

CPA Rising Pharmacist Spotlight: September 2021

Name and title: Darren Luon, PharmD, BCOP

Current position: Yale-New Haven Hospital - Manager, Oncology Pharmacy Services and PGY2 Oncology Residency Program Director

Years in practice:

- Completed a PGY1 and PGY2, practiced for five years as a clinical oncology pharmacist, and one year as a manager

Inspiration to practice pharmacy:

- My inspiration to practice pharmacy has stayed the same since I first decided to go to pharmacy school—and that has always been about taking care of patients. I chose to practice in oncology in order to use the skills I've gained through school and residency in order to help people with cancer in navigating some of the greatest and most complex challenges that they have faced.



Proudest accomplishment:

- So far in my professional life, my proudest accomplishment has been to see the amazing success of the residents and students that I have had the honor to mentor and teach over these past several years. We have alumni across the country in many different areas of practice and it has been incredibly rewarding to see where they have gone.

Future aspirations:

- Still figuring it out! I love my job and the amazing team I get to work with – we'll see where the world takes me. Otherwise my big goal is to continue traveling the world with my wife once we can again.

Fun Fact:

- I have, unfortunately, been attacked by several large birds throughout my life – including an ostrich, a wild turkey, and some swans. As a result I tend to go out of my way to avoid them!