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## West Virginia Center for Drug & Health Information (WV CDHI)

The statewide WV CDHI, in the WVU School of Pharmacy, has served the drug information needs of West Virginia's health professionals for over 40 years. Its mission includes service and didactic and experiential education. Research/scholarship to explore and enhance information access and use by health professionals and the public represents another important part of the WV CDHI's mission. The WV CDHI has an extensive collection of resources, including online databases. The central location of the WV CDHI within the Health Sciences Center allows it to serve an integral role as an information resource.

### Viatris

Viatris is a global healthcare company formed in 2020 through the combination of Mylan and Upjohn, a legacy division of Pfizer. The integrated strength of both pharmaceutical manufacturers, which includes a worldwide workforce of ~45,000, allows Viatris to deliver improved patient access to affordable, quality medicines regardless of geography or circumstance. Viatris has one of the strongest global commercial infrastructures in the industry, including manufacturing and a vast supply chain network, with a balanced reach across North America, Europe, the Asia Pacific region and emerging markets. Their portfolio includes brand-name products; generics (branded and complex); biosimilars; and over-the-counter products in a wide range of therapeutic areas. Viatris is committed to helping create healthier communities worldwide through education, outreach and better treatment access.

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## Specialty Residency Drug Information

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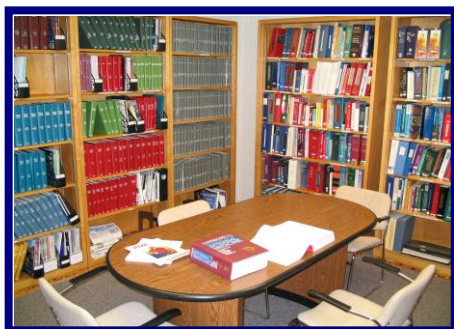


## Residency Goal

To prepare the resident to provide comprehensive drug information services, including educational activities, practice-based research, and work in the area of product safety and risk management in pharmaceutical industry.

## Residency Experiences

The resident will spend 6 months working in an academic drug information center, the WV Center for Drug and Health Information, and 6 months working in a pharmaceutical company, Viartis. During these times, the resident will learn about and gain extensive hands-on experience in the variety of diverse activities that occur in these settings. These experiences include, but are not limited to, responding to drug information inquiries of many types, providing didactic lectures and related laboratory experiences, participating in adverse event reporting, preparing information needed for FDA submissions, writing reports and manuscripts, and working on research projects.



## Residency Objectives

As a result of completing this program, the resident will be able to:

- Respond to drug information inquiries from health professionals and patients using effective communication skills
- Demonstrate proficiency in the use of primary, secondary, and tertiary drug information resources
- Demonstrate effective inquiry, data gathering, and organizational skills
- Critically analyze and evaluate published drug literature and Internet information
- Gain experience in the operation of a statewide drug information center and pharmaceutical industry safety call center
- Develop and provide drug information didactic lectures and laboratory experiences for pharmacy students
- Serve as an experiential drug information preceptor for doctor of pharmacy degree students
- Respond to adverse experience and product complaint inquiries from health care professionals and patients using effective communication skills
- Demonstrate an understanding of applicable pre and postmarketing adverse experience reporting regulations and guidelines
- Demonstrate an understanding of medical information guidelines in the pharmaceutical industry
- Become familiar with drug safety and drug information databases



## General Information

The 52 week residency includes 10 days of paid vacation time and health care benefits. The residency program begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Support will be provided to attend one national meeting appropriate to the residency.

## Qualifications

- Completion of an accredited PharmD or other advanced degree program
- Completion of a pharmacy practice residency desirable but not required
- Eligible for pharmacist licensure in West Virginia
- Highly self-motivated
- Excellent interpersonal, communication (verbal and written), and problem-solving skills

## Appointment

The resident will receive a Clinical Instructor appointment in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy in the WVU School of Pharmacy.

Visit the following website for application materials:

<http://pharmacy.hsc.wvu.edu/departments-centers/wv-center-for-drug-and-health-information/residency-information/>