Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Infectious Diseases /Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

The University of Chicago Medicine

Established in 1927, the University of Chicago Medicine (UCM) is a 805-bed academic medical center, which has long been committed to the mission of providing superior healthcare in a compassionate manner while respecting patient individuality and dignity. Ranked consistently by U.S. News and World Report, the UCM continues to be recognized as one of the elite “Honor Roll” hospitals. The UCM Department of Pharmacy has been honored with the 2011 and 2012 ASHP Best Practices Award in Health-System Pharmacy, recognizing our practice-model and antimicrobial stewardship program. The progressive facilities at UCM collaboratively provide innovative and cutting edge therapy to patients from all over the world.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialists are registered clinical pharmacists who assume primary responsibility and accountability for the provision of safe, effective, and prompt medication therapy. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists ensure medication therapy is appropriate to achieve outcomes related to the cure, diagnosis or prevention of disease, elimination or reduction of patient’s symptoms, or arresting or slowing of a disease process, and improve a patient’s quality of life in collaboration with a multi-disciplinary team. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists serve as a departmental resource person and liaison to physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and other hospital personnel. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists serve as therapeutic leaders for the appropriate use of medications according to professional and regulatory standards and lead initiatives to detect, mitigate, and prevent medication adverse events. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists will work with the Director of Pharmacy to enhance pharmaceutical services and are responsible for identifying and implementing new clinical services provided by the Department of Pharmaceutical Services.

Clinical Pharmacy Specialists are specifically aligned with key therapeutic areas and patient care service lines core to the University of Chicago Medical Center. Through these alignments the Clinical Pharmacy Specialists provide clinical and distributive pharmaceutical care services for the patients within their assigned areas including assessment of individual patient needs, incorporation of age and disease specific characteristics into drug therapy and patient education, provision of individualized care relevant to patient needs, and delivery and monitoring of interventions as appropriate. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists work to establish strategic relationships with University leaders/stakeholders pivotal to the advancement of assigned patient care service lines and assume responsibility for the clinical and operational efficiency as well as regulatory compliance of target programs. Clinical Pharmacy Specialists assume primary responsibility for leading departmental clinical education and research activities and serve as primary preceptors for doctor of pharmacy students and residents.

The **Infectious Diseases (ID)/Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Pharmacy Specialist** will work collaboratively with our ID and Antimicrobial stewardship team to provide specialized pharmaceutical care, review and report on antimicrobial stewardship data, develop and apply medication use policies and clinical pathways, participate in staff competency, ensure compliance with The Joint Commission standard for Antimicrobial Stewardship, and participate in academic/clinical research. The clinical specialist will also serve as a preceptor for pharmacy students and residents in our ASHP-accredited PGY-1 and PGY-2 Pharmacy Practice residency programs. Faculty appointments are available through affiliation with Chicago State University College of Pharmacy, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy, and Midwestern College of Pharmacy.

Required qualifications for this position include the completion of a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency, and a specialized PGY-2 residency in Infectious Diseases. BCPS certification is also preferred and required within 18 months of hire.

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