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Fourteen Pharmacists Selected for ASHP Foundation's Antithrombotic Pharmacotherapy Traineeship

BETHESDA, Md. (January 14, 2008) — The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation has selected 14 pharmacists to complete a special traineeship in antithrombotic pharmacotherapy that is sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb, Inc.

Antithrombotic medications are prescribed to prevent or treat blood clots, which are the cause of many cardiovascular problems, including stroke, arrhythmia and coronary heart disease. One in three adult men and women in the United States has some form of cardiovascular disease. The ASHP Foundation established the Antithrombotic Pharmacotherapy Traineeship to prepare pharmacist practitioners to establish and maintain specialized services for the management of patients' antithrombotic therapy. The 5-day program provides individualized, intensive clinical training as well as an opportunity to observe and participate in the activities of an established antithrombotic service in a health care system.

"I am very pleased to see this Traineeship continue to attract high-caliber clinicians," says Carla E. Staresinic, Pharm.D., CACP, Manager of the Madison VA Anticoagulation Clinic in Madison, Wisconsin. Staresinic also served on the Antithrombotic Pharmacotherapy Traineeship's selection panel. "With the 2008 National Patient Safety goals specifically addressing antithrombotic therapies, pharmacists can play a significant role in helping to meet these goals. I also believe the demand for clinicians skilled in managing patients on various forms of antithrombotic medications will continue with new therapies on the horizon."

The 2007-2008 trainees, specified by site and preceptor, are:

**Duke University Medical Center
Durham, NC**

Preceptor: Michelle Schoonover, Pharm.D.

Kevin E. Burns, Pharm.D.
Director of Pharmacy Services
Dearborn County Hospital
Lawrenceburg, IN

Jill A. Hope, Pharm.D.
Clinical Pharmacist
Mercy Medical Center
Springfield, OH

**Thomas Jefferson University
Philadelphia, PA**

Preceptor: Lynda Thomson, Pharm.D., CACP

Edward C. Allie, Pharm.D., BCPS
Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator
Caritas Norwood Hospital
Norwood, MA

Lisandra Perez Jimenez, Pharm.D.
Anticoagulation Clinic Coordinator
VA Caribbean Healthcare System
San Juan, PR

**UC Davis Medical Center
Sacramento, CA**

Preceptor: William E. Dager, Pharm.D., FASHP

Tammy L. Burns, Pharm.D.
Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator
Creighton University Medical Center
Omaha, NE

Elizabeth J. Lotspeich, Pharm.D.
Clinical Pharmacist
Genesis Medical Center
Davenport, IA

**University of Illinois
Chicago, IL**

Preceptor: Edith Nutescu, Pharm.D.

Paris J. Abrams, Pharm.D.
Clinical Ambulatory Care Pharmacist
St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center
New York, NY

Bernard L. Roberts, Jr., Pharm.D.
Clinical Care Coordinator
Fort Hamilton Hospital
Hamilton, OH

**University of Washington Medical Center
Seattle, WA**

Preceptor: Ann K. Wittkowsky, Pharm.D., CACP, FASHP, FCCP

Tina K. Melonakos, Pharm.D.
Clinical Coordinator of Pharmacy Services
Mercy Memorial Hospital
Monroe, MI

Amber O. Norbeck, Pharm.D.
Pharmacist
Kootenai Medical Center
Coeur d'Alene, ID

**VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
Pittsburgh, PA**

Preceptor: Matthew Kruszewski, Pharm.D., BCPS

Andrea Hafer, Pharm.D.
ICU Clinical Pharmacist; Ambulatory Care Residency Preceptor
Delaware County Memorial Hospital
Drexel Hill, PA

Maura K. Radliff, Pharm.D.
Clinical Pharmacist
Kaleida Health Buffalo General Hospital
Buffalo, NY

**William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital
Madison, WI**

Preceptor: Carla E. Staresinic, Pharm.D.

Lynsey J. Neighbors, Pharm.D.
Clinical Pharmacist
East Alabama Medical Center Pharmacy
Opelika, AL

Matthew Piskun, Pharm.D.
Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator
Shore Memorial Hospital
Somers Point, NJ

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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