2023 PALOMAR HEALTH
PGY2 INFECTIOUS DISEASES RESIDENCY

PREPARING THE PHARMACY LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

Train at a new, $956 million state-of-the-art facility in Escondido, California. Palomar Medical Center Escondido opened in August 2012 and serves as a symbol of Palomar Health’s commitment to becoming the health care system of the future.

Palomar Health is a public health care district in Inland North San Diego County with hospitals in Escondido and Poway, in addition to several other facilities in the region. With a service area of more than 800 square miles, Palomar Health is the largest public health care districts in California.

As North County’s most comprehensive health care delivery system, “Palomar Health is recognized for clinical excellence” in cardiac care, women’s services, orthopedics, trauma, rehabilitation and behavioral health services. Facilities include Palomar Medical Center Escondido, Palomar Medical Center Poway, The Villas at Poway Skilled Nursing Facility, Palomar Center for Behavioral Health and Palomar Health Home Health Services. Additionally, Palomar Health is affiliated with Rady’s Children’s Hospital and Kaiser Permanente providing care for the local pediatric population and patients without immediate access to a Kaiser-owned facility.

Palomar Health’s vision is to be the health system of choice for patients, physicians and employees, recognized nationally for the highest quality of clinical care and access to comprehensive services.

“The mission of Palomar Health is to heal, comfort and promote health in the communities we serve.”

ABOUT PALOMAR MEDICAL CENTER

Cost: $956 million
Type: Community
Size: 11 Stories, 740,000 sq. ft.
Beds: 288
› 120 Acuity Adaptable Beds
› 168 Med/Surg Beds
› 11 Operating Rooms
› 4 Cath. Labs/Interventional

Awards/Recognitions:
2021-23 Antimicrobial Stewardship Honor Roll - Gold Designation - California Department of Public Health
2022-23 Healthgrades Surgical Care Excellence Award™
2022-23 Top 5% of Hospitals in the Nation for Surgical Care
2023 Five-Star Recipient for Colorectal Surgeries
2017-23 Healthgrades America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Orthopedic Surgery™
2016-23 Healthgrades America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement™
2020-23 Healthgrades America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Spine Surgery™

PALOMAR HEALTH
PHARMACY SERVICES
Vision Statement:
To improve patient outcomes by providing compassionate care through medication management, education and collaboration with professional colleagues.

Our Purpose:
The foundations of services provided by Palomar Health’s Department of Pharmacy Services are:
› Contribute to optimal therapeutic outcomes.
› Provide information for appropriate application of pharmacotherapeutics.
› Maintain an efficient and fail-safe drug distribution system.
› Support healthcare providers in the delivery of distinguished patient care.
› Support clinical research efforts.
› Attract, develop and retain highly qualified pharmacists and technicians.

Pharmacy Services:
The Pharmacy Department provides comprehensive services on both campuses (PMC Escondido and PMC Poway).

The facilities have implemented a completely automated distribution model, consisting of automated inventory management, robotic IV admixture and automated dispensing cabinets. Clinical services include pharmacokineti, anti-coagulation management, total parenteral nutrition, renal dosing, antibiotic utilization evaluation and investigational drugs. Additionally, a team of pharmacists on the units also provide discharge counseling and medication reconciliation for high-risk patients and post-operative orthopedic patients.

Serving on a host of committees and several rounding teams, pharmacists are vital members of the healthcare team within Palomar Health.

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PGY2 Program Purpose: PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in advanced or specialized practice. In addition to providing pharmacy Infectious Diseases experience at Palomar Medical Center Escondido, the resident will be responsible for Palomar Medical Center Poway and the skilled nursing facility. The Villas at Poway. PGY2 residency provides residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and incorporating both into patient care to improve medication therapy. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency should possess competencies that qualify them for clinical pharmacist or/faculty positions and position them to be eligible for attainment of board certification in that practice area (when board certification for the practice area exists).

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The Palomar Health PGY2 Infectious Diseases residency program will be designed to develop the resident’s skill as a clinical specialist in infectious diseases. The goal will be to provide the candidate the skill and experience required to lead an antibiotic stewardship program at a community hospital in concordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) core elements and to meet the requirements designated to fill the role as a pharmacist with advanced training in infectious diseases. The resident will gain experience and develop best practice in the clinical pharmacy infectious diseases and will provide optimal antimicrobial therapy to the patients and community we serve. In addition to daily patient care skills, the resident will develop skills in maintaining the required antimicrobial usage measurements to comply with the CDC core elements and those required by the National Health and Safety Network. The resident will act as a co-chairman for the anti-microbial subcommittee; attend medical staff department meetings, infection control meetings and related subcommittees. The resident will develop and implement strategic initiatives and new programs, and lead clinical practice in accordance with Palomar Health Pharmacy Department. The resident will work closely with the Infectious Diseases physician, and other disciplines including the microbiology laboratory, infections control practitioners, nursing, information technology and other departments consistent with infectious diseases. Throughout the year, the resident will be expected to independently manage and precept PGY-1 residents and pharmacy students. It will be an expectation and goal at the end of the experience that the resident will be qualified and prepared to obtain board certification in infectious diseases.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Activities:
- Orientation to Pharmacy Services and Staffing
- Infectious Disease Society of California Quarterly Meeting Attendance
- Infectious Disease Society Annual Meeting - TBD
- Western States Project and Presentation
- Teaching four PGY-1 Residents During PGY-1 Infectious Diseases Rotation
- Clinical Rounding with Infectious Disease Team
- Antibiotic Stewardship
- Antimicrobial Stewardship and Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee participation
- Medical Staff and Nursing Staff Education on Best Practice in Infectious Disease
- Community Outreach Programs in Infectious Diseases

Experiences:
- Staffing
- Infectious Diseases Practice
- Antibiotic Stewardship
- Antimicrobial Committee including MUE, Formulary Review, Development of Diagnostic Stewardship and Development of Best Practice Translation to Caregivers

Electives:
- Information Technology - Infectious Diseases
- Advanced Microbiology - Infectious Diseases
- Academia - Infectious Diseases
- Antibiotic Stewardship Application Development
- Advanced Critical Care - Infectious Diseases

Core Rotations:
- Clinical Microbiology and Laboratory
- Infectious Disease Consult Service
- Infectious Disease Pharmacodynamics and Pharmacokinetics
- Critical Care - Infectious Diseases
- SICU-Trauma - Infectious Diseases
- Long Term Care SNF - Infectious Diseases
- Emergency Medicine - Infectious Diseases

Longitudinal Rotations:
- Infectious Diseases Practice Management Staffing
- Antibiotic Stewardship Committee
- Antibiotic Stewardship Surveillance

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Requirements for Eligibility:
- Completion of accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency or equivalent, Pharmacy School Graduate, CA licensure, personal interview, submission of a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, school transcript, three letters of recommendation and optional passport photo.
- Completion or board certification in pharmacotherapy is preferable but not required. Membership in the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) and/or American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) with specialty preference is strongly encouraged.

Benefits:
- Medical, dental, vision, 10 paid vacation days and 5 paid holiday days.

Requirements for Completion:
- Completion of all required (core) learning experiences
- At least 80% of objectives from ASHP Required Competency Areas, Goals and Objectives for PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residencies marked as “Achieved” AND all core PGY2 objectives as designated by the RPD as “Achieved”
- Completion of residency project, including presentation at a national conference and final manuscript
- Completion of all evaluations within 7 days of due date
- Exit Interview with both Director of Pharmacy and Residency Program Director

Accreditation Status: ASHP Accredited
Application Deadline: January 11, 2023
Beginning Date: July 3, 2023
NMS Code: 774855
Stipend: ~ $59,000
Positions Available: 1

For more information please go to our website at PalomarHealth.org/IDresidency.