

Primary Care Division

Division Vision

The Division of Primary Care will be recognized nationally for its excellence in the out-patient clinical setting for its provision of direct patient care, contributions to the medical literature, exceptional teaching of tomorrow's pharmacists, and service to the pharmacy profession.

Division Mission

The Division of Primary 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 primary care setting. 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 direct patient care. This type of care allows for pharmacy practitioners to initiate and modify patient drug regimens and perform physical and laboratory assessment in an effort to facilitate care of patients.

Division Description

The Division of Primary 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 these services in the areas of diabetes, hypertension, lipid disorders, heart failure, coronary artery disease, and anticoagulation through collaboration with the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care Systems. Our Amarillo faculty offer clinical services with the TTUHSC Department of Internal Medicine in anticoagulation management, diabetes, asthma, hypertension, and cholesterol management services at the Regence Health Network, and out-patient geriatric care at the Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center. Our Lubbock faculty provide direct patient care in diabetes, hypertension, and anticoagulation management with the TTUHSC Departments of Internal Medicine and Family and Community Medicine. Faculty in Abilene provide direct patient care in a variety of disease states in collaboration with private physicians and at the Presbyterian Medical Mission. The Division provides extensive learning opportunities to pharmacy students and residents in both required and elective experiential training. The Dallas-Fort Worth campus also offers a PGY2 ASHP-accredited ambulatory care residency training program. Currently the groundwork to potentially establish similar residency programs on all four campuses is underway.

Division Changes

Our division has grown significantly over the last several years with the addition of new faculty members in Amarillo, Lubbock, Dallas-Fort Worth, and most recently Abilene.

Division Goals 2008-2009

- Provide quality and consistent primary care experiential teaching experiences to pharmacy students and pharmacy residents.

- Have each Division member contribute to the literature in a meaningful and productive manner as documented by quality and quantity of peer-reviewed publications.
- Develop new clinical, research, and teaching opportunities on the Abilene and Amarillo campus.
- Fill all vacant faculty positions and minimize faculty turnover.
- Persist in our efforts to assume roles as providers of direct patient care through collaborative drug therapy management and to seek reimbursement for these services as able.
- Have each Division member demonstrate the benefits of their clinical efforts in both fiscal and clinical outcomes.
- Foster scholarly and teaching collaboration within and between divisions.
- Provide quality patient care and support to the collaborating institutions/providers.