

Salt Lake VA Medical Center

Psychiatric Pharmacy PGY2 Residency

Summary of Rotations and Requirements

Inpatient psychiatric unit – Residents will be involved in the interprofessional team management of patients on an inpatient unit. Patients admitted to the unit are detoxifying from substances or have unstable moods or psychosis. The pharmacist is involved in rounding daily and medication reconciliation on admission and discharge.

Substance use disorders– Residents will participate in the management of patients in an outpatient acute detoxification and medication assisted treatment of patients with substance use disorders. Patients are seen with pharmacists and addiction psychiatrists. The program includes interprofessional management of patients with substance use disorders. The resident will also rotate through the Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (SARRTP).

Outpatient Mental Health Intensive Case Management—Residents will assist the outpatient Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM) interprofessional team and clozapine management team. There will be opportunities for direct patient care in conjunction with the interdisciplinary team.

Mental health consult and liaison team – Residents will participate in a consult and liaison interprofessional service for the main VA hospital. Residents will participate with the team to develop recommendations for patients with acute medical conditions.

Primary care behavioral health – Residents will be integrated into the interprofessional behavioral health care team as part of the Patient Aligned Care Teams (PACT) model. Residents will be involve in direct patient care and be available for consultation related to medication issues.

Drug information and drug policy—Drug information will be primarily based on issues in the patients served by the providers on the team. Residents will participate in medication use evaluation, develop criteria for use, review non-formulary requests and develop education materials related to psychiatric medications. Residents will participate in Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meetings on the local and VISN level.

Teaching/Mentoring/Precepting – The resident will be involved in educating patients, providers and trainees regarding psychoactive medications using various methods, including direct instruction and written materials. The resident will also have the opportunity to teach and precept students from the University of Utah College of Pharmacy. Residents will also be expected to mentor and precept the PGY1 residents. The resident will also present a continuing education topic to pharmacists and other providers related to mental health.

Elective time—allows the resident to spend a larger amount of time in the areas of his or her greatest interest and need. If the resident desires a particular emphasis, the large amount of elective time will allow concentration in that area. Elective experiences can be additional time in any of the experiences above or other experiences based on the residents needs and interests. Elective time may be scheduled for the major project and for small projects as needed.

Outpatient orientation—The orientation period will include outpatient prescription processing, computer system, and medication counseling. The resident will also be oriented to the residency learning system and learning experience descriptions and residency expectation.

Practice Management—The resident will be exposed in various management aspects of mental health pharmacy and general pharmacy. In addition, the resident will have continual opportunity to improve their skills related to psychiatric pharmacotherapy.

Service commitment – The resident is expected to commit 16-32 hours monthly to the facility. The service commitment may require staffing the inpatient unit after regular business hours or on weekends. The service commitment may also require staffing the Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Unit. The service commitment is subject to change based on facility need.

Project—The resident will be expected to design and implement a major research project of benefit to the institution. The resident will have input into the selection of the project and is invited to make suggestions for potential projects. Elective time may be scheduled to allow the resident adequate time for a substantial project without compromising other rotations. The resident will be expected to present this topic at the Western States Residency Conference. The resident will also be expected to develop and present a poster at a meeting. The resident will complete a publishable manuscript related to their research project.

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