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Summary

My career in pharmacy has spanned community, consulting, surveying, and hospital pharmacy, as well as teaching at the university level. As a clinical pharmacist, I have always been interested in seeking unique pharmacologic and pharmacoeconomic solutions to patient care. As a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry for over 14 years, clients are always satisfied that the information that they receive from me is current, relevant, useful, and cost effective. My publications cover pharmacoeconomics, drug delivery, therapeutic modification, and oncology specific topics. In my role as a preceptor/teacher, I used high expectations as a norm and require timeliness, maturity, respect for others, and inquisitiveness as tools for success. Pharmacist License in Georgia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Florida.

Areas of Expertise

Advising physicians of their inpatient and outpatient pharmacy costs and recommending alternative efficacious therapies aimed at reducing financial risk as well as restructuring chemotherapy roadmaps. Designing and delivering hands-on provider training to develop the understanding of chemotherapy agents and their proficiency in its use. Instructing colleagues, staff, and students in proper aseptic technique and the handling of cytotoxic drugs. Preparation and oversight of chemotherapy agents such as methotrexate, mitomycin, and monoclonal antibodies for oncology, rheumatology, ophthalmology, and dermatology inpatient and outpatient clinics. Creating in-house training manuals for oncology pharmacist positions and ensuring that documentation complies with current federal and state government requirements. Establishing policies and procedures for safe clean room operation and compliance with USP 797 and NIOSH regulations, leading to successful Joint Commission accreditations. Assessing and recommending handling policies and procedures for managing hazardous pharmaceutical waste in health care systems. Providing expert witness research and opinion.

Experience

Woman and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI

2010 to Present

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Gyn/Onc

After deciding to move to the Rhode Island shore area, I took a position with Woman and Infants Hospital. W&I is one of the regions' busiest GOG sites and is responsible for managing patients with Gyn/Onc malignancies. Recent developments also include the addition of treating patients with colorectal and other solid tumor malignancies. Oncology outpatient clinic pharmacy duties included order management, chemotherapy profile monitoring, drug information, emesis management, staff education, and patient counseling. My duties include supervising technicians, order processing and dispensing, formulary management, DUR, dosage adjustments, pharmacokinetics, establishing oncology protocols, and drug information.

Waste Management Healthcare Solutions, PharmEcology

2010 to Present

Consultant, Training Specialist

I have been traveling around the country to various hospitals training their Pharmacy, Nursing, and Environmental Health personnel on handling hazardous pharmaceutical waste. Being a specialist in Oncology Pharmacy gives me a unique perspective and skill set that clients find very helpful for instructing their staff in managing hazardous drugs. Duties include conference calls with clients before evaluating the hospital, assessing the processes onsite, as well as detailing the PharmEcology program and setting up training schedules. I have trained all shifts and specialize in both lecturing and one on one training as needed.

OncologyPharmacist.net LLC, Warwick, RI

2003 to Present

Principal, Director

OncologyPharmacist.net LLC is an outgrowth of my years of experience in hematology, oncology, and bone marrow transplant clinical pharmacy practice. As a consultant pharmacist and lecturer, I spend a portion of my time speaking to hospitals, physicians, pharmacists, nurses, technicians, and private practice staff about subjects ranging from pharmacoeconomics to pharmacology, cash flow to inventory management, aseptic technique to hazardous drug handling, and new drug entities vs. the standard. My role is to promote safety, sound economic policy, and excellent patient care.

UMass Medical School, Commonwealth Medicine, Shrewsbury, MA

2009 to 2010

Consultant Pharmacist

As a DUR specialist, I assisted health care professionals with prescribing effective pharmaceuticals for their patients, consistent with the insurance guidelines and formularies. As a managed care pharmacist, I participated in reimbursement and compliance issues on a daily basis and oversaw technical staff in workflow management. As part of a cohesive team to serve insurers, providers, and patients, I was constantly utilizing the latest technology in seamless electronic medical records and working from remote sites. I was depended on to be a leader, a teacher, and an innovator.

UMass Medical School Graduate School of Nursing, Worcester, MA

2005 to 2011

Pharmacology Instructor

I taught Pharmacology for the Graduate Nursing Program GEP students who scored among the highest on the national NCLEX exam, a 100% pass rate in 2009. My role was to deliver live didactic lectures as well as online learning. I designed the Pharmacology section, still being used today, and created study guides and exam questions. I was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award, UMass Medical School Graduate School of Nursing for 2009-2010.

UMass Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, MA

1999 to 2009

Clinical Pharmacist

Oncology outpatient clinic pharmacy duties included chemotherapy profile monitoring, dosage calculation and compounding, drug information, emesis management, and patient counseling. My inpatient duties included supervising technicians, order processing and dispensing, formulary management, DUR, dosage adjustments, pharmacokinetics, drug information, BMT admission counseling, warfarin monitoring and discharge counseling, chemotherapy monitoring, clean room compounding and dispensing, investigational drugs, staff inservicing, and Pyxis management. Departmental duties included new pharmacist orientation and training, air quality monitoring and testing of the dispensing areas, computer training, committee work, new facility design and strategies, and precepting Mass College of Pharmacy students. I served as the UMass Memorial Pharmacist Investigator for the Children's Oncology Group.

Articles and Publications

"Cytoreductive surgery and intraperitoneal hyperthermic chemotherapy in the treatment of peritoneal carcinomatosis." American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. ASHP, July 2009, 1186-1190

"Panitumumab-Related Hypomagnesemia in Patients with Colorectal Cancer." Lippincott's Hospital Pharmacy. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, March 2009, 234-238

"A Successful Venous Occlusive Disease (VOD) Prophylaxis Strategy for Patients Undergoing Stem Cell Transplantation." Cancer Therapy. Gene Therapy Press, October 2008, 729-732

"Intraurethral Fluorouracil and Lidocaine for Intraurethral Condyloma Acuminata." American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. ASHP, October 2008, 1830-1833

"Managing Reduced Methotrexate Clearance in a Patient with a Heterozygous Methylene tetrahydrofolate." Journal of Oncology Pharmacy Practice. Sage, September 2008

"Intrathecal Topotecan in Adult Patients with Neoplastic Meningitis." American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. ASHP, November 2006, 2083-2086

"Reduced-Dose Rasburicase in the Treatment of Adults with Hyperuricemia Associated with Malignancy." Pharmacotherapy. ACCP, February 2006, 242-247

"Hypersensitivity Reactions to Oxaliplatin and the Application of a Desensitization Protocol." The Oncologist. AlphaMed Press, September 2004, 546-549

"Superselective Transcatheter Arterial Chemoembolization for Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Experience with a New Emulsion." Lippincott's Hospital Pharmacy. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, September 2004, 864-867

"Safety and Cost-effectiveness of Paclitaxel Administered as a 1-Hour Infusion Versus a 3-Hour Infusion for Various Malignancies." Journal of Infusion Nursing. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, July 2004, 251-253

"Economic Implications of a Time Analysis: Zoledronic Acid versus Pamidronate Administration in the Outpatient Prevention of Hypercalcemia of Malignancy or Bone Metastases." Hospital Pharmacy. Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc., December 2003, 1148-1150

"Preventing Errors with Antineoplastic Agents: A Pharmacist's Approach." Hospital Pharmacy. Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc., February 1997, 194-209

Publication Related Activities

Lippincott's Hospital Pharmacy. Peer Reviewer, June 2003-Present

The Oncology Pharmacist. Pharmacy Editor, December 2008 to present

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. Peer Reviewer, April 2005-2011

Cancer Therapy. Pharmacy Editor, September 2008

Pharmacotherapy. Peer Reviewer, October 2008

The Journal of Supportive Oncology. Peer Reviewer, November 2008

Cancer Chemotherapy and Pharmacology. Peer Reviewer, January 2007

Chemotherapy. Peer Reviewer, February 2007

Presentations and Public Appearances

- Thomson Reuters Expert Witness Services (TREWS), 2013
- PharmEcology training series, Waste Management Healthcare Solutions, Anchorage, AK, Denver, CO, El Paso, TX, Harrisburg, PA, Salt Lake City, UT, 2013
- Strategies for Preventing Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting (CINV), American Health Resources, Inc., Plymouth, MA 2012
- PharmEcology training series, Waste Management Healthcare Solutions, Jefferson City, MO, Seattle, WA, Sandusky, OH, Los Angeles, CA, Fort Worth, TX, Fresno, CA, McAllen, TX, Fresno, CA, Harrisburg, PA 2012
- PharmEcology training series, Waste Management Healthcare Solutions, Milwaukee, WI, Portland, OR, Houston, TX, Sandusky, OH, San Antonio, TX, Dayton, OH, Phoenix, AZ 2011
- Treating Chemotherapy Induced Nausea and Vomiting, Mass Pharmacy Assn., Dedham, MA, 2011
- Insights and Treatment Strategies for Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting, Merck, East Greenwich, RI, 2011
- A Review of Updated Guidelines for the Prevention of Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting (CINV), American Health Resources, Inc., 2011

- Safety and Preventing Medication Errors in Oncology Practices, Management Series, Abraxis Pharmaceutical, Tacoma, WA, Tucson, AZ, Tarrytown, NY, Miami, FL, San Juan, PR, Milwaukee, WI, Pittsburg, PA, Woodbridge, CT, Kansas City, MO 2010
- Medications Used in the Treatment of Prostate Cancer, American Health Resources, Inc., 2009
- Multiple Myeloma, Current and Future Trends in Therapy, Mass College of Pharmacy, 2009
- Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors; Current Use and Future Trends, Compliance, American Health Resources, Inc., 2009
- Safety and Preventing Medication Errors in Health Systems and Oncology Pharmacies, NEHOPS Regional Symposium, 2009
- Targeted Drug Therapy: An Update in Oncology Treatment, American Health Resources, Inc., 2008
- Safety and Preventing Medication Errors in Health Systems and Oncology Pharmacies, Mass College of Pharmacy, 2008
- Medications Used in the Treatment of Prostate Cancer, UMass Memorial Prostate Cancer Symposium, 2008
- Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors; Current Use and Future Trends, Compliance, NEHOPS Regional Symposium, 2008
- A Venous Occlusive Disease (VOD) Prophylaxis Strategy for Patients Undergoing Stem Cell Transplantation, HOPA Annual Meeting Poster Presentation, 2008
- Advances in Managing Chemo Induced Nausea and Vomiting (CINV), American Health Resources, Inc., 2008 to 2008
- Safety in Health Systems and Oncology Pharmacies, NYSCHP-Northeastern Chapter , 2008
- Treating Chemotherapy Induced Nausea and Vomiting, Mass College of Pharmacy, 2008
- Targeted Therapy in Colorectal Cancer, Mass College of Pharmacy, 2007
- Treating Chemotherapy Induced Nausea and Vomiting, Mass College of Pharmacy, 2007
- Medications Used in the Treatment of Prostate Cancer, UMass Memorial Prostate Cancer Symposium, 2007
- Strategies for Successful Care Plan/Protocol Development and Implementation, Merck, 2007
- Treatment Options for Patients with Neoplastic Meningitis, UMass GEP Association, 2007
- Targeted Therapy in Colorectal Cancer, Mass College of Pharmacy, 2006
- Targeted Therapy in Colorectal Cancer, NEHOPS Regional Symposium, 2006
- Chemotherapy and Chemo-Targeted Therapy in Colorectal Cancer, HOPA Annual Meeting, 2006
- Trends in Bone Metastases Therapy: Evolving Role of Health-System Pharmacies, ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, 2004

Education

BSPH, Pharmacy

University of Georgia School of Pharmacy, Athens, GA

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