

G.V. "SONNY" MONTGOMERY VA MEDICAL CENTER

Residency Information Booklet



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Mission of Facility:

To serve the needs of America's Veterans by providing primary care, specialized care, and related medical and social support services.

Mission of Pharmacy:

Within a positive work environment, Pharmacy Service's mission is to ensure optimal, cost-effective drug product selection, optimal dosage regimen design and modification, and accurate, timely, efficient processing of orders and distribution of medications. As an active participant in the health care center, Pharmacy Service employees provide education about medications to Veterans, healthcare providers, students, patients, and families. We achieve this by:

- Managing drug therapy to achieve positive patient outcomes
- Active involvement in interdisciplinary teams
- Continually educating pharmacy employees and allowing the opportunity to teach others
- Actively participating in medication-related research
- Actively participating in community service and professional organization endeavors through which pharmacy staff can make unique contributions to the public's health
- Cooperating and collaborating with our integrated health care system (VISN 16)
- Providing drug information and resources to Veterans and their caregivers
- Supporting the overall goal of the medical center to provide compassionate, appropriate, and timely health care services including health maintenance education, restoring maximum function, and symptom control
- Providing disaster preparedness support for all Veterans when needed



Vision of Pharmacy:

We will distinguish ourselves as the provider of choice and the employer of choice by:

- Unification, empowerment, and recognition of our employees
- Acquisition and full utilization of state-of-the-art technology
- Providing opportunities for continued growth of knowledge in areas of pharmaceutical education
- Efficient and innovative use of the administrative, clinical, distributive, and technical aspects of pharmaceutical care

Sites of care:

G.V. "Sonny Montgomery VA Medical Center

The G.V. "Sonny Montgomery VA Medical Center in Jackson, MS is a 150 bed tertiary care facility, with an additional 86 long term care beds with a Palliative Care Unit, three 150-bed State Veteran's nursing homes, and several ambulatory care clinics that provides care to over 45,000 veterans. This medical center provides primary, secondary, and tertiary medical, neurological and mental health inpatient care. Services include hemodialysis, hematology/oncology, sleep studies, substance abuse treatment, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment, and rehab programs. The Pharmacy Service is involved with both primary care and specialized outpatient services including Hepatitis C treatment, Diabetes care, HIV treatment, and Erythropoietin Stimulating Agent management. Comprehensive health care is available for female veteran patients within the medical center.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) in Jackson is the state's only academic health science center. UMMC encompasses six health science schools, including a college of pharmacy which is headquartered on the Oxford campus. The Medical Center's missions are to improve the lives of Mississippians by educating tomorrow's health-care professionals, by conducting health sciences research, and by providing cutting edge patient care. A major goal of the Medical Center is the elimination of differences in health status of Mississippians based on race, geography, income or social status.

UMMC provides wide-ranging patient care programs through University of Mississippi Health Care. UMMC offers the only level one trauma center, the only level three neonatal intensive care nursery, and the only organ transplant programs in the state, in addition to many other referral services. UMMC has an active, ASHP accredited Pharmacy Residency Program. UMMC residents have the option of selecting rotations available at the VA Medical Center.

University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy

The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy is the state's only pharmacy school. Through its education, research, and service missions, the school aims to improve the health of our state citizens as well as the nation and the world. The School maintains presence on both the main campus in Oxford as well as on the University of Mississippi Medical Center Campus.

CLINICAL PHARMACY SERVICES

Ambulatory Care

Primary Care

Manage medication therapy in anticoagulation and metabolic clinic. Provide drug information and patient consultation for patients with hyperlipidemia, hypertension, and diabetes. Process and verify outpatient prescriptions. Assess appropriateness of medication regimen with regard to fall risk.

Specialty Care Clinics

Provide similar services as Primary Care clinics, but in specialty areas: GI, EPO, Endocrinology, Hepatitis C, and HIV.

Anticoagulation Clinic

Optimize patients' anticoagulation therapy with warfarin. Initiate bridging with low molecular weight heparins while transitioning to warfarin. Patients are carefully monitored and followed using an established anticoagulation protocol, including lab draws and follow-up visits.

Diabetes Clinic

Performs patient interviews, disease assessment, compliance assessment and assists with managing diabetes therapy. Performs basic physical assessment, foot exams, and provides patient education.

Antimicrobial Stewardship

Participate in daily interactions with the Antimicrobial Stewardship Team and medical/surgical services. Monitor antimicrobial therapies with feedback to the appropriate providers. Other duties include quality improvement and assurance projects, educational presentations, and topic discussions.

Community Living Center (Long Term Care)

Conduct medication histories, assess appropriateness of medication regimen with regard to fall risk, participate in team meetings, assure medication reviews are documented in the medical record, provide patient education, and provide in-services to the staff.

Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)

Provide in-home clinical services to frail, chronically ill veterans who require interdisciplinary health care teams, continuity, coordination of care, and the integration of diverse services to cover their complex medical, social, rehabilitative, and behavioral care needs. Assess appropriateness of medication regimen with regard to fall risk, quarterly medication assessments, therapeutic monitoring, and provide medication education.

Internal Medicine

Participate in patient care rounds, perform medication histories, monitor appropriateness of antibiotics, monitor anticoagulation, and provide drug therapy recommendations to medical team. Other duties include medication order entry, medication reconciliation, and providing patient education to patients and in-services to the staff.

Medical Intensive Care

Develop pharmacotherapeutic skills in the identification and resolution of drug therapy problems in the critically ill patient populations. Participate in daily patient care rounds, perform medication histories, monitor appropriateness of antibiotics, and provide drug therapy recommendations to medical team. Other duties include medication reconciliation, providing patient education to patients and in-services to the staff, discussions on topics related to critical care, and journal club presentations.

Mental Health

Provide direct patient care in the area of medication management for patients with mental health disorders. Participate in interdisciplinary team rounds on the inpatient psych ward and teach group classes for the residential treatment programs. Other duties include participating in interdisciplinary team plan development, direct patient assessments, drug therapy regimen design and monitoring, evaluating medication outcomes, managing drug interactions, counseling, and promoting adherence.

RESIDENCY POSITIONS

The G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery VA Medical Center offers an ASHP Accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program with 3 available positions. The majority of the experiences, if not all, will be gained at the VA Campus in Jackson, MS. Affiliation agreements allow the resident to choose elective rotations at Baptist Medical Center, The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), and The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy. Residents must be licensed in the state of Mississippi in order to do elective rotations outside of the VA. Pharmacy Resident Journal Club and Therapeutics Meetings are held twice monthly and are shared with the UMMC and St. Dominic pharmacy residents, allowing for increased interaction and discussion with other peers and colleagues intended to enhance the resident's learning experience.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

All applicants must be a U.S. citizen, must be a graduate of an accredited school of pharmacy with a Pharm.D. or other advanced degree, and must hold a pharmacy license or be eligible for licensure. Eligible applicants must submit:

- A letter of intent
- Current curriculum vitae
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Pharmacy school transcripts
- Must participate in the Resident Matching Program to be considered during the Resident Matching period.

Deadline for application: **January 8, 2016**

RESIDENCY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency

Objective:

The purpose of the program is to develop well-rounded, independent, competent clinical pharmacists who are prepared to practice in a pharmacist managed ambulatory care clinic or function as a clinical pharmacist on a multidisciplinary acute care medicine team. The resident will be prepared to precept students and, in the future, function as a residency preceptor. The resident will also be prepared to pursue a PGY2 residency.

Experience:

Mandatory Rotations

- Orientation (1 month – July)
- Internal Medicine (2 months)
- Ambulatory Care (2 months)
- Mental Health (1 month)
- Long Term Care (1 month)
- Home Based Primary Care (1 month)
- Research (1 month – December)

Elective Experiences: (Choose 3 electives, 1 month each)

- Pharmacy Administration
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Inpatient Anticoagulation
- Kinetics
- Critical Care
- Advanced Internal Medicine
- Advanced Ambulatory Care
- Advanced Mental Health
- Available off-Site Experiences: Nutrition, Pediatrics, Academia, CHF, Infectious Disease, Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Cardiac Care, Transplant

Longitudinal Experiences:

- Residency Project
- Group Classes
- Practice Management
- Co-preceptor for student pharmacists

Additional Requirements/Experiences

- Residency Project
- Manuscript acceptable for publication
- Patient Case and Topic Presentations
- Drug Monograph or Medication Use Evaluation
- Pharmacy Newsletters
- Journal Club and Therapeutic Pearls



Mandatory Staffing

To meet all ASHP Goals and Objectives, a staffing component is essential. To ensure that this component does not detract from the clinical training aspects, staffing requirements will be the minimum necessary to achieve the goals while providing a sufficient experience. A component of staffing experience may also be gained while on the various clinical rotations as clinical staff participates in this, although not to a large degree. Residents will be required to staff one weekend per month in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. Generally, our facility will be authorized to hire residents as intermittent pharmacists. As an intermittent pharmacist, you will be paid pharmacist's salary for working your mandatory weekend, and you may work additional hours for pay as long as you remain within ACGME standards. Our goal is that the pay you receive for staffing will cover the expense for professional meetings that you attend with minimal impact on your residency stipend.

Overall Responsibilities:

The resident will use the inpatient and ambulatory environments to develop competencies in clinical pharmacy practice. Residents participate in ward rounds, attending rounds, case conferences, and educational meetings. Opportunities for involvement in activities of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee are provided. Residents will complete a residency project and will be expected to contribute to pharmacotherapy literature by submitting manuscripts for publication (case reports, review articles, project, etc).

RESIDENCY CERTIFICATION

Pharmacists who have completed the residency program shall be awarded an appropriate certificate. The G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery VA Medical Center is committed to providing quality training programs to our residents.

The following requirements must be met to receive Residency Certificate:

- Meet all of ASHP PGY1 Residency Requirements including achieving the required goals and objectives. A resident may be permitted to graduate with up to 20% objectives in a status of making progress as long as they are not major issues and in the judgment of the preceptors and residency program director continued progress to the level expected of the objectives can occur as the resident continues to gain experience.
- Satisfactory completion of all rotations. If a rotation is not satisfactorily completed, appropriate remedial work must be completed as determined by the preceptors and program director. Resident must attend at least 75% of scheduled rotation days, or be able to make up those days excessively missed. This requires prior approval of preceptor and residency director.
- Completion of a residency project with a manuscript that is ready to mail with all the required forms for publication. The residency project will be presented formally.
- Completion of all assignments, presentations and projects as defined by the preceptors and residency program director.
- Complete an MUE.
- Present a minimum of 4 quarterly presentations and 2 Journal Clubs
- Compliance with all institutional and departmental policies.

2015/2016 SALARY AND BENEFITS

Annual Stipend:

PGY1= \$41,098

Annual Leave:

- 13 paid accrued annual days per year
- 13 paid accrued sick days per year
- 10 paid holidays
- Paid administrative leave to attend approved educational meetings

Other Fringe Benefits:

- Enrollment in government health insurance plan
- Free parking
- Pager
- Lab coats
- Free copying and printing
- Office work space with telephone
- Personal computer support
- Opportunity for appointment to intermittent pharmacist staff at pharmacist pay rate may be available. Please contact program director for more information.



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