



South Texas Veterans Health Care System

PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency Program

The PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. This comprehensive, post-doctoral clinical pharmacy training program is designed to provide a training opportunity for individuals desiring to enhance their clinical competency in the field of internal medicine. The 12-month training period heavily emphasizes inpatient acute care rotations with a longitudinal ambulatory care rotation.

PROGRAM COMPLETION

- ◆ Upon successful completion of the residency program requirements, participants will be awarded an ASHP accredited PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency certificate.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- ◆ At least 4 months rounding with one of the 5 medicine teams at the STVHCS, and if available at the affiliated county teaching hospital, University Health (UH) System's Hospital. As a member of the team, the pharmacy resident is responsible for completing accurate medication reconciliations, participating in the design and implementation of appropriate therapeutic regimens, monitoring the outcome of therapy, assisting in the application of pharmacokinetic principles to individualize therapy as needed, and in the provision of patient education. Also, depending on preceptor availability, the resident will have opportunities, if desired, to co-precept PGY1 residents or pharmacy students as well as potentially provide lectures to pharmacy students at a local college of pharmacy.
- ◆ Minimum of one month rotating with the inpatient cardiology team. This rotation provides the resident with a unique experience focusing on the care of cardiology patients.

- ◆ Minimum of one month rotating through the Medical ICU and one month in the Surgical ICU to enhance critical care experience from the resident's PGY1 year.
- ◆ 3 elective months: STVHCS offers available electives in areas such as Home Based Primary Care, Ambulatory Care, HIV, Neurology/Spinal Cord, Hematology/Oncology, Renal/Solid Organ Transplant, and Psychiatry. The affiliated UH hospital also has potential rotations that could be set up with advance notice that includes the Emergency Department, Internal Medicine, and Critical Care. The resident will be required to have a Texas Pharmacy license for these UH rotations.
- ◆ Geriatric ambulatory care clinic for one half-day a week for approximately 10 months. Here the resident learns how to care for geriatric patients in an ambulatory care setting, The resident is responsible for participating in the design and implementation of the appropriate therapeutic regimens, monitoring the outcome of therapy, and intensive patient counseling.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ UT Pharmacotherapy Grand Rounds presentation
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- ◆ STVHCS Pharmacy Grand Rounds Presentation
- ◆ Clinical residency project
- ◆ Poster presentation at The University of Texas Celebrating Research Day
- ◆ Medication Usage Evaluation
- ◆ Pharmacy Newsletter
- ◆ Participation in Medication Aggregate Root Cause Analysis committee
- ◆ Internal Medicine Topic Discussions with Internal Medicine Pharmacy Preceptors
- ◆ Drug Information Questions
- ◆ In-service presentation to inpatient staff pharmacists
- ◆ Academic Training Program (optional)

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