



ASHP Foundation News Release

ASHP Foundation Announces 2010-2011 Oncology Traineeship Participants

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

BETHESDA, Md. (June 22, 2011) — Eight highly qualified pharmacists will participate in the [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists \(ASHP\) Research and Education Foundation's 2010-2011 Oncology Patient Care Traineeship](#).

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

Supported by an educational donation from [Amgen, Inc.](#), the traineeship provides individualized, intensive distance education and on-site clinical training for selected candidates who will return to their hospitals or health systems and establish or strengthen a specialty program in oncology.

“The Oncology Traineeship provides a wonderful opportunity for oncology pharmacists to work in a new environment with time focused on learning strategies for patient care and pharmacy practice that can ultimately improve their practice,” said Rowena N. Schwartz, Pharm.D., BCOP, director of Weinberg and Oncology Pharmacy at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. “The 2-week, hands-on approach allows trainees to work with a variety of practitioners that specialize in oncology pharmacy practice – and to develop some fundamental skills through that experience. The hosting institution also gains from the experience. I have never had a participant in the Oncology Traineeship program who didn’t teach me something new.”

The 2010-2011 trainees, listed by site and faculty, are:

The Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, Md.

Faculty: Rowena Schwartz, Pharm.D.

Clement Chung, B.S., M.S., Pharm.D.
Valley Medical Center
Renton, Wash.

Carolyn O’Donnell, B.S.Pharm.
Lancaster General Health
Lancaster, Pa.

University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Houston, Texas**Faculty: Deborah Blamble McCue, Pharm.D.**

Valerie Bingle, Pharm.D.
Cancer Center at Kishwaukee Community Hospital
DeKalb, Ill.

Jamie Joy, Pharm.D.
Cancer Treatment Centers of America
Goodyear, Ariz.

Scott Leader, Pharm.D.
University Medical Center
Las Vegas, Nev.

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

Andrew Burgdorf, Pharm.D.
Upstate – University Hospital
Syracuse, N.Y.

Hind Hamid, Pharm.D.
DCH Cancer Center
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Tanja Lepir, Pharm.D.
VA Boston Healthcare System
Boston, Mass.

For More Information

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

About the ASHP Foundation

The [ASHP Research and Education Foundation](http://www.ashpfoundation.org) was established in 1968 by the [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists](http://www.ashp.org) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As the philanthropic arm of ASHP, our vision is that patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and clinical skills of pharmacists, as vital members of the health care team, accountable for safe and effective medication use. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use.

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