

Pharmacy Resident Staffing Responsibilities and Opportunities

Pharmacy Residents are required to staff in inpatient, outpatient, and clinical pharmacy services settings.

Inpatient pharmacy staffing obligations consist of one four hour shift (1630 – 2030) on a rotational basis. The resident will participate in inpatient order entry, order clarification, provision of medication information to providers as needed, antimicrobial stewardship activities, patient education, medication reconciliation, or restricted medication use evaluation and approval and medication preparation/dispensing. The resident reports to the pharmacy shift coordinator and completes tasks within the department as assigned. Overall staffing assignments are per the Pharmacy Operations Manager or Associate Chief, Clinical Pharmacy Services.

Outpatient and clinical pharmacy staffing obligations consist of weekend coverage for the medical center. Pharmacy Residents (PGY-1 and PGY-2) will rotate clinical and outpatient staffing. Generally, Pharmacy Residents will be required to cover one of every three weekends alternating responsibilities in the outpatient pharmacy and providing acute care clinical services for the medical center. Outpatient pharmacy staffing consists of an eight and one-half hour shift on Saturday and Sunday (0800 – 1630 Saturday; 0900 – 1830 on Sunday). The outpatient pharmacy is closed on Sundays; the pharmacy resident will assist with other pharmacy processes on Sunday. These activities may include processing and dispensing of medications for discharged patients, for emergency room visits/providers, preparation of materials for AETC, processing of pending pharmacy orders, assistance of inpatient pharmacist as needed, and other departmental activities as assigned by pharmacy management. Acute care clinical coverage consists of two shifts per weekend, covering Saturday and Sunday (0730 – 1600).

Pharmacy Residents will be required to provide acute care clinical pharmacy services on one federal holiday (shift 0730 – 1600) during the residency year.

Assignments of staffing responsibilities, including scheduling, are coordinated through the office of the Pharmacy Operations Manager with the assistance of the PGY-2 Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease Residents. If scheduling conflicts arise, it is the responsibility of the Pharmacy Resident scheduled for that evening/weekend to coordinate appropriate coverage for their shift. The PGY-2 Internal Medicine and/or Infectious Disease Resident should be informed of the need for a change, and the resulting arranged coverage. The PGY-2 Pharmacy Residents will follow-up with the residents involved to confirm the changes and coverage for the evenings/weekends in question and notify pharmacy personnel as needed.

