PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

Let’s be healthy together.
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.

Opportunity is yours at
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
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 Transplantation (Heart & Lung)

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

Elective Rotations
- Cardiology / Cardiothoracic Intensive Care
- 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.

Stipend and Benefits
- Competitive salary
- Ten days paid vacation and holidays
- Health and dental insurance
- Travel support to ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, NJSHP Annual Meeting, and Eastern States Residency Conference
Criteria for Residency Graduation

1. Pharmacist licensure from the NJ Board of Pharmacy by October 15th
2. Earn an “Achieved for the Residency” for 9 goals of the required 34 ASHP goals
3. Earn an “Achieved for the Residency” for > 80% of the remaining 25 goals
4. Complete 1 IRB approved residency project and written manuscript in publishable form
5. Complete a medication use evaluation
6. Create or revise 1 hospital policy, procedure, or protocol
7. Provide, at a minimum:
   • 10 topic discussions
   • 1 patient case presentation
   • 1 formulary monograph
   • 2 journal club presentations
   • 2 formal drug information questions
   • 1 clinical competency education lecture
   • 4 educational huddles for Pharmacy Department
   • 1 nursing or medical provider education
8. Participate in and prepare minutes for Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meetings
9. Attend/observe the following committee meetings as a guest at least once:
   • Medication Management / Medication Safety Meeting
   • RWJBH Directors and Clinical Council Meeting
10. Maintain active involvement in ASHP and NJSHP:
    • Poster at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
    • Poster at NJSHP Annual Meeting
    • Platform at Eastern States Residency Conference
11. Inpatient pharmacy staffing every other weekend and on two holidays

Application Process

Please provide the following no later than January 5, 2024 via PhORCAS

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

Other Requirements

- Online application
- Interview (virtual and/or on-site)
- Must have a valid NJ Pharmacy License by October 15th

Contact Information

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Residency Program Director

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Clinical Pharmacist, Internal Medicine
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Residents

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