



GERIATRIC SPECIALTY RESIDENCY (PGY2)

Responsibilities and Expectations

The University of North Carolina Hospitals and Division of Geriatric Medicine, in conjunction with the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy, offers a one-year specialty geriatric pharmacy residency. The focus of the residency program is to assist the pharmacy resident in improving and building upon his/her skills in providing medication therapy management services in a variety of geriatric clinical practice sites. This includes, but is not limited to, working in interdisciplinary geriatric clinic sites both at UNC and in the community, managing a pharmacist-run anticoagulation and medication therapy management clinic, rounding in acute geriatric inpatient units, and making home visits to older adults in the community in conjunction with the Orange County Department on Aging. Multiple professional writing, teaching, and research opportunities are available during the course of the year as well.

Practice Areas

The residency program is tailored to the interests and the career goals of each resident. A variety of established practice settings are available throughout the University of North Carolina Hospitals and Division of Geriatric Medicine. The resident's rotation schedule is determined at the beginning of the year with a core program consisting of the following:

Required Longitudinal Ambulatory Experiences

Geriatric Specialty Clinic

Includes interdisciplinary Geriatric Specialty Clinic at Carolina Pointe II as well as a pharmacist-managed Geriatric Medication Management Clinic providing anticoagulation and MTM services; also in-home medication management with the Orange County Department on Aging on an as-needed basis.

Required Inpatient Experiences

Inpatient Geriatric Psychiatry	1 month
Geriatric Inpatient Service	1 month

Elective Experiences (the resident may pick one additional experience)

Geriatric Experience at Durham VAMC	1 month
Senior PharmAssist in Durham County	1 month
Palliative Care/Hospice Consult Team	1 month
Continuing Care Retirement Community Clinic (TBD)	1 month

Additional Activities

Residency Research Project

The resident is expected to participate in our Geriatrics Health Services Research working under the supervision of Dr. Mary Roth.

Teaching Responsibilities

The resident will earn an appointment with the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy as a Clinical Instructor. The resident will assist with precepting Doctor of Pharmacy candidates on clinical rotation with Dr. Ivey. The resident will also teach as an instructor in the Pharmacy Skills Laboratory at the Eshelman School of Pharmacy. There will also be opportunities to lead recitation sessions, and participate in Pharmacotherapy lectures in the School of Pharmacy curriculum. The resident will also assist in teaching/coordinating the Geriatric Practice Elective for third year pharmacy students in conjunction with Dr. Ivey in the Spring semester. Teaching experiences are integrated with patient care experiences and the resident will assist in teaching the geriatric medicine fellows with the UNC Division of Geriatrics pertinent principles of geriatric pharmacotherapy.

Seminars and Professional Meetings

The resident is expected to attend the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists Annual Meeting (October), the Southeastern Residency Conference (April) and if funds allow, a specialty meeting of his/her choice including the ASHP Midyear meeting (December). Financial compensation may be provided for these educational experiences. Participation in resident poster sessions is strongly encouraged at these meetings. The resident will be expected to attend weekly meetings with the Division of Geriatrics, as well as a monthly meeting with the Geriatric Pharmacy group (both clinical/research faculty) at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy to keep abreast of key clinical and research topics.

In addition, the resident will attend a weekly Pharmacy Ground Rounds at UNCH where fellow residents and students present current data on various topics to an audience consisting of pharmacy faculty and clinical specialists. The resident will be expected to present a presentation in both the fall and spring at Ground Rounds, as well as a one-hour ACPE approved continuing education seminar open to the public to attend (fall or spring).

Pharmacy Practice Responsibilities

Residents will receive training and orientation to the UNCH Pharmacy department's services during the first month of the program, and staffing at the outpatient UNC Hospital Pharmacy will be an expectation.

Each resident is required to become a licensed pharmacist in the state of North Carolina. The North Carolina State board of Pharmacy examination is given twice each year (January and June). Reciprocity examinations are held on odd months (January, March, etc.)

Staffing

The geriatric pharmacy resident will be expected to staff every third weekend in the Central Outpatient Pharmacy at UNC Hospitals.

Benefits

The residency offers a competitive salary, health insurance and time for vacation and professional travel. Individual health insurance is provided through the UNC Hospital's Graduate Medicine Office and the UNC Hospitals provide comprehensive malpractice

insurance for all residents at no charge. Each resident will be given 10 days of vacation leave for the entire year, none of which can be taken in the last 2 weeks of the program. Five personal days are provided for the resident to attend professional meetings beyond the program expectations and conduct interviews. The residents also have 6 holidays that are observed by the hospital throughout the year.

Qualifications

Applicants must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and completion of an ASHP accredited PGY1 residency or an equivalent level of training in hospital pharmacy practice is preferred. Applicants without these qualifications will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine the adequacy of their clinical experience. North Carolina Board of Pharmacy licensure is required.

Selected candidates will be invited for an on-site interview. Travel expenses for the interview are the responsibility of the applicant.

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