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Until August 2012, Dr. Coons was a clinical pharmacy specialist in cardiology at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. During that time, he managed patients in the cardiac intensive care unit and those under the care of the advanced heart failure service. He also served as the PGY-1 residency program director.

Dr. Coons' research interests focus on the optimal use of antiplatelets and anticoagulants in the setting of acute coronary syndromes and percutaneous coronary intervention, as well as the application of pharmacogenomics in improving outcomes in this patient population.