



PHARMACIST CORNER

Kelly L. Scolaro

Pharmacy Manager & Board Secretary

Hello and Happy 2026! I am the pharmacy manager for Good Sam Health Services. I am a proud graduate of Auburn University and have been a practicing pharmacist for 25 years. I was first introduced to free and charitable clinics in my post-doctoral residency at the University of Florida and have been practicing in some capacity in this field ever since. My career also included teaching pharmacy students at various academic institutions for 20 years. Good Sam provides wonderful opportunities for students to interact with patients and providers and helps students transition from the classroom to practice. Several of my former students have volunteered after graduation at Good Sam so it is fun to see things come full circle. I thoroughly enjoy being part of the crucial safety net to help patients stay healthy and out of the hospitals. We have an amazing pharmacy team of pharmacists, pharmacy students, and one pharmacy technician. The team works hard to fill prescriptions, answer drug information questions, and work closely with the physicians, nurses, and other volunteers to take care of our patients.

Some nuts and bolts of Good Sam Pharmacy that you may be curious about:

- Almost 6,000 prescriptions filled in 2025
- Prescription inventory of over 300 unique drug dosage forms
- We stock medications to treat acute (strains/sprains; bronchitis; ear infections) and chronic conditions (high blood pressure, diabetes, gout, asthma)
- Each month I try to obtain as many medications as possible for free from Americares (www.americares.org) and Direct Relief (www.directrelief.org). We also purchase medications from Anda (a licensed wholesaler)
- We also stock a variety of over the counter (OTC) medications (e.g. Tylenol, Advil, Miralax, vitamins) that are generously donated by our supporters. When a patient requests an OTC item, pharmacists consult with them to ensure there are no drug-drug interactions with prescription medications.

Serving as the pharmacy manager for Good Sam is so rewarding. I not only have an amazing team to work with, but I am also able to get to know our patients and walk with them on their health journey. Best wishes for 2026 and stay healthy!

A MESSAGE

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **LULDES SERRANO**

As we welcome a new year, my heart is full of gratitude. I am inspired by what we have accomplished together this past year and I'm grateful for the caring community that makes our work possible. I am reminded daily that there are generous people who believe deeply in ensuring that our uninsured and financially vulnerable neighbors receive the care they deserve. Our generous donors, our compassionate volunteers and our foundation partners; each of you help us keep our mission alive, allowing us to continue to offer kindness, comfort and dignity to everyone who walks through our doors. Together, we will continue to transform lives. I look forward to a year filled with new opportunities and continued growth. I truly believe there is no limit to the impact we can make together in the year ahead.

With sincere gratitude for the compassion you share,

Luldes

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

ARE YOU . . .

- passionate about making a meaningful impact in our community?
- someone who doesn't mind tackling paperwork?

DO YOU . . .

- like to ensure tasks stay on track?
- thrive on the challenge of transforming an application denial into an approval?

we might be the perfect volunteer organization for you!

PHARMACY ADVOCATES NEEDED

Tuesday 9:30 AM -1:30 PM

Wednesday 10:30 AM -3:00 PM

ALSO: CLIENT ADVOCATES

FRONT DESK PERSONNEL

Days and hours vary

Call Luldes at 941-445-5687