Steven Vargas, PharmD.

Clinical Pharmacist

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Aspiring Clinical Pharmacist possessing both **outpatient and inpatient hospital experience** that encompasses **multiple large hospitals and medical centers**. Has assessed **300+ patient charts** while making key interventions in the areas of dosing, IV-to-PO switching, antibiotic streamlining, and medication regimen optimization. Demonstrated ability to **function as a key cog in a healthcare team** as shown through **consulting daily with physicians** and nurse practitioners in current role. Able to adeptly research and apply evidence-based medicine-including primary and tertiary resources-as proven through resolving **75+ physician and medical staff inquiries** regarding pediatric population medication concerns.

Medication Therapy Management (MTM) = Clinical Rounding = Vancomycin pharmacokinetics = Patient Chart Reviewing = Physician Consultation = Laboratory value assessment = Patient counseling = Drug utilization review (DUR) = IV-PO conversion = Antibiotic Streamlining = Order verification and scheduling = Evidence-Based Medicine = Therapeutic interchange = Immunization Delivery = Final verification = Journal Club & professional presentations

Clinical Acumen & Experience

- ✓ Effective healthcare team collaboration... shown by participating in clinical rounding on 10+ patients daily with physicians and other healthcare team members on COPD, Heart Failure, and Internal Medicine floors.
- ✓ <u>Direct timely therapeutic interventions</u> ...as proven through assessing 300+ patient charts for appropriate <u>lab</u> values, antibiotic selection, and avoidance of duplicate therapies. Resulted in numerous important-and safety-enhancing- medication interventions.
- Proficiency conducting vancomycin pharmacokinetics and dosing...demonstrated by managing 30+ patients' vancomycin regimen while a student pharmacist. End result was proper load dosing and therapeutic troughs on all assigned cases.
- ✓ <u>Well-versed in the MTM process</u>...including directing 8-10 patients daily through
 each step from initial consultation to implementing Medication Action Plans (MAP) to
 creating Personal Medication Records (PMR).
- ✓ <u>Highly comfortable and adept at utilizing evidence-based medicine</u>...due to **resolving 75+ physician inquiries regarding complex pediatric cases** by providing clinicallyfounded medication information extracted from primary and tertiary resources.
- ✓ <u>Tactful and professional patient interaction</u>...as demonstrated by **one-on-one counseling of nearly 30 patients daily** in current outpatient role.

Education & Licensure

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) ■
Touro College of Pharmacy ■ 2015

Bachelor of Science in Biology SUNY Old Westbury 2008

Pharmacist Immunization delivery

Current

Registered Pharmacist of New York State # # 1061074-1 = Current

Affiliations

Pharmacist for Public Health (PPH), Member, Present

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), Member, Present

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Member, Present

PROFESSSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Outpatient Hospital Pharmacist | Jamaica Hospital Pharmacy | Jan. 2016-Present

Staff pharmacist for busy, hospital-affiliated outpatient pharmacy serving two separate locations in New York State.

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- Provision of comprehensive staff pharmacist duties serving two locations that deliver **300 and 150 scripts** daily, respectively.
- Frequently tasked to **consult with physicians-up to 5 times per shift**-to ensure proper medication selection, dosing, and indication while carefully avoiding duplications and interactions.
- Skilled and tactful **counseling of multiple patients daily** with respect to medications in the areas of anticoagulation, cholesterol control, hypertension, and many others.
- Manage and oversee two pharmacy technicians per day in a mutually respectful manner that reduces turnover and elevates workplace morale.
- Conducts 40+ drug utilization reviews daily with proficiency without sacrificing attention to detail.

Community Pharmacist | Ridgewood City Pharmacy | Sep. 2015-Present

Part-time work as community pharmacist charged with checking 100+ scripts per shift while supervising support staff.

- Provide medication counseling to up to 40 patients weekly in the areas of medication administration, dosing, and side effects
- Skillful supervision of technician staff to ensure 100% accuracy of dispensed medications and handling of controlled substances.
- Completed with proficiency all assigned tasks including 3rd party processing, transfers, and inventory control.

Clinical Pharmacy Intern | Harlem Hospital | 2015

Took on an active clinical role in the healthcare team-particularly on the heart failure unit- as pharmacist intern for a 286-bed hospital.

- Actively participated in **daily staff rounding on 5-6 patients daily** afflicted with various degrees of heart failure.
- Assigned to Project RED (congestive heart failure intervention team), and tasked to review 10-12 patients charts each morning to seek for beneficial therapeutic implementations while simultaneously assessing antibiotic regimen and appropriate renal dosing.
- Aided in **patient laboratory monitoring** including electrolyte levels, kidney function, and urine, blood, and sputum culture results.
- Provided **bone density screening for 30+ patients** while also creating a medication disposing guide that allowed for improved safety of medication disposal.
- Provided **discharge counseling to 2-3 patients daily** with an emphasis on properly utilizing inhalers to prevent COPD flares.

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Internal Medicine Pharmacist Intern | Montefiore Medical Center | 2015

Served on Internal Medicine floor of a **massive 726-bed hospital** treating a variety of disease states and tasked to participate in tri-weekly rounding with staff.

- Assigned to **round with physicians on up to 10 patients three times weekly**, while making impactful interventions that lead to more fully optimized patient medication regimens.
- Comprehensively assessed 300+ patient charts with a particular emphasis on antibiotic regimen for a vast array of infectious disease-inflicted patients. Resulted in the ability to fluidly monitor cultures and match results to optimal treatment.
- Performed **vancomycin pharmacokinetics** with corresponding dose adjustments on **over 30 patients**. Led to therapeutic troughs on all patients according to disease state guidelines.
- Tasked to **research and present weekly case study to internal medicine team** as well as apply clinical study review concepts to determine efficacy of a new hypertension medication for journal club.

Clinical Pharmacist Intern | Steven & Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center | 2015

Served alongside the clinical pharmacist primarily in a drug research and information role providing assistance to physicians to resolve complicated pediatric medication questions.

- Monitored and ensured safety of pediatric acetaminophen dose (oral and IV) for 9-11 patients each shift
- Adeptly researched and applied concepts of evidence-based medicine (utilizing both primary and tertiary resources) to **resolve 75+ physician inquiries** regarding often complex pediatric cases.
- Assigned to undertake multiple cost-savings and utilization projects aimed at assessing hospital-wide adherence to policy. Specifically, the utilization of Synagis for RSV was examined, clarifying an area of potentially significant cost-savings.