

Rotation: PHP 591 or PHC 594 Community Track
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The VA Medical Center at Togus, ME, provides care in a very active Primary Care clinic with two full-time clinical pharmacists assigned to that area. Pharmacists in primary care operate a medication refill clinic, follow patients for anticoagulation, lipid monitoring and diabetes management.

Togus has an active psychiatric service providing acute care via inpatient services and long-term treatment via a Mental Health Clinic and various services. Psychiatry Service welcomes provision of pharmaceutical care for patients seen through outpatient services. Patient counseling and medication profile reviews would be an important aspect of a rotation in Psychiatry.

The geriatric/long-term care units and outpatient clinics can provide experience in monitoring pharmaceutical care in this special patient population.

Two new pharmacist-run clinics are in the process of being developed. One will be an Anticoagulation Clinic that will provide monitoring for about 200 patients. Another will be an Inhaler Clinic for patients with COPD and asthma to improve compliance and to decrease inhaler costs.

Students would have the opportunity to provide teaching in the Smoking Cessation clinic, to help develop DUE criteria, to provide lectures to pharmacy staff & other medical staff as needed.