

POST-PHARM.D. PRIMARY CARE - AMBULATORY CARE SPECIALTY RESIDENCY

The Primary Care – Ambulatory Care program is based at the Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. The LSVAMC is one of the largest VA facilities in the country. It is comprised of both inpatient and outpatient facilities. The outpatient facilities provide primary, specialty, and tertiary care to over 50,000 adult patients throughout northeast Ohio.

The primary site for the Primary Care – Ambulatory Care program is the Wade Park Unit. The program offers a broad-based training curriculum designed to develop autonomous clinical practitioners in general medicine and a variety of specialty areas. The program emphasizes clinical practice, drug information, teaching and research.

EXPERIENCES AVAILABLE:

GENERAL MEDICINE CLINIC	INFECTIOUS DISEASE CLINIC
ANTICOAGULATION CLINIC	PULMONARY CLINIC
BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE CLINIC	RENAL CLINIC
CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	RHEUMATOLOGY CLINIC
ENDOCRINE CLINIC	PSYCHIATRY CLINIC
FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC	RESEARCH
GERIATRICS CLINIC	TEACHING / PRECEPTING STUDENTS
HEMATOLOGY / ONCOLOGY CLINIC	DRUG INFORMATION

The resident will function as a member of the multidisciplinary primary care team during diverse patient care experiences. The team consists of internal medicine staff physicians, internal medicine medical residents, clinical pharmacists, psychologists, social workers, nurse practitioners, nurse case managers, an LPN, and clerical administrative support.

The residency director and preceptors are always available to the resident for consultation and guidance throughout all experiences. Our goal is to promote individual growth, professional development, self-reliance, and responsibility. The resident is encouraged to take an active role in the

activities provided and the pharmacy department. We want you to succeed in your educational experience and are committed to helping you provide the highest quality of patient care in a rich educational environment.

In the **GENERAL MEDICINE CLINICS**, the resident will provide direct patient care and assist other health care providers with therapeutic interventions, drug information and education. Exposure to numerous disease states, with particular focus on Congestive Heart Failure, Coronary Heart Disease, Diabetes, Hypertension, and Hyperlipidemia foster development of a solid, well-rounded knowledge base. A computerized patient record system (CPRS) is employed to process outpatient progress notes, obtain discharge summaries, medications, laboratory results, consults, and orders. The resident participates in this setting 3-4 afternoons per week for the year. This longitudinal experience helps the resident develop an autonomous role as a practitioner and achieve continuity in patient care.

The **PHARMACIST-MANAGED ANTICOAGULATION CLINIC** provides the resident with a longitudinal experience in which management of thromboembolic diseases and hands-on warfarin and low-molecular weight heparin dosing is offered.

SPECIALTY CLINICS provide a variety of patient care experiences and challenge the resident to develop knowledge and understanding of disease state management in a specialized area. Each specialty clinic offers unique experiences and novel approaches to problem solving. The resident will be exposed to 2-3 specialty clinics during 3-4 month rotations throughout the residency year.

DRUG INFORMATION is offered as a longitudinal experience throughout the residency year. The resident is required to complete a research project with results that are of publishable quality. Other areas of drug information will include completion of a Medication Use Evaluation (MUE) and Quality Assurance (QA) project. Residents will provide education and **TEACHING** through inservice education programs to the pharmacy, nursing and medical staffs during the residency year. The resident will have the opportunity to **PRECEPT** at least 2 pharmacy students from colleges of pharmacy in the

region as well as interact with medical students from Case Western Reserve Medical School.

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