

Ambulatory Care Division

Division Vision

The Division of Ambulatory Care will be recognized nationally for its excellence in the out-patient clinical setting for its provision of direct patient care and medication therapy management (MTM), contributions to the scientific literature, exceptional teaching of tomorrow's pharmacists, and service to the pharmacy profession.

Division Mission

The Division of Ambulatory Care will provide novel clinical pharmacy services at a wide variety of clinical sites in an effort to improve patient health and medication use as documented by both improved clinical and fiscal outcomes in the ambulatory care and community care settings. These sites will strive to provide excellent teaching and clinical research opportunities. Through the practices, teachings, and scholarly activity of its faculty members, the Division will be recognized by healthcare professionals, patients, and third party payers as a leader in collaborative drug therapy management and medication therapy management.

Division Description

The Division of Ambulatory Care provides clinical pharmacy services to a wide variety of patients at clinical sites across North and West Texas. Our Dallas-Fort Worth faculty provide services in the areas of diabetes, hypertension, lipid disorders, heart failure, and coronary artery disease through collaboration with the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System and also provide extensive MTM services at Community Pharmacy in Denton.. Our Amarillo faculty offer clinical services with the TTUHSC School of Medicine in anticoagulation management, gestational diabetes services and women's health. They also offer diabetes, asthma, hypertension, and cholesterol management services at the Regence Health Network. Our Lubbock faculty provide direct patient care in diabetes, hypertension, heart failure, and anticoagulation management with the TTUHSC Department of Internal Medicine. Faculty in Abilene provide direct patient care in a variety of disease states and through MTM services at the Presbyterian Medical Mission, Dyess Air Force Base, and Hendricks Medical Center. The Division provides extensive learning opportunities to pharmacy students and residents in both required and elective experiential training. The Dallas-Fort Worth campus offers an ASHP-accredited PGY2 Ambulatory Care residency training program.

Division Changes

Our division has grown significantly over the last year with the addition of new faculty members in Amarillo, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Abilene. This year we expanded to include former members of the Community Care Division from the Amarillo, Abilene, and Dallas campuses as well as four new faculty located in both Dallas and Abilene.

Division Goals 2011-2012

- Have Division members contribute to the literature in a meaningful and productive manner as documented by quality and quantity of peer-reviewed publications.

- Ideally one peer-reviewed publication per division member per year
- Enhance and develop new clinical, research, and teaching opportunities on the Abilene campus.
 - Document new clinical services established over the year at Dyess Air Force Base and at Hendricks Medical Center
- Fill any vacant faculty positions and minimize faculty turnover.
 - Number of faculty hired and resigned
- Persist in our efforts to assume roles as providers of direct patient care through collaborative drug therapy management and MTM services, and to seek reimbursement for these services as able.
 - Estimated amount of money billed to third party payers as a result of direct patient care activities
- Provide quality patient care and support to the collaborating institutions/providers and have each Division member demonstrate the benefits of their clinical efforts in both fiscal and clinical outcomes. This may include but not limited to:
 - Total amount of money obtained by department secondary to division member external patient care services (ie PIP funds received)
 - Total number of direct patient care encounters
 - Estimated amount of money billed to third party payers as a result of direct patient care activities
 - Estimated health care system cost avoidance as a result of direct patient care (where applicable)
- Receive local, state, national, and international recognition for the Division through provision of quality lectures and presentations at meetings and other institutions and through elected or assigned professional service.
 - External invited presentations
 - Offices held by division members
 - Committee work in professional organizations