PGY2 Pharmacy Residency Programs
VA San Diego Healthcare System

VHA Mission Honor America’s Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being.

VHA Vision
• VHA will continue to be the benchmark of excellence and value in health care and benefits by providing exemplary services that are both patient centered and evidence based.
• This care will be delivered by engaged, collaborative teams in an integrated environment that supports learning, discovery and continuous improvement.
• It will emphasize prevention and population health and contribute to the nation’s well-being through education, research and service in national emergencies.

Core Values (I.C.A.R.E)
• Integrity: Act with high moral principle.
• Commitment: Work diligently to serve veterans and other beneficiaries.
• Advocacy: Be truly veteran-centric by identifying, fully considering, and appropriately advancing the interests of veterans and other beneficiaries.
• Respect: Treat all those I serve and with whom I work with dignity and respect.
• Excellence: Strive for the highest quality and continuous improvement.

Key Facts
• Provided high quality health care to 83,014 Veterans in the San Diego and Imperial Valley counties in Fiscal Year 17 (FY17)
• Offers a wide range of inpatient and outpatient health services at the medical center in La Jolla, six community based outpatient clinics located in Chula Vista, Escondido, Imperial Valley, Mission Valley, Oceanside and Sorrento Valley and a residential rehabilitation treatment program
• Provides medical, surgical, mental health, geriatric, spinal cord injury, and advanced rehabilitation services
• Training site for 1,383 medical interns, residents and fellows, as well as 738 other health professionals from pharmacy, nursing, dental, and dietetics
• One of the largest research programs in the VA nationally with a budget of over $42 million (FY17)
VA San Diego Healthcare System Pharmacy Service

Our Values

- **P** Patient-centric, Patience, Professional, Pro-active
- **H** Helpful, Honest
- **A** Accessible
- **R** Responsible, Respectful
- **M** Meticulous, Mentor
- **A** Accurate
- **C** Caring, Competent, Clinical, Collaborative
- **Y** Because Veterans come first

Provision of Care

- Pharmacy services provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Decentralized unit-dose service with Barcode Medication Administration, IV Additive Service, Automated Dispensing Systems, Physician Order Entry and Automated Prescription Filling
- Our Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacists, Inpatient Clinical Pharmacists, and Clinical Specialists provide a wide range of pharmaceutical care services to veterans in the inpatient and outpatient settings.

Our Staff and Preceptors

- 71 pharmacists serve as preceptors to our resident trainees
  - 58 (82%) have greater than 5 years of experience with serving as a preceptor to residents
  - 40 (56%) are Board Certified as Pharmacotherapy Specialists (BCPS), Oncology Pharmacists (BCOP), Psychiatric Pharmacists (BCPP), Ambulatory Care Pharmacists (BCACP), Critical Care Pharmacists (BCCCP) and Geriatric Pharmacists (BCGP)
  - 40 (56%) possess Scopes of Practices which allow for prescriptive authority

Our Teaching Program

- Multiple PGY1 and PGY2 residency training programs
- Have academic relationships with two Schools of Pharmacy – University of the Pacific (UOP) and University of California, San Diego (UCSD)
- Annually provide APPEs to approximately 30 students
## Pharmacy Residency Programs

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*Note: Many programs allow for PGY2 Early Commitment*

We offer residents many opportunities to practice in a number of clinical settings, including our expansive ambulatory care clinics. Our affiliations with University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and University of the Pacific (UOP) Schools of Pharmacy facilitate the development of teaching skills. Our preceptors are committed to supporting the residency program and assisting residents throughout the year.

We hope you will join us at the VA San Diego Healthcare System for your residency year. We look forward to receiving your application! Please contact Dr. Jonathan P. Lacro for additional questions.

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General Residency Information

Pay and Benefits

Period of Appointment
• **PGY2**: 12 months, from July 8, 2019 through July 3, 2020

**Estimated Stipend**: $49,873 (PGY2)

Benefits
• 13 days Annual Leave (“vacation”) and 13 days of Sick Leave
  • Leave is earned at the rate of 4 hours every two weeks
• 11 federal holidays
• Authorized Absence (leave with pay) to attend selected professional meetings
• Health, vision/dental insurance options
• Office with up-to-date computer systems
• Lab coats and lab coat laundry service
• Free off-site parking

Pharmacist Licensure
• Professional pharmacist licensure from any state is required upon entry into the program.
• California licensure is highly encouraged for those programs with direct patient care activities in non-VA facilities (i.e., Ambulatory Care, Critical Care, Infectious Diseases, Oncology and Psychiatry).

Staffing Requirements
• Staffing will be scheduled once the resident has evidence of professional licensing and has demonstrated appropriate competencies. Training will be provided.
• Residents in clinical programs will be required to complete staffing related activities in their area of specialization.
Additional Training

Pharmacy Teaching Program
• Our pharmacy residents participate in the teaching of approximately 30 Doctor of Pharmacy students from the University of the Pacific and University of California, San Diego Schools of Pharmacy
• Pharmacy Residents serve as preceptors to Advance Pharmacy Practice Experiential students during rotations providing formal and informal teaching and mentoring
• Residents facilitate weekly conferences consisting of topic discussions and clinical case presentations

Skill Development Series / Teaching Certificate Program
• All pharmacy residents participate in a Skill Development Series, which includes regularly scheduled discussion of research-related topics such as study methodology, biostatistics, literature evaluation, individual residency research projects and other contemporary topics relevant to health care professionals.
• A Teaching Certificate Program is available for interested residents. It is required for those residents who have not previously completed a similar program. It consists of didactic seminars and homework assignments, development of a personal teaching philosophy and providing formal teaching experiences in clinical rotational settings.

Additional Requirements for Completion of PGY2 Pharmacy Residency

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APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

- Register with the ASHP Resident Matching Program accessible at http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/
- Possess United States citizenship; Naturalized citizens must be able to provide proof of naturalization
- Possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited School or College of Pharmacy
- PGY2 applicants must be licensed to practice pharmacy from any state at the beginning of their residency program
- PGY2 applicants must complete or be in the process of completing an ASHP accredited PGY1 residency OR have equivalent experience

APPLICATION PROCESS

- All application materials must be submitted through Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application (PhORCAS):
  - PHASE I DEADLINE for PGY2 Programs is January 1, 2019
  - PHASE II DEADLINE for Programs with Available Positions is April 3, 2019
- Submitted Materials must include:
  - Basic Demographics
  - Verified Transcripts for Schools or Colleges of Pharmacy Only
  - Personal Statement / Letter of Intent
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Three letters of recommendation using the standardized reference template in PhORCAS
  - Extracurricular Information
  - Supplemental Information
    - Application for Health Professions Trainees (VA Form # 10-2850D) accessible at http://www.va.gov/oaa/archive/VAFORM10-2850d.pdf
- Selected applicants will be invited to a personal on-site interview occurring in February or March. Candidates who are not invited for an on-site interview will be notified via e-mail
PGY2 Ambulatory Care

Program Overview:
• This 12-month ASHP-accredited PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency offers an advanced training opportunity with rotational experience in the ambulatory care setting. The goal of our residency training program is to develop the clinical competencies needed to serve as a well-rounded Clinical Pharmacy Specialist (CPS) in the ambulatory care setting. The resident will be provided opportunities to become proficient in the delivery of pharmaceutical care to adult patients with chronic diseases routinely encountered in the VA setting. Our clinically-based program offers outpatient longitudinal experiences that can be tailored to one’s interests and are devoted to developing the skills and clinical expertise needed for the delivery of patient-centered care by providing exposure to various clinics where the CPS has a scope of practice to manage common chronic diseases. These clinics include: Anticoagulation, HTN, Lipid, PACT/Primary Care, Dermatology, Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC), Hepatitis C, Immunization, Pain, Renal/Dialysis, Psychiatry, Smoking Cessation, Gout, Emergency Department, CHF, Diabetes, Medication Compliance, Oncology, and TeleHealth.
• Besides development of clinical skills, the resident will also be provided experience in outcome-oriented research, public speaking, precepting and clinic development. Graduates of this program should be able to provide a high level of direct patient care as a CPS in ambulatory care and, if desired, achieve Board Certification in Ambulatory Care.

Educational Outcomes:
• Establish a collaborative interdisciplinary practice.
• Provide efficient, effective, evidence-based, patient-centered treatment for chronic and/or acute illnesses in all degrees of complexity.
• Demonstrate leadership and practice management skills.
• Promote health improvement, wellness, and disease prevention.
• Demonstrate excellence in provision of training or educational activities for health care professionals and trainees.
• Serve as the ultimate resource on optimal prescribing of medications.
• Demonstrate additional competencies that contribute to working successfully in the VA Healthcare System.

Service Commitment: Residents will staff 1 day per week in the Primary Care Clinic and Outpatient Pharmacy. Additional staffing responsibilities may vary depending on the elective learning experiences.

Facilities: The resident office is located at the VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASHS) in La Jolla, California and most activities will be coordinated from this site. However, the resident will be required to travel to surrounding Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) within the San Diego County area.

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PGY2 Critical Care

Purpose:
• This PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency is designed to transition PGY1 residency graduates from general practice to specialized practice that focuses on the needs of critically ill patients. Training will include developing the skills and confidence necessary to treat the wide range of diseases and disorders that occur in the critically ill. Emphasis will be placed on the medications used in the critical care environment and special considerations needed when treating patients with multiple organ system failure. Throughout this program, the PGY2 resident will become an integrated member of the interdisciplinary critical care teams on pulmonary, cardiology, and surgery services. Responsibilities will include direct patient care, teaching health professionals as well as those health professionals in training, and completing a research project in the critical care environment. After completion of the PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency, the graduate will be prepared to accept a position as a critical care pharmacist specialist in an intensive care unit, emergency department or trauma center.

Competency Areas:
• In collaboration with the health care team, provide comprehensive medication management to critically ill patients following a consistent patient care process
• Demonstrate ability to manage formulary and medication-use processes for critically ill patients, as applicable to the organization
• Demonstrate leadership skills for successful self-development in the provision of care for critically ill patients
• Provide effective medication and practice-related education to critically ill patients, caregivers, health care professionals, students, and the public (individuals and groups)
• Demonstrate the skills necessary to conduct a critical care pharmacy research project

Didactic Course Work:
• Provide formalized critical care medication-related information
• Education will include formal and informal critical care training classes; rounding with pulmonary/critical care, cardiology, and surgical services as well as emergency department training
• Specialty service electives available in operating room/anesthesia, infectious diseases and nephrology
• Continuing education programs and conferences with cutting-edge training in critical care

Special Features: Experiential opportunities exist at local affiliated facilities in trauma, emergency medicine, bone marrow transplantation, and neonatal and pediatric ICU.

Facilities: The resident office is located at the VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS) in California and most activities will be coordinated from this site.

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PGY2 Infectious Diseases

Program Overview:
This specialty residency program is designed to provide our residents with the skills necessary to become a competent and confident practitioner of pharmaceutical care in a variety of infectious diseases practice settings. After program completion, residents will possess the skills needed to work in ambulatory care, inpatient clinical positions, academia, and pharmaceutical industry.

Learning Objectives:
• Promote health improvement, wellness, and the prevention of infectious diseases
• Optimize patient outcomes by providing evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy as an integral member of an interdisciplinary infectious diseases team
• Manage and improve the medication-use process in infectious diseases patient care
• Demonstrate excellence in the provision of educational activities on optimizing anti-infective pharmacotherapy for health care professionals and trainees
• Serve as an authoritative resource on the optimal use of medications used to treat individuals with an infectious disease
• Demonstrate leadership and practice management skills
• Conduct infectious diseases pharmacy practice research
• Demonstrate skills required for managing and improving anti-infective-use processes

Required Rotations / Activities:
• Inpatient Infectious Disease Consult
• Antimicrobial Stewardship
• Microbiology Laboratory
• Longitudinal HIV and Hep C Clinic
• Precepting students and residents
• Research suitable for presentation at MAD-ID
• Grand Rounds Presentation
• Case Conferences
• Providing ID education to healthcare professionals and patients

Elective Rotations:
Off-site rotations at University of California San Diego & Naval Medical Center Balboa are available in a variety of areas including bone marrow transplant infectious disease consult and HIV/AIDS inpatient consult / outpatient clinic

Facilities:
The resident office will be located at the VA Medical Center in La Jolla, California and most activities will be coordinated from this site. The resident will also have the option to rotate off-site to experience other infectious diseases practice settings.

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PGY2 Oncology

Program Purpose:
Our PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency training program is designed to develop clinical competency as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the area of oncologic pharmacotherapy. The program will train the resident to be proficient in the delivery of pharmaceutical care in adult patients with all common cancers and related hematologic disorders, as seen routinely in the VA setting. Our clinically based program offers ongoing inpatient and outpatient longitudinal experiences, including the participation in the pharmacist-run erythropoietin stimulating agents (ESAs) clinics, oral chemotherapy clinic, and supportive care management. To augment the VA experience, the resident may train off site for 2 to 3 months in the areas of bone marrow transplant (required), hospice and palliative care (optional), gynecologic cancers (optional), and pediatric oncology (optional). The resident will be able to serve as a competent oncology rotation preceptor of 4th year pharmacy and PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residents students in their Oncology Pharmacy Practice Experience elective rotations. Lastly, these graduates will be able to exercise proficiency in communication and in educating other health care professionals, patients, and the community on drug related topics in oncology. The residency program provides ample opportunity for the resident to learn and develop administrative, teaching, and research skills.

Learning Objectives:
• Develop an understanding of the general principles of oncology in an integrated healthcare system
• Develop an understanding of the principles of prevention and management of chemotherapy-related toxicities
• Develop skills in research design and methodologies to assess pharmaceutical-related economic, clinical, and humanistic health outcomes

Upon completion of the 12-month training program, graduates are expected to be academically knowledgeable, clinically astute, mature and caring oncology pharmacy clinical practitioners with a broad knowledge base in general hematology and oncology. With the specialized knowledge and skills provided during the program, graduates should be able to provide a high level of direct patient care, ultimately leading to competence commensurate with Board Certification in Oncology Pharmacy Practice by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties, and obtain employment as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Oncology.

Special Features: Experiential opportunities exist at local affiliated facilities to get experience in bone marrow transplant* (at the University of California San Diego Medical Center) and hospice care.

*Professional pharmacist license from California is required

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PGY2 Pharmacy Informatics

Program Overview:
Our PGY2 Pharmacy Informatics residency will provide the skills necessary for the practical application of pharmacy informatics and automated technology assessment principles in integrated healthcare systems. The resident will be involved with every aspect in the management of pharmacy data applications, data support and analysis for pharmacy and medical center leadership, pharmacy technology assessment, implementation, and maintenance. The resident will gain experience with Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS), Computerized Prescriber Order Entry (CPOE), Barcode Medication Administration (BCMA), medication storage and retrieval devices (Omnicell®), and medication dispensing robotics (ScriptPro®). Other responsibilities include conducting outcomes research and precepting pharmacy trainees (students and residents) with informatics related projects. Education will include formal informatics training and hands-on application of principles. Work activities will encompass the VASDHS, and experiential rotations on a regional/national level. Out-of-state and in-state travel may be required.

Learning Objectives:
• Develop an understanding of the principles of the use of pharmacy informatics in an integrated healthcare system
• Develop an understanding of healthcare technology development, evaluation, implementation, and maintenance at local, regional, and national levels
• Develop skills in research design and data analysis to assess pharmaceutical-related economic, clinical, and humanistic health outcomes
• Develop skills in project management and strengthen communication skills for effective collaboration with the multidisciplinary team
• Develop an understanding of the role of pharmacy informatics in medication safety to assist in quality improvement

Didactic Course Work:
• Training in Microsoft applications with emphasis in Excel and SQL
• Continuing education programs and conferences with cutting-edge training in pharmacy informatics, healthcare technology, and outcomes research

Special Features: Local, regional, and national exposure and activities involving pharmacy data management and technology assessment.

Facilities: The resident office will be located at the VA Medical Center in La Jolla, California and most activities will be coordinated from this site.

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PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration

Purpose:
• This specialty residency is designed to prepare a pharmacy practitioner for a clinical or operational management/supervisory role in a variety of work settings. The residency is designed to provide a strong foundation for pharmacy administration skills and competencies in pharmacy practice leadership.

Program Description:
• This is a twelve month postgraduate year two program that provides training and experience in Health System Pharmacy Administration. Pharmacists completing this PGY2 specialty residency will build off their PGY1 residency competencies in the delivery of patient-centered care and pharmacy operational services. This residency lays the foundation for continued growth in management and leadership skills with the expectation that with several years of successful pharmacy administration practice, the residency graduate should be ready to assume high-level managerial, supervisory, and leadership responsibilities of a large hospital or health-system pharmacy.
• Program preceptors will provide significant opportunities for the resident to contribute to management and leadership activities at the local, regional, or national VA. Appropriate guidance and instruction will be provided for all activities, as well as development of a career path and objectives for the resident. These opportunities include, but are not limited to medication preparation, distribution, and use, performance improvement, strategic planning, regulatory compliance, medication safety, human resource management, fiscal management, automation, and technology.

Learning Objectives:
• Develop an understanding of the principles of administration and leadership in a highly innovative integrated healthcare system.
• Develop an understanding and competency in managing and leading a large complex pharmacy organization
• Develop skills in research design and data analysis to assess pharmaceutical-related economic, clinical, and humanistic health outcomes.

Facilities: The resident office will be located at the VA Medical Center in La Jolla, California and most activities will be coordinated from this site.

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PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care

Program Overview:
This is a twelve-month postgraduate year two program that provides training and clinical experiences in Pain Management. The resident will become an integral part of our pharmacist-run outpatient Pain clinic and interdisciplinary groups such as the Opioid Safety Initiative committee and Palliative Care rounds. Additional patient care experiences include: Behavioral Health, Anesthesia Pain, Spinal Cord Injury, Oncology, Psychology, Ambulatory Care, and Academic Detailing. The resident will also have the opportunity to precept pharmacy students from the University of California San Diego and the University of the Pacific. Following the completion of this program, residents will be prepared to assume the challenging but fulfilling role as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Pain Management.

Learning Opportunities:

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Special Features: Local, regional, and national exposure and activities involving a special population with Veterans.

Facilities: The resident office will be located at the VA Medical Center in La Jolla, California and most activities will be coordinated from this site.

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Program Overview:
Our PGY2 residency program in psychiatry is designed to foster competency in the area of clinical psychiatric pharmacotherapy. Residents develop advanced clinical skills through hands-on participation in outpatient and inpatient longitudinal rotations. Core experiences include inpatient psychiatry rounds, ambulatory care mental health medication management clinics, geriatrics and substance use disorders. Elective rotations are flexible and based on the resident’s interests. Graduates of our program are trained to become knowledgeable, well-rounded psychiatric pharmacists.

Learning Objectives:
Upon successful completion of the program, the resident will be able to:
• Serve as an authoritative resource on optimal medication use in individuals with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders
• Optimize outcomes for patients with a variety of psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders by providing evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy as an integral member of multidisciplinary treatment teams
• Evaluate and improve the medication-use process in psychiatric and neuropsychiatric patient care areas
• Conduct psychiatric pharmacy practice and outcomes research
• Serve as a psychiatric pharmacy preceptor for advanced pharmacy practice experiences and PGY1 residents
• Obtain board certification in psychiatric pharmacy (BCPP)

Unique Features:
• Fully integrated mental health pharmacy services, including pharmacist-run medication management clinics for schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, geriatrics, military sexual trauma, and PTSD. Of note, most of our psychiatric pharmacists possess Scopes of Practice that allow them to practice independently as mid-level healthcare providers
• Opportunities in acute, ambulatory and specialty care including a multidisciplinary inpatient unit, a Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (SARRTP), a Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP) and a Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM)
• Formal inter-professional training in psychosomatic medicine with required clinical experiences in Consult Liaison and Pain Management
• Our medical center is home to several specialty research programs, including Mental Illness Rehabilitation, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) and Center of Excellence for Stress and Mental Health (CESAM)

Facilities: The residents’ office will be located at the VA Medical Center in La Jolla, and most activities will be coordinated from this site. Other clinical experiences will be conducted at community based outpatient clinics in Mission Valley and Oceanside as well as a residential rehabilitation treatment program in Old Town San Diego.

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First Position Accepted Post-Residency (Previous 4 graduating classes)

2017 – 2018
• Clinical Pharmacist in Psychiatry at VA San Diego Healthcare System
• Clinical Pharmacy in Psychiatry - Riverside University Health System (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Infectious Diseases – Desert Oasis Healthcare (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Ambulatory Care (Infectious Diseases/Oncology) – Kaiser Permanente (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Oncology – UCSD Moores Cancer Center (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Hemodialysis – UC San Diego Health (CA)
• Critical Care Pharmacist – Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital (CA)
• Hemodialysis Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist - Kaiser Permanente – San Diego (CA)

2016 – 2017
• Clinical Pharmacist in Pain at VA San Diego Healthcare System
• Clinical Pharmacist in Oncology at VA San Diego Healthcare System
• Clinical Pharmacist in Psychiatry at VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System
• Clinical Pharmacist in Critical Care at Sharp Grossmont Hospital (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Infectious Diseases at San Francisco Chinese Hospital (CA)
• Clinical Analytics Manager at MedImpact Healthcare Systems (CA)
• Faculty Position at University of California, San Francisco (CA)

2015 – 2016
• Clinical Pharmacist in Ambulatory Care at VA Oakland Clinic (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Psychiatry at VA Northern California Health Care System (CA)
• Critical Care Pharmacist at Tri-West Medical Center (CA)
• Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacist at St. Joseph Hospital Orange (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Oncology at UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist at UNC Healthcare (NC)
• Pharmacy Supervisor at Sutter Health (CA)
• Clinical Informatics Pharmacist at YouScript (WA)

2014 - 2015
• Clinical Pharmacist in Pharmacoeconomics at VA San Diego Healthcare System (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Psychiatry at VA San Diego Healthcare System (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Ambulatory Care at VA Pacific Islands Healthcare System (HI)
• PACT Clinical Pharmacist at VA Eastern Colorado Healthcare System (CO)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Psychiatry at Central Texas VA Health Care System (TX)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Surgery / Critical Care at Scripps Mercy Hospital (CA)
• Clinical Pharmacist in Oncology at Tri-West Medical Center (CA)
• Director of Pharmacy at Miami Medical Center (FL)
2018 Residency Showcase Information

CSHP Seminar
- San Diego, CA
- Friday, October 5
- 8:00AM–11:00AM
- Booth #45

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- Anaheim, CA
- Tuesday, December 4
- 1:00PM–4:00PM
- Booth #6461
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