

University Health Care Hospitals & Clinics

PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration Residency

Drug Policy (elective)

Rotation Preceptors: Erin Fox, PharmD

Site Description:

The Drug Information Service (DIS) at University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics is a comprehensive hospital-based drug information service also affiliated with the College of Pharmacy. The DIS responds to approximately 200 requests per month and supports the P&T Committee by managing the formulary, preparing drug monographs, and coordinating adverse drug reaction reporting and medication use evaluation. The DIS provides very diverse services. The DIS also provides contract services on a national basis to organizations such as group purchasing organizations, and pharmacy benefits management programs. Contract activities include providing information on drug shortages, developing evidence based monographs, and P&T support. The DIS staff serve as editors for Facts & Comparison's Chemotherapy Manual and for ASHP's website on shortages. The DIS is a training site for pharmacy students and residents.

Rotation Description:

The resident will identify potential cost reduction ideas while responding to drug information requests, attending staff meetings, P&T Committee meetings, or P&T subcommittee meetings. The resident will develop and prepare a cost reduction strategy for implementation. The resident will also have the opportunity to be involved with drug shortage management and any ongoing supply contracting activities. These activities require that residents develop their communication and literature evaluation skills as well as become proficient in the use of printed and online references.

RLS Goals

R4.5 Develop and implement cost reduction strategies.

Obj R4.5.1: Explain societal forces that influence rising costs for medications and the provision of pharmacy services.

Obj R4.5.2: Participate in a cost reduction project.

Activities Evaluated:

Rotation Activity	RLS Goal	Teaching Methods
Identify cost reduction ideas while responding to drug information requests.	R4.5	Customized based on resident's baseline drug information skills. I,M,C,F
Utilize usage and cost data to evaluate the potential cost savings of a specific strategy	R4.5	Customized based on resident's knowledge of available databases. I,M,C,F
Identify potential stakeholders for a specific cost reduction strategy and develop a plan for consensus building	R4.5	M,C,F
Write a proposal for a cost reduction strategy suitable for the P&T Committee	R4.5	C, F
Evaluate the potential cost impact of a specific drug shortage	R4.5	M,C,F

Teaching methods : I = Direct Instruction, M= Modeling, C= Coaching, F= Facilitation

Readings and Preparatory Work:

Be familiar with the Drug Information Resource Center - <http://healthcare.utah.edu/pharmacy/druginfo/>

Be familiar with contents on the P&T Home Page
<http://intranet.uuhsc.utah.edu/pharmacy/pandt/>

Project Description:

- Use reports from the wholesaler system and other systems as needed to obtain usage and cost data.
- Work with multiple staff and pharmacy managers to build consensus for a cost-reduction strategy
- Write a summary of the cost reduction strategy and if possible, present to the P&T Committee.

Typical Daily/Weekly/Monthly Activities:

8:00 – 4:30, Monday through Friday (1 – 3 half-days per week spent in the call center responding to requests)

Monday morning staff meeting (8:30 am)

DI Rounds 10:30 am Fridays

Attend P&T Committee meeting (3rd Wednesday of the month, 12 – 1)

Attend quarterly ADR subcommittee meetings (to be determined)

Attend monthly Medication Safety subcommittee meetings (4th Tuesday of each month – 10:30 to 12:00)

Attend MSR meetings and other appointments as needed dealing with potential contracting issues.

Evaluation Process: The preceptor will conduct a midpoint evaluation. At the end of the rotation, the resident will conduct a self-evaluation. The preceptor will conduct an end of rotation evaluation with the resident. The resident will complete the preceptor and learning experience evaluations.