



*South County Hospital Healthcare System*

**Preceptor**

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**Course:** PHP 592 Advanced Inpatient Practice Experience (General Medicine)

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This rotation will expose the student to both the clinical and managerial aspects of hospital pharmacy. South County Hospital is a 100-bed community hospital which employs a hospitalist-based model for providing patient care.

The day begins with preparation for rounds in the Intensive Care Unit. Rounds are formal and consist of an attending physician (intensivist), pharmacist, nurse and respiratory therapist. Rounding preparation consists primarily of evaluating a patient's medication profile for appropriateness of therapy, drug-drug interactions, interpretation of laboratory values in guiding pharmacologic therapy, pharmacokinetic modeling and dosage adjustment due to renal and/or hepatic dysfunction. There is also a strong emphasis on infectious disease. The student will also evaluate non-ICU patients for pharmacist-initiated interventions including IV to PO switches, renal dosage adjustments, pharmacokinetic dosing and medication reconciliation.

The student will attend several committee meetings including: Pharmacy & Therapeutics, Code Committee, ICU Committee, Medication Management and Performance Improvement. The student will be exposed to the regulatory component of a hospital pharmacy as well, including compliance with standards set forth by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and the United States Pharmacopeia (USP).

Overall, this rotation will provide a comprehensive view into both the clinical and management sides of a hospital pharmacy in an environment that is both collegial and dedicated to professional development.