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Dr. Jessica Rivera Pescatore is the Clinical Director of the Alabama Poison Information Center located at Children's of Alabama. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and went on to complete a postgraduate year one pharmacy residency followed by a two-year clinical toxicology and emergency medicine fellowship. Following her postgraduate training, Pescatore worked as an emergency medicine clinical pharmacist for nine years. She became credentialed as a board-certified clinical toxicologist through the American Board of Applied Toxicology (ABAT) in 2017 and currently serves on the Board of Directors. In addition to these duties, Pescatore serves as an assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine through the Office of Medical Toxicology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Heersink School of Medicine; she is the first pharmacist to be assigned such ranking. Pescatore is a member of the Governor-appointed Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council, sitting on both the Data and Prescriber-Dispenser committees. At a national level, Pescatore sits on America's Poison Centers National Fatality Review Committee. Fueled by her passion for education and training and commitment to the advancement of the field of toxicology, Pescatore is the primary instructor for a clinical toxicology elective offered at a local school of pharmacy and is the program director for the state of Alabama's first and only clinical toxicology fellowship program. Pescatore has instructed and precepted hundreds of trainees over the course of her career, while contributing to her specialty through professional and abstract presentations, as well as peer-reviewed publications. Pescatore was a recipient of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medicine's Excellence Award in 2021. In all the work she performs, Pescatore aims to create work environments and lead teams that provide the highest quality response, assessment, management, and follow-up in the care of poisoned patients. Pescatore has dedicated her career to demonstrating excellence in research, education, and service while advocating for the prevention of poison-related morbidity and mortality.

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