



## Department of Pharmacy Services

### PGY1/PGY2 Specialty Pharmacy Residency 2021-2023

The PGY-1/PGY-2 residency in Specialty Pharmacy at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC) is designed to provide the resident with experience in managing patients on specialty medications and the elements of a successful specialty pharmacy. This growing area of practice enables pharmacists to become directly involved in patient care, promote medication adherence, monitor and assess side effects, reduce patient cost through patient and copay assistance, and improve patient outcomes. At Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, our specialty pharmacies are URAC accredited in Specialty Pharmacy and Mail Service Pharmacy and The Joint Commission. We are engaged in expanding our specialty pharmacy program through collaboration with physicians, pursuing additional specialty pharmacy accreditations, and payer contracting.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is an 886-bed non-profit, acute, tertiary, teaching Level I Trauma Center hospital located in the heart of Los Angeles. The Pharmacy Department has over 380 staff members who provide comprehensive inpatient pharmacy services as well as outpatient services via 2 cancer centers and 2 outpatient pharmacies. The Department is affiliated with schools of pharmacy in California. Pharmacy services include:

- Medical/Surgery
- Cardiology
- Critical Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Transplant
- Oncology
- Pediatric/Neonatal
- Outpatient Pharmacy
- Ambulatory Care
- Transitions of Care
- OR
- Procedure Center

#### **Schedule**

The resident will receive two years of post-graduate advanced hospital practice experience. The academic year begins mid-June. Experience and area of focus include:

- Solid organ transplant, BMT, oral oncology, IBD, rheumatology, neurology, advanced lung disease
- Specialty Pharmacy accreditations (URAC, ACHC)
- Patient Management Program
- Quality improvement projects
- Expansion of specialty services in new disease states
- Rotations include: Internal Medicine, Drug Use Policy, Transplantation, Practice Management, Transitions of Care
- Financial and productivity reporting
- Payer and manufacturer contracting
- Collaboration with Cedars-Sinai Medical Delivery Network
- Precepting APPE students

The structure of the program will include rotations as well as longitudinal experiences. The resident will assume staffing and clinical responsibilities approximately four days a month.

#### **Residency Project**

The resident is required to complete a major project prior to the conclusion of the residency. The project should be suitable for publication and will be presented at the Western States Conference.

#### **Requirements**

The applicant must be a graduate of an accredited School of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Candidates must be eligible for licensure in California and resident is expected to be licensed by no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of the residency year.

#### **Benefits**

Benefits include 26 days of Vacation and Holiday Time (VHT), 10 of which are used for educational days, as well as medical and dental insurance.

#### **Application**

Motivated individuals with initiative and a commitment to excellence are encouraged to apply. Additionally, successful applicants should possess superior verbal and written communication skills. Interested applicants should provide a curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, transcripts, and a letter of intent. Applications are due by January 15, 2021.

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