

Longitudinal (12-week) Ambulatory Patient Care

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience

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PRACTICE DESCRIPTION

Primary Care IPA is an Independent Provider Association comprised of 18 adult medicine practices and 6 pediatric practices whose mission is to improve patient care while decreasing healthcare costs and improve work-life balance. The pharmacy department provides support for population health quality metrics, miscellaneous drug information questions, and medication therapy management.

Each day is spent at a different office:

- Monday: Amherst Medical Associates (6000 N Bailey Ave Amherst, NY 14226)
- Tuesday: Highgate Medical Group (1150 Youngs Rd Williamsville, NY 14221)
- Wednesday: Limestone Primary Care (18 Limestone Dr Suite #5 Williamsville, NY 14221)
- Thursday: Kenmore Family Medicine (2914 Elmwood Ave Kenmore, NY 14217)
- Friday: Highgate Medical Group (3950 E. Robinson Rd W. Amherst, NY 14228)

Students may have the ability to work remotely on select days to diversify their experience

EXPERIENTIAL ROTATION DESCRIPTION

This 12-week longitudinal rotation consists of two the following:

- PHM 843: Ambulatory Care (6 weeks)
- AND
- PHM 847: Elective 1 Direct Patient Care – Ambulatory Care PCMH (6 weeks)
- or
- PHM 848: Elective 2 Direct or Non-Direct Patient Care – Ambulatory Care PCMH (6 weeks)

Both rotations will be run simultaneously over the 12-week rotation, however, will be graded individually

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Computer with webcam (for video interview)
- Recommended: advanced experience in community pharmacy and/or managed care

PHM 843: Ambulatory Patient Care

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OVERVIEW

Students will be provided the ability to interact in direct patient care activities and consult directly with providers to impact medication related concerns.

GOALS

1. Provide an environment for students to learn about the management of chronic disease states like diabetes, hyperlipidemia and hypertension that are frequently encountered in an ambulatory care setting
2. Develop clinical and pharmaceutical care skills needed to manage and monitor patients and to make appropriate recommendations or changes to drug therapy
3. Develop drug information skills in an ambulatory care environment

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this experience, the student should be able to:

1. List signs/symptoms of, explain diagnostic and monitory parameters for, and develop an appropriate treatment regimen for the following disease states/medical conditions (*this list is not all inclusive*)
 - Hypertension
 - Diabetes
 - Hyperlipidemia
 - CAD/MI/Stroke
 - COPD
2. Evaluate, develop, implement, and monitor therapeutic outcomes associated with a treatment plan for patients
 - a. Understand how and why to individualized treatment goals
 - b. Understand how to interpret laboratory and patient data
 - c. Conduct Medication Therapy Management
 - d. Develop a drug management plan for patients
3. Identify and use drug information resources to facilitate providing timely information to other healthcare professionals and patients
 - a. Know the available sources for clinical useful drug information
 - b. Apply the drug information to obtain positive outcomes for patients/healthcare staff
 - c. Use communication skills to appropriately tease out the exact drug information question



PHM 847: ELECTIVE 1 – Direct Patient Care
PHM 848: ELECTIVE 2 – Direct or Non-Direct Patient Care
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OVERVIEW

Students will be responsible for at least one population health/value-based medication initiatives and be exposed to drug-information requests

GOALS

1. Provide an environment for students to understand the importance of population health and develop workflows to improve outcomes related to diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and CAD
2. Improve drug information skills in a practical fast-paced environment
3. Contribute to initiatives related to medication cost savings

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this experience, the student should be able to:

1. Utilize available resources to assist patients in obtaining medications
 - a. Understand the different types of insurance and how their different structures/formularies dictate medication costs
 - b. Utilize and coordinate patient assistance programs to decrease patient medication costs
 - c. Facilitate dose conversions for medications that are more cost effective
2. Design and/or improve population health protocols to improve overall patient care
 - a. Medication adherence
 - b. Statin use in patients with diabetes and/or CVD
3. Provide succinct recommendations to answer drug information inquiries
4. Evaluate and critique medical literature and present in a journal club setting
5. Present a formal patient case using primary literature