Pharmacy Residency Purpose Statement

Pharmacists are a vital component of the health care team working to provide excellent patient care. The purpose of the SCH Post Graduate Year 1 (PGY1) residency is to provide an educational training experience to create competent, experienced acute care pharmacists who will improve patient care and further expand the future of the pharmacy profession by obtaining patient care positions, adjunct faculty positions, or PGY2 training positions. In order to accomplish this, individual goals will be developed for each resident and learning experiences will be tailored to the resident’s intent for the year and projected practice setting after completion of the residency.

Elite Strengths of the Pharmacy Residency Program

- 2014 Top Hospital designation by Leapfrog (only hospital in Chicago, and one of 55 hospitals nationwide, to receive this honor)
- Hospital wide technology including CPOE, EHR, EMAR, and BMV
- State-of-the-art Pharmacy IV Clean Room and remodeled inpatient pharmacy
- Automated robotic central drug storage system with barcode technology
- Ambulatory MTM clinic/Anticoagulation Management Clinic located in the Foster Medical Pavilion Outpatient Pharmacy
- Individualized Resident Plan
  - Flexibility has been built into the program to allow a resident to adapt the residency to meet his/her interests and focus on identified areas for improvement.

PGY1 Residency Structure

Required 5 week learning experiences include:
- Internal Medicine
- Cardiology
- Critical Care
- Infectious Disease (Antibiotic Stewardship)
- Transition of Care
- Emergency Medicine
- AmCare: MTM/Anticoagulation clinic
- Administration and Practice Management/ Technology

Required longitudinal learning experiences include:
- Drug Information and Policy Development
- Institutional Review Board (IRB)
- Patient Care Service (Staffing)
- Project (Midyear & Great Lakes Conference)

Patient Care Service - Service commitment to provide essential services to patients, to ensure the resident will be able to work independently as a pharmacist upon completion of the residency program, and to expose the resident to all pharmacy related technology, to all distribution aspects of medication preparation and delivery, to function in an IV room in compliance of all Ch. 797 standards, to dose, monitor and manage pharmacy protocols, to gain confidence in communicating successfully with physicians, nurses, and other practitioners, and to interact with patients in a timely manner.
- Staff every other weekend and get one comp day mid-week
- Staff one evening shift per week

Learning Experiences

- Round with team, coordinate with preceptor, and attend meetings during the daytime shift. Projects and research are to be done when time allows during the day or after the daily patient care activities have been completed.
Pharmacy Services

- Using an integrated practice model decentralized pharmacists:
  - Identify medication related problems
  - Monitor drug therapy and levels
  - Perform consults for Vancomycin, Aminoglycosides, Polymixins, Heparin, Warfarin, and Insulin Protocols
  - Evaluate patients for vaccinations
  - Perform renal dose monitoring and adjustment
  - Round with interdisciplinary teams
  - Verify computerized prescriber orders
  - Facilitate medication reconciliation
  - Provide discharge counseling
  - Promote antibiotic stewardship
  - Provide drug information to healthcare professionals and patients
  - Identify and report ADRs
  - Address non-formulary drug requests
  - Precept pharmacy students
  - Collect and analyze data for MUEs
  - Participate on hospital committees
  - Prepare committee agendas & packets
  - In-service nurses and medical residents

- Sterile Products Preparation (Centralized)
- Medication Distribution System and Technology
  - Point of Care Dispensing Model
  - Automated Dispensing Cabinet profiled to hospital information system (Pyxis™)
  - Automated Robotic Central Medication Storage System (BoxPicker™)
  - Automated prepackaging system (Automed™)
  - Barcode Medication Verification (BMV)
- Computerized Prescriber Order Entry (CPOE) allows access to patients’ charts, labs, and medication lists throughout the hospital.
- Computerized adverse event reporting system

Qualifications of the PGY1 Resident

- Resident must be a graduate of an ACPE accredited Doctor of Pharmacy degree program
- Residents must be licensed or be eligible for licensure in IL
- Residents shall participate in and obey the rules of the Residency Matching Program

Application to the SCH Residency Program

Submit the required information to PHORCAS by the deadline:

- A Letter of Intent including a statement of professional goals and reasons for pursuing a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three Letter of Recommendation Forms
- Official transcript from an accredited School / College of Pharmacy

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