PGY-2 Infectious Diseases Residency

Frequently Asked Questions

The Seton Healthcare Family is a 12 hospital network in Austin, Texas and surrounding area. The primary base for the residency is at the University Medical Center at Brackenridge (an academic institution) but residents have the opportunity to complete rotations at some of our community hospitals and our pediatric hospital. The residency is designed to provide the resident with an intense, concentrated and diverse training program with a focus on antimicrobial stewardship and the clinical application of antimicrobial pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics in the inpatient hospital setting. This is the 2nd year of the PGY2 Infectious Diseases Residency and ASHP accreditation status is in pending (received prior pre-accreditation approval).

What Rotations are Available?

Required Rotations

- Antimicrobial Stewardship (2 months: academic and community)
- Infectious Diseases Consult Service* (2 months)
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases
- Adult Critical Care*
- Infection Prevention (2 weeks)
- Microbiology Lab (2 weeks)

Elective Rotations

- Oncology
- Pediatric Critical Care
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Cardiac Transplant*
- Internal Medicine
- Medical Writing

*Rotation may be available in a community setting

What are the Longitudinal Requirements?

Residents have several longitudinal responsibilities, including completing a research project with a final manuscript write-up for publication, quarterly antimicrobial stewardship metrics, clinical administrative projects, and clinical staffing.

What are the PGY2 Staffing Requirements?

PGY2 residents participate in clinical staffing approximately one weekend per month. Clinical staffing activities include pharmacokinetic monitoring of vancomycin and aminoglycosides, anticoagulation monitoring and education, as well as completion of other clinical initiatives. The resident will participate in network clinical initiatives and carry the Infectious Diseases Pager as needed throughout the year.

Does the Resident get Exposure to Teaching?

The PGY2 Infectious Diseases resident will assist in precepting fourth year pharmacy students on Infectious Diseases rotations. An optional academic training program is offered through the University of Texas College of Pharmacy and residents will also precept pharmacotherapy laboratory. The resident will have the opportunity to give multiple lectures to medical residents and pharmacy staff.

What Sets this Residency Apart From Other Infectious Diseases Residencies?

Upon completion of this residency the resident will be able to independently practice as an Infectious Diseases pharmacist implementing antimicrobial stewardship in an academic, community, or network hospital setting. The resident will gain experience developing and implementing antimicrobial stewardship initiatives in various practice settings both globally and site-based. This will include the development of policies, procedures, clinical initiatives and metrics, competency development, and education to various healthcare providers.

Is There Support to Attend Meetings?

The resident is given some financial support to attend the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and the Southwestern Regional Residency Conference (ALCALDE). Administrative leave is given to the resident to attend these meetings.

How Much Vacation Do the Residents Receive?

The resident accumulates 15 days of paid time off (PTO) and 8 days of holiday according to the Seton Healthcare Family PTO policy. Taking vacation all at once is discouraged as this may detract from the training experience; however, all attempts will be made to honor PTO requests.

What are the Health Benefits?

As full-time employees, residents receive medical and dental coverage. Employees may choose between two medical and dental options for self and dependents. See the benefits summary at www.seton.net/employment/benefits for more information.

What is the Resident Stipend?

The PGY2 residency stipend for 2013-2014 was approximately $48,000.

How is the Onsite Interview Structured?

The onsite interview will last approximately one full day at University Medical Center Brackenridge. A 30 minute PowerPoint presentation of a patient case or clinical topic is required. Applicants should bring a portfolio of their work to the interview. Examples may include: handouts from journal club/in-service/case presentations, formulary monographs, newsletter articles, or publications.

Is there a Seton Employement Application to Fill Out?

Once candidates have been selected for an onsite interview, they will need to fill out a Seton employment application (may be completed online at www.seton.net by applying for the PGY2 Infectious Diseases residency position.)

Do You Participate in the ASHP Match Program?

Yes! Our program code is 692255.

All application materials must be received by **January 2, 2014.** The application must be completed through the PhORCAS system.

Completed applications include:

⇒ Letter of intent

⇒ 3 letters of recommendation

⇒ Curriculum vitae

⇒ Academic transcripts

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