



PHILADELPHIA VA MEDICAL CENTER



Welcome to the Philadelphia VA Medical Center (PVAMC), a 395 bed (acute + nursing home) tertiary care facility providing comprehensive healthcare. Along with our community based outpatient clinics (CBOC), we deliver care to over 55,000 outpatients and over 6500 inpatients each year. Over 2100 employees serve with excellence to exceed the expectations of our patients and veterans.

The focus of the organization is on the provision of a comprehensive patient care program. The Medical Center provides clinical and administrative support to inpatient, ambulatory and continuing care programs. Services are provided at the Medical Center, and three community clinics located in Willow Grove, PA, Gloucester, NJ, and Fort Dix, NJ.

The Philadelphia VA Medical Center delivers high quality healthcare to veterans in such areas as ambulatory care and urgent care centers; medical services in cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, hematology/oncology, infectious disease, nephrology, pulmonary, rheumatology, and dermatology; psychology services in behavioral medicine and pain management, opioid drug dependence, and mental health.

The Medical Center is affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and is accredited by The Joint Commission (JC)

PHARMACY SERVICE

The Outpatient Pharmacy dispenses approximately 2,163,500 prescriptions annually. The Inpatient Pharmacy provides approximately 1,725,000 doses of medication to patients each year. The PVAMC pharmacy provides these drug dispensing services via a dedicated staff of 74 FTE pharmacists and technicians. The department operates with an annual drug budget of approximately \$42 M dollars.

Teaching

The Philadelphia VA Medical Center is fully committed to pharmacy education and training, maintaining active academic relationships with two Schools of Pharmacy. Clinical clerkships are provided to approximately 36 students annually from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Temple University, School of Pharmacy. Four residency positions in Pharmacy Practice are currently offered at PVAMC. Nearly all pharmacists participate in the education of pharmacy technicians, pharmacy students, and pharmacy residents.

Research

The Pharmacy Service promotes and actively participates in a comprehensive investigational drug control system, which ensures proper administration of investigational agents to patients and reliability of data obtained. This section works closely with on going VA and National Institute of Health research projects. Research by pharmacists in conjunction with other hospital clinical research personnel is ongoing and encouraged. The residents participate in clinical research on a yearly basis as part of their residency training.

Organizational Structure

Pharmacy services are available throughout the Medical Center in both inpatient and outpatient settings. The Ambulatory Care Outpatient Pharmacy is located on the first floor of the Medical Center, and is the largest centralized pharmacy service in the Medical Center. Pharmacy Services are also provided at the Outpatient Clinics, both in the clinical areas and in the centralized Ambulatory Care Pharmacy (located on the first floor).

The Inpatient Pharmacy is located on the second floor of the Medical Center, Building 1. Decentralized pharmacists are located on 5th floor (OR and SICU), 6th floor (Medicine), 7th floor (Psychiatry) and 8th floor (MICU and Oncology). Pharmacy maintains two IV preparation rooms, located in the inpatient pharmacy on the 2nd floor and 8th floor (Oncology).

The pharmacy administrative staff and resident offices are located on the first floor of the Medical Center.

Scope of Services

Inpatient

- Central Inpatient Pharmacy 24/7
- Medical ICU
- Surgical ICU
- General Medicine
- Surgery
- Operating Room
- Short Procedure Unit
- Community Living Center (formerly the nursing home care unit)

Ambulatory Care

- Outpatient Pharmacy
- Research Pharmacy

Primary Care Clinics- involves prescribing and monitoring clinical privileges

- Coumadin / Anticoagulation Clinic
- Mental Health
- Disease State Management
- Primary Care Modules
- Pain Clinic
- Hepatitis C/HIV Clinic
- Psychiatry Clinic

RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The Pharmacy Residency Program at PVAMC was established in 2006. The program is accredited by ASHP and participates in the National Matching Service. There are currently four PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Positions available for the 2010-2011 residency year.

The Pharmacy Resident participates in a one year post-graduate residency training program that offers rotational experiences in inpatient, ambulatory care, and administrative pharmacy practice environments.

The Pharmacy Resident must be licensed or be eligible for licensure in any state, be a US or naturalized citizen, and have received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited School of Pharmacy. Until such time that full licensure is obtained, the Pharmacy Resident will operate within the confines of an active Pharmacy Intern license and all pharmacist activities must be supervised by a licensed pharmacist. When fully licensed, the Pharmacy Resident will be trained to participate in all required activities of a pharmacist in each assigned rotational experience as delineated in the Residents' Manual.

The Pharmacy Resident is responsible for all applicable clinical, distributive, and formulary management activities as a staff pharmacist. The Pharmacy Resident will participate in the post-graduate residency training program sufficient to assure he/she becomes the expert in all areas related to drug therapy and to function as a consultant to other health care professionals.

He/she will also be responsible for meeting all the requirements of the Residency Program within the training year. The Pharmacy Resident will be afforded all other employee benefits consistent with his/her position description.

Rotations

The resident will develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent clinical practitioner through training in the following areas of pharmacy practice. The schedule is selected based on the resident's interests and goals.

Rotations:

- Administration/Formulary Management and Research
- Internal Medicine
- Critical Care (MICU or SICU)
- Ambulatory Care longitudinal block which includes anticoagulation, outpatient infectious disease, and pain management
- Geriatrics/Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Disease State Management (diabetes, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia)
- Psychiatry
- Oncology
- Community Living Center
- Inpatient Anticoagulation
- Ambulatory Care at the Community Based Outpatient Clinics

Service Commitment: Residents will staff every fourth weekend on the Saturday and Sunday dayshift in the inpatient pharmacy. Additionally, residents work one of the non-major holidays.

Teaching: Residents are eligible to become adjunct faculty at The University of the Sciences and participate in teaching a practice laboratory or case studies class.

For More Information

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For more information about Philadelphia and the surrounding areas, please visit the following websites:

www.gophila.com

www.phila.gov

www.philadelphiacitywebsite.com

www.clickphiladelphia.com

www.independencevisitorcenter.com

www.septa.org (Public Transportation Information)

Links to the VA forms that need to be completed with the application:

http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0306.pdf

http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of612.pdf