

# SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEM

## AKRON CAMPUS

### DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY SERVICES



## Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Pain Management & Palliative Care Pharmacy Residency Program

### PURPOSE

Pharmacists completing the PGY2 Pain Management & Palliative Care Residency at Summa Health System will be prepared to accept positions as essential members of interdisciplinary teams focusing on providing patient-centered care and highly individualized symptom management across various settings within the continuum of care and to serve as clinical faculty for a college of pharmacy.



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**OUTCOMES** required by the Accreditation Standard for PGY2 Pain Management & Palliative Care include:

- Demonstrate leadership and practice management skills in pain management and palliative care.
- Optimize the outcomes of pain management and palliative care patients through the expert provision of evidence-based patient-centered medication therapy as an integral part of an interdisciplinary team.
- Serve as an authoritative resource on the optimal use of medications in pain management and palliative care.
- Demonstrate excellence in the provision of training and educational activities for health care professionals, health care professionals in training, and the public in pain management and palliative care.
- Contribute to the body of pain management and palliative care knowledge.

### SUMMA AT A GLANCE

Summa Health System includes the Akron Campus, St. Thomas Campus, Barberton Campus, and the Summa Rehab Hospital.

- 700 licensed beds
- 10,000 full-time employees
- More than 1,200 credentialed physicians
- 280 resident physicians

### DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY

The Akron Campus Department of Pharmacy Services offers 24 hour unit-dose, central I.V. admixture programs, and decentralized pharmaceutical services. Clinical activities of the department include coordination of investigational drug protocols, nutrition support services, drug utilization review, medication safety services, interdisciplinary care rounds in various acute/chronic care setting (Acute Care for the Elderly, Stroke, Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Palliative Care, Critical Care, Ambulatory Care) and patient monitoring and discharge counseling programs. In addition, the department provides a variety of educational programs to pharmacy, medical, nursing, and dental personnel.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The resident receives supportive mentorship and advanced training in patient-centered care and symptom management in a teaching hospital setting through interactions with interdisciplinary team members dedicated to providing optimal care to patients with life-limiting illnesses. Activities include daily rounds with the inpatient Palliative Care Service and weekly involvement with the outpatient palliative care clinic and home hospice service. A variety of elective learning experiences are available to customize the program to meet the needs of the resident. Participation in hospital committees, formulary management, and clinical research are required. The resident will train alongside and attend educational activities with medical fellows completing accredited Hospice and Palliative Medicine and Geriatrics Fellowship programs.

The resident will gain experience in dealing with issues impacting pharmacy practice today. Training will provide clinical, operational, and management strategies designed to provide safe and cost-effective use of medications. The resident will complete a research project with the advantage of having access to both inpatient and outpatient based populations, experienced preceptors, and research associates. Research results will be submitted for presentation and for publication.

The Department of Pharmacy is widely involved in the training of students from the pharmacy colleges associated with Northeast Ohio Medical University, Ohio Northern University, the University of Findlay, the University of Toledo and the Ohio State University. The resident will have responsibility for assisting with clinical training of pharmacy students in these programs. The opportunity to obtain a teaching certificate is also available through the Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy.

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### Demographics

- Duration: **12 months**
- Number of Positions: **1**
- Starting Date: **July 1**
- Application Deadline: **January 1**
- Estimated Stipend: **\$47,986**
- Practice Setting: **Tertiary medical center**
- Total Beds at Primary Site: **over 500**

### Program Benefits

- Medical coverage, free parking
- Paid Time Off, NO HOLIDAY STAFFING
- Office space and computer
- Travel Reimbursement
- Continuing Pharmacy Education

### Required Rotations

- Pharmacy Operations/Orientation
- Hospice Operations/Orientation
- Inpatient Palliative Care
- Inpatient Pain Service
- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Advanced Inpatient Palliative Care

### Elective Rotations

- Chemical Dependency
- Hematology/Oncology (Pain & Symptom Management Focus)
- Critical Care (Pain & Symptom Management Focus)
- Geriatrics (Pain & Symptom Management Focus)
- Emergency Medicine (Pain & Symptom Management Focus)

### Longitudinal Learning Experiences

- Research
- Education
- Practice Management
- Hospice Interdisciplinary Team and Palliative Care Clinic (equivalent of 1 half-day/week, September through June)
- Pharmacy Operations (equivalent of every third weekend, August through June)

### Required Projects

- Pharmacy practice-related research project
- Pharmacotherapy CPE presentation
- Journal club and case presentations
- Medication usage evaluation (may be combined with research project)
- Departmental educational case presentations

Unless indicated, the Clinical Manager and the Residency Program Director will serve as preceptors for projects.

## Summa Health System

### Preceptors

Pamela Moore, PharmD, BCPS, CPE  
Clinical Lead - Pain & Palliative Care

Jacqueline Ewald, PharmD, BCPS  
Clinical Manager

Barb Weisensell, RPh  
Pharmacy Supervisor

John Bon, PharmD, BCPS  
Clinical Lead - Critical Care

Susan Fosnight, RPh, BCPS, CGP  
Clinical Lead - Geriatrics

Steve Chesser, PharmD  
Clinical Pharmacists, ER

Jessica Cather, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP  
Clinical Lead - IM & Psychiatry

Kathy Robinson, RPh, BCOP  
Clinical Pharmacist, Oncology

### Preceptors in Training

Susanna Petiya, PharmD  
Medication Safety Coordinator

Bobby Onder, PharmD  
Clinical Pharmacist, Oncology

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## ASSESSMENT STRATEGY

Three types of written assessment will occur:

1. Preceptor evaluation of resident attainment of goals and objectives monthly and quarterly
2. Resident self-evaluation of their attainment of goals and objectives for each learning experience
3. Resident evaluation of the preceptor and learning experience for each learning experience

All evaluations are available in PharmAcademic. Evaluations must be completed in a timely fashion by both the resident and preceptors.

## OVERSIGHT AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT METHODS

The Pain & Palliative Care Residency is fully accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The ASHP PGY2 Standards are available at [www.ashp.org](http://www.ashp.org).

Preceptor competency will be based on ASHP Standards. Pharmacists without residency training, but with years of experience may establish competency by completing the following:

- 1) Develop activities to meet the goals and objectives for a PharmD student experiential rotation
- 2) Being recognized as a Pharmacy School Preceptor
- 3) Receiving a satisfactory teaching evaluation from at least two PharmD students that have completed the Preceptor's rotation, and
- 4) Reviewing all components of residency training/evaluation with Residency Program Director or completing the Residency Program Design and Conduct (RPDC) Workshop.

Annually the Residency Preceptors will review and update program learning experiences and residency evaluation processes and techniques. New preceptors must review the program structure and demonstrate understanding of the evaluation process before accepting residents.

The Residency Preceptors and residents will discuss residency structure modifications and implement changes in May/June during the normal residency process improvement period, unless more urgent improvements (during the residency year) are deemed necessary.

## APPLICATION

### Requirements for acceptance

Doctor of Pharmacy or BS Pharmacy degree from an accredited college or school of pharmacy

Satisfactory completion of an ASHP accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

Eligibility for Ohio Licensure

Eligibility for employment at Summa Health System (including background check, drug and nicotine screening)

### Application Procedures

A detailed letter of intent, personal statement regarding pharmaceutical care as it pertains to pain management and palliative care, three letters of professional recommendation, pharmacy college transcript, and curriculum vitae should be submitted using the PhORCAS system no later than **January 1<sup>st</sup>**. Applicants will be notified of interview status within 15 business days of the deadline. This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicants. **NMS Code is 663873.**

### For additional information contact

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