

## **VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System - PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency**

The VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System is a teaching healthcare system with 18 locations in Northeast Ohio that serves more than 111,500 Veterans across 21 counties. It is a training environment for more than 3,000 students across various disciplines in affiliation with more than 200 academic institutions. The main medical center, the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, is one of the largest VA facilities in the country and serves as the primary residency site. It is located about six miles east of downtown Cleveland at Wade Park in University Circle.

PGY2 Program Purpose: PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

The residency program offers unique experiences to develop the knowledge and clinical skills to practice in infectious diseases, antimicrobial stewardship, HIV, and HCV. The resident will function as a member of the multidisciplinary infectious diseases team within the inpatient and outpatient setting. Our goal is to promote individual growth, professional development, self-reliance, and responsibility by developing an autonomous clinical practitioner. The program will prepare the resident to serve as a clinical pharmacy specialist in a variety of specialty infectious disease settings including academia.

### **REQUIRED EXPERIENCES:**

General Infectious Diseases (4-5 months; 1 month at MetroHealth)  
Antimicrobial Stewardship (1 month)  
Clinical Microbiology Laboratory (1 month)  
Internal Medicine (1 month)  
Critical Care/Burn Unit (at MetroHealth) (1 month)  
HIV Clinic (3 months longitudinal)  
Hepatitis C Clinic (2-3 months longitudinal)

### **ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES (select 2-3 – 1 month each):**

\*Any of the required rotations may be repeated as elective rotations  
Hematology/Oncology  
Long Term Care/Geriatrics Infectious Diseases  
Pediatric Infectious Diseases (at University Hospitals)

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ACTIVITIES:**

Advanced Practice Nursing Lecture  
Research or Quality Improvement Project with Lean Six Sigma Certification  
Case Presentation (1) and Journal Club Presentations (2)  
Infectious Diseases & HIV Case Conferences  
Resident and Student Preceptorship  
Chief Resident  
Staffing Requirement (every 3<sup>rd</sup>– 4<sup>th</sup> weekend)  
NEOMED Teaching Certificate Program (optional)

**RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR:**

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**NATIONAL MATCHING SERVICE CODE: 692655 (VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System)**

**2021 RECRUITMENT INFORMATION:**

We will be participating in the Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacy (OSHP) Residency Showcase the week of November 8<sup>th</sup>; more information and registration is available here: <https://www.ohioshp.org/Residency-Showcase>.

We will additionally be participating in the VA Residency Virtual Showcase on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-2PM EST; more information about this showcase will be posted after November 1<sup>st</sup> here:

<https://www.pbm.va.gov/education/vapharmacyresidencyprogram.asp>.

We will not be participating in other national showcases this year nor hosting an open house.

Candidates may also schedule one-on-one times to meet with the RPD via Microsoft Teams by emailing the RPD.