

Medication Use Policy & Drug Information

UNC Internship for Pharmacy Students



University of North Carolina Health

Morrisville, NC

INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW

The MUP/DI internship is a two-year paid internship within the UNC Drug Information Center. The internship begins the summer after the first year of pharmacy school and is flexible with early immersion experiences. Interns get hands-on involvement in formulary management while sharpening clinical skills. You'll dive into researching, interpreting, and responding to real-world drug information requests, making this internship a great way to build experience and confidence in a dynamic pharmacy environment.



Student must be able to work up to 10 hours per week; however, flexible scheduling allows for more than 10 hours per week during the summer months and between 5-10 hours per week during the school year, if desired.

Requirements:

Student must be available to work during the hours of operation of the DI Center, which are 8 am-4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Internship Director:

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*Clinical Manager
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Services Provided by UNC Drug Information Center



The UNC Drug Information (DI) Center provides clinical support to healthcare practitioners at UNC Medical Center (UNCMC) and its affiliates. The Center's mission is to ensure safe, effective, cost-efficient, and evidence-based medication use by delivering high-quality drug information services. Staffed by one pharmacist per day, the DI Center is supported by students, PGY1, and PGY2 residents, offering 1-2 learners per month the opportunity to gain practical experience in providing essential drug information to enhance patient care.

Types of Inquires:

- Adverse drug reactions/allergies
- Drug dosing/interactions
- Storage/stability
- Medication administration
- Extemporaneous compounding
- Product Identification and availability
- Therapeutic /off-label use

Other DI Center Services:

- Policies
- Guidelines and protocols
- Formulary management (drug monographs, etc.)
- Drug Utilization/prescribing patterns
- Clinical guidance on new drug builds within Epic

Potential Internship Activities

- Writing medication reviews for formulary additions
- Performing literature searches and summaries
- Reviewing non-formulary medication usage
- Updating the Drug Information (DI) dashboard and formulary decisions index
- Preparing Specialty Pharmacy Pipeline reports for stakeholders
- Providing medication cost information for internal requests
- Assisting with various DI and formulary projects
- Answering drug information questions
- Data entry and creating spreadsheets
- Opportunities for research projects (if interested)
- Updating and maintaining clinical guidelines



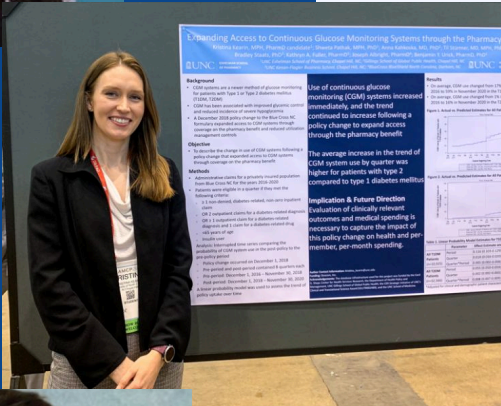
Where are they now?

Recent Former DI Interns

Cat Lui, PharmD c/o 2024: Clinical Pharmacology Postdoctoral Fellow at UCSD/Pfizer

Nick Panchak, PharmD c/o 2022: PGY-2 Health System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership Resident at University of Minnesota Medical Center

Kristina Kearin, PharmD c/o 2023: GSK Global Drug Safety and Pharmacovigilance Fellow



Current MUP/DI Interns

Roxy Vassighi, c/o 2025
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