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University of Iowa Health Care

PGY1 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency

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The University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (UIHC) is an internationally recognized academic medical center that provides premier multidisciplinary patient care services while supporting an environment for health education programs at all levels and in all specialties. UIHC is recognized as one of the best hospitals in the United States and is Iowa's only comprehensive academic medical center. Pharmacists within the Department of Pharmaceutical Care at UIHC provide a wide variety of patient care, education, and research activities.

RESIDENCY OVERVIEW

The UIHC offers a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency that gives the opportunity to focus in the ambulatory care setting. During this one-year training program, residents are exposed to a variety of experiences in a large academic healthcare system. The program is designed to offer a broad range of experiences to develop practitioners who are competent to solve complex medication related problems. Residents completing the program will be prepared to pursue PGY2 residency programs or positions in a wide variety of clinical settings. This program offers two positions for residents to focus in an ambulatory care setting. There also is a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency within an acute care setting that offers seven positions.

AMBULATORY CARE SETTING

Residents will have the opportunity to have learning experiences in a variety of settings to acquire advanced knowledge of ambulatory care in a large academic medical center. Residents will participate in devising clinical plans, assessment, monitoring, and education. They will have opportunities to learn within interdisciplinary teams, specialty pharmacy practice, primary care and ambulatory pharmacies. Practice experience will include hospital-based protocols and team-based care. This robust residency experience allows residents to become proficient in patient-focused care and develop the skills necessary to become a competent ambulatory care clinician. UIHC offers an ASHP-accredited Postgraduate Year 2 (PGY2) Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency and application for early committal is possible for current PGY1 Pharmacy Residents. Upon completion of this program, residents will have the skills necessary to be a successful ambulatory care clinical pharmacy specialist. Applicants must be eligible for licensure in the state of Iowa and be graduates of an ACPE-accredited College of Pharmacy. An interview is required.

RESIDENCY EXPERIENCES

This residency program provides residents with experience and training in delivering care to patients in a variety of settings listed below. The specific patient care services in which each of these rotations takes place, either general or specialty areas, will be tailored to each resident's interest and needs.

Rotation Experiences

- Ambulatory Care Pharmacies
- Acute Care
- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Family Medicine Clinic
- Geriatrics Clinic
- Pharmacotherapy Clinic
- Practice Management
- Specialty Clinics
- Elective

Specialty Clinic Opportunities

- Dermatology
- Digestive Health
- Hepatology/Virology
- Neurology
- Pediatric Specialty Clinics
- Pulmonary/Cystic Fibrosis
- Rheumatology
- Substance Use
- Transplant- Abdominal, Heart, Lung

Elective Opportunities

- Clinical Cancer Center
- General Cardiology/Lipid
- Palliative Care
- Pediatric Hemophilia
- Pediatric Oncology/BMT
- Specialty Pharmacy-Operations/Central Clinical Management
- Transitions of Care
- Others as available

TEACHING

All residents are appointed as an adjunct instructor at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy (UICOP), with access to informational, clinical, professional, and educational resources provided to UICOP preceptors. Throughout the course of the year, residents have multiple opportunities to teach and develop presentation and precepting skills. Residents will participate in the Pharmacy Educator Preparation Program for Residents and Fellows (PEPPR). At the end of the year, residents who satisfy program requirements will receive a certificate of participation and will have a completed teaching portfolio.

RESEARCH

Each resident is required to complete a year-long research project during the residency year, and in the PGY1 year this will include a medication use evaluation component. Through this experience, residents gain skills in conducting research, presenting their project in both poster and platform presentations. The Residency Research Committee will be available to guide the process. Selection of a project is based upon the resident's interests and presentation of project ideas by residency preceptors. The resident will complete a final project manuscript prior to residency graduation. Publication in the medical literature is strongly encouraged.

SERVICE COMMITMENT

Residents are required to fulfill the service commitment designed to ensure that residents gain experience and can function as competent clinical practitioners. Residents within the ambulatory care setting are assigned to work in the ambulatory care pharmacies. Opportunities may also exist in specialty pharmacy practice.

RESIDENCY BENEFITS

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency begins the last week of June. Current benefits include: a stipend of at least \$48,500 for the PGY1 year, fifteen days Paid Time Off (PTO), four paid days to utilize for interviews, medical/dental insurance, professional leave and travel allowance to attend select meetings.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Kelly Hoenig, PharmD, BCPS

Director, PGY1 Pharmacy Residency (Ambulatory Care)

Dr. Hoenig is the Program Director for the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency in ambulatory care. She is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care at UIHC. Dr. Hoenig received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Iowa and completed an ASHP-accredited Specialized Residency in Primary Care at the William S Middleton Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. After 15 years of experience in family medicine, her current primary practice sites are pediatric dermatology and pediatric allergy/immunology.

Alex Mersch, PharmD, MBA, BCPS

Coordinator, PGY1 Pharmacy Residency (Ambulatory Care)

Dr. Mersch is the Program Coordinator for the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency in ambulatory care. He is the Specialty Pharmacy Manager at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics with oversight of specialty pharmacy operations and program oversight throughout the health-system. Dr. Mersch received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Roosevelt University and completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at UIHC. He received his master's degree in Business Administration from Upper Iowa University.

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