

# **Victoria General Hospital Pharmacy Services General Information for Students and Trainees**

## **How Do I Get to the Victoria General Hospital?**

Victoria General Hospital is located at 2340 Pembina Highway. You can drive to the hospital or take a city bus.

## **Where Can I Park?**

Information about current parking availability and rates can be obtained at: <http://www.vgh.mb.ca> Street parking for greater than 1-2 hours is available at significant walking distance from the hospital (approximately 4-5 blocks).

## **Where Do I Go On Day 1 of the Rotation?**

On Day 1 of the rotation, you are asked to report to the Pharmacy at 0900hr. The Pharmacy is located on the ground floor (one floor below Main). Take the elevator to G (Cafeteria). After exiting the elevator, turn left, then left again. Ring buzzer beside main Pharmacy door.

The morning will be used to orient you to the hospital, department and rotation. In the afternoon, you will meet your preceptors and be oriented to/introduced to your practice sites.

## **Where Do I Leave My Stuff?**

The Pharmacy will be your home base during your practicum. A coat rack is available but there is no locked, secure area for bags. You will be oriented to procedures to enter and exit the pharmacy on your first day.

## **Where Can I Eat?**

You are welcome to bring your lunch. A fridge is available in the pharmacy for storage. Lunches can be eaten in the hospital cafeteria. Microwaves and toasters are available for use in the cafeteria. Food is available in the cafeteria at reasonable prices - fare includes soups, sandwiches, salads, muffins, hot entrées, burgers/fries, drinks, etc.

## **What Will My Hours Be?**

All rotations are Monday to Friday days beginning at 0800hr and ending at 1615hr. The start and end times may depend on the assigned clinical practice site. Preceptors will address this aspect with you in the afternoon of Day 1. As noted above, you start at 0900h on your first day.

## **Where Can I Be Contacted In Case of Emergency?**

If someone needs to contact you for emergency purposes, they may call the Main Dispensary at 477-3498. Personal calls to this number are not acceptable. Use of cellular telephones is not permitted in our facility because frequencies may interfere with patient monitoring equipment. If you bring a cellular phone to practicum, please turn it off before you enter the facility.

## **What Do I Wear?**

- Comfortable shoes
- Casual, but professional attire is recommended (no jeans, no T-shirts)
- A clean, white lab coat that is in good repair
- Do not wear cologne or perfume
- WRHA Student Name Tag (pharmacy students) or Technical School nametag (pharmacy technicians)

## **What Do I Need To Bring With Me?**

The following are required:

- Pens/pencils/paper
- Calculator
- Your PHIA card
- Your completed Routine Practices form

## **What Should I do to Prepare for my Practicum?**

- Arrive on time
- Pre-readings are not required
- We are looking forward to seeing you at Victoria General Hospital Pharmacy!