

PHARMACY SERVICES

Rady Children's Hospital is a 551-bed tertiary care facility in beautiful San Diego. It is the West Coast's largest provider of pediatric healthcare services and the designated Pediatric Trauma Center for San Diego and Imperial counties. Our facilities include a Level IV, 53-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a 24-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, 30 bed Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit, 16 state-of-the-art operating rooms, 56-bed post-anesthesia care unit, Medical/Surgical, Hematology/Oncology units, 24 bed Children's and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit, a 43 bed long term facility and an Emergency Care Center. RCHSD has continued to be ranked as a top Children's Hospital in the U.S. News rankings with outstanding rankings in all 10 surveyed specialties. Our hospital was also the first pediatric hospital honored with the coveted JCAHO Codman award.

Inpatient Pharmacy Services are available 24 hours per day for all patient care areas. A centralized pharmacy provides an organized and well-equipped environment for the performance of pharmaceutical functions (storage, compounding, computer order verification, dispensing, distribution, drug information resources, etc.) and personnel that staffs a satellite pharmacy in operation on the Hematology/Oncology Care Area.

Clinical Pharmacy Services are provided to all of RCHSD patients. Decentralized clinical pharmacists are assigned to the following areas: NICU, PICU, CVICU, Medical/Surgical, and Hematology/Oncology. A clinical pharmacist is also assigned to the pharmacokinetics service seven days a week. Clinical pharmacists participate on physician rounds to aid in the assessment, and monitoring of patient drug regimens. Our pharmacists respond to codes and traumas. Our pharmacists are also charged with providing continuing education presentations to the other pharmacists and health-care providers at RCHSD. The clinical pharmacists are a resource to other pharmacists and the medical and hospital staff. The pharmacy has a dedicated research pharmacist to oversee investigational protocols involving medication use. The pharmacy provides clinical pharmacy services to support both inpatient transplant patients and the outpatient transplant clinic, cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and pulmonary hypertension clinic.

Education and growth are important components to the success of the pharmacy department and we stay committed to offering learning opportunities for all pharmacy staff members, residents, and students.

RCHSD is affiliated with the University of California, San Diego Medical Center. We provide training in pediatric services for medical students, residents, and fellows.

Our pharmacy department offers a PGY1 and a PGY2 pharmacy residency program and we provide rotations for pharmacy students for UOP and UCSD Schools of Pharmacy. In addition, we have a pharmacy student intern program, employing up to 6 interns.