



**NAME: CDR AMANDA (IRVING) RUNKLE,  
PHARMD, BCPP**

**JOB TITLE: STAFF PHARMACIST,  
CENTRAL PROCESSING PHARMACY SERVICES**

**AGENCY: FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS (BOP)**

**EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:**

Commander (CDR) Amanda Runkle received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2006 from Rutgers University, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy in Piscataway, New Jersey. In 2012, CDR Runkle became a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP) and she is currently enrolled in a Post-Doctoral Masters in Clinical Psychopharmacology at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

**CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:**

CDR Runkle is currently stationed with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Petersburg in Petersburg, VA and has been serving as a pharmacist with Central Processing Pharmacy Services since 2013. She serves as a virtual Chief Pharmacist for three facilities housing more than 3,400 inmates. She is responsible for the administrative pharmaceutical oversight and clinical consultation of over 40,000 medication orders on an annual basis.

In addition, she serves as one of the six BOP Regional Psychiatric Clinical Pharmacist Consultants. In this capacity, she is responsible for assisting institution, regional, and Central Office clinicians to ensure that appropriate therapy is prescribed and to maintain consistency of patient care with BOP policies, BOP Clinical Guidance Documents, and other national guidelines. Of note, CDR Runkle implemented the first BOP pharmacy tele-health psychiatric clinic where she remotely treats patients for mental health conditions utilizing a collaborative practice agreement.

**QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:**

CDR Runkle became a pharmacist in 2006 and began working in the retail pharmacy setting. In 2007, she was commissioned into the United States Public Health Services (USPHS) and started her PHS career with the BOP as the Chief Pharmacist at FCI Schuylkill in Minersville, PA. In 2008, she transferred to FCC Petersburg in Petersburg, Virginia, as the staff pharmacist and in 2009 was selected as the Chief Pharmacist. While serving as the Chief Pharmacist, she became a preceptor for pharmacy students from Virginia Commonwealth University and taught many pharmacy students. She was also selected to serve on two program review teams and participated in many different organizational workgroups. Her experiences as the Chief Pharmacist at FCI Schuylkill and FCC Petersburg helped prepare her for her current position with Central Processing Pharmacy Services.

To enhance her role in the tele-health psychiatric clinic, CDR Runkle enrolled in the Post-Doctoral Masters of Clinical Psychopharmacology program with one semester remaining until

successful completion. This program, along with her BCPP certification, strengthens her ability as a clinical pharmacist to provide optimal mental health care to her patients.

**REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:**

From an early age CDR Runkle has had an interest and desire to join the USPHS and to work in correctional medicine. She was introduced to the correctional environment because both of her parents worked for the BOP. This served to peak her interest in providing pharmaceutical care to the inmate population. She is carrying the legacy forward with her current dedication and commitment to the BOP and USPHS. She knew that the Public Health Service was the path she wanted to pursue to serve her country and to improve the public health of the nation.

**PREVIOUS AND CONCURRENT USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:**

Central Processing Pharmacist, Central Office, Petersburg VA, BOP (2013 – Present)  
Chief Pharmacist, FCC Petersburg, Petersburg VA, BOP (2009 – 2013)  
Senior Pharmacist, FCC Petersburg, Petersburg VA, BOP (2008 – 2009)  
Chief Pharmacist, FCI Schuylkill, Minersville PA, BOP (2007 – 2008)

**MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

CDR Runkle has had many rewarding professional experiences throughout her career. Some of these experiences include having the opportunity to serve as a preceptor for pharmacy students, mentoring junior officers, and providing direct patient care to the inmate population. Her most recent rewarding professional experience came with the implementation of her tele-health psychiatric clinic where she sees patients remotely at FCI Oxford located in Oxford, Wisconsin.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:**

CDR Runkle is involved in multiple workgroups in her areas of interest. She currently serves as a Regional Psychiatric Clinical Pharmacist Consultant, lead of the Suicide Task Force, Medication Mortality Review Workgroup member, co-lead of the Medication Utilization Evaluation Workgroup, and on the Transgender Clinical Care Consultant team. She enjoys participating with the Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee Career Development Workgroup and assists as a curriculum vitae reviewer. CDR Runkle is also an active member with the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists.

**SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST:**

CDR Runkle enjoys spending her free time outdoors with her husband and two children.

*By CDR Yoon Kong  
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