

Victoria General Hospital Pharmacy Services Pharmacy Student Placement Descriptions

The Hospital

Victoria General Hospital is a 231 bed community hospital in South Winnipeg. Services provided include Urgent Care, Low Acuity Medicine (sub-acute and transitional care), Mental Health, Geri- Rehab and Oncology.

Information about parking, food, bus routes, and maps can be found on the WRHA Welcome page <https://elearning.easygenerator.com/a17ec104-ce11-4cbc-83ad-7f067c588e64/#/login> . You do not need a WRHA email to create an account.

Our Pharmacy Department

The Pharmacy is located on the ground floor (one floor below Main). Take the elevator to G (Cafeteria). After exiting the elevator, turn left and then left again. Ring the buzzer beside the main Pharmacy door.

Pharmacy technicians and assistants aid delivery of pharmaceutical care through support of the computerized (GE Centricity) and automated unit-dose (Pyxis; AutoMed) drug distribution system. Pharmacy technicians and assistants also support a limited centralized IV admixture service, investigational drugs services, purchasing and inventory control systems.

Pharmacists provide direct patient care utilizing a decentralized clinical/distributive practice model. Clinical pharmacy services are provided to patients in Urgent Care, Low Acuity Medicine, Mental Health, and Geri-Rehab.

Practice Sites:

Students that do clinical placements will be assigned to participate on Low Acuity Medicine, Geriatric Rehab, Mental Health, or Urgent Care interdisciplinary patient care teams, depending on preceptor availability.

1. Low Acuity Medicine/Geri-Rehab

Patients are admitted with a broad range of conditions such as dementia, pain management, mobility issues, and chronic medical problems. On medicine there are bullet rounds 4 times per week with allied health and Kardex rounds weekly with physicians and allied health. For Geri-Rehab there are sit down rounds weekly with each of 3 prescribers. Pharmacists are involved in drug therapy

monitoring, answering drug information questions, patient counselling and discharge planning.

2. Mental Health

Patients are admitted with depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder, and substance use disorders. There are table rounds weekly with physicians, nurses, and allied health. Morning "action" rounds with nursing, allied health, and the unit manager. Pharmacists are involved in drug therapy monitoring, answering drug information questions, patient counselling and discharge planning.

3. Urgent Care

A pharmacist provides clinical services to patients in the Urgent Care 5 days a week. Patients present with heart failure, seizures, infections, musculoskeletal injuries, migraine and other non-life-threatening problem. There are no formal rounds but there is a shift sign over with physicians and charge nurse. There are ample opportunities to practice patient interviewing, best possible medication histories, patient counseling, drug therapy problem consultation, interprofessional collaboration (including with community providers), and drug information skills in this ambulatory care setting .