

Primary Care Red Team, Blue Team & Rural Health:

These rotations allow the resident to gain experience as a member of a multi-disciplinary outpatient clinic team. The resident will take part in disease state management of, but not limited to, diabetes, HTN, asthma/COPD, & hyperlipidemia as they relate to the ambulatory care setting. Patients will be referred to the resident for medication therapy management, and education of patients and healthcare providers. The resident will have opportunities to teach diabetic patients in a group class as well as participate as an interdisciplinary team member of the Hepatology Clinic. The resident will interact with providers to resolve drug-related problems, provide drug information, recommend formulary alternatives, and communicate pharmacoeconomic initiatives.

Pain Management: This rotation is focused on chronic non-cancer pain management with some opportunity for acute pain intervention. Conditions such as anxiety disorder, PTSD, and depression offer daily occasion to spotlight drug-drug interactions and psychopharmacology. Serum monitoring and urine drug screen interpretation are important pharmacokinetic parameters requiring daily input. The resident will be part of a multidisciplinary team that includes specialty providers and will also serve as a mentor for P4 pharmacy students.

Questions?

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Rotation Descriptions

**Stratton VA Medical
Center PGY1 Pharmacy
Residency**

Albany, NY



Anticoagulation: Using an evidence-based approach, this rotation allows residents to develop skills as independent practitioners in an outpatient, pharmacist-driven, anticoagulation clinic. Residents will actively participate in various aspects of anticoagulation management, including but not limited to: therapeutic drug monitoring of warfarin, periprocedural anticoagulation management, and patient selection and monitoring of novel anticoagulants.

Geriatrics/Home Based Primary Care: This rotation is designed to provide the resident with knowledge of acute and chronic disease states in the geriatric patient. A focus on altered physiology in the elderly is used to address selection, utilization, and response to pharmaceuticals in this patient population. The resident will be an integral part of the interdisciplinary Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) team and take part in visits to home bound patients.

Transitional Care: This rotation offers the resident with opportunities for direct patient care in an inpatient setting. The resident will provide medication reconciliation services and discharge counseling while working within a multidisciplinary health care team.

Inpatient & Outpatient Pharmacy: These rotations provide the resident opportunities to become proficient in analyzing and processing electronic prescription orders while having the ability to access computerized patient information including progress notes and labs. The resident will communicate with prescribers to rectify drug-related problems. The special handling techniques associated with drugs requiring adherence to specific policies and procedures will be addressed, particularly intravenous medications and parenteral nutrition. The inpatient pharmacy rotation will also provide experience in anticoagulation and antibiotic monitoring. Additionally, the resident will gain experience counseling patients in the outpatient pharmacy.

Oncology/Chemotherapy Satellite Pharmacy: This rotation is designed to provide the resident with a fundamental working knowledge of oncology/hematology pharmacy practice. Key components of the rotation include instruction on safe handling of cytotoxic chemotherapy, principles of dosing, appropriate monitoring, and special concerns related to administration, side effects and adverse reactions to this unique class of therapeutic agents. The resident will have opportunity for direct patient care in the outpatient Oncology Clinic, providing patient education, medication reconciliation, and drug information services. The resident will also serve as a mentor for pharmacy students.

Pharmacoeconomics/Practice Management/Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring:

This longitudinal rotation is designed to provide the resident with an awareness of the basic principles of pharmacoeconomics, formulary management, and practice management. The resident will have local and regional exposure to activities related to pharmacy benefits management.

The resident will also gain experience in the evaluation of reported adverse drug reactions. The verification of observed side effects, allergies, and other adverse reactions to medications is an important part of the quality improvement of patient health outcomes. Data collected from these events is utilized to identify systems errors and improve prescribing patterns in our veteran population. Reports that have been entered and verified by a clinical pharmacist are then analyzed for trends and shared with the Medication Use Committee.

Electives include but not limited to:

- ◆ Palliative Care
- ◆ Nephrology
- ◆ Psychiatry
- ◆ Inpatient Part II