a co-author on a recent abstract for ISMPP with his other MV/PW colleagues.

## **IMPORTANT RESOURCES**



<u>RSVP for the 2024 MedVal & PharmaWrite</u> <u>Medical Communications Fellowship Seminar</u>

Calendar of Important Dates

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