Applications will be accepted through PhORCAS™ (Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service) ONLY. PhORCAS™ application must include: Letter of intent stating career goals, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference (one required by the PGY 1 residency director) and official pharmacy school transcripts. Application deadline is January 5th, 2021.
OVERVIEW
The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) at Baltimore is seeking ONE highly motivated Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program candidate. This 12-month ASHP-accredited PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency is designed to develop proficient ambulatory care practitioners with excellent practice skills and leadership abilities to establish new ambulatory care pharmacy programs. Most residents completing this program have been employed as ambulatory care clinical pharmacy specialists in the Veterans Health Care System or comparable health maintenance organizations, while others have chosen to be educators working in academia.

AMBULATORY CARE PHARMACY TRAINING
The resident will work closely with clinical pharmacy specialists with an advanced scope of practice as well as other practitioners in ambulatory care clinics. The resident is required to participate in the following clinics: Primary Care PACT, Cardiovascular Lipid/Risk Reduction, Endocrine Diabetes, Anticoagulation, Hepatitis C, Women’s Health Clinic, Home-Based Primary Care, and Population Health Management. In addition, residents may rotate through other elective specialty clinics such as: Heart Failure, Cardiology Transitions of Care, Outpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship, Interdisciplinary Renal Transplant, Renal, and Alzheimer’s/ Dementia Clinic, Cardiology Non-Formulary Chart reviews as well as other potential off-site clinic experiences through affiliated institutions.

A major emphasis of the residency is providing direct patient care with the supervision from respective preceptors. Resident responsibilities on rotation include but are not limited to the following: obtaining a pertinent patient history, performing an accurate focused physical exam, assessing pharmaco therapeutic issues and implementing an appropriate pharmacotherapy plan, ordering labs, electronic documentation of progress notes, and providing accurate drug information to patients and other health care providers.

Residents are scheduled into either ½ to 1 day longitudinal learning experiences throughout the week. The schedule allows for additional residency related requirements such as administrative, educational and research activities to be incorporated. Clinic assignments will be reviewed in conjunction with the resident and scheduled quarterly to provide a variety of required and elective clinic experiences. A minimum of one required clinic will be scheduled for the duration of the residency year. The resident will develop advanced leadership skills through active participation in clinical service development opportunities as part of a required longitudinal clinical pharmacy administration rotation.

Univ of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Teaching activities may include didactic lectures, leading small group discussions, assessing students on clinical skills, and serving as a co-preceptor during experiential rotations. A teaching certificate program is available through the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in which the resident may pursue. The resident is required to conduct a research project for presentation at the Eastern States Residency Conference and compose a manuscript of publishable quality.

A Residency Development Plan (RDP) for each resident will be formulated upon entry into the program. Updates and changes will be addressed quarterly by the Residency Program Director. Following the ASHP Accreditation Standard for Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Pharmacy Residencies, this program includes the required ASHP Competency Areas, Goals, and Objectives for PGY2 Ambulatory Care. Resident performance on each learning experience will be documented electronically in PharmAcademic™.

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Journal club and formal pharmacotherapy presentations are conducted regularly in conjunction with other participating Baltimore residency programs. The resident will participate in select teaching activities at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Teaching activities may include didactic lectures, leading small group discussions, assessing students on clinical skills, and serving as a co-preceptor during experiential rotations. A teaching certificate program is available through the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in which the resident may pursue. The resident is required to conduct a research project for presentation at the Eastern States Residency Conference and compose a manuscript of publishable quality.