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Eight Pharmacists Selected for ASHP Foundation's Cardiovascular Risk/Dyslipidemia Traineeship

BETHESDA, Md. (January 9, 2007) — The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation has selected eight pharmacists to complete a special traineeship in dyslipidemia and cardiovascular risk. The traineeship is sponsored by AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

One in three adult men and women in the United States has some form of cardiovascular disease. The ASHP Foundation established the Cardiovascular Risk/Dyslipidemia Traineeship for pharmacists in acute and ambulatory settings who are providing or wish to provide specialized services to patients with or at risk for cardiovascular conditions. The 5-day traineeship prepares pharmacists to design patient-specific pharmacotherapy; solve drug therapy problems; and develop protocols, policies, and procedures for the treatment of such patients.

“Pharmacists selected for the traineeship will gain clinical and administrative skills to care for patients with dyslipidemias and varying degrees of cardiovascular risk,” says Emily Zadvorny, Pharm.D., BCPS, a preceptor for the traineeship. “They will observe and participate in well-established clinical pharmacy services that are successfully caring for patients with dyslipidemia and cardiovascular disorders. They will gain insight into caring for patients with complex dyslipidemias and drug regimens and multiple comorbid medical conditions. By completion, the trainees will have increased confidence, knowledge and tools that will enable them to implement or improve specialized cardiovascular services in their own institutions.”

The 2007 trainees, specified by site and preceptor, are:

**James A. Haley Veterans Hospital and Clinics
Tampa, FL**

Preceptor: Douglas F. Covey, Pharm.D., FCCP, MHA, CDE

Mary Ku, Pharm.D., M.B.A.
Clinical Pharmacist, Primary Care
Veterans Affairs Medical Center
New York, NY

Brooke L. Sweeney, Pharm.D.
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice/Clinical Pharmacist
Midwestern University
Downer's Grove, IL

Patricia A. Wascavage, B.S., M.B.A.
Anticoagulation Clinic Clinical Manager
Geisinger Health System
Wilkes Barre, PA

**Kaiser Permanente Colorado
Aurora, CO**

Preceptor: Emily B. Zadvorny, Pharm.D., BCPS

LaTanya Y.M. Armstead, Pharm.D.
Pharmacy Clinical Practice Specialist
University of Texas Medical Branch Correctional Managed Care
Huntsville, TX

Elizabeth S. Boucher, Pharm.D.
Clinical Pharmacist
Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates
Watertown, MA

Deborah L. DeEugenio, Pharm.D., BCPS, CACP
Assistant Professor, Temple University
Clinical Pharmacist, Jefferson Heart Institute
Philadelphia, PA

**VA Medical Center
Long Beach, CA**

Preceptor: Yong Moon, Pharm.D.

Jeffrey P. Bonner, Pharm.D.
Clinical Pharmacist
Canton-Potsdam Hospital
Potsdam, NY

Hanh T. Pham, Pharm.D.
Acting Livermore Division Manager
VA Palo Alto Health Care System
Livermore, CA

Please visit the ASHP Foundation's Web site at www.ashpfoundation.org for more information about this traineeship and other Foundation traineeship, research and awards programs.

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation was established in 1968 by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. The mission of the Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of patients in hospitals and health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use. The Foundation provides leadership and conducts education and research activities that foster the coordination of interdisciplinary medication management leading to optimal patient outcomes. Emphasis is given to programs that will have a major impact on advancing pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems, thereby improving public health.

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