

Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Columbus, Ohio

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Overview of Residency

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Anticoagulation Clinic

VA providers refer patients taking warfarin to the Anticoagulation Clinic where pharmacists perform anticoagulation initiation and monitoring using a point of care coagulation monitor. Pharmacists also coordinate perioperative anticoagulation management.

Pharmacy MTM

Pharmacists visiting with patients in the Pharmacy MTM Clinic perform a variety of services including diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and hypertension management. Some patients are referred to the Pharmacy MTM Clinic for medication reconciliation, polypharmacy reviews, compliance assistance and counseling, and epoetin monitoring.

Pain Clinic

The Pain Clinic pharmacists assess and manage patients suffering from various pain conditions.

Home Based Primary Care

Home Based Primary Care provides home healthcare to patients who are unable to travel to the Clinic. Home Based Primary Care pharmacists attend weekly interdisciplinary team meetings to participate in case discussions. Pharmacists also review the medication profiles of Home Based Primary Care patients and provide recommendations to improve medication use.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Shared Medical Appointment

Pharmacists lead an exciting group clinic once weekly that focuses on reducing lipids, lowering blood pressure and smoking cessation.



Renal Clinic

Pharmacists participating in the Renal Clinic provide medication recommendations to the nephrologist to optimize medication therapy for patients with compromised renal function. In this clinic, patients may be seen in a one to one clinic or in a group clinic called a Shared Medical Appointment.



Patient Counseling and Dispensing

The Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center has an innovative approach to patient counseling and dispensing. The counseling area, which is separate from where prescriptions are prepared and dispensed, has private booths where patients are counseled on their medications. Medication orders are entered electronically by providers and verified by a pharmacist. The majority of mail order prescriptions are electronically transferred to a VA consolidated mail out pharmacy (CMOP) for filling.

Quality Improvement and Drug Policy

Pharmacists at the VA Outpatient Clinic participate in activities to improve the quality of pharmaceutical care such as adverse drug event reporting and medication error prevention and reporting. The Clinic has an active Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee that is responsible for local management of the VA national formulary, medication performance measures, and medication use evaluations.

Informatics

In the VA environment, many opportunities to learn and improve upon informatics skills exist. The VA uses computerized patient records and has a host of contemporary computer software including programs designed to perform statistical analyses and data mining for medication evaluations.

Practice Management

The residency program is designed to provide 1:1 experiences with the Chief of Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator to learn about management-related activities vital to the smooth operation of a pharmacy department.

Elective Rotation

Residents will be able to select a minimum of one elective rotation.

Special Requirements for Acceptance: U.S. Citizenship; graduate of ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy; current pharmacist licensure or eligibility for licensure; Pharm.D. or equivalent experience; letter of intent; completed application; curriculum vitae; college transcripts; three letters of recommendation; and interview.

Duration: 12 months beginning July 1 through June 30

Number of Positions: 2

Stipend: \$39,049

Fringe Benefits: Paid leave days: 13 days of vacation and sick leave; 10 federal holidays; health and life insurance; administrative leave for selected meetings; computers (PC/online); free parking.

National Matching Service Code: 123513

Application Deadline: February 1

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