Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2)-
Drug Information Residency
2013-2014

The University of Virginia Health System offers a one year, ASHP-accredited, PGY2 residency in drug information. The residency will provide intensive training in all aspects of drug information including literature retrieval and evaluation, drug use policy, formulary management/Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee support, policy/procedure development, regulatory/accreditation, newsletter publication, medication use evaluation (MUE), drug information service management, medication safety, investigational drug services (IDS) and administration. The resident will be involved in the experiential education of pharmacy practice residents and Doctor of Pharmacy students. Elective rotations will be tailored to the interests of the resident and may include pharmaceutical industry, medical writing, and various clinical specialties.

The University of Virginia Health System consists of the Medical Center and approximately 50 acquired practice sites. The Medical Center is a 600-bed facility serving a primarily rural population in Central Virginia. The Medical Center features an electronic medical record, computerized physician order entry, barcode medication administration, extensive ambulatory care services, a level one trauma center, stem cell and organ transplant programs, regional burn and spinal cord injury centers, and other innovative health services. The Department of Pharmacy Services provides decentralized dispensing and clinical services and employs clinical pharmacy coordinators and clinical pharmacists. The Department has extensive automation and technology as well as a state-of-the-art IV clean room. The Department operates pharmacist-run outpatient clinics and an outpatient dispensing pharmacy. In addition, the Department has six ASHP-accredited residency programs, and serves as a training site for the experiential education of pharmacy students from Virginia Schools of Pharmacy.

The Drug Information/Medication Use Policy Center is located within the Department of Pharmacy Services and provides comprehensive medication management services to the entire Health System Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Drug Information specialists are members of the Medication Use Policy (MUP) team. This team is comprised of the Director of Medication Use Policy and Supply Chain, two Drug Information Specialists, two IDS Pharmacists and three IDS technicians, a pharmacy buyer, and three pharmacy storeroom technicians, and a PGY2-Drug Information resident. The MUP team is responsible for Formulary management, drug use policy development, coordination of the MUE program, pharmacy supply chain, and regulatory and accreditation throughout the institution. The Center serves as a rotation site for the Department’s PGY1-Pharmacy residency program and the Doctor of Pharmacy programs from Virginia Schools of Pharmacy.

Candidates should possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and have completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1-pharmacy residency.

Interested candidates should apply via PhORCAs and submit two samples of technical writing by January 4, 2013 to:

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For more information and application materials, visit the following website:
http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/pharmacy-services/Residency_Info/home.cfm
University of Virginia Drug Information Residency Director

Michelle W. McCarthy, Pharm.D., FASHP

Dr. McCarthy is the Director of Medication Management Use and Policy for the University of Virginia Department of Pharmacy Services. In this role, she is responsible for the health system formulary, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, medication safety, medication use policy, and accreditation and regulatory requirements for the Department. She is the founder and director of the drug information residency. She also serves as the program director for the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program. Dr. McCarthy, a graduate of Mercer University, completed an ASHP-accredited Drug Information Practice Residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Awards include the 1997 Teacher of the Year at Samford University School of Pharmacy, 2003 Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (VSHP) Pharmacist of the Year, and 2008 Louis P. Jeffrey Preceptor of the Year. She has served as President, Education Committee Chair, and Continuing Education Administrator for VSHP. Additionally, she is the 2012 Chair for the ASHP Commission on Credentialing. Other professional interests include medical writing and publishing and immunizations.

University of Virginia Drug Information Residents

1998-1999
Ruchi Rastogi, Pharm.D.
Manager, Medical Information, Ortho Biotech Clinical Affairs, Bridgewater, NJ

Training: University of the Sciences of Philadelphia (Pharm.D.)

Residency project: Implementation of a drug information (DI) staff development program

1999-2000
Kevin J. Chapple, Pharm.D., BCPS
Clinical Pharmacist, Department of Pharmacy, Shore Health System, Easton, MD

Training: University of Maryland (Pharm.D.)

Residency project: Construction of a DI website

2000-2001
Denise Kockler Lowe, Pharm.D., BCPS
Director of Drug Information, VCU-MCV Hospitals, Richmond, VA

Training: University of Pittsburgh (B.S.), Creighton University (Pharm.D.)

Residency project: Assessment of efficacy and safety of mirtazapine in pediatric patients

2001-2002
Kristi N. Hofer, Pharm.D.
Director, Scientific Projects, Office of Resources Development, ASHP Advantage, Bethesda, MD

Training: South Dakota State University (B.S.), Pharm.D., Pharmacy Practice Residency (UVa Health System, Charlottesville, VA)

Residency project: Pilot pharmacy medication error program

2002-2003
Ashley Schields, Pharm.D.
Clinical Pharmacist, Peoples Health, Metairie, LA

Training: Xavier University of Louisiana (Pharm.D.), Pharmacy Practice Residency (UVa Health System, Charlottesville, VA)

Residency project: A pilot application of PYXIS 2000 technology for the enhancement of adverse drug reaction identification as a result of tracer drug use

2003-2004
Lorrie LeClair, Pharm.D.
Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacist, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, MD

Training: University of Pittsburgh (Pharm.D.)

Residency project: Educating health care practitioners to minimize the use of unsafe abbreviations

2004-2005
Julie M. Whitehurst, Pharm.D., MPH
Pharmacotherapy Specialist, Elsevier/Gold Standard, Apex, NC

Training: University of North Carolina (Pharm.D.), Pharmacy Practice Residency (SHANDS at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL), University of Virginia (MPH)

Residency project: Assessment of pharmacist competency following biological and chemical terrorism education

2006-2007
Todd A. Reeder, Pharm.D., CPT
Assistant Chief of Pharmacy/Chief of Clinical Services at Evans Army Community Hospital, FT. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO.

Training: Midwestern University-Glendale, AZ (Pharm.D.), Pharmacy Practice Residency (UVa Health System, Charlottesville, VA)

Residency project: Development and implementation of an on-line Formulary

2008-2009
Susan B. Cogut, Pharm.D.
Drug Information Specialist, UVa

Training: Virginia Commonwealth University (Pharm.D.), PGY1-Pharmacy Residency (UVa Health System, Charlottesville, VA)

Residency project: Assessment of literature evaluation skills of pharmacy residents

2010-2011
David M. Crowther, Pharm.D., BCPS
Drug Information Specialist, MD Anderson

Training: University of Southern Nevada (Pharm.D.), PGY1-Pharmacy Residency (UVa Health System, Charlottesville, VA)

Residency project: Assessment of compliance with black box warnings

2011-2012
Geralyn Waters, Pharm.D., BCPS
Drug Information Specialist, UVa

Training: Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Pharm.D.), PGY1-Pharmacy Residency (VCU Health System, Richmond, VA)

Residency project: Evaluation of pharmacy resource utilization to mitigate drug shortages at an academic medical center