



ASHP Foundation News Release

ASHP Foundation Announces 2009-2010 Oncology Traineeship Participants

Seven health-system pharmacists embark on intensive training to improve care of cancer patients

BETHESDA, Md. (January 14, 2011) — Seven highly qualified pharmacists have completed the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation's 2009-2010 Oncology Patient Care Traineeship.

This traineeship, one of several targeted educational programs offered by the ASHP Foundation, is a 10-day, experience-based certificate program designed to train pharmacy practitioners to establish and maintain specialized services for the management of patients with cancer.

Supported by an educational donation from Amgen, Inc., the traineeship provided individualized, intensive self-study, didactic and clinical training for selected candidates who will now return to their hospitals or health systems and establish or strengthen a specialty program in oncology.

"The Oncology Patient Care Traineeship provides an excellent opportunity for pharmacists to obtain a focused educational and practical experience providing clinical pharmacy services to oncology patient populations," said traineeship faculty member Deborah Blamble McCue, Pharm.D., Manager of Clinical Pharmacy Services and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Leukemia, at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

The 2009-2010 trainees, specified by training site and faculty member, are:

Duke University Medical Center

Durham, N.C.

Faculty: Julia Hammond, Pharm.D.

David R. Blanchard, B.S.Pharm.

Rex Healthcare Pharmacy

Raleigh, N.C.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Baltimore, Md.

Faculty: Rowena Schwartz, Pharm.D.

Susan E. Klenke, B.S.

The University of Kansas Hospital

Kansas City, Kan.

Clare V. Coppock, B.S.
Rutland Regional Medical Center
Rutland, Vt.

University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, Texas
Faculty: Debbie Blamble, Pharm.D.

Ni-Chi Wu, Pharm.D.
Veterans Affairs Maryland Healthcare System
Baltimore, Md.

University of Washington Medical Center
Seattle, Wash.
Faculty: Anne Poon, Pharm.D.

Kristopher Zepeda, Pharm.D.
Southwest Cancer Treatment and Research Center
Lubbock, Texas

Elizabeth Marie Kadlec, Pharm.D.
Rice Memorial Hospital
Willmar, Minn.

Molly L. McAleer, Pharm.D.
Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital - Pharmacy Department
Yakima, Wash.

“Whether an established practitioner looking to advance or expand services or a new practitioner seeking to enhance knowledge and patient care skills, the Oncology Patient Care Traineeship offers these individuals an in-depth learning experience individualized to help meet their career goals,” said McCue. “We are fortunate to have the support of the ASHP Foundation and sponsorship of the pharmaceutical industry to provide such a training program.”

Related Resources

For more information regarding the Oncology Patient Care Traineeship, please visit our Web site at www.ashpfoundation.org/oncology.

About the ASHP Foundation

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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