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The Medical Center

San Francisco VA Medical Center is located on a picturesque site overlooking the Pacific Ocean and the Golden Gate Bridge. Authorized for 124 acute hospital beds, this tertiary care facility is closely affiliated with the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). A 120-bed on-site nursing home care unit, opened in 1992, provides extended care services to veterans. The medical center provides all major diagnostic and treatment specialties and serves as a regional referral center. Its research and development program is one of the largest in the VA system. Most physician staff members hold appointments at both the VA Medical Center and UCSF.

The Pharmacy Service

The Pharmacy Service is a progressive department with 65 employees, including 46 pharmacists. Computerized provider order entry is utilized in all settings, bar code recognition technology is in place for verification and documentation of medication administration, and the patient medical record is fully integrated and available online. The Pharmacy Service has implemented automated technology for many of its dispensing activities. The Pharmacy Service has formal affiliation with UCSF and University of the Pacific Schools of Pharmacy. The Inpatient Pharmacy provides 24-hour, hospital-wide, unit dose and intravenous admixture services. Clinical pharmacists are assigned to several specialty areas. The Outpatient Pharmacy fills 700,000 prescriptions per year. Clinical pharmacists provide services to the Ambulatory Care Clinics. Clinical services include patient monitoring, discharge counseling, drug information, patient education, pharmacokinetics, drug usage evaluations and adverse drug event reporting.

The PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Programs

The Pharmacy Service offers 3 distinct postgraduate year 1 pharmacy residencies (General, Ambulatory Care, and Geriatrics), a brief description follows. For more details concerning each residency, please refer to that residency application packet.

- The **PGY1 Pharmacy Residency** offers a flexible program which provides concentrated clinical, teaching, and administrative experience with experienced, individualized preceptorship. Required rotations include Internal Medicine, Surgical specialty, and Ambulatory Care. Electives include Critical Care, I.D., Pharmacokinetics, Toxicology, and Geriatrics. Residents precept UCSF and UOP clerkship students. Other responsibilities include code blue participation, DUE development and drug evaluations, and completion of a research project which is presented at the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows and Preceptors.
- The **PGY1 Pharmacy Residency - Ambulatory Care Track** provides training in ambulatory care clinical practice development. The resident participates in Medical Practice, Anticoagulant, Infectious Disease, Hepatitis C, Mental Health, Home Based Primary Care, Diabetes Education and Medication Teaching Clinic. Other clinics may be available. The resident will manage clinics and precept other PGY1 pharmacy residents, UCSF and UOP pharmacy students. Other responsibilities include code blue participation, DUE development and drug evaluations, and completion of a research project which is presented at the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows and Preceptors.

- The **PGY1 Pharmacy Residency – Geriatrics Track** provides experience caring for geriatric patients in long-term, extended and palliative care, outpatient and home care settings. The resident participates on the various geriatric consult services, and on the code blue team. Training includes clinical practice development and management. The resident precepts UCSF and UOP clerkship students. Other responsibilities include code blue participation, DUE development and drug evaluations, and completion of a research project which is presented at the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents, Fellows and Preceptors.

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