

Seven Oaks General Hospital Pharmacy Department Pharmacy Student Practicum Description

The Hospital

Seven Oaks General Hospital (SOGH) is a 296-bed acute care, community teaching hospital located in northwest Winnipeg. SOGH provides care to inpatients of the Family Medicine, Surgery, Geriatric Medicine, Critical Care, Post-Acute Neurology and Mental Health programs. Outpatient services include: Emergency, Day Surgery, Oncology, Psychiatry Day Treatment, Geriatric Day Hospital, Dialysis, and the Wellness Institute. Kildonan Medical Centre is a primary care (family medicine) practice site located within the SOGH complex.

The Pharmacy

Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians provide patient oriented services in a stimulating and progressive environment, as follows:

- Pharmacists' role includes clinical services to all patient care areas, drug information, consultation services, and patient education. Emphasis is placed on Family Medicine, Intensive Care, Oncology and Dialysis where pharmacists practice in a decentralized clinical model
- Drug distribution is provided via a computerized, semi-automated Unit Dose cart exchange system supported by "tech-check-tech", a limited intravenous admixture program including TPN, and an oncology pharmacy satellite

The Practicum Sites

Dispensing practicum students generally rotate between dispensary areas of assignment, including unit dose packaging and cart filling, wardstock, narcotic control, sterile compounding, and purchasing/inventory services.

Students who do a clinical practicum are usually assigned to a clinical area for the duration of the rotation, depending on preceptor availability. These areas include Family Medicine, the outpatient Dialysis Unit, and Primary Care (in collaboration with the Kildonan Medical Centre and the Nor'West Co-op Community Health Centre).

1. Family Medicine

Pharmacists provide clinical care to patients with a wide range of medical problems (e.g., heart disease, renal disease, respiratory disease, diabetes, serious or uncommon infections, deep vein thrombosis, etc). This offers excellent opportunities to identify, prevent and resolve drug-related problems with drugs and diseases that commonly appear in community settings. If you are assigned to this area, you'll

have many opportunities to interact with other disciplines. Pharmacists focus on safe and effective medication prescribing, answering drug information questions, and pharmacotherapy monitoring of narrow-therapeutic range drugs. Pharmacists provide discharge medication counseling to patients if consulted to do so.

2. Dialysis & Renal Health

Pharmacists are part of the Renal Team of nurses and physicians; therefore, you will have opportunities to interact with other health care professionals. Dialysis patients usually have multiple health conditions and complex medication profiles. Pharmacists focus on preventing and resolving drug-related problems, safe and effective medication prescribing, answering drug information questions, and pharmacotherapy monitoring of narrow-therapeutic range drugs.

3. Primary Care (Kildonan Medical Centre/Nor'West Co-op Community Health Centre)

Pharmacists provide clinical care to patients with medical problems that are prevalent in a family practitioner (primary care) office practice (e.g., cardiovascular disease, diabetes, respiratory disease, chronic pain, etc.). This practicum site offers excellent opportunities to identify, prevent and resolve drug-related problems with drugs and diseases that commonly appear in community settings. In addition, students will learn to work collaboratively with Family Medicine doctors-in-training, nurses, and physician assistant students. Students also learn how to answer drug information questions relevant to family practice client care. If you are assigned to this area, you'll have many opportunities to interact with other disciplines in person, over the phone, or by fax/email. This practicum location is an ideal learning opportunity for students that plan to practice in a community, primary care or Family Health Team setting after graduation.