Department of Pharmacy Services

Post Graduate Year 2 (PGY-2) Advanced Residency in Transitions of Care 2017-2018

The Advanced Residency in Transitions of Care at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC) is designed to provide the resident with experience in managing patients throughout the various components of transitions of care. This evolving area of practice enables pharmacists to become directly involved in patient care, reduce costly readmissions, and improve patient outcomes. At CSMC, we are engaged in a growing number of transitions of care initiatives including collaboration with hospitalist physicians, managing CHF patients, post-discharge follow up on high risk patients including those discharged to skilled nursing facilities, medication reconciliation in the emergency room, during hospitalization and in the pre-operative setting. We are also actively engaged in research to demonstrate the value of pharmacists and technicians in this essential aspect of patient care.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is an 886-bed acute, level 1 tertiary care teaching hospital located in the heart of Los Angeles, just a block away from Beverly Hills. The Pharmacy Department has over 300 staff members who provide comprehensive inpatient pharmacy services as well as outpatient services via 3 cancer centers and 4 outpatient pharmacies pharmacy services. The Department has an accredited pharmacy practice residency program and is affiliated with schools of pharmacy in California. Populations served include:

- Medicine
- Surgery
- Critical Care
- Pediatrics
- Oncology

- OB/Gyn
- Transplantation
- Cardiology
- Neurosurgery and Neurology

- Endocrinology
- Operating Room
- Orthopedics
- Emergency Medicine

Experiential Areas
The length of the residency program is one year from the start date. Experiences and areas of focus include:

- Participation in and coordination of interdisciplinary transitions of care initiatives across the organization
- Emergency Department medication reconciliation
- Collaboration with hospitalist programs
- General Internal Medicine transitions of care
- Participation in research and outcomes initiatives

- Oncology transitions of care
- Precepting PGY1 residents and students
- Training and supervision of medication reconciliation technicians
- Pharmacy leadership and management
- Participation in Medical Staff Committees and Interdisciplinary Committees

The structure of the program will include rotations as well as longitudinal experiences. The Medication Safety /Transitions of Care Supervisor serves as the primary preceptor of the program, under the guidance of the Chief Pharmacy Officer. The resident will assume staffing and clinical responsibilities approximately four days a month.

Residency Project
The resident is required to complete a major project before the end of his or her residency. The project should be suitable for publication and will be presented to the Department of Pharmacy Services and at a professional meeting.

Requirements
The applicant must be a graduate of an accredited School of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Candidates should have completed a PGY1 residency or have a minimum of 2 years of hospital experience. Candidates must be eligible for licensure in California and resident is expected to be licensed by September of the residency year.

Benefits
The salary for the resident is $55,000. Benefits include 26 days of VHT, 10 of which are used for educational leave, as well as medical and dental insurance.

Application
Motivated individuals with initiative, leadership skills and a commitment to excellence are encouraged to apply. Additionally, successful applicants should possess superior verbal and written communication skills. Interested applicants should provide a curriculum vitae, two letters of reference, transcripts, and a letter of intent.

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