

Rotation Name: Drug Information Administration

Rotation Preceptors: Erin R. Fox, PharmD

Site Description:

The Drug Information Service (DIS) at University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics.

Rotation Description: The resident will understand the aspects of managing a drug information service including purchasing resources, budgeting, preparing staffing plans, planning for space, contracted services, identifying costs-savings initiatives, and drug budget forecasting. The resident will be included in all meetings the Manager of the Drug Information Service attends, with particular attention to any budget-related meetings (including annual budget defense), contracting discussions, or discussions with vendors of evidence-based subscriptions.

RLS Goals

R5.1 Provide drug cost forecasting.

E1.3 Collaborate with others in the organization to assure the availability of appropriate evidence-based medication information for the organization's health care providers.

E2.1 Contribute to the management of a drug information center/service.

E2.2 Formulate the budget for a drug information center/service. (

Activities Evaluated:

Rotation Activity	RLS Goal	Teaching Methods
Understand how books, periodicals, and subscriptions are purchased for the Drug Information Service	E2.1	Modeling
Understand how evidence-based subscriptions are purchased for the health-system	E1.3	Modeling
Assist in identifying cost-savings ideas and in drug budget forecasting	R5.1	Modeling Coaching Facilitation
Understand the process of contracting for the services of a drug information service	E2.1	Modeling
Make a staffing plan for an identified workload	E2.1	Modeling Coaching Facilitation
Formulate the budget for the drug information service	E2.2	Modeling Coaching
Attend meetings with the Manager of the Drug Information Service	E2.1	Modeling

Readings and Preparatory Work:

Vermeulen LC, Hoffman JM, Shah ND. Forecasting Pharmaceutical Expenditures. In: Wilson AL ed. Financial Management for Health-System Pharmacists. American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Bethesda, MD; 2009:63 – 76.

Annual AJHP article on drug forecasting.

Most Recent Novation webinar on drug forecasting

Typical Daily/Weekly/Monthly Activities:

8:00 – 4:30, Monday through Friday

Monday morning staff meeting (8:30 am)

DI Rounds 10:30 am Fridays

Meetings – to be determined

Evaluations: Evaluations will be documented in Resitrak™. At the midpoint of this rotation, the preceptor will evaluate the resident. At the end of each rotation, the resident will self-evaluate, the preceptor will evaluate the resident, and the resident will evaluate both the preceptor and the learning experience.

