

Cranston Senior Center:
Description of Longitudinal Rotation PHC 594 Community Track
Preceptor: Mario Casinelli

The Cranston Senior Center is an adult day care center for senior citizens in Cranston RI. The center provides a variety of services - senior day care, meals, outreach programs, medical screenings, and social events. The Pharmacy Outreach Program (POP) is staffed by a CVS pharmacist, Mario Casinelli. Mr. Casinelli, former owner of Oaklawn Pharmacy in Cranston, provides the seniors an opportunity to discuss their medical conditions and their drug therapies on a one on one basis. CVS/pharmacy has provided Mr. Casinelli with an office at the center for private consultations.

The student would be exposed to assisting our elderly population in the understanding of not only their drug therapy, but also their disease state(s). CVS has provided Mr. Casinelli with computer access to internet drug-information resources, and a clinical pharmacology database. Using this database, the student would not only enhance their computer skills, but would also become more proficient in monitoring for drug interactions, performing drug use evaluations, checking for adverse drug reactions, and maintaining patient records. This is also a great experience for students to strengthen their communication skills, blood pressure technique, and counseling patients on the use of glucometers. The student would also be expected to assist at screenings and health presentations. Mr. Casinelli also visits the senior high rise complexes in Cranston on a monthly schedule providing Brown Bag Programs, screening and health presentations.