PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

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Opportunity is yours at

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

Welcome to Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

First established in 1901, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is a 665-bed quaternary care, teaching hospital that provides comprehensive health care for the region. As part of RWJBarnabas Health, the largest healthcare delivery system in the state, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is committed to advancing the overall health of our diverse populations and treating everyone with respect and dignity while appreciating and embracing the differences as well as the similarities that exist among us.

Newark Beth Israel is home to one of the nation's 10 largest heart transplant centers, RWJBarnabas Health's Heart Failure Treatment and Transplant Program; New Jersey's only Advanced Lung Disease and Transplant Program; and a Valve Center that performs more cardiac valve procedures, including minimally invasive transcatheter aortic valve replacements (TAVRs), than any other center in the state. As a premier healthcare provider for children throughout New Jersey, Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center (CHoNJ) offers specialized treatment for pediatric patients. The Frederick B. Cohen Cancer and Blood Disorders Center and the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey Breast Health Center provide seamless integration of cancer prevention, specialized care, and treatment options.

Pharmacy Department Mission and Vision

Getting the right drug, to the right patient, at the right time, SAFELY.

The Department of Pharmacy supports the mission and goals of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey through its commitment to being an integral member of the healthcare team. We are a progressive leader by providing our community with innovative and efficient pharmaceutical services across the continuum of care resulting in optimal clinical outcomes where teaching, healing, and preventative medicine integrate.

Pharmacy Residency Program

There are two ASHP Accredited PGY1 positions available at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Core Learning Rotations

- Critical Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Infectious Diseases
- Internal Medicine
- Orientation
- Pediatrics
- Solid Organ Transplant (Heart or Lung)
- Transitions of Care

Longitudinal Rotations

- Administration
- Drug Information and Education
- Pharmacy Practice
- Research

Elective Rotations

- Additional Solid Organ Transplant Experience
- Pharmacy Informatics
- Level II of any core rotation

Off-Site Elective Opportunities

- Ambulatory Care
- Behavioral Health
- Corporate Clinical Pharmacy Administration

Unique Opportunities

- **RWJBarnabas Health Pharmacy Residency Leadership Forum:** A forum designed for PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents in the RWJBarnabas Health System to develop the essential skills of a clinical leader and collaborate to advance the profession and practice of pharmacy in alignment with the Pharmacy Enterprise Strategic Plan.
- **Teaching and Learning Certificate Program:** Residents will participate in a teaching certificate program offered with the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University. The program will strengthen the resident's knowledge and skills in presenting lectures and precepting students.
- **Precepting Pharmacy Students:** NBIMC accepts APPE and IPPE students from several colleges of pharmacy
- **PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant Residency:** Residents will have the opportunity to train alongside a PGY2 in New Jersey's only Solid Organ Transplant residency program.

Stipend and Benefits

- Competitive salary
- Paid vacation and holidays, plus sick and personal time
- Health and dental insurance
- Paid membership to ASHP and NJSHP
- Travel support to ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, NJSHP Annual Meeting, and Eastern States or RxPlorations Residency Conference

Criteria for Residency Graduation

1. **Pharmacist licensure from the NJ Board of Pharmacy by October 1st**

2. **Completion of all required learning experiences**

3. **Competency Areas, Goals, and Objectives (CAGOs)**
   - Earn an "Achieved for the Residency" for each objective listed under Competency Area R1: Patient Care
   - Earn an "Achieved for the Residency" for at least 80% of the remaining objectives

4. **Required Projects and Presentations**
   - 1 IRB approved residency project and written manuscript in publishable form
   - Complete 1 medication use evaluation
   - Create or revise 1 hospital policy, procedure, or protocol
   - Provide, at a minimum, the following presentations:
     - 2 patient case presentations
     - 10 topic discussions
     - 1 formulary monograph
     - 1 journal club presentation
     - 2 formal drug information questions
     - 1 clinical competency or continuing education lecture
     - 4 pharmacy huddles
     - 1 nursing or medical provider education program

5. **Staff a minimum of 42 weekend staffing shifts (every other weekend)**

6. **Conference Attendance**
   - State and/or national professional meeting (ex: NJSHP Annual Meeting, ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting), with project poster(s) if accepted for presentation
   - Platform presentation at Eastern States Residency Conference or comparable forum with multi-site preceptor attendance and feedback

7. **Committee Participation**
   - Medication Management / Medication Safety Meeting (at least once, as a guest)
   - RWJBarnabas Health Directors and Clinical Council Meeting (at least once, as a guest)
   - Attendance at Medication Use Committee meetings and preparation of meeting minutes

Application Process

Please provide the following no later than **January 6, 2027 via PhORCAS**

- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Copy of academic transcripts
- Three recommendation forms

Other Requirements

- Online application
- Interview (virtual and/or on-site)
- Must have a valid NJ Pharmacy License by October 1st

Contact Information

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Faculty

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2026-2027 PGY1 PHARMACY

Resident

Pharmacy Leadership

Kwakye Acheampong, PharmD, BCPS
Director of Pharmacy

Kayla Torppey, PharmD, BCPS
Assistant Director of Clinical Services

Dehali Bandyopadhyay, PharmD, MS
Assistant Director of Pharmacy Operations

Oyindamola "Dami" Ikolaba, PharmD, MBA
Pharmacy Operations Supervisor

Clinical Pharmacists

Dana Serao, PharmD, BCPS, BCEMP
Clinical Pharmacist, Emergency Medicine Residency Program Coordinator

Andrew Aziz, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP
Clinical Pharmacist, Infectious Diseases/ Antimicrobial Stewardship

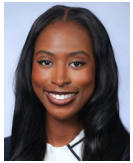
Somtoochukwu "Som" Ojukwu, PharmD, MHS
Clinical Pharmacist, Internal Medicine

Rouel Guiang, RPh
Clinical Pharmacist, Lung Transplant

Jose Lazo Jr., PharmD, MPH, BCTXP, BCPS
Clinical Pharmacist, Heart Transplant

Soonali Maniar, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP
Clinical Pharmacist, Critical Care

Rebecca Klein, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacist, Transitions of Care



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