

About Boise Idaho

Boise, the “City of Trees”, is the capital and largest metropolitan area in Idaho. Over 600,000 people live in the metropolitan area.

The state of Idaho is known worldwide for its majestic mountain ranges, streams and rivers, forests, mountain lakes and outdoor recreational experiences. Boise is transected by the Boise River and a greenbelt walking/ biking path throughout the city. Bogus Basin Ski Resort is a short drive and miles of biking/hiking trails are located within minutes of the hospital grounds.

Sporting events include BSU Bronco athletics, Idaho Steelheads hockey, Idaho Stampede basketball, and Boise Hawks baseball. Performance and Fine Arts venues include Idaho Shakespeare Festival, The Boise Contemporary Theater, The Boise Philharmonic, The Boise Art Museum, and Ballet Idaho.

2016 Resident/Fellow Backpacking Trip



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Infectious Diseases/ Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Research Fellowship

Boise Veterans Affairs
Medical Center



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To Care, Heal, Teach, and Discover

Fellowship: Infectious Diseases/Antimicrobial Stewardship—Program Overview

This clinical Infectious Diseases 2-year fellowship program with an antimicrobial stewardship emphasis is offered through the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) since 2013. The DVA has required robust antimicrobial stewardship programs in all of its facilities and is a leader in antimicrobial stewardship-related research.

The fellow will be primarily involved in conducting clinical research, with secondary experiences in providing antimicrobial stewardship-related clinical services and teaching at the Boise VA Medical Center.

Boise VA Medical Center

The Boise VA Medical Center is a five star “high-performing” intermediate complexity VA facility with 46 acute care beds (10 ICU beds), an adjacent extended care facility, and large ambulatory care and community-based outreach clinics. The facility is a Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education and has academic affiliations with Idaho State University and the University of Washington Medical School. The pharmacy department has 4 post-graduate training programs (8 residents and 1 fellow) including specialty residencies in ambulatory care and psychiatric pharmacy.

Research & Quality Improvement

The fellow will gain experience working on research protocols and quality improvement projects specifically related to development, implementation, and evaluation of antimicrobial stewardship-related projects within the VHA system. Additionally, the fellow will work on federally-funded multi-year projects implementing and evaluating components of antimicrobial stewardship as well as collaborate nationally working on projects for the VA Antimicrobial Stewardship Task Force (ASTF).

The fellow will also be required to develop a competitive research proposal for funding and submit at least one manuscript as first author. Other research related activities include data analysis and preparation of manuscript(s) for publication in peer-reviewed literature.

Examples of Recent Projects (Collaborators/Funding)

- National Pneumonia MUE (VA ASTF)
- Decreasing Pneumonia Duration of Therapy (ASHP Foundation)
- Cognitive Support Informatics for Antimicrobial Stewardship (VA HSR&D)
- National Acute Respiratory Tract Infection Medication Use Evaluation (VA ASTF)
- Improving Acute Respiratory Use through Implementation and Evaluation of Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship (CDC)

Clinical & Teaching Activities

Clinical activities will be limited in scope to those related to maintaining the Antimicrobial Stewardship program, HIV, & Hepatitis C clinics by providing (backup) support for the ID Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and working on (local) Quality Improvement projects. Teaching will be limited in scope to advanced practice experiences and didactic opportunities on stewardship-related topics. Inpatient weekend staffing may also be available (if desired).

Fellowship Awards and Career Preparation

- ASHP’s 2014 Federal New Investigator Award (Christie Caplinger, F2013-2015)
- 2016 ASHP Best Practice Award (Jefferson Bohan, 2015-2017)

This fellowship prepares individuals to practice in a variety of different settings including but not limited to academia (tenured or non-tenured track position), health-system level antimicrobial stewardship program management, and institutional clinical pharmacy specialist.

Minimum Qualifications & Expectations

- U.S. Citizenship
- Valid Pharmacy License (in any state)
- Doctorate of Pharmacy from an ACPE-accredited pharmacy program
- Successful completion of a PGY–1 residency
- Proficient use of Microsoft Office Suite (Work, PowerPoint, Excel, etc.)
- Interest in technical writing including manuscripts and competitive research proposals

Application Requirements

- Approximate start date July 1, 2017
- Letter of intent
- Name and contact information for three (3) references
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- On-site Interview

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