Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in Intermountain Medical Center’s PGY2 Residency in Emergency Medicine. The purpose of this program is to develop a high-level emergency medicine pharmacist leader with the skills necessary to establish pharmacy services in any health system emergency department. The graduate of this program will be capable of making medication recommendations in a fast-paced environment, and triaging and treating the most complex patients seen in the emergency department (ED). They will obtain the skills necessary to exercise leadership for emergency medicine pharmacy practice. Graduates will be experienced in teaching health professionals and those training to be health professionals.

The resident will achieve these goals through a variety of learning experiences and rotations with practitioners with advanced clinical skills. The residency year will be divided into four core Emergency Medicine rotations that take place in the Emergency Department. Other core learning experiences include rotations in Academic Emergency Medicine OR Community Emergency Medicine, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Toxicology, and Shock Trauma Intensive Care. A variety of elective rotations are available in critical care (Neuroscience Critical Care, Respiratory Critical Care, Coronary Critical Care, and Thoracic Critical Care), Infectious Disease/Antimicrobial Stewardship, Drug Information, Heart Failure/Mechanical Circulatory Support, and Solid Organ Transplant. Longitudinal experiences include Pharmacy Practice Management (including Emergency Preparedness), Code Blue Response Team, Acute Stroke Response Team, and Trauma Response Team. The resident will be involved in aspects of patient care including (1) committee involvement (2) collaborative, multidisciplinary development of protocols and standard operating procedures (3) providing education to patients, nurses, physicians and other health care providers, and (4) completion of a research project.

Training Site
Intermountain Medical Center is a 454 bed tertiary teaching hospital located in the Salt Lake Valley. It has the busiest ED in the state with over 89,000 annual visits and a 30% hospital admission rate. It is a Level I Trauma Center and is supported by Life Flight, Intermountain Healthcare’s air medical transport and rescue service. The Emergency Department contains 56 beds, including four trauma bays, two specially-designed psychiatric rooms, a separate entrance for hazardous material decontamination teams as well as a chemical isolation room for hazmat emergencies.

Clinical Staffing:
Pharmacy services at Intermountain Medical Center are provided by teams of pharmacists within an integrated practice model. The decentralized, unit based pharmacists provide care as part of an interdisciplinary team through: patient care rounds, clinical monitoring, medication order review, first-dose teaching, discharge teaching and care coordination. Additional responsibilities of the emergency medicine pharmacist include participation on the rapid code response teams, the stroke response team, the trauma response team and serving as a drug information resource and promoting medication use stewardship. The Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Resident will staff approximately 16 hours every two weeks in an Intensive Care Unit.

Special Requirements for Acceptance
The resident must be a graduate from an accredited school of pharmacy, completed a prior ASHP accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program, be eligible for Utah licensure, and willing to complete an onsite interview. Applicants must submit the completed application packet using the PhORCAS application process, by January 5. The application packet should contain the following: (1) current curriculum vitae (2) a letter of intent addressing why you wish to complete a PGY2 emergency medicine residency and why you want to complete a PGY2 emergency medicine residency at Intermountain Medical Center; (3) three letters of recommendation.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. Emergency Medicine is an exciting field to practice and there are many opportunities for pharmacists to make an impact. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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