

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital is a 600 bed nationally distinguished academic medical center. It has consistently been ranked as one of America's Best Hospital by U.S. News and World Report. It serves as the principal teaching hospital for UMDNJ--Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. RWJUH is also home to one of the area's only Level 1 Trauma Centers. RWJUH combines world class research and innovative treatments with the highest level of patient care through its Centers of Excellence, which include:

- The Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital
- The Cancer Center of Excellence
- The Cardiovascular Center of Excellence

In addition to the Specialized Residency in Drug Information, the hospital offers two Pharmacy Practice Residencies (PGY-1) and a Specialized Residency in Emergency Medicine (PGY-2).

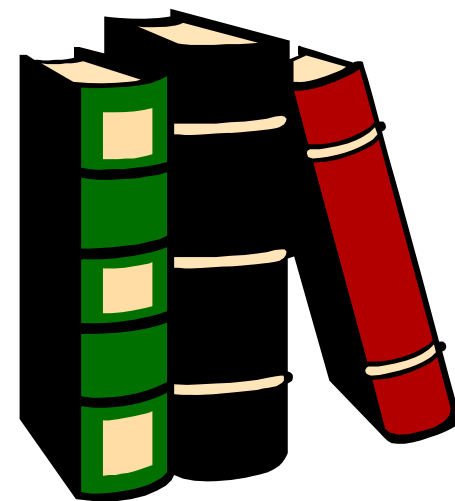
*Drug Information Service is a collaborative effort of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy.*

#### PRIMARY PRECEPTOR OF THE RESIDENCY

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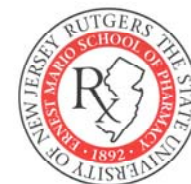
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*Specialized Residency in  
Drug Information*



## PROGRAM GOALS:

The primary goal of the program is to offer advanced training in drug information practice with an emphasis on the following areas:

1. Information retrieval, evaluation, and application of evidence based medicine principles.
2. Development and enhancement of written and oral communication skills.
3. Development and enhancement of teaching skills through didactic and experiential teaching of Doctor of Pharmacy students.
4. Development and enhancement of administrative and organizational skills.
5. Development of research skills.

## TRAINING SITE:

The primary training site is the Drug Information Service, located at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. The Drug Information Service was founded in 1989 to serve the health care professionals of the State of New Jersey. The Service currently responds to approximately 1,000 requests annually.

Two elective rotations are available on a rounding clinical service, industry-based drug information, investigational drug, poison control services, or other sites based on the residence interest and availability. Unique off-site rotations have included UHC, USP, and the FDA.

A Residency Teaching Certificate Program is also available through the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

## RESPONSIBILITIES:

Though certain responsibilities of the resident are required, the program has the flexibility to develop activities consistent with the resident's background and career goals. In general, the resident responsibilities include:

1. Provision of Drug Information Service through processing drug information.
2. Assisting in the coordination of administrative activities of the Drug Information Service.
3. Participation in the activities of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee through development and presentation of formulary monographs, participation in decisions pertaining to drug therapy, pharmacoeconomic analyses, and formulary management.
4. Participation in the hospital's adverse drug reaction reporting program, drug utilization evaluation program, and medication errors reporting program.
5. Preparing and presenting lectures in the Essentials of Drug Information and Medical Writing courses, and other courses at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy.
6. Supervising pharmacy students on the Drug Information clerkship and on site visits.
7. Attending and presenting continuing education at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for the pharmacy staff.
8. Writing and editing of Drug Information Service publications and website.
9. Completion of a project related to the provision of drug information service.
10. Complete an article for publication in an appropriate pharmacy journal.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants should hold a Pharm.D. degree, be licensed (or eligible for licensure) in New Jersey, and possess good communication and interpersonal skills. A PGY-1 residency is recommended by not required. The position is available beginning July 1, for a 12 month appointment.

## APPLICATION:

Inquiries should be sent to:  
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Applicants are required to submit a letter of intent and three letters of reference to the above address. The application deadline is January 9. Onsite interviews will be scheduled at that time.

## BENEFITS:

Residents receive a comprehensive benefits package from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, including health care. Financial support is provided for residents to attend the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and the Eastern States Residency Conference.

## STAFFING:

Residents are required to staff in the hospital pharmacy satellites three out of every nine weekends and holiday commitment.

## FORMER RESIDENTS (1<sup>ST</sup> POSITIONS)

1992-3:

Claudine Machjer, Pharm.D. Drug Information Specialist, Medical Advertising Firm.

1993-4:

Constance Pfeiffer, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCOP, Faculty, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy.

1994-5:

Lori Acculto, Pharm.D., MD Emergency Medicine Attending, Emory University Hospital.

1997-8:

Natalie Addi, Pharm.D. Drug Information Specialist, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals

1998-9:

Betsy Laumeister, Pharm.D. Faculty, Long Island University School of Pharmacy

Danielle Davi, Pharm.D. Drug Information Specialist, Janssen

1999-2000:

James P. Harnett, Pharm.D. Manager, Global Outcomes, Antiinfectives, Pfizer

Stephanie Toth, Pharm.D. Medical writer. Lyons Lavey, Nichel, Swift, Inc.

2000-1:

Heather Schiappicasse, Pharm.D.. Drug Information Specialist, Sanofi-Aventis

Michelle Seifert, Pharm.D., Drug Information Specialist, Rite Aid

2001-2:

Alison Sinclair, Pharm.D., Senior Outcomes Analysis. First Health.

Jina Shim, Pharm.D., Drug Information Specialist, Roche Pharmaceuticals.

2003-4:

Charles Rembert, Pharm.D., Poison Control Specialist, University of Tennessee Poison Center

Nicholas Ryan, Pharm.D. Drug Information Specialist, Baxter Inc..

## FORMER RESIDENTS (1<sup>ST</sup> POSITIONS)

2004-5:

Shivani Shah, Pharm.D. Drug Safety Associate, Hoffmann-La Roche

Charles Turck, Pharm.D. Clinical Coordinator, Drug Information, Advocate HealthCare System

2005-6:

Namita Kothary, Pharm.D., Assistant Medical Director, Barrier Therapeutics.

Sheilyn Huang, Pharm.D., Drug Information Specialist, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

2006-7:

Luigi Brunetti, Pharm.D., Faculty, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

Sohini Sarkar, Pharm.D., Faculty, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

2007-8:

Nora Tu, Pharm.D., Medical writer, PPD

2008-9:

Jennell Morin, Pharm.D., Drug Information Specialist, NovoNordisk.

2009-10:

Sara M. Abbasi, Pharm.D., BCPS, Faculty, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

2010-11:

Jason G. Babby, Pharm.D., BCPS, Drug Information/Discharge Counseling, Mt. Sinai Hospital

2011-12:

Sara M. Koenig, Pharm.D., Medical Information Scientist, NovoNordisk

2012-2013

Mara N. Villanueva, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Medication Management and Analytics, MD Anderson Cancer Center.

## CURRENT RESIDENTS (2013-2014)

**Germin Fahim, Pharm.D.** A 2012 graduate of Jefferson School of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY-1 Residency at The Brooklyn Hospital.

**Joseph Cruz, Pharm.D.** A 2012 graduate of the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. He completed a PGY-1 Residency at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital